

November changes (as of 11/8)	
C FUND	+ 0.66 percent
I FUND	+ 0.83 percent
S FUND	+ 0.96 percent

## WP NSPS transition team being formed

By Irene Brown  
Chief, Command Information

West Point is establishing an implementation team this month to manage the transition of non-bargaining unit garrison employees to the National Security Personnel System.

The team, consisting of personnel, administration, planning, legal and public affairs experts, will coordinate the transition of roughly 166 general schedule employees to the new system.

NSPS provides for compensation that is performance-based, market-driven and mission-responsive, Department of Defense officials explained. The changes to employee compensation, classification and hiring actions are being introduced in phases referred to as spirals. West Point will transition with spiral 1.3 sometime next spring, said Carol McQuinn, West Point's civilian personnel director.

"The team will work to ensure a smooth transition for all non-bargaining unit base operations staff here," McQuinn explained. "The key to a successful transition is providing information about the new system and instructing employees on its use."

The Civilian Personnel Management Service at the Department of Defense has established a Web site to educate employees on the coming changes. The Web site, [www.cpms.osd.mil/nsps](http://www.cpms.osd.mil/nsps), includes a Web-based

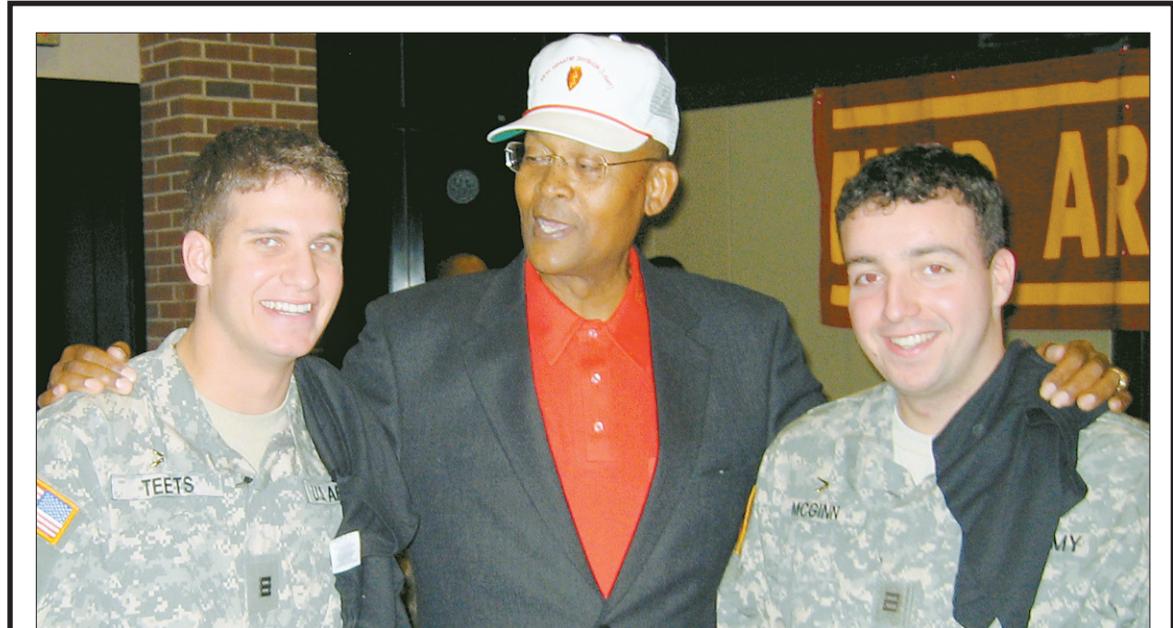
orientation to the system that West Point will eventually require all transitioning employees to view. The Internet class is available at the NSPS site, [www.cpms.osd.mil/nsps/nsps101/nsps/index.htm](http://www.cpms.osd.mil/nsps/nsps101/nsps/index.htm).

For those to be covered under NSPS, the biggest changes will be how they are evaluated and how they are rewarded, McQuinn said.

"NSPS makes employees responsible for their own careers through their performance and gives managers the flexibility to recognize the best performers," she explained.

As the transition approaches, the garrison leadership will continue to provide information and encourage the education process, said Col. Brian Crawford, West Point's

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### Branch Night

Cadets 1st Class Robert C.F. Teets, left, and John J. McGinn celebrate receiving their Artillery branch insignia Sunday evening with former USMA commandant and 1962 graduate retired Maj. Gen. Fred A. Gorden at Eisenhower Hall. [See story on page 4].

Photo by LT. COL. GLENN WATERS/DMI

## Systems' EM program tops in nation again

By Jim Fox  
Assistant Editor

The Department of Systems Engineering was recognized Oct. 27 as having the best undergraduate Engineering Management program in the nation for 2006 for the second year in a row.

The American Society for Engineering Management lauded the EM program at their 27th annual National Conference held at the University of Alabama in Huntsville, Ala., Oct. 25 to 28.

"Recognition as a top program in the nation attracts cadets that wish to excel in everything they do from academics to military professionalism to physical development," said Academy Professor and Systems Engineering Department Head Col. Tim Trainor. "Cadets want to be part of programs recognized for academic excellence, and the EM program offers such an experience."

To be considered for such recognition, a program must be accredited in engineering management by the Accreditation

Board of Engineering and Technology, which USMA's EM program has been since 1984.

Recognition like this helps the academy show what it can offer its students.

"Our academic program is one of the finest in the world -- we truly believe that -- and recognition

such as this provides proof," said Dean of the Academic Board Brig. Gen. Patrick Finnegan. "The Engineering Management Program's consistent ranking as the 'best of the best' speaks volumes to those beyond West Point. If your son or daughter comes to the United States Military Academy, we will

develop him or her as a leader while simultaneously providing an education that is second to none. We say that and we do it -- but this external praise says it even louder; and it is but one example among thirteen exceptional academic departments. We would like to

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## 1989 grad killed in Baghdad by IED

Compiled by Jim Fox  
Assistant Editor

Three Soldiers were killed Nov. 2 when an improvised explosive device detonated near their vehicle in Baghdad, Iraq.

Killed were Lt. Col. Paul J. Finken, 40, of Earling, Iowa, a 1989 U.S. Military Academy graduate and Staff Sgt. Joseph A. Gage, 28, of Modesto, Calif. They were assigned to 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Ky.

Lt. Col. Eric J. Kruger, 40, of Garland, Texas, deputy commanding officer of the 2nd Brigade Combat

Team, 2nd Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colo., was also killed.

The attack took place in eastern Baghdad while the group was in an up-armored Humvee on its left-seat, right-seat ride through the area of operations.

Finken was leading a military transition team, according to Army sources.

Finken is survived by his wife, Jackie, and daughters Emilie, Caroline and Julia of Clarksville, Tenn.

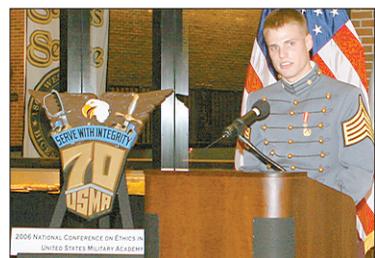
At press time services were still being arranged.

[Editor's Note: Information taken from various DOD and other news sources.]



Lt. Col. Paul J. Finken

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## Remembering Veterans Day

Commentary by  
Michelle Cuthrell

[The following commentary is reprinted courtesy of Michelle Cuthrell, a freelance writer whose husband is assigned to the 172nd Stryker Brigade at Fort Wainwright, Alaska. This story first appeared in the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner.]

WASHINGTON (Army News Service) -- Between the sugar high of Halloween and the turkey gobbling of Thanksgiving, Americans often forget about Veterans Day.

Because it is a part of the October-November-December holiday rush, this holiday is often neglected.

"I don't have time to celebrate Veterans Day," "I don't really understand Veterans Day" and "I really just don't feel like celebrating one more holiday right now" are some of the excuses I've heard for not taking time out on Nov. 11 to honor the veterans of this country who have served overseas and on the home-front to ensure the safety and security of our country.

When people tell me they "just don't feel like" celebrating another holiday or don't understand why we celebrate Veterans Day, I can't help but wonder what qualities they value if selfless sacrifice and duty to country don't make their top-10 list of important traits to honor and respect.

I'm sure the veterans we celebrate on that special day "felt like" serving them 100 percent of the time, every single day. I'm sure they woke up every morning and said to themselves, "What a great day to put my life on the line. I really feel like getting up today and making a huge sacrifice for my country. Can I please stay in this tent one week longer with no sleep and only a couple Meals, Ready to Eat, to keep me going? Oh, and could you please shoot at me in the process? That would really make my day, and make a lot of sense, too."

Thanking and honoring veterans needs to be something we do even when we don't feel like it -- even when we don't understand their mission or why they love their country so much.

Veterans serve when they feel like it and when they don't. They serve when they understand the mission and they serve when they just don't get it. Every day, they lay down their Isaacs -- all the things they don't want to sacrifice the most, including their families, their comforts and their safety -- because they want to follow the mission and serve well. Whether that call is from the president, the military or from God himself, they follow that voice and they serve because they believe so much in what they do and what they have.

The least we can do for these selfless servants is take one day out

of the year to honor them.

Here are a few practical ways to honor these heroes this Veterans Day:

- Write a veteran a thank-you note, or send a letter to an entire VFW or American Legion post.
- Write a letter to a Soldier currently serving in Iraq or Afghanistan.
- Talk to your children about

who veterans are, what they do and what their service means to our country.

Don't let the "I don't understand" and "I don't feel like it" excuses get in the way of honoring the people who have sacrificed and served our country when they didn't understand and didn't feel like it. That kind of service is too important to ignore.

### Tiger Teams

- Develop a strategic plan (Col. Steve Ressler/CME Department Deputy Head)
  - Sustain the moral and ethical climate (Col. Kip Nygren/CME Dept. Head)
  - Institutionalize the cadet leader development system (Col. Douglas Boone/SCPME director)
  - Establish, publicize and enforce standards (Col. Patricia Dooley/C&LS Associate Professor)
  - Enhance the military training program (Col. Michael Meese/Social Sciences Dept. Head)
  - Enhance the physical program (Col. Peter Curry/DMI Dept. Head)
- Anyone with suggestions for any of the Tiger Teams may contact the team leaders directly or contact the Office of Policy, Plans and Analysis at 938-3549.

### West Point AFAP

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## SARP INFO

The members of the Sexual Assault Response and Prevention Team are Col. Jeanette McMahon, Shelley Ariosto (Garrison), Maj. Samantha Breton (USCC), Maj. Kim Kawamoto (ODIA) and Lt. Col. Robbie Williams (Dean). Community members can e-mail McMahon at [Jeanette.McMahon@usma.edu](mailto:Jeanette.McMahon@usma.edu) for advice or to offer any recommendations on the program here. Cadets can also call the sexual assault support helpline at (845) 591-7215. West Point Soldiers and civilians needing assistance can call (845) 938-3369.

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

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Rules: Fill in the empty cells with the digits 1-9 so that no digit appears twice in the same row, column, or 3-by-3 box.

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# Local and National News

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once again congratulate Col. Tim Trainor and the entire Department of Systems Engineering for building and sustaining a program that highlights the excellence of our entire institution.”

The program must also have a vital functioning student chapter of ASEM to be considered. West Point has one and it has more than

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garrison commander. Our goal is to educate the workforce on how the new system will benefit them, he added.

“NSPS is designed to value talent, reward contribution and promote excellence,” Crawford said. “We have a talented and valuable workforce and this system allows us to accomplish the garrison mission and recognize those contributing to it at the same time.”

doubled in size over the past year. The West Point Chapter, led by Cadet 1st Class Jeff Cho, jumped from 35 to 77 members.

The program also needs to have made significant contributions to engineering management education and practices.

“The department runs two ABET accredited programs of study that have supplied the Army and industry with top-notch engineers,” said Lt. Col. Donna Korycinski, an academy professor and the EM program director. “The department is currently writing a textbook that will provide significant value to undergraduate Systems Engineering and Engineering Management programs of study.”

Systems also attempts to focus on projects that can have immediate real-world applications.

“The department performs numerous projects to support the Army and the Department of Defense,” Trainor added. “The projects involve cadets and provide them with the opportunity to further

their education and development as future professional officers. Among other efforts, the department is currently working on two high-profile projects: developing a system to help Casualty Assistance Officers perform their duties more efficiently and effectively, thereby enabling them to focus on supporting the grieving family; and analytically determining the tactics, techniques and procedures that have worked best in combating improvised explosive devices in Iraq for the Joint IED Defeat Organization.”

Another way the program is measured is by the recommendations of its clients.

Clients of the program’s cadet capstone project courses who provided the required recommendations of the program merits include the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations & Environment, the Directorate of Imaging Operations and Acquisitions within the National Reconnaissance Office, the Deputy

Assistant Secretary of the Army for Infrastructure Analysis, the Director of the Aviation and Missile Research, Development and Engineering Center and the Chief of the Warfighting Analysis Division, Force Development, in the Deputy Chief of Staff for Programs (G8) office.

The USMA EM program was previously recognized as the best undergraduate program in the nation by ASEM in 1992, 1999, 2002 and 2005.

The USMA Student Chapter of ASEM was recognized as the best student chapter in 2003 and 2004 and as first runner up in 2006.

# 76% of Class of 2007 get top choice on Branch Night

By Eric S. Bartelt  
Sports Editor

Palms were sweating in anticipation of probably the most significant moment of their early lives. In the cadets' hands were envelopes that held the branch insignias that determine where these current seniors will start their Army officer careers.

Sunday was Branch Night for 1,006 first class cadets who found confirmation within those sealed envelopes if they received their branch of choice. Like getting accepted to West Point, the R-Day experience or every step leading to Sunday, finding out their branch of choice can be a nerve-racking moment.

"I was extremely nervous when I opened the envelope," said Cadet 1st Class Tim Ashcraft, "and heaved a huge sigh of relief when I saw my Aviation wings [in the branch notification envelope]."

Ashcraft was one of 105 cadets

to receive aviation as their branch. However, Ashcraft had to sweat it out because he wasn't near the top of the order of merit list and wasn't quite sure until he unsealed his envelope that he had received what he wanted.

Although Ashcraft may not have had a high Cadets' Performance Review, or class standing, he chose the Active Duty Service Obligation to make sure he got aviation.

"I did commit to the ADSO Program, but I was fully expecting to have to do that," Ashcraft said. "Being a pilot has been a dream of mine for a long time and I was willing to add three years of [active duty] service to get aviation."

This year 156 cadets committed to three extra active duty years to receive their choice, which is up from a total of 60 last year -- the first year of the ADSO Program.

"The program's popularity has increased," said Maj. Paul Clapham, U.S. Military Academy accessions officer. "It is definitely a

valuable, worthwhile program."

The Office of Policy, Plans and Analysis has worked diligently since Oct. 6, the cutoff date for cadets to submit their branch preferences online, to place cadets into one of 16 branches.

According to Clapham, with guidelines set by the Army G-1 to fill the needs of the Army and the 80/20 rule set by West Point, which means 80 percent of men and 20 percent of women had to branch into combat arms, OPA used a computer program designed by the USMA Systems Engineering Department capable of running the multiple tasks needed to pick a branch for each of the 1,006 cadets.

Of the 1,006 cadets, Clapham said, 76 percent received their first choice while 94 percent received one of their top three choices. ADSO helped improve satisfaction numbers, meaning cadets checked 'yes' on their branch preference sheet, agreeing to add three years

of service to get the branch they wanted.

"At the time [the cadets] enter their branch selections or prioritize their choice of 1-16 for men or 1-14 for women, next to each choice is a yes or no question ... 'are you willing to ADSO for this branch?' Most people will say 'yes' to their top three and then 'no' for the rest," Clapham said. "What we do is take 75 percent of any given branch [available slots] which is allocated solely by CPR, then within the bottom 25 percent there are people willing to 'purchase' a branch through the ADSO program."

Clapham added, "The Army sets a minimum number to allow it to continue to be efficient and a maximum number [of slots] to where the schoolhouse [Officer Basic Courses] can't absorb any more. We have the selection criteria to fill a floor and a ceiling [for each branch]."

"It's an interesting concept because this is completely different than the way ROTC does it," Clapham, an ROTC graduate, explained. "Having seen it from both sides now, USMA cadets have far greater control over the selection of their branch than a ROTC graduate does.

"[Being a USMA] graduate, [with the option of choosing your] branch and post of choice, it's more

self-controlled here [than ROTC]," he added. "ROTC has much of the same preference order, but then it goes to a branching board, which determines your branch based on your Order of Merit List among all ROTC cadets in 278 schools."

Clapham is the Quartermaster Corps representative here. Within the accessions department at the Department of Military Instruction, he is the coordinator of all 16 branches, overseeing every cadet from the day they come to West Point.

"Basically, I'm a mentor for Quartermaster and that is the main function of each [representatives'] job," Clapham said.

The numerical breakdown this year includes four branches above 100 cadets: Infantry (196), Engineers (134), Field Artillery (125) and Aviation (105). There are 725 cadets who will branch into combat arms and 32 of them are women. The top two branches for men were infantry and field artillery and the two most popular branches for women were military intelligence and adjutant general.

But, in the end, no matter how many cadets fell into a particular branch, the evening was about the excitement of all cadets receiving their chosen branch.

"I got aviation," Ashcraft stated, "and I'm greatly satisfied."

## Vets have hiring preference over outstanding scholars, ruling says

WASHINGTON (Federal Times) -- A program that allows managers to quickly hire applicants with high grade point averages can't be used to bypass qualified veterans, the Merit Systems Protection Board has affirmed.

In an Oct. 26 ruling, the three-member panel unanimously denied the Office of Personnel Management's request to reconsider two 2005 decisions in which MSPB declared that agencies had used the outstanding scholar program illegally to avoid hiring veterans.

The government has until the

end of the year to decide whether to appeal the case in federal court, OPM General Counsel Kerry McTigue said.

The outstanding scholar program was created by the courts in 1981 to resolve a class-action lawsuit brought by black and Hispanic job applicants who alleged that civil service examinations used at the time unfairly discriminated against them. The program allows managers to bypass traditional competitive hiring procedures and fill certain entry-level jobs with applicants who have grade point averages of 3.5 or higher or are in the upper 10 percent of their graduating class.

Until the MSPB decisions, agencies had made outstanding scholar appointments without regard to veterans preference

policies. But in two rulings brought by veterans who were passed over for jobs in favor of outstanding scholar candidates, MSPB said the outstanding scholar program could not be used to bypass veterans who otherwise would be selected for vacancies.

In crafting the outstanding scholar program, the courts said the program must adhere to Title 7 of the U.S. Code, which states that no civil rights laws shall "repeal or modify any . . . law creating special rights or preference for veterans."

The purpose of the outstanding scholar program is to mitigate the adverse impact of the civil service exam on blacks and Hispanics, MSPB said. "But in a case where a selection is due to veterans' preference, there is no adverse impact," the board said.

### Health Benefits Fair

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# Army increases weight limits for females, standards remain same

By Michelle L. Gordon

WASHINGTON (Army News Service) -- Weight limits for female Soldiers have changed to incorporate current research regarding differences between male and female body types.

The change allows most females to weigh 5-to-19 pounds more under Army Regulation 600-9, "The Army Weight Control Program," which establishes guidance for body-fat standards within the Army.

The previous version of the regulation was last updated 17 years ago.

"Training NCOs were telling us they had been needlessly taping female Soldiers," said Hank

Minitrez, public affairs officer for the Army G-1 Human Resources Policy Directorate. "It seems women were failing the weight portion of the test, but they were well under the maximum body-fat percentage allowed for their age group. In fact, we found that more than half of all female Soldiers who were taped did not need to be."

A team of Army and civilian physicians and scientists was appointed to find a better way to measure body fat in women, who carry weight differently than males, Minitrez said.

"We took their findings and changed the screening weight table for female Soldiers. The screening table weight is the maximum

you can weigh before you have to be taped or tested for body-fat percentage," he said.

Instead of being taped at the wrist, forearm, neck and hips, females will now be taped around the abdomen, neck and hips.

"Measuring the abdomen will give a more accurate portrayal of a female Soldier's body-fat percentage," Minitrez said. "We don't want fat Soldiers, we want fit Soldiers. The tape test is still going to help determine body-fat and fitness levels compared to lean muscle-mass levels."

Repercussions for Soldiers failing to meet Army weight standards remain unchanged. They will still be enrolled in the Army

Weight Control Program, through which Soldiers seek counseling from a nutritionist on eating properly and incorporating exercise into their daily routines. They must also receive a blood test from their local military treatment facility to rule out medical problems.

Enrollment in the program does not prohibit a Soldier from deployment, but it does prevent positive actions such as awards or attendance at professional development schools.

"The program is designed to assist Soldiers in creating the healthy, fit lifestyle that the Army requires in a time of war," Minitrez said. "We want all of our Soldiers to be Army Strong."

The revised AR 600-9 was published Sept. 1 and implemented Oct. 2, but Army leaders decided to give active-duty and reserve-component Soldiers a six-month transitional period. March 31 is the mandatory effective date.

"This revision didn't happen overnight," Minitrez said. "Researchers have been working for at least a decade to determine if current systems of measuring body fat were the best systems out there. Research is always ongoing and the Army, just like any other agency, has to keep evolving and using the latest data available -- whether it's with equipment, technology or, in this case, medicine."

# Military services seek \$160 Billion extra to cover war costs

By Megan Scully  
CongressDaily

The military services and defense agencies have requested as much as \$160 billion in supplemental spending for the remainder of fiscal 2007 -- a staggering figure that would bring wartime costs this year to \$230 billion, defense sources said Nov. 3.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld has not yet approved the requests and does not plan to make a final decision until Wednesday, one week after the midterm congressional elections. But should Rumsfeld sign off on the proposals, a move that defense analysts consider highly doubtful, it would double wartime expenditures from last year's totals.

The services' requests, first reported by **InsideDefense.com**, also would make total fiscal 2007 supplemental spending equal to more than half of the regular fiscal 2007 defense budget. The Army and Air Force requested \$80 billion

and \$50 billion, respectively, for the last half of fiscal 2007, sources told CongressDaily. The Navy and Marine Corps appear to have submitted smaller requests.

Congress already has appropriated a \$70 billion bridge fund to cover the war costs for the first several months of this fiscal year, \$20 billion more than the Bush administration proposed last February in its fiscal 2007 budget request.

Several senior lawmakers, including Senate Budget Chairman Judd Gregg, R-N.H., Senate Defense Appropriations Subcommittee Chairman Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, and Senate Armed Services Airland Subcommittee Chairman John McCain, R-Ariz., have become increasingly frustrated by the Defense Department's reliance on massive emergency spending bills, which bypass the authorization committees.

Military officials, too, have expressed concern that emergency spending hinders their ability to do long-term budget planning and,

ultimately, could drive up costs of weapons systems.

"For all its flaws, [the Pentagon] used to have the most disciplined and orderly long-term budget planning process" in the federal government, said Gordon Adams, Office of Management and Budget associate director of national security during the Clinton administration. "This kind of practice over the last five years has killed it."

The services' latest budget requests appear to be a reaction to an Oct. 25 memo from Deputy Defense Secretary Gordon England

that expanded the "ground rules" for the fiscal 2007 supplemental by allowing inclusion of all costs related to the war on terrorism. Previously, the Pentagon has largely limited its supplemental requests to money needed to pay for operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

England cautioned in his memo that "only costs related to the Global War on Terror will be included in the supplemental." Everything else, he said, must be covered in the regular budget.

But defense analysts argue paying for the broader war on

terrorism is a predictable and long-term expense that should be in the regular budget. Steve Kosiak, a budget analyst at the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments, called England's memo "disturbing" guidance.

"The only way to come up with \$160 billion is if you take a supremely broad view of the war on terrorism," he said. "Clearly, this does not reflect the cost of ongoing military operations."

A Pentagon spokesman said it "would not be appropriate to discuss" the services' requests.

# Community Features and Photos

## The Dean dubs straight-A cadet's 'Academy Pentathletes'

Story and photo by  
Maj. Doug Crandall  
Dean's XO

At the outset of this academic year the Dean of the Academic Board, Brig. Gen. Patrick Finnegan applauded the upper two classes for their stellar academic performance in 2006, noting that over 50 percent of both classes had made the Dean's list. He then joked with the Cows and Firsties that some of them were on the "Dean's other list" and highlighted a small number of cadets who were on academic probation.

Finally, he called attention to about 30 cadets who were sailing above the 4.0 mark, and commented: "Some of you really need to get a life."

Finnegan's humor aside, each semester there is a remarkable group of future officers who achieve the extraordinary: A's in everything they do. The Dean took note of this accomplishment from the spring semester last year and in October, launched a new tradition, inviting 31 cadets to his house for a celebratory dinner.

A truly amazing group, the cadets recognized by the Dean earned an A in every endeavor -- all academic classes, military science classes and physical education classes. They also earned a top military development grade. Trumping the notion that the best academic performers "need to get a life," is this group of well-rounded achievers, who have done it all, and done it all well.

The group includes corps squad athletes, club team competitors, youth group leaders, scholarship candidates and high-ranking members of the cadet chain of command. They have majored in everything from life sciences, to foreign area studies, to chemical engineering, to history. The only noticeable pattern the Dean detected, as cadets enjoyed dinner at his house, were that only three members of the third-class -- Ty Volkman, Rich Houghton and David Chi -- made the cut. Apparently plebe year academic and physical fitness classes are as hard as reputed, making Ty, Rich and David's accomplishment all that more impressive.

High-performing second class cadets included Nate Bastian (E-2, Engineering Management), Corey Cook (C-2, Nuclear Engineering), Jason Crabtree (E-1, Civil Engineering), Brian Czarnecki (H-3, Nuclear Engineering), Cliff Harris (D-1, Mechanical Engineering), Zach Miller (F-2, Military Art and Science), A.J. Rooney (B-3, Engineering Management), John Stanford (E-1, Mechanical Engineering) and Bovey Zhu (D-3, Chemical Engineering).

The members of the Class of 2007 were Mary Boyle (D-2, Chinese), Chris Choi (B-1, Chinese), Michael Chun (H-2, Operations Research), Maggie Clark (F-1, Life Science with Honors), Caitlin Conley (A-4, Comparative Politics), Charlie Eadie (C-2, Economics), Ashley Emerson (G-1, Military History



Dean of the Academic Board Brig. Gen. Patrick Finnegan, [second row center], hosted 31 'Academy Pentathletes' at his home recently to honor them for getting straight A's in all subjects in the spring 2006 semester.

with Honors), Nicolas Fiore (B-4, Civil Engineering), Carl Forte (B-4, Management), Zach Griffiths (E-2, Operations Research), Dan Hancock (F-3, Psychology), Matt Martel (A-3, International and Strategic History with Honors), Erik Schutz (F-4, Mechanical Engineering with Honors), Kevin Smith (B-3, Leadership with Honors), Erin Stevens (G-2, Art, Philosophy, and Literature with Honors), Greg Stevens (C-3, Life Science with Honors), David Tyson (G-3, Leadership), Dan Vallone (E-4, East Asia Studies with Honors) and Jonathan Weyand (F-4, Life

Science with Honors).

The Dean left the group with one assignment -- to craft a fitting name for this collection of all-stars. The winning entry was "Academy Pentathletes," a moniker that echoes our Army's effort to develop well-rounded, high-achievers. Through their excellence in all areas, the members of the Dean's Academy Pentathletes have answered that call.

Traditions are an important part of the U.S. Military Academy. With this October dinner, Finnegan hopes to have launched a tradition of recognizing our very best. Each semester, he and his wife, Joan, will continue to celebrate those who achieve A's in every aspect of their West Point experience. You can look for their names on a plaque that will sit outside the Dean's office in Taylor Hall.

## Scouts start annual food program

Compiled by Kathy Eastwood  
Staff Writer

The annual West Point Boy and Cub Scout 'Scouting for Food' program for Thanksgiving began Sunday when the Boy Scouts delivered food collection bags to each community home. The bags included a flyer informing the residents about the program and what they can do to participate.

"Every year, the West Point Boy Scouts from Troop 23 and Cub Scout Pack 23 distribute bags to members of the community," said instrument repairman for the academy band Sgt. Maj. Cal Christensen, who is also a Scout Master. "The scouts will collect the food at 1 p.m. Sunday."

The bags should be filled with

non-perishable food items and left on the doorstep for collection. The food will be distributed for the benefit of Soldiers and civilians to help with their holiday meals.

The holiday food drive is important to West Point military and civilian families, said Director of Admissions and West Point Scouting Coordinator, Col. Michael Jones.

"The non-perishable foodstuffs and drinks, along with a voucher to purchase a turkey or ham allow West Point to provide some holiday relief to families," Jones said. "It is a time of thanks and a time

for sharing of the bounty of our country, so please be generous. The food that is not used for the holiday is donated to local food pantries for distribution as needed."

If community members did not receive a Scouting for Food bag, use any box or bag for pick up. If donated food was not picked up, contact Jones at 938-5706 or 446-7573.

The collected food will be delivered to the community drop-off point at the Buffalo Soldier Pavilion, Bldg 628, and will be distributed to the community.

### Delivery problems?

FOR PV HOME DELIVERY PROBLEMS CONTACT VALERIE MULLANE AT THE POUGHKEEPSIE JOURNAL AT (845) 437-4730 OR BY E-MAIL AT VMULLANE@POUGHKEE.GANNETT.COM.

# DeCA scholarship applications available

By Bonnie Powell

FORT LEE, Va. (Army News Service) -- Gas prices are biting into the family budget, interest rates are rising and college tuition is outpacing inflation. But, relief is in sight for military families as the 2007 Scholarships for Military Children program is accepting applications.

Applications for the \$1,500 scholarships are available at 264 commissaries worldwide or can be downloaded at [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com), [www.militaryscholar.org](http://www.militaryscholar.org), or [www.dodea.edu](http://www.dodea.edu).

"Scholarships for Military Children is a wonderful military community program," said Patrick Nixon, Defense Commissary Agency director and chief executive officer. "Nearly 3,000 scholarships

totaling over \$4 million have been awarded since the first awards were given in 2001."

The \$1,500 scholarships are available for children of military active-duty, retired and Guard and Reserve servicemembers. Most of the funds are donated by manufacturers, brokers and suppliers selling groceries in commissaries and every dollar donated to the program by industry or the general public goes to fund the scholarships. The program is administered by the Fisher House Foundation.

A significant number of scholarships, about 10 percent every year, go to high school students at DOD schools overseas.

"Every cent that community organizations can mobilize to support college-bound students

is an investment in the future," said Joseph Tafoya, director of the Department of Defense Education Activity.

"With college costs soaring, our DOD students and their parents appreciate every scholarship available to help defray the cost, and the scholarships enable many of our families to better afford the tuition and provide an incentive for students to work hard," said Tafoya. "They also demonstrate that military communities are committed to education and increased opportunities for all students."

The scholarship program has also made inroads toward increasing support from the "nonmilitary" community. California high school students sponsoring golf tournaments in 2006 raised thousands of dollars to donate to

the program, and, already for 2007, a private foundation has made a substantial donation.

"We're excited to see this worthwhile program gaining recognition and funding from the community at large," said Jim Weiskopf, vice president of communications at Fisher House Foundation. "Commissary industry support has been amazing and increased public support can only help ensure that the Scholarships for Military Children program continues to benefit the military community for many years to come."

Donations can be made through the link at [militaryscholar.org](http://militaryscholar.org), the official program Web site.

Applications for 2007, which include an essay on "how and why" the applicant would change an historical event, must be turned in at a commissary by close of

business Feb. 21, 2007. At least one \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded at every commissary location with qualified applicants.

The program is open to unmarried children under the age of 21 (23 if enrolled in school) of military active-duty, Reserve, Guard and retired personnel. Eligibility will be determined using the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System database. Applicants should ensure that they, as well as their sponsor, are enrolled in the DEERS database and have a current ID card.

The applicant must be planning to attend, or already attending, an accredited college or university fulltime in the 2007 fall term or enrolled in a program of studies designed to transfer directly into a four-year program.

## Native American Heritage Month activities

By Kathy Eastwood  
Staff Writer

In 1990 President George H. W. Bush declared November as Native American Month to honor the achievements and contributions of the first Americans.

From 1916 until then, only one day was declared a day to celebrate Native Americans, but it was not well organized as the states celebrated it on different dates and in different months.

The first Native American U.S. Military Academy cadet was Lewis Lorimer Jr., who entered the academy in 1804 and graduated in 1806, according to West Point Historian Steve Grove.

The first woman Native American to graduate from USMA is retired Lt. Col. Brigitte Kwinn, who graduated in 1984. Kwinn, the former Systems Engineering program director here, is a part of the Prairie Band Potawatomie Nation, one of six different bands across the nation.

From 1980 to 2005, there have been 109 men and 14 women of Native American heritage who graduated from USMA, according to Alan Fox, strategic planner at the Office of Policy, Planning and Analysis.

Native Americans have served in the military throughout our history. American Indians were instrumental in WWI and WWII when Americans enlisted the aid of Indian personnel as 'Code Talkers,' to ensure secure communications regarding troop movements and messages. Choctaw Indians were

the first to help out in WWI and Comanche and Navajos aided Americans and their allies in WWII, according to [www.defenselink.mil/specials/nativeamerican01/code.html](http://www.defenselink.mil/specials/nativeamerican01/code.html).

The Indian languages were used because the languages were mostly unwritten and had many dialects. It would be almost impossible for someone who did not know the languages to understand it, much less translate it.

At West Point, the Equal Opportunity Office in conjunction with MEDDAC and DENTAC will sponsor a poster contest at the West Point Elementary School.

"Students turned in completed work Wednesday," said EO Officer Maj. Christopher Capozzi. "Prizes will be available for first through fourth place for two age groups, second and fourth grade and fifth through eighth grade."

The date for the award ceremony has not been determined yet.

MEDDAC will hold a food sampling for all personnel assigned to Keller Army Community Hospital Wednesday.

The point of contact for this event is Sgt. Doniel Flores at 938-6088.

"The United States Corps of Cadets will hold a Native American Heritage dinner for cadets on Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m. in the cadet mess," Capozzi said. "The 1st Bn., 1st Inf. will have a free food sampling for members Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m."

For more information on the 1-1 food sampling, call Staff Sgt. Rashida Williams at 938-4293.

# USMA hosts 21st annual Ethics Conference

Story and photo by  
Kathy Eastwood  
Staff Writer

The class of 1970 and the Simon Center for the Professional Military Ethic presented the 21st National Conference on Ethics in America Oct. 30-Nov. 1 at Eisenhower Hall here. Roughly 140 schools, including all of the service academies, had representation by 180 students and 30 faculty members at the conference. Their focus was to discuss ethics among college students and faculty across

the nation.

"The discussions revolved around how important ethical values are in developing leaders of character in college, military and professional life," said values educational officer for SCPME, Lt. Col. David Jones. "We discuss the guiding principles that help shape our character throughout our lives."

The delegates, Jones said, do this by identifying ethical issues in colleges and universities and discussing solutions.

"We choose 40-50 honorary

mentors who have expertise and passion about ethical concerns and a third of the mentors rotate into discussion sessions every year. This way, attendees can get a broad view of various ethical issues facing college students. We rotate speakers every two years because many of them have very strong experience and knowledge on ethical issues."

One of the veteran mentors, Steven Wilson (USMA 1970), from Ahyden, Idaho, is a senior leader and NCEA class representative and has been coming to the NCEA conference for eight years.

"This year, a lot of the dialogue is on respect," Wilson said. "How one behaves playing sports and how a lack of respect can lead to hate crimes and sexual abuse. How we treat others is very important in the development of character."

The idea of the conference is to promote awareness among undergraduate students of ethical issues in collegiate communities and in professional career fields with the hope that delegates will take what they have learned back to their colleges, universities or career fields and implement ethical guidelines or honor codes.

Twenty years ago, not many colleges had honor codes, Wilson said, but due in part to the national annual conference, now nearly 180 schools have instituted respect or

honor codes.

Cadet 1st Class Elizabeth Schubert, who volunteered her services for the conference through her involvement with the SCPME, said both honor and respect were issues that many of the cadets here are starting to work on.

"As issues come up, we determine what exactly the issues are and we have found that generally, honor and respect are tied together," Schubert said.

Honor Chairman Cadet 1st Class Christopher Hostler spoke to the participants and guests at the conference banquet Nov. 1 on the issues of right and wrong.

"We see wrong every day," Hostler said. "People are downloading music from the Internet, music that hasn't been on the market yet. What is right is right even if no one is doing it and what is wrong is wrong, even if everyone is doing it."

The keynote speaker was Gus Lee [ex-USMA Class of 1969]. He was also a conference senior leader.

Lee received his bachelor of science and Law Degree from the University of California at Davis and has spoken on integrity or leadership to many corporations, accountancy associations and business and legal organizations, including the National Conference of Supreme Court Justices and the

Smithsonian Institution. He has keynoted regional and national educational conferences, given commencement and lectures at University of California at Berkeley, Colorado College in Colorado Springs, Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. and Harvard University in Boston.

Lee is an ethicist, leadership consultant, executive coach, former acting deputy attorney general, former JAG officer and an ethics whistleblower. He is the author of five best-sellers. His latest book is *Courage: the Backbone of Leadership*. He spoke about moral courage.

"The three critical aspects of courageous people are: integrity, character and courage," Lee said. "Having the courage to do the right thing always, having the commitment to face the truth head-on and challenging others when they are headed in the path of wrong-doing. Moral courage is based on discerning right and wrong regardless of self-interest and respectfully addressing wrong in others."

Lee challenged the students and faculty to make a difference every day, to commit to being a courageous person in everyday life and make a difference in the colleges, universities, academies and communities in which they serve.



U.S. Military Academy Superintendent Franklin L. Hagenbeck speaks with midshipmen David Parka, left, David Eckardt, right, and Cadet 2nd Class Brandon Ritchey at the National Conference on Ethics in America at Eisenhower Hall Nov. 1. Student delegates from all the service academies and nearly 140 colleges attended discussions on ethical issues concerning colleges and universities.

## Former Dean, Kaufman, gets new college up and running in one year

LAWRENCEVILLE, Ga. -- It began with one employee and a mission that seemed close to impossible: create a college from scratch. Get it up and running within a year. And make it succeed. Add to these necessities, the Regents wanted a new type of college, one that would use innovative learning technology and also address growing national concerns involving retention and graduation. No small task indeed.

Retired Brig. Gen. Daniel J. Kaufman, former Dean of the Academic Board of the U.S. Military Academy, took on the challenge in Oct. 2005 when he signed on as president and the first employee of an as-yet-unnamed college in Gwinnett County, Georgia. Now, one year later, the mission of starting a new college is accomplished. Georgia Gwinnett College students attended their first classes at the 170-acre Lawrenceville campus Aug. 18.

A confluence of personal interests brought Kaufman to the

position. On retiring from West Point in June 2005, he set his sights on the southeast for his next "tour of duty."

"I wanted to remain in education," Kaufman said, "and the Gwinnett position intrigued me -- president of a college with no identity, no faculty and no curriculum. I applied and interviewed with representatives of the University System of Georgia and members of the Board of Regents. I also met with community business leaders at the Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce. The hiring process was a bit unusual, but so was the position."

Kaufman's leadership abilities stem from an impressive military and academic career. Prior to his position as Dean at West Point, he was professor and head of the Department of Social Sciences there, teaching international relations, comparative politics, national security affairs, U.S. foreign policy and American politics and government.

Graduating from the U.S. Military Academy in 1968, Kaufman was commissioned as a second lieutenant of Armor and awarded a bachelor of science degree. He also holds a master's degree in public administration from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and a doctorate in philosophy and political science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Kaufman's military service includes tours with cavalry and armor units in the U.S. and Vietnam, where he received the Bronze Star for Heroism and two Purple Hearts for wounds received during combat.

He has served as a member of the National Security Council staff in the White House and in the Office of the Secretary of Defense. He served as a special assistant to three chiefs of staff of the Army. He also was a member of the Department of Defense Presidential Transition Team in 1992.

With this impressive



Former U.S. Military Academy Dean of the Academic Board, retired Brig. Gen. Daniel J. Kaufman, addresses new students Aug. 18. Kaufman signed on as the President of Georgia Gwinnett College in October 2005 and began the process of starting the brand new college from scratch.

background, Kaufman is well equipped to lead Georgia Gwinnett College into the future, meeting every challenge and responsibility along the way.

Fortunately, he doesn't have to do it alone.

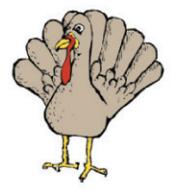
"Our community leaders have been a joy to work with and they continue to offer enthusiastic support," he said. "We will work together now and in the future to make Georgia Gwinnett College all that we want it to be."

# Community Leisure



## NOVEMBER MWR COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY			
<p>ACS, bldg. 622 w 938-4621                      AEC, bldg. 683 w 938-3762                      Arts &amp; Crafts, bldg. 648 w 938-4812                      Auto Crafts, bldg. 648 w 938-2074                      BSP/BOSS, bldg. 628 w 938-6497                      Bowling Ctr., bldg. 622 w 938-2140                      CDC, bldg. 1207 w 938-4798/4523                      CDS, bldg. 1207 w 938-2092/2035                      Community Rec Div w 938-2401                      Delafield Pond w 938-5139/5158                      Fitness Center, bldg. 683 w 938-6490                      Golf Course w 938-2435/2327                      Holleder Center w 938-4236</p>			<p>ITR, bldg. 695 w 938-3601/2401                      AVC, bldg. 2104 w 938-3655                      Morgan Farm, bldg. 2036 w 938-3926                      Outdoor Rec w 938-2503                      Post Library, bldg. 622 w 938-2974                      Round Pond w 938-2503/3860                      School Age Services, bldg. 1207 w 938-8530                      West Point Club, bldg. 603 w 938-5120, 446-5506                      Ski Lodge w 938-3726/3727                      Youth Center, bldg. 500 w 938-3727                      Veterinary Clinic, bldg. 630 w 938-3817  <b>PLEASE NOTE:</b> For more information, contact the office listed for each activity.</p>			<p><b>SAVE \$3.00</b>  <b>No Usage Fee at MWR Craft Shop</b>                      with this coupon                      Expires 12/1/06                      Limit 1 per person  <b>MWR Craft Shop</b>                      Call 938-4812</p>		<p><b>10</b>  <b>Veteran's Day Holiday</b>                      All MWR activities closed except for Morgan Farm &amp; Golf</p> 	<p><b>11</b>                      Open Recreation, 12pm-5pm, Middle School                      Thanksgiving Dinner, 6pm-8pm, YC</p> 
<p><b>12</b></p>  <p>Ballroom Dancing &amp; Buffet, 12pm-4pm, WP Club                      Public Skate, 3:30pm-5pm, Staff &amp; Faculty Ice Hockey, 8:45pm-10:15pm, Tate Rink</p>	<p><b>13</b>                      Video Teleconference with Deployed Soldiers, 8am-4:30pm, ACS</p>  <p>Wee Ones Play Group, 9:30am-11am, ACS</p>	<p><b>14</b>                      AFAP Symposium, 7:45am-4:30pm, WP Club (day 1)                      Fall Story Hour, 10am &amp; 1:30pm, (ages 3-5) Post Library                      Preseparation Briefing, 2pm, ACS                      Ethnic Food Shopping in NYC, 9am-4pm, ITR</p>	<p><b>15</b>                      AFAP Symposium, 7:45am-4:30pm, WP Club (day 2)</p>  <p>Initial PCS Move, 1:30pm, Checking Accounts, 2:45, ACS</p>	<p><b>16</b>                      Consumer Rights, 8:30am, Credit, 9:45am, ACS</p>  <p>Quarterback Luncheon, 11:30am, WP Club</p>	<p><b>17</b>                      Mongolian BBQ, 5pm-9pm, WP Club                      BOSS Poker Party, 7pm, Buffalo Soldier Pavilion</p> 	<p><b>18</b>                      Opening Day of Big Game Season, Camp Buckner Hunting Headquarters, 5am-12pm</p>  <p>Activities for Children of Deployed Soldiers, 5pm-7pm, YC, Hosted by ACS</p>			
<p><b>19</b></p>  <p>Ski, Skate &amp; Hockey Swap, 12pm-8pm, Ski Lodge (day 1)                      Public Skate, 3:30pm-5pm, Staff &amp; Faculty Ice Hockey, 8:45pm-10:15pm, Tate Rink</p>	<p><b>20</b>                      Ski, Skate &amp; Hockey Swap, 12pm-8pm, Ski Lodge (day 2)                      Wee Ones Play Group, 9:30am-11am, ACS</p> 	<p><b>21</b></p>  <p>Fall Story Hour, 10am &amp; 1:30pm, (ages 3-5) Post Library</p>	<p><b>22</b>                      Theater Matinee &amp; Macy's Balloon Inflation, 11:30am-6:30pm, ITR</p> 	<p><b>23</b></p>  <p>Thanksgiving Day Holiday                      All MWR Activities Closed Except for the WP Club, ITR and Morgan Farm                      Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, 6am-12pm, ITR                      WP Club Thanksgiving Day Buffet, Seatings @ 12pm &amp; 1:30pm</p>	<p><b>24</b>                      WP Club Closed, November 24-26</p>  <p>Haggerty Hockey Tournament, 6am-10pm, YC, Held at Tate Rink (day 1)                      SAS Bowling, 1pm-3pm</p>	<p><b>25</b>                      Haggerty Hockey Tournament, 6am-10pm, YC, Held at Tate Rink (day 2)</p> 			

# What's Happening

## Zilinski memorial run

First Lt. Dennis W. Zilinski II was killed Nov. 19, 2005, in Iraq, where he was serving in the Army.

Zilinski was a 2004 graduate of the U. S. Military Academy.

As a tribute to him, the Zilinski family and many of his friends will be conducting the Lt. Dennis W. Zilinski II Memorial Run and Walk, Sunday, at the PNC Arts Center in Holmdel, N.J.

For more information e-mail [RunWithDennis@yahoo.com](mailto:RunWithDennis@yahoo.com), or visit the web site: [RunWithDennis.org](http://RunWithDennis.org).

## Mail:

Lt. Dennis Z, Memorial Run, PO Box 35, Holmdel, N.J., 07733.

Everyone in the West Point family is invited to join either as a participant or volunteer.

Proceeds from this event will be used to establish a scholarship in Zilinski's honor.

## Pancake Breakfast, Craft Fair

The Highland Falls Fire Department is hosting a buffet style Pancake Breakfast, Sunday from 7:30 a.m. to noon at the HFFD.

They are also hosting a Craft Fair, Dec. 2, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the HFFD. Craft vendor applications are being accepted at this time.

For more information, call 446-2187/2847, or e-mail [hffdcraftfair@yahoo.com](mailto:hffdcraftfair@yahoo.com).

## DUSA job opportunity

The West Point chapter of DUSA is hiring an interim business manager for the Museum and Thayer Hotel Gift Shops. It is a full-time, 40-hour-per-week position.

For more information, call Charlene at 446-1290 or e-mail her at [miselijc@hotmail.com](mailto:miselijc@hotmail.com).

## LMHT/MCCW

The Ladies of Most Holy Trinity invite you to "Forming Faith through Family Traditions" with guest speaker Amy Kelley, author and editor, Tuesday at 9:15 a.m. at the Post Chapel Basement on Merritt Road.

All are welcome. Free childcare is available with advance registration from 9 to 11 a.m.

Call 446-3245 for more information.

Book Club -- November's selection is "The Confessions of St. Augustine" by Rex Warner. Father Wood, an Augustian, will be the guest speaker.

The book club will meet in the

MHT rectory Nov. 27 from 7 to 9 p.m. Call 446-3710 for more info.

## Bill Moyer lecture

Bill Moyer, distinguished broadcaster, educator and author, will be the 34th annual Sol Feinstein Lecture Series speaker Wed. at 7:45 p.m. in Robinson Auditorium, Thayer Hall.

The topic of his lecture will be the "Meaning of Freedom."

## West Point Women's Club

The WPWC Gift Shop, located next to the MWR Fitness Center, is open on the Web at [www.shopthepoint.com](http://www.shopthepoint.com) and is open every Wed. from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the shop location.

For more information call 446-2950.

## Upcoming Red Cross classes

The American Red Cross Life Guard certification course will be offered Sunday, Nov. 19 and Dec. 3.

Standard First Aid Training is Nov. 22 from 6 to 10 p.m.

## Babysitter training

Are you 11 years old and want to learn basic child care?

Learn the skills every parent looks for in a responsible babysitter.

Nov. 25, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## First Aid/CPR/AED Pre Course Testing

(A requirement to become a Red Cross instructor.)

Sunday.

## Lay responder First Aid/CPR/AED instructor course

(Prerequisites: FIT and PreCourse Testing) Sunday and Nov. 19. To register go to [www.nyredcross.org](http://www.nyredcross.org), or call 1-800-514-5103.

## Next CAC meeting

The next Community Action Council Meeting is Nov. 27 at 9:30 a.m. in the Jewish Chapel.

The meeting is open to the community.

## Special Needs Parent Toolkit

Register now to participate in the "Special Needs Parent Toolkit" webinar offered through Military OneSource Dec. 6 at 9 a.m., noon, or 9 p.m. EST.

The DOD toolkit has information needed for families navigating through the maze of medical and special education services, community support, benefits and entitlements.

Register at [www.militaryonesource.com](http://www.militaryonesource.com).



Re-enlistment at Ground Zero

Capt. Bradley Pique, (from l to r) USMA Honor Guard Platoon Leader, reenlists Staff Sgt. Eliseo Peralta Jr., Sgt. Shawn McKenna, Spc. Lane Berg and Spc. Lacey Watson during a ceremony at Ground Zero in New York City, Oct. 24. PHOTO BY SGT. MIKE WOLFE/RE-ENLISTMENT OFFICE

# DPW Notes

### Self-Help closure

The DPW Self-Help Center, Bldg. 695, will be closed today and Sat. to honor our Veterans. Normal operations will begin Monday.

### Appliance repair -- New Reporting Procedure

Effective Nov. 1, all service requests to repair government-owned appliances, including all stoves, refrigerators and window air conditioners in both Housing and Public Buildings should be reported to the DPW Service Desk, 938-2316.

Please have the type of appliance, make and model and serial number available when you call.

Your repair request will be assigned a service order number, which should be retained for easier tracking of your request.

The response times for the repair contractor will remain as they are now, so service responsiveness will not change.

For information, contact DPW Customer Relations, 938-4407.

### Snow blower homes needed

DPW and West Point's Area Coordinators need residents to volunteer to keep a DPW-owned snow blower for the upcoming winter season.

The resident volunteer would be responsible for securing the snow blower and must attend a

short operation/safety meeting.

While the snow blowers are for the use of all neighbors, the resident volunteer will also ensure that all who use the snow blower have been briefed on its safe operation.

The snow blowers are to be used to assist the community in

snow clean-up of storm drains, fire hydrants and fuel oil fill points.

Area Coordinators are responsible for an even distribution of blowers in their areas. If you are interested in "adopting" a snow blower for the season, contact your Area Coordinator immediately.

### Check you ovens now

If you are a West Point resident and you do not use your oven on a

routine basis, please check to see if it is operating properly ASAP.

As a reminder, appliance repair is done by contractor and a non-working oven only, (with the stove top burners functioning) is not an "emergency" requiring a quick response by the contractor.

Beginning about Thanksgiving and continuing through the holiday season, our emergency crews get many calls about non-working

ovens with turkeys and desserts to bake and guests coming for a special holiday dinner. This is frustrating to both the resident and our work crews because we are unable to quickly respond to such a scenario.

If you have any questions on the appliance repair contract responsiveness and replacement of appliances, contact DPW Property Book, 938-2949.

## Command Channel 8/23

Nov. 10 - Nov. 17

### Friday

No programming  
[Veteran's Day]

### Monday

8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch  
12:30 p.m. Army Newswatch  
5:30 p.m. Army Newswatch

### Tuesday

8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch  
1 p.m. Army Newswatch  
6 p.m. Army Newswatch  
6:30 p.m. Operation Christmas Child

### Wednesday

8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch  
9:30 a.m. Operation Christmas Child  
1 p.m. Army Newswatch  
6 p.m. Army Newswatch

### Thursday

8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch  
1 p.m. Army Newswatch  
2 p.m. Operation Christmas Child  
6 p.m. Army Newswatch

### Nov. 17

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

### Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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

## NOW SHOWING

in the movie theater at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752

**Fri. -- Open Season, PG, 7:30 p.m.**

**Sat. -- School for Scoundrels, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**

**Nov. 17 -- The Guardian, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**

**Nov. 18 -- The Marine, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**

**Nov. 18 -- Flyboys, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.**

**Nov. 23 -- Everyone's Hero, G, 7:30 p.m.**

**Nov. 24 -- Flicka, PG, 7:30 p.m.**

**Nov. 25 -- Man of the Year, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**

Starting Jan. 6 there will be a 9:30 p.m. late show on Fridays.

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

# MWR Blurbs

## Auto Craft Shop

Don't get stuck in the cold -- winterize your car at the MWR Auto Shop. We offer everything your car needs to be ready for winter at affordable prices. Do it yourself or schedule an appointment by calling 938-2074.

## Christmas Tree lighting

Spread some holiday cheer at the West Point Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony Dec. 4 at 6

p.m. at Buffalo Soldier Field. Refreshments and visits with Santa inside The Thayer Hotel following the ceremony.

For more information, call 938-6497.

## Ballroom Dancing Sunday

Dance the afternoon away at the West Point Club's Ballroom Dancing and Buffet event Sunday from noon to 4 p.m.. For reservations and info. call 938-2435.

# Lowe's offers military discount for Veterans Day

MOORESVILLE, N.C. -- Lowe's Companies, Inc. announced Monday it will offer all active, reserve and retired military personnel and their immediate family members a 10 percent discount on in-store purchases made during the Veteran's Day weekend.

The discount is available today through Sunday.

The discount is available on in-stock purchases up to \$5,000.

To qualify, individuals must

present a valid military ID or other proof of service such as a VA card, VFW card, veteran's ID or discharge papers.

Excluded from the discount are on-line sales, previous sales, special order items, installation fees, gift cards, Fisher & Paykel appliances, Dyson vacuums, John Deere products and Krups small appliances.

Lowe's also offered a 10 percent discount to military personnel during the 2006 Memorial Day and July 4th holiday weekends.

In addition, Lowe's has extended benefits for its employees serving in the military and offers employment opportunities to military personnel after their military service has ended. For more info., go to [www.Lowes.com](http://www.Lowes.com).

## Keller Corner

### KACH closure

All outpatient clinics, laboratories, the pharmacy and radiology will be closed today in observance of Veterans Day. The emergency room will remain open.

### Flu shots

This year, Active Duty Soldiers assigned to West Point may receive their vaccine on a walk-in basis Monday through Thursday in the Department of Preventive Medicine, Bldg. 606, Room 3M55 from 8 to 10 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. daily.

All eligible beneficiaries can receive their vaccine Nov. 27 to 29 at Eisenhower Hall, Bldg. 655, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

Regardless of the location, all patients must bring a valid military/dependent identification card in order to receive the flu vaccine.

### About flu vaccine

Currently, it is estimated that between 5 and 20 percent of the United States civilian population will suffer the effects of influenza each year.

This illness, commonly referred to as the flu, leads to the hospitalization of over 200,000 people in the United States annually. Approximately 36,000 people die each year from complications related to the flu.

People suffering from influenza may have fever, headache, muscle aches, sore throat, cough and a runny nose.

These symptoms are caused by infection of the respiratory system with the influenza virus. Different medications can be used to treat these symptoms, but antibiotics (like penicillin) have no effect on viruses (like the flu) and should not be used.

The best way to treat the flu

is to prevent it. The flu vaccine, like most other vaccines, is given before someone is exposed to a particular disease and challenges the individual's immune system, creating antibodies that protect the individual from developing the illness in the future.

The flu vaccine is an annual requirement for active duty Soldiers. Soldiers and their families can also do several other things that decrease the spread of the flu.

Simple things, like washing your hands after using the bathroom, using hand sanitizers, not sharing eating or drinking utensils and covering your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze, will reduce the transmission of influenza from person to person.

In addition to active duty Soldiers, the flu vaccine is highly recommended for any individual in the following categories:

- Children ages six to 23 months
- Persons ages two to 64 years with chronic medical conditions
- All women who plan on becoming pregnant during the influenza season
- Persons ages 65 and over
- Children ages six months to 18 years on chronic aspirin therapy
- Health care workers involved in direct patient care
- Out-of-home caregivers and household contacts of children less than six months old

### Refractive surgery seminar

The KACH ophthalmology service will conduct a Refractive Surgery Seminar Nov. 28 at 7:30 p.m. in Thayer Hall 144.

This seminar is open to second class cadets and active duty Army personnel interested in obtaining laser vision correction.

Find out how laser surgery works, the pros and cons of surgery

and how to get treated here.

For more information on the Cadet Refractive Eye Surgery Program, visit our Web page on the internal USCC Web site.

For more information, call 938-2207.

### Appointments

If you are unable to make a scheduled appointment, please inform the clinic immediately so that the appointment can be offered to another beneficiary.

### Exceptional Family Member Program

EFMP is a DOD mandated program that documents the medical and educational needs of military dependents.

The goal is to ensure that a family is not sent to an area where they cannot receive the care they require.

Who should enroll? Any family member with a medical problem that needs care other than that which a family practitioner can provide. Specialty care would include speech therapy, physical therapy, occupational therapy or is in an assisted learning program.

Family members with asthma, allergies, or mental health specialists should inquire about enrollment opportunities.

For more info., call 938-6881.

### Blood Drive kick-off meeting

There will be a kick-off campaign meeting Dec. 1 from 2 to 4:30 p.m. in Bldg. 626, training room No. 1, in preparation for the upcoming Army Blood Program's Jan. 8-11, 2007 Blood Drive.

Key personnel from each activity should attend this meeting. Please provide names of those that will be attending to Mary Mandia at 938-2583 by Nov. 30.

# 125th storm-water catch basin installed

By Gerald Marci  
Environmental Engineer, DPW

The 125th “environmentally friendly” frame and grate storm-water catch basin installed at West Point since 2000 was finished recently along the roadway located

on Clinton Place, below Kosciuszko Monument.

Basins have also been installed at Morgan Farms, the Central Power Plant, the Cadet and Catholic Chapels, Old English South and Wilson Road. Since about 2000, when Rich Lark, Engineering Plans

& Services Construction Branch and administrator of the road requirements contracts, discovered that Argenio Bros. could deliver catch basins with the logo “Dump No Waste! Drains to Waterways” for the same cost as ones without logos, all roadway reconstruction projects incorporated these catch basins. They increase public awareness of the importance of keeping storm-water basins free from pollutants and contaminants that would eventually drain into the Hudson River.

West Point has a post-wide Storm Water Protection Program that supports activities like this as well as other public participation projects like storm-water catch basin stenciling and stream watching conducted by Boy Scout Troop 23.

Details on the Municipal

Separate Storm Sewer System annual report will be given at the Nov. 27 Community Action Council Meeting at the Jewish Chapel.

The Environmental Engineering Branch will give a brief update of the MS4 program and distribute copies of the latest Annual Report, which is also posted on the DPW Web page. Go to DPW/other resources/storm water/additional resources/annual reports.

**Argenio Bros. project manager John P. Ewasutyn points out the 125th “environmentally friendly” frame and grate storm-water catch basin installed at West point since 2000. This one is located below Kosciuszko Monument on Clinton Place.**

PHOTO BY GERARD MARCI/DPW



## Volunteer motorcycle instructors honored

From left to right: Sgt. 1st Class David Kearney, Col. Brian Crawford, Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Doron Salomon, Command Sgt. Maj. Violet McNeirney, Air Force Tech. Sgt. Timothy Stark and Marine Staff Sgt. Chris Passino.

West Point Garrison Commander Col. Brian Crawford presented a Certificate of Appreciation and a Garrison Commander's Coin to Salomon, Stark and Passino for their outstanding contributions in support of motorcycle rider safety at West Point Oct. 26. Absent was Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Robert Roger. Kearney was awarded the Army Achievement Medal for spearheading the training. Thanks to these individuals volunteering their time and service to instruct motorcycle training courses, rider safety was successfully achieved at West Point.

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# Army and Community Sports

## Army hockey off to best start since 1995-96

Story and photos by  
Eric S. Bartelt  
Sports Editor

Army hockey has taken big strides this year after starting off last season 0-7. It's been a huge reversal of fortune in many respects.

At 7-2-1 in its first 10 games, the Black Knights are off to their best start since an 8-1-1 record during the 1995-96 season. Their 5-0-1 start in the Atlantic Hockey Association is their best ever in conference play since they began playing in Division I conferences in 1999.

Now that the team has garnered two votes in the most recent *USA Today/USA Hockey Magazine* hockey poll, they may not be able to sneak up on other teams later in the season. But, Army head coach Brian Riley is making sure that his team keeps a strong focus toward the future.

"It can be a dangerous thing -- getting off to a good start -- because sometimes you can lose focus, but I know that we can be a much better team," Riley said. "We don't want to be a good team. We want to be a great team. That's what I try to instill into our guys every Monday

after a weekend series."

Last year, Riley's motto for the team was, "It's not how you start. It's how you finish," and even though their start is exceedingly different record-wise this year, he still wants his team to think that way.

"There's a fine line between winning and losing. Last year we lost some games we could have won and this year we won games we could have lost," Riley stated. "There's always room for improvement and my job as coach is to make sure the players understand that so we can be a better hockey team each time we step out on the ice."

Riley has been impressed with his squad from his energy line and penalty killing forwards juniors Lyle Gal and Jeff Fearing and senior Brady Dolim to his two sensational sophomore defensemen Tim Manthey and Zach McKelvie.

However, the two players that stand out this season are junior forward Luke Flicek and sophomore goaltender Josh Kassel.

Flicek leads the team with seven goals through 10 games and has added three assists, although he says he's more of a playmaker.

"Last year, I had more assists



Sophomore goalie Josh Kassel has a 6-2-1 record with a 1.87 goals against average, a .933 save percentage and two shutouts through nine starts.

(18) than I had goals (9), but so far it's been the other way this year," said Flicek, a Burnsville, Minn., native, who also has two cousins playing Division I hockey. "I've been fortunate to have a couple of pucks bounce onto my stick at the right time and [have had] a chance to bury them, but at the same time I'm trying to shoot the puck more because coach [Riley] has been getting on me about that."

Flicek gives credit to his speedy linemates, juniors Bryce Hollweg, Ken Rowe and Chase Podsiad. Podsiad was on his line, but returned to defense against American International College Saturday.

"I'm a smaller, slower guy, so it helps to have fast guys on my line and that's the case with Hollweg and Podsiad from last year and now with Rowe," Flicek explained. "Rowe has got a little more size than Podsiad, but [is] maybe not as fast, but still he is one of our top three or four fastest guys on the team and that helps me a lot.

"I can distribute the puck to them and have them fill lanes and I can throw the puck to those areas where I know they can chase it down," Flicek added. "Also, with Podsiad moving back to defense [he played there his freshman year], his presence at the point is invaluable

to us. You can't replace the way he plays defense for us. Just from the last game alone, you can see the improvement and the confidence of our team defense and our team as a whole with him back there."

Podsiad's move back to defense also benefits Kassel who has been stellar in the early going of the 2006-07 season.

The team lost Brad Roberts to graduation and needed one of its young goaltenders to step up. Kassel got the early nod.

"Goaltender was the biggest concern coming into the season only because of the lack of experience," Riley said. "Sometimes you have to go through some growing pains, but we've been fortunate to this point that Josh [Kassel] has given us a chance to win every game. That's all you can ask of your goalie."

Riley talks about how big Kassel has come up for the team so far, and his stats prove it with a 6-2-1 record with a 1.87 goals against average, a .933 save percentage and two shutouts in his first nine games.

Kassel talked about the time he spent over the summer with Roberts that helped with his quickness and agility. This is evident in his play so far this season.

"When [Roberts] worked out in the weight room during the off season, [sophomore goalie A.J.

Drago and I] would do the slide board two or three times a week and hand-eye coordination [exercises] with him and that was a huge boost in my play," Kassel said.

A native of Greensburg, Pa., one hour southeast of Pittsburgh, Kassel grew up idolizing Mario Lemieux while flying around on rollerblades in his suburban community. Now, he's flying in the Army crease. He picked up his second Atlantic Hockey 'goalie of the week' award Monday for another strong weekend performance against AIC.

"It's something really special to win it a couple of times, but the guys in front of me are what really gets it going. They have been able to put the puck in the net which helps me more," Kassel said. "It's a lot less pressure on me when we're scoring."

Although Kassel and Flicek are getting individually noticed, Riley sees the whole picture and that picture involves a team concept to winning.

"Everybody has been contributing and that's been the neat thing about our success because it's usually not just one or two guys," Riley said. "With everyone contributing, it has put us in a position to be successful so far and, hopefully, we'll be able to continue it."



Junior forward Luke Flicek leads Army with seven goals after 10 games. He also led the team in goals last season (9).

# Boxing beats down Air Force 9-3

Story and photos by  
Eric S. Bartelt  
Sports Editor

On an evening that Air Force ruled the football gridiron by defeating Army 43-7, Nov. 3 was just as good for Army boxers against their academy foes during the Army-Air Force Rumble at the Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center's North Boxing Gym.

Despite losing three of their first four bouts, Army boxers fought back and took the last eight fights to win 9-3 over Air Force.

"I'm proud of all of our guys," said senior and team co-captain Reggie Smith. "We started off slow and our guys saw that they wanted to redeem those early fights. We came back and fought hard knowing we were behind, but also knowing we should win this match."

Smith, who was last year's collegiate national champion at 185 pounds, took on Air Force's Chris Johnson to complete the evening's 12th bout. He was a little tired due to a recent injury that made him cut back his training, but he still came away with the victory.

"I felt better than I thought I would," Smith explained. "I had been out for about 2 1/2 weeks because I sprained my ankle badly and I just got back to practice last week, so I was a little worried about my endurance."

"I could feel in the first round that I wasn't where I wanted to be," Smith added, "but I took some

deep breaths and concentrated on my breathing and waited for the bell to ring to start throwing those punches."

Another boxer who had a good night was junior Cory Kastl who defeated Air Force's Evin Negrón in the 180-pound weight class.

Kastl had never fought against Negrón, but did spar with him when he was an exchange cadet at West Point last semester.

"He boxed with us last year, but I only sparred with him a few times because he was in a lower weight class last year," Kastl said. "I saw him fight last week (Oct. 27-28) in Detroit (at the Chuck Davey Classic hosted by the Detroit Athletic Club), so I knew what was coming."

Kastl got his first win this year after losing his first bout last week at the Chuck Davey Classic.

"It feels good to win," Kastl said. "Last week, I got a lot of the bugs out. But, it definitely feels good to get that first win and start a roll and know your hard work is paying off."

Kastl will really be working hard after Christmas when he'll try to lose weight so he can drop two weight classes to compete in the 165-pound weight class.

"I'm going to cut down to 165 and go down two weight classes to fill the roster for, hopefully, the nationals," Kastl said. "We've got Reggie (Smith) coming back at 185 and Ovi (Jacob) at 175 and they're national champs, so to fill a hole at 165, because I'm not big



Senior team co-captain Reggie Smith takes the decision over Air Force's Chris Johnson at the Army-Air Force Rumble Nov. 3. Smith is looking toward another collegiate national championship in the 185-pound weight class.

enough to go to 195, I'll look to cut down weight ... That's what coach (Ray Barone) wants me to do and I want a belt and I want to help the team win."

Junior Kevin Ramirez, who was a regional runner-up last year and also went to the nationals, won his bout over Air Force's Trevor Cook.

Ramirez talked about the overall team picture as the squad came close last year to winning the national championship.

"As a team, we came within one point of being in first place last year, and we're ready to get back there," Ramirez said. "We came in third place just behind Air Force at nationals. So we wanted to show them (Nov. 3) that we're coming back and we're hungry as a team to win."

"At nationals, we were tied with Air Force, but they had more individual champions," he added, "so they got second and we got third, while UNLV finished first overall."

Smith believes this will be a great year for Army boxing and knows there are bigger and better things ahead for the club.

"We shouldn't lose a dual meet with anyone in the country," Smith said. "This is our year and I talk to coach [Barone] about it all the time."

He said this is the best Army lineup we've ever had.

"In my time here, it's the best I've ever seen and we have high aspirations for this year," he added. "I'm looking forward to the season and if Army doesn't win a national championship decisively, it will be a huge disappointment."

Other winners against Air Force included sophomore Michael Njokoubi at 185 pounds, sophomore Alonzo McNeal at 178 pounds, sophomore Dan Khan at 175 pounds, junior Leon Perry at 170 pounds, sophomore Nick

Antonio at 156 pounds and junior Danny Priester at 137 pounds.

Army also sent eight boxers to an invitational in Albany, N.Y., Saturday and five of the eight came away with victories.

Team co-captain senior Mike Benedosso won at 116 pounds, freshman Ryle Stous won his first official bout at 165 pounds, sophomore Jody Chapman won his first official bout by knockout at heavyweight, junior Marc Termil won at 154 pounds and junior Albert Marquez also won at 154 pounds in Albany.



Sophomore Michael Njokoubi throws a jab at Air Force's Lincoln Miller during a 185-pound bout Friday at the Army-Air Force Rumble. Njokoubi won the bout versus his academy rival.



Junior Cory Kastl defeated Air Force's Evin Negrón. Although Kastl fought at 180 pounds, he will drop to weight classes after Christmas to fight at 165 pounds last this season.

# Four cadets run the New York Marathon

Story and photos by  
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Staff Writer

As if U. S. Military Academy cadets don't have enough physical training, four cadets ran in the 26.2 mile ING New York Marathon Sunday along with roughly 35,000 other entrants from more than 100 countries and all 50 states.

Cadet 1st Class Lief Gilsdorf and Cadets 3rd Class Chris Villarreal, Andy Cahoy and Jon Chachula ran in the marathon.

"I wanted to do it last year, but didn't get in because of their lottery system," Gilsdorf said. "This is something I have always wanted to do and I would definitely want to run in another one, but not just right now. I'm still a little sore."

The New York Marathon selects participants by a lottery system due to the large number of potential runners registering to run each year.

Gilsdorf's overall time was 2:51:37, two places behind seven-time Tour de France winner Lance Armstrong. He also now qualifies for the Boston Marathon because his time was less than 3 hours and 10 minutes, the cut-off time for Boston.

"I don't think I'll be able to do it (Boston Marathon) next year as there is a conflict in my schedule," he said. "But I hope to do it in 2008."

Villarreal, whose overall time was 3:34:31, said he comes from a triathlon background and ran in high school.

"This was an amazing experience," Villarreal said. "I wanted to challenge myself and it was a lot of fun. There was a lot of support from the crowds."

Villarreal said other cadets he knew had run the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, D.C., Oct 29 and the Del Mar Marathon in California in April.

The New York Marathon is the second marathon Cahoy has run.

"I was so amazed at the crowd cheering us all the way," Cahoy said. "We got to run through all the boroughs of New York and it was quite interesting to see. I ran eight miles before I realized it because I was just taken in by the sights of New York City."

Chachula is a member of the Cadet Cycling Team and runs the West Point Triathlon. He ran for a charity called 'Fred's Team.'

"Fred Lebow was one of the founders of the (NYC) marathon and died of cancer," Chachula said.

"I raised \$1,200 for the charity that donates to cancer research. There are only so many charity spots, but I was able to get into this one."

Chachula said he was amazed at the number of people from all over the world that were running.

"I ran next to an Italian guy who was running barefoot," he said. "I also was amazed at all the advertisements for foreign marathons. I saw signs for Tokyo and Ireland. I also met Dean Karnazes, who runs 50 marathons in 50 states in 50 days. This marathon was his last one for the year."

Karnazes is called the Ultra Marathon Man and is a motivational speaker and best selling author.

**[Editor's note:** We apologize to any runners we did not contact, but these were the only cadets we knew about at press time. If you are involved in a club or individual sport, we'd like to hear from you.



(Above left to right) Cadet 3rd class Andy Cahoy, Cadet 1st Class Lief Gilsdorf, and Cadets 3rd Class Chris Villarreal and (photo to right) Jon Chachula participated in the N.Y. Marathon.

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# Rugby dominates Norwich

**By Cadet 1st Class  
Andrew Locke  
Army Rugby**

The Men's Army Rugby A-Side hosted Norwich for the second time this season Saturday at the Anderson Rugby Complex. As the final whistle blew, the scoreboard read Army 78-Norwich 12.

Army entered the game, the first NERFU playoff match, with a perfect record of 7-0 and a strong belief in themselves and their ability as a team. Last week, Army handily beat Boston College 73-12.

As the game started, Norwich immediately let it be known that they were here to play. They stifled Army's play for the first several minutes as there were multiple lineouts and scrums that kept the pace of the game slow and in favor of Norwich.

Army soon woke up and applied the pressure to Norwich. After several good phases of rugby, Army

put the ball down for five via senior winger Chris Grevious.

The forwards were dominating scrums and lineouts were of equal quality. The Norwich flyhalf and scrumhalf chose to play a game of field position against Army.

This tactic, unfortunately for them, proved to be quite counterproductive as the back three of Army fielded all of their kicks and struck back with aggressive counterattacks.

Senior fullback Brendan McCarthy and senior wings Robert Zargan and Grevious showed their ability to play opportunistic rugby as they took what Norwich gave them and punished with it.

The scrumhalf/flyhalf combination of seniors David Lodwick and Andrew Locke was on the same page Saturday, as both were reading the game extremely well and provided much havoc for the Norwich defense.

By halftime, Army had scored six tries. Senior tight head prop

Chris Wallgren and junior second Clint Hail both touched the ball down and senior backs Grevious, Chris Bahr, and Robert Smalls all put the ball down as well. The second half was much the same with Army scoring six more tries in the second half.

It was yet another dominant victory for the Men's Army Rugby team in the first game of the NERFU playoffs. The NERFU championship is only two games away, Army/Navy 2006 is in less than two weeks and only six games separate Army from a National Championship.