

# POINTER VIEW

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## Post budget crunch not over

By Eric S. Bartelt  
Assistant Editor

West Point garrison commander Col. Brian Crawford said the budget for the garrison side here is "fairly healthy" as we near the close of the 2006 fiscal year.

Garrison operations is working within a \$168 million budget this year, Crawford said, and the lack of funding across the Army is due to the war. Tightening the wallets has become more of a challenge for all installations, he added.

West Point has seen some effects on its budget, although on a minor scale compared to other installations, as the housing budget was cut by \$4 million from \$12 million to \$8 million this fiscal year.

"We're not going in and painting the entire house during a change over of quarters from one occupant to the next, which we would traditionally do," Crawford said. "We're not replacing an entire linoleum floor if there's a cut in it; we're going in and doing some patch work and so forth."

Other installations, Crawford said, have seen significant challenges placed upon them. In some cases, he explained, grass isn't mowed on posts anymore and shuttle bus services have been curtailed or stopped altogether.

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Class of 2007 'Ring' ready for Ring Weekend, see pages 6-7

"For the most part, we're able to continue to operate, provide services and facilities that people have grown accustomed to here at West Point," Crawford said. "I don't want to trivialize that things have changed, but at this point we're still in good standing."

The Army also directed the Installation Management Agency to implement a hiring freeze and it will continue due to the lack of overall IMA funding.

"I've been told that the hiring freeze will extend into [fiscal year] 2007 for IMA," Crawford said. "What we're being asked to do, collectively as an organization, is to look at ways we can become more efficient with our resources."

Other installations across the Army have released their summer temporary workers, but the West Point garrison was spared this loss by the help of the mission side and Superintendent Lt. Gen. Franklin L. Hagenbeck.

"The mission side picked up the payroll and paid the salary for the summer hires to allow the program to continue here, otherwise we would have been faced with releasing our

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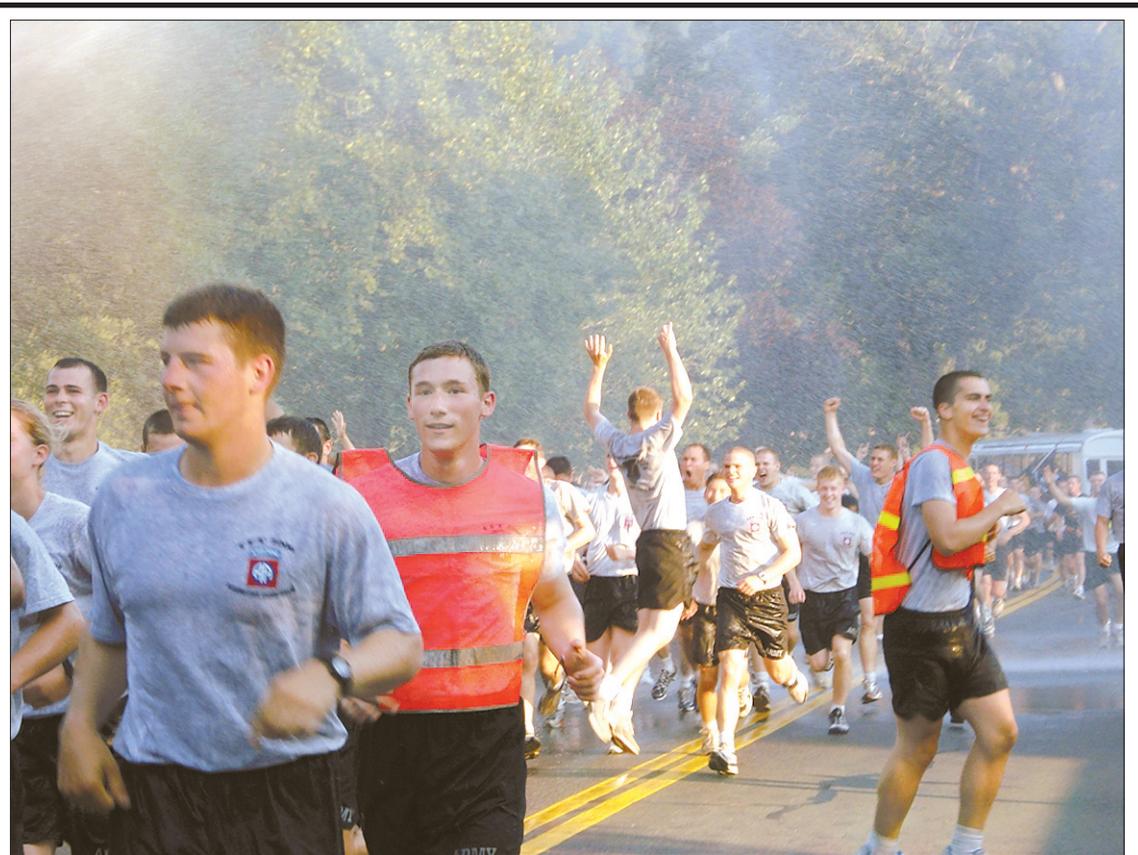
## March back delays

WEST POINT, N.Y. -- The Class of 2010 will march back from Camp Buckner Monday morning.

Cadet Basic Training elements will cross Route 293 in the vicinity of Round Pond Road between 4 and 6 a.m. After regrouping at the Ski Slope the new cadets will march from the Ski Slope to Washington Gate and then down Washington Road to central area where they will begin to pass the Superintendent's quarters at 9 a.m.

Supervisors should notify their staff members that Washington Gate will be closed to all incoming and outgoing traffic from 8 to 9 a.m. Also, traffic along Route 218, from the Ski Slope to Washington Gate and then along Washington Road to central area, will be disrupted from roughly 7:45 to 9:30 a.m.

Community members should use alternate gates and routes during these times.



## CFT Run back gets soaked

The West Point Fire Department helped cool off the Class of 2009 when they ran back from Camp Buckner to main post early Monday morning. Fire hydrants soaked the cadets as they ran down Washington Road past a cheering crowd toward central area and a week's break before reorganization week begins Monday.

PHOTO BY HEIDI HULST/SYSTEMS ENGINEERING

## Nielsen named First Captain for '06-'07

WEST POINT, N.Y. -- Cadet 1st Class Jon Nielsen, son of Robert and Pamela Nielsen of St. Paul, Neb., has been selected First Captain of the U.S. Military Academy's Corps of Cadets for the 2006-2007 academic year, achieving the highest position in the cadet chain-of-command.

As First Captain, Nielsen is responsible for the overall performance of the approximately 4,000-member Corps of Cadets. He follows in the footsteps of other notable First Captains such as John J. Pershing, Douglas MacArthur and William Westmoreland.

It was Nielsen's proven leadership ability, judgment and overall embodiment of the seven Army Values: loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage that earned him this demanding position.

The First Captain, also called the Brigade Commander, is similar to a student body president. His duties include implementing a class agenda and acting as a liaison between the Corps and the administration. Nielsen graduated from St. Paul High School in 2000.

He enlisted in the U.S. Army as an Infantry Soldier and was stationed at Fort Carson, Colo., where he received the Army Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Army Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Air Assault Wings, Airborne Wings and the Expert Infantryman Badge.

Nielsen attended the U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School at Fort Monmouth, N.J., before entering West Point's Class of 2007.

He is an Economics major and



First Captain Jon Nielsen

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a member of the Sport Parachute Team. He held the position of Cadet Basic Training Commander, first detail and will assume his duties as the brigade commander Monday, which marks the completion of Cadet Basic Training for the Class of 2010.

## Summer Safety: Don't get beat by the heat

Commentary by the West Point Safety Office

The message from the Army Combat Readiness Center is that summer heat can kill.

Heat stress can strike while a Soldier is pulling maintenance in the motor pool, while a civilian fans himself in an office with no air conditioning or while a family member mows the yard. The symptoms of heat cramps, exhaustion and, ultimately, heat stroke can set in with little warning.

Knowing the warning signs of heat-related illnesses could save lives, here are some examples:

■ Sunburn, is a frequent cause of heat injury for Soldiers and

community members. Repeated exposures can lead to skin cancers later, as sunburn is a concern even on cloudy days. Fortunately, it is totally preventable through use of sunscreen or by simply keeping body parts covered.

■ Heat cramps are painful muscle cramps caused by a heavy loss of salt through sweating. It is possible to lose more than a quart of water per hour through sweating alone. Generally, the cramps will disappear with treatment. Move the victim to shade and loosen clothing. Treatment includes drinking 8 oz. of water every 15-20 minutes. Thirst is not an adequate indicator of dehydration.

■ Heat exhaustion is characterized by profuse sweating,

headache, a tingling sensation in the extremities, weakness, loss of appetite, dizziness, nausea, cramps, chills and rapid breathing. Lay the victim flat in a cool, shady spot. Elevate feet and loosen clothing. Pour water on the victim and fan to cool. Have them drink one canteen full of cool water with the salt solution.

■ Heat stroke can cause death or permanent disability if emergency treatment is not given. It occurs when the body becomes unable to control its temperature. Your temperature rises rapidly, your sweating mechanism fails and you are unable to cool down. Lack of sweating in the heat is an important symptom of imminent heat stroke. Other symptoms include mental

confusion, throbbing, flushed dry skin, nausea and elevated body temperature. Move the victim to shade and cool with ice packs. If packs are not available, soak or douse victim with cool water. Fan body and elevate feet. Do not immerse in ice water. Do not give water to an unconscious victim.

A common sense approach to battle the heat includes:

■ Acclimatization -- it takes up to two weeks to become acclimatized. Leaders must take this process into account when planning a mission.

■ Fluid intake -- we should drink adequate fluids before and during the operation.

■ Work schedules should be developed to ensure strenuous

physical exertion is scheduled for early morning or late evening. Avoid working in direct sun, whenever possible.

■ Wearing loose-fitting clothing, light weight that allows circulation of air and enhances cooling.

■ The Heat Index is the best means of evaluating environmental heat, and is available throughout the day at our Web site, <http://www-internal.usma.edu/Safety>. Click on, "Determining Your Risk of Heat Injury."

Be alert for the early signs of dehydration and heat illness. Successful prevention of heat casualties is more important to our community members than treatment.

For more info., call the West Point Safety Office at 938-3717.

## Elections are coming up -- don't forget to vote

Commentary by Irene Brown Chief, Command Information

The Nov. 7, 2006, general election is fast approaching and you may be asking yourself, "Why should I bother to vote? Does my vote even count?"

Voting is one of the most important rights and responsibilities that we as U.S. citizens have. Roughly 150 million Americans are qualified to vote and, unfortunately, many don't. They just don't realize they are giving up their chance to choose leaders and representatives who will impact their lives.

Nobody can force you to

vote. But many of us choose to exercise this important right, because voting lets us tell the elected officials what we want them to do. Those of us who think we're paying too many taxes can vote for a person who promises to lower taxes. Those who want more services can vote for someone who promises to spend funds to gain those services.

It's also important for all of us to understand that every vote counts. Here are some important events in U.S. history that were decided by just a few votes:

■ Richard Nixon, not John F. Kennedy, would have become

President of the U.S. in 1960 if one person from each voting place had voted differently.

■ If just one U.S. Senator had voted differently, U.S. President Andrew Johnson would have been removed from office in 1867.

■ Texas might not have become part of the United States in 1845 if one U.S. Senator had voted differently. The vote in the U.S. Senate was 27-25 to invite Texas to become a state. If it had been a tie, Texas would not have been asked to become part of the Union.

Finally, we are all part of a military community here that includes active duty, retired, reserve, DOD civilians and family members. The right to vote so many take for granted should mean more to us because we witness daily the sacrifices made by our military

members.

The Department of Defense works to ensure all military community members vote, but it's really up to each of us whether we take advantage of this important right.

This year's general election will affect 34 senators, the entire House of Representatives, 37 governors and many state and local officials. That means, no matter what your home of record, the results of this election could affect you personally.

The first step is to register to vote and the time is now. Military members can register by using the postage-free Federal Post Card Application (FPCA SF76 dated Oct 2005) for absentee voters. It is available online at [www.fvap](http://www.fvap).

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## SARP INFO

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Difficulty: Easy

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

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# Local and National News

## Sea service ribbon approved

WASHINGTON (HRC Release) -- The Army has approved a new decoration that honors sea service

back to 1952.

The Army Sea Duty Ribbon consists of a basic multicolored

ribbon with bronze



star appurtenances that signify the completion of qualifying periods of sea duty aboard Class A and Class B vessels that meet the requirements of Army Regulations 56-9 (Watercraft) and 600-88 (Sea Duty).

Ribbons should be available for sale in Army and Air Force Exchange Service stores around mid-September, according to Denise Harris, chief of policy in the awards branch of Human Resources Command. To qualify:

- Active-duty Soldiers must complete two years of cumulative sea duty aboard a qualifying vessel, which generally includes vessels whose primary mission is accomplished underway, and that may or may not be self-sustaining in regard to berthing and messing facilities. Subsequent awards, as indicated by a bronze service star, are authorized for every two additional years of cumulative sea duty.

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gov and must be completed, signed, dated and mailed to your respective state election official. Since states vary as to absentee eligibility to vote in local elections, the Voting Assistance Guide at Chapter 3, noted at the above Web site should be used to determine your state-specific authorization.

The Voting Assistance Guide will also provide the mailing address for the application based upon the county you declare as your home, even though you may no longer actually possess a home there. Registrations and voting should be in the State of legal residence not simply the state in which last served or serving. If in doubt as to your legal residence, consult with your legal assistance attorney.

For civilians here, you must be at least 18 years old, a U.S. citizen and a resident in the county for at least 30 days before the election.

Depending on what county you live in, you can call the local board of elections to request a registration form. In Orange County, call (845) 291-2444;

Sullivan County, (845) 794-3000 and Ulster County, (845) 334-5470.

Registration forms are also available at post offices and some libraries across the region. They can also be found in New York at Department of Motor Vehicle offices, the health and labor departments and the mental health and aging offices. To register, fill out your name, address and age, mark whether you are a citizen and then sign the form.

The deadline for registering in New York is Aug. 26 for the September primaries and Oct. 9 for the November general election.

Military personnel, civilian government employees and their families face major legislative issues in the coming years. That means it's up to all of our best interests to select representatives now that will serve our interests and not their own personal political gains. That goal can only be achieved if we make them hear our concerns.

And they'll only hear those concerns from the voting booths. Register now and don't forget to vote.

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temporary employees," he said.

According to Crawford, the garrison is also abiding by the chief of staff of the Army's directive for use of government purchase cards. His directive includes limiting office purchases, reducing travel and looking into many ways to garner savings and minimize expenses.

Maximizing every dollar to keep the community happy isn't an easy job, but Crawford is doing his best to keep services and support at near 100 percent efficiency.

"We're trying to preclude from stopping services and not

increasing fees with MWR," Crawford said. "Our intent is not to cut or reduce services from programs that support our Soldiers, civilians and cadets here.

"Ultimately, we may have to, but we're looking at ways to get the biggest bang for that buck," he added. "We need to make informed decisions and talk to the superintendent on what we can and can't do.

"Overall, we're enjoying a better funding situation than the majority, if not all, the garrisons out there, but [down the road] we may not get as much money," he added.

# New Army public affairs chief targets misinformation

By John Harlow

WASHINGTON (Army News Service) -- In a video teleconference with Training and Doctrine Command public affairs professionals July 19, Brig. Gen. Anthony Cucolo, the Army's new chief of public affairs, spoke of his position and the profession's future.

"Your duties are absolutely key to winning this battle of ideas,"

Cucolo told TRADOC public affairs officers at 16 installations. "Your product, the Soldier or leader at your installation, is essentially the credentials of the Army."

Cucolo assumed his new role June 9, and most recently served as director of the Joint Center for Operational Analysis at the U.S. Joint Forces Command in Norfolk, Va.

The Global War on Terrorism is fought as much through television,

newspapers and the Internet as it is on the battlefield, he said.

"This is an incredible time in history to be doing this job," Cucolo said. "I want the operational field of the Army to look at us as the experts in communication. Public affairs professionals have the pre-eminent role in strategic communication.

"I am motivated to convince my former operational peers what the public affairs folks can do for them, how closely they should be

placed in the headquarters and the level of interaction that needs to take place before decisions are made," he said.

"We want to sustain the confidence in the American people, to include Congress, that the Army continues to produce and field the highest quality of Soldiers that we possibly can," said the general. "Explain what we are equipping them with training-wise, and tell the story.

"We also need to fight

misinformation, complacency and ignorance," Cucolo said.

The general challenged public affairs professionals throughout TRADOC to fight these enemies by aggressively engaging the public and the media.

"When you are faced with misinformation, go after it and correct it. I want those outside the Army who are talking about the Army to know we're listening," Cucolo said.

## Three YS teens earn scholarships

By Kathy Eastwood  
Staff Writer

Three community teens received scholarships through the Charles Schwab Foundation's Scholarships and the Boys and Girls Clubs of America in the *Money Matters: Make It Count* program July 18 at the Youth Service Center here.

Anthony Brown, director of Morale, Welfare and Recreation here, and Don Hulst, chief, Child and Youth Services Division of MWR, presented the scholarships of \$2,000 each, to Christian Groom, Mitch Daniels and Matthew

Torok to use toward their college education.

"Torok will attend Clemson University in Clemson, S.C. this fall; Daniels will be going to Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Va., and Groom is enrolled at Washtenaw Community College in Ann Arbor, Mich.," Hulst said.

The Charles Schwab Foundations and BGCA teamed up in May 2004 to teach teens about money in the *Money Matters: Make It Count* program designed to promote financial literacy among teens, according to a BGCA news release at [www.bgca.org/](http://www.bgca.org/)



Christian Groom, (left), Mitch Daniels and Matthew Torok.

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[news/20040504.asp](http://news/20040504.asp)

Money Matters is one of many BGCA programs offered at Child and Youth Services this year and will continue to offer clubs and activities that meet the needs of the community and peaks the interest of youth.

Career Pay Office, HRC, Building 705, Room 231, 705 Read St., Fort Eustis, VA 23604-5407.

Retroactive awards are authorized for service credited as far back as Aug. 1, 1952. Requests, which can be made by the service member or next of kin, should be sent to the same Fort Eustis address. Requests should include the service member's name; Social Security number (or military serial number, if appropriate); a copy of the person's separation document (DD Form 214), if appropriate; and information regarding the person's qualifying sea service.

## C&ME hosts ExCEED workshop

By Col. Allen C. Estes  
CME

The Department of Civil and Mechanical Engineering hosted the ExCEED (Excellence in Civil Engineering Education) Teaching Workshop July 23 to July 28.

Twenty-four educators from civilian universities such as Villanova, Clemson, Cornell and the University of Idaho participated in the workshop, which provides teacher-training to relatively inexperienced faculty members who have received little or no formalized classroom training.

This year's participants also included civil engineering educators from the University of Limerick in Ireland and Durbin Institute of Technology in South Africa.

The training includes seminars, demonstration classes, three practice classes by each participant and detailed assessment of performance. The program is modeled on the Instructor Summer Workshop which the department

uses to train the incoming rotating faculty members each summer.

The workshop is a partnership between West Point, which hosts the event, and the American Society of Civil Engineers, which provides funding and support. This outreach effort has been so successful that there are now more than 400 graduates of this program from 191 different colleges and universities.

Colonel Ron Welch, this year's Program Coordinator, said, "the character of this course focuses on the planning and delivery of classroom instruction. The pace is intense, but it is designed to be collaborative, collegial and fun."

The workshop has social events, team-building exercises and a number of small group activities to foster communication and interaction.

Melissa Sternhagen, a participant from the University of Wisconsin, said, "the workshop was phenomenal. They raised the bar in what it means to be an engineering educator and have equipped me to strive for that as well."

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■ Reserve component soldiers must have two years of creditable service in a watercraft unit, which includes at least 25 days underway each year, and two annual exercises underway aboard a qualifying vessel, or a 90-day deployment underway aboard a qualifying vessel. One year of sea duty as a mobilized soldier will be classified as creditable service, provided the minimum underway requirement is met.

■ Troops of other services may be awarded the Army Sea Duty Ribbon provided they meet the active or reserve component

requirements above, and are in compliance with their service's policies and procedures.

■ Troops who die in the line of duty before completion of the qualifying criteria may be posthumously awarded the ribbon (first award only).

The chief of the Marine Qualification Division at Fort Eustis, Va., home of the Army Transportation Corps, must approve award of the Sea Duty Ribbon. Eligible troops, or their next of kin, may submit requests for the award to: Chief, Marine Qualification Division, Attn:

# Cooks put new mobile kitchen to test

Story and photo by  
Sgt. 1st Class  
Derrick A. Witherspoon

NOVO SELO, Bulgaria (Army News Service) -- Coming together to support Immediate Response 2006, Army Reserve Soldiers from the 7th Army Reserve Command received the opportunity to put their cooking skills to the test on the Army's new Containerized Kitchen.

Army Reserve Soldiers from the 464th and 454th Replacement Companies provided American, Bulgarian, Romanian Soldiers and civilian personnel, with essential food support at Novo Selo Training Area during Immediate Response 2006 in July.

The food service specialists used the new Containerized Kitchen to provide the Soldiers and civilians with two hot meals and one Meal Ready to Eat each day of the exercise. For many Soldiers, this was their first time working in the Containerized Kitchen.

"What the Army Reserve Soldiers were working on is the new Containerized Kitchen, which has replaced the Mobile Kitchen Trailer," said Staff Sgt. Deundra L. Germany, an active duty food specialist assigned to assist the Army Reserve Soldiers. "It has air conditioning in it so the cooks don't get too hot. It also has a refrigeration unit, an oven and a lot more space for the cooks and customers to move around."

Germany, who is a member of the 1st Armored Division Support

Command, said the old MKT only allowed food service specialists to serve approximately 300 people, but the Containerized Kitchen allows them to serve approximately 750 people.

Spc. Terrell K. Morris, a food service specialist with the 454th Replacement Company, said this was his first time working with the Containerized Kitchen.

"I'm used to working in the old MKT," Morris said. "I actually like the old MKT better because everything in the new Containerized Kitchen is so technical and every time something breaks you have to send it back to the factory. With the old burners, if they made a noise you pretty much knew what it was and could fix it right away. I'm kind of stuck in the old days a little bit."

Morris said although it's taking him a little time to get accustomed to the new Containerized Kitchen, he still thinks it's a good kitchen to work out from.

The Army Reserve Soldiers served approximately 800 from the Containerized Kitchen at Novo Selo Training Area.

"We provided them with one hot meal in the morning, an MRE for lunch and one hot meal in the afternoon," said Sgt. 1st Class John C. Smalls, noncommissioned officer in charge of the dining facility.

Smalls, who is also a member of the 464th Replacement Company, said their hours of operation in the Containerized Kitchen made their days supporting Immediate Response quite long.



Personnel supporting Immediate Response 2006 wait in line to get served food from the Army's new Containerized Kitchen at Novo Selo Training Area in Bulgaria.

"We sometimes came in about three in the morning and we usually ended the day around nine at night and then we were back

up to do it all again the next day," Smalls said. "But, we didn't mind. Our main goal was to make sure the Soldiers were fed. If they were

happy, then we knew we were doing a good job."

Lt. Col. Thomas A. Ball, commander of the 309th Rear Area Operations Center, said the food he received from the Army Reserve Soldiers was some of the best he's had in the field in 25 years.

"I started out 25 years ago under a shelter half for about the first 18 months I was in the Army," Ball said. "High-speed chow was taking C-Rations and warming them on the exhaust manifold. I've had all types of food in the field, but I've never had food this good. This was world class chow."

**Editor's Note:** Witherspoon serves with the 7th Army Reserve Command PAO.



## DENTAC change of command

The new DENTAC Commander Col. Barry G. Bishop (center) and his wife Rosemary (left) greet members of the West Point community after the DENTAC change of command ceremony at Trophy Point July 28. Bishop, who most recently served at Camp Red Cloud, Korea, replaced Col. Linda Smith as the head of Dental Health at USMA.

SPC. BENJAMIN GRUVER/PV

# Community Features and Photos

## DOIM's Fabrications Branch helps bring cadet Class Ring to life

Story and photos by  
Spc. Benjamin Gruver  
Staff Writer

No symbol of the Long Gray Line is more lasting than the class ring, so whether in a gray uniform of a cadet or the black boots of a Soldier, nothing lasts longer than that gold band.

To show the size of the small trinket's importance, an oversized sculpture of the Class of 2007's class ring will be on display during Ring Weekend Aug. 25-26 in Eisenhower Hall's Crest Hall.

The sculptured ring has been around for years, but it is up to West Point's Fabrications Branch, a part

of the Directorate of Information Management, to annually tear out the crest of the previous year's class and replace it with that of the upcoming seniors.

This year that task was given to Dave Skoglund, a fabrications model maker, who has worked on the ring for the second year in a row.

"What I like about this is the excitement of not really knowing how it is going to come out ahead of time," Skoglund said. "It is just fun seeing the thing evolve and develop in front of your eyes."

After stripping out the old crest, the process begins by projecting the image on the side of the ring

and then pieces of carved out foam board and cardboard are placed together on the side of the ring like a puzzle.

"It gets screwed on, glued on, nailed on, whatever it takes to hold it," Skoglund said. "Then (is applied) over top of it is applied a plastic gauze. It gets dipped in water and then laid over and that is what makes everything a little more homogenous and gets rid of the nail holes and things like that."

Finally the image is sprayed black and the gold gets brushed on, leaving the black to fill the nooks and crannies to give it depth.

The crest of the Class of 2007 features the towers of the World

Trade Center peering up from the center of the Pentagon with windows arranged to form the numbers 9/11.

While the image of the Twin Towers is a powerful reminder of that day that forever changed the nation, Skoglund said the most challenging part in putting it together was the eagle head and giving it a three dimensional look while still remaining flat.

"If you've seen the crests at (Crest Hall in) Eisenhower Hall where they go all around you can see the evolution of the guy who sculpts these things," Skoglund



**Dave Skoglund brushes in some final touches to the gold colored ring that will be displayed at Eisenhower Hall starting Aug. 25 for Ring Weekend. The carving of the Class of 2007 crest was pieced together with carved out portions of foam board and cardboard.**

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**Model Maker Dave Skoglund of the DOIM's Fabrication Branch stands next to his creation on Eisenhower Hall's enormous sized ring, the Class of 2007 crest.**

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explained. "He's got a lot more freedom. He can do a total 3-D thing, and he's got images that come way out. We can't do that on the ring because it would look hokey and the ring isn't like that."

Skoglund developed a few new techniques from last year to give it the effect he wanted, including softening edges with a hammer and the use of a fillet knife.

For the native of Fishkill, N.Y., who originally went to school for furniture design in the mid-1980s, working on the ring is a good example of what his job has been like for the past three years working in Fabrications.

"Everyday is a challenge. Everyday is different. You never know what you are going to be confronted with," he said. "You've got to be able to change gears very quickly, and all of the projects are varied. It is very infrequent that you repeat something."

The ring, according to Bob Labrise, the director of Fabrications, is what the department is known for, but they do just about anything the U.S. Military Academy needs done from metal work to plastics and wood working.

Instructional devices are the meat of the work done in the four-person department, however everything from furniture and displays in the superintendent's conference room to restoring the academy's Heisman Trophies or other museum artifacts fall within Fabrications' line of work.

When a customer comes in with a project they want to go to someone that doesn't have the interest in making money, but rather making it the best it can be, and, according to Labrise, that is what Fabrications does, making custom products that fit the needs of the academy.

If the product is already out there, Labrise explained, then a customer will simply be directed to it, but if it is something that needs to be modified or it is something that can't be bought commercially then that is when they step in.

"The projects keep coming and we keep dealing with them," Labrise said, "and with the collaboration of the professors and the people who are bringing the problems to us we have been able to meet and solve a lot of them and save them a lot of money."

# Army, Air Force work together to demo new technology

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Staff Writer

Seeing the enemy before the enemy sees you is an important step in gaining the upper hand, and that is why the military has put a lot of effort through the Rapid Fielding Initiative to get troops a bird's eye view of the battlefield.

The latest in this technology was on display out at West Point's Range 11 Tuesday for the U.S. Military Academy's Department of Military Instruction and selected staff and faculty to determine its suitability for cadet training.

The Army's One System Remote Video Terminal combined with the Air Force's Remote Operations Video Enhanced Receiver (ROVER III) and the Small Unmanned Aerial Vehicle known as the Raven B worked together during the demonstration to spot a kidnapping, monitor and target the kidnappers and allow a rescue to be made.

"It is new technology, and it is very simple," said Air Force Lt. Col. Greg Harbin, who works with the secretary of the Air Force's office. "We want to kill (the enemy) from a distance, and the way you do that is you precisionally identify them from long range."

The key to it, according to



USMC's Maj. Chuck Chalfont looks at the Raven B's controller.



Air Force Lt. Col. Greg Harbin talks about the ROVER III and its capability to receive sensor data from UAVs and other aircraft.

Harbin, is getting the information into the hands of the ultimate decision makers -- the ground troops.

The use of Unmanned Aircraft Vehicles is nothing new, but the capability for the trooper on the ground to see its streaming video is. With the ROVER III, a Soldier can link up to any UAV or manned aircraft streaming video in the area and see what it sees. The OSRVT software takes the ROVER III capabilities one step further by adding a situational awareness tool in that it can display telemetry data to pinpoint the observed location on a map and then export target data or still images to FalconView.

"We virtually have eliminated fratricide from air to ground (with this capability)," Harbin said, "because it allows everyone to see the same thing."

Harbin and his team are taking this technology on the road through a co-initiative of the secretaries of the Army and Air Force to get the technology into the hands of Soldiers and Airmen who are doing the warfighting, or, as Harbin explained, "into the hands of the X-Box Generation."

"They understand this and they can take this to a different level," Harbin said.

This technology was presented last week to the Air Force cadets before it was brought to West Point. Here DMI and other staff and faculty were able to see the new technology to help better prepare cadets on what they will see once they leave to go to their first units.

"It allowed us to see the capabilities and it gave us a lot of ideas of some training events that we do where it could be very valuable as a learning tool," said Lt. Col. Stephen Houston, the U.S. Corps of Cadets operations officer.



The Small Unmanned Aerial Vehicle, known as the Raven B, is being shown by Maj. Dave Bristol, assistant product manager at the UAS Project Office. The Raven has a 4-and-a-half foot wing span, weighs four pounds and can fly between 27 and 60 miles per hour.

With current changes to cadet summer training, most notably the Operation Highland Warrior portion of Cadet Field Training, one could already imagine using the Raven B to keep an eye out for incoming vehicles into the access control point, spotting insurgents down the road at the convoy reaction lane or looking for suspicious activity going on in the village during the cordon and search exercise. The challenge, according to Houston, is fitting it into an already busy schedule for cadets.

"We don't just want to add another task on top of an already busy schedule," Houston said. "What we need to do is integrate it into the summer training so that it



The Raven B comes in for a controlled crash landing at Range 11 during the demonstration Tuesday.

becomes a training event that can be appreciated and valued by the staff and cadets who are receiving the training."



Raven Action Officer Chief Warrant Officer 3 Steve Schisler and Aeronautical Engineer Ken Fidler prepare the Raven B for its first flight of the demonstration at Range 11 Tuesday.

# Risk of food borne illnesses higher in summer

By Jennifer Keefer  
U.S. Army Combat  
Readiness Center

FORT RUCKER, Ala. (Army News Service) -- Around 76 million people become ill, more than 300,000 are hospitalized and 5,000 Americans die each year from food borne illness, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The risk of food borne illness increases during the summer months because disease-causing bacteria grow faster on raw meat and poultry products in warmer weather, said Richard Raymond, U.S. Department of Agriculture under secretary for food safety.

Bacteria also needs moisture



to flourish and the hot and humid conditions of summer weather provide the perfect conditions.

Unfortunately, thermostat-controlled cooking, refrigeration and washing facilities are not usually available while grilling outdoors, so it becomes even more important to be aware and take necessary steps to prevent food borne illness and bacteria growth.

The USDA states that poultry, beef and pork each require a minimum-internal temperature to ensure they are fully cooked and safe to eat.

The temperatures that attract most bacteria are between 40 degrees and 140 degrees. Food should not sit out for more than two hours in temperatures below 90 degrees. In temperatures above that, people should discard food one hour after cooking.

Staff Sgt. Lance Osborne, Veterinary Services Food Safety Branch non-commissioned officer in charge of food inspection for Fort Rucker, Ala., emphasized the importance of temperature, as well as sanitation.

"You need to keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold," Osborne said. As stated by USDA, cold is

considered below 40 degrees while hot is above 140 degrees.

"Definitely, never partially cook something with the intention of finishing it up later," Osborne said. "This is where bacteria are more apt to grow. As for sanitation, never use the same plate for raw and cooked food, especially poultry. This can result in cross-contamination."

Several global outbreaks of food borne illness, such as mad cow disease and E. Coli, have increased concerns among the American public, according to a food and water safety report developed by the CDC. Most consumers said in the report they feel they are at a lower risk from illnesses eating at home than at restaurants. Twenty percent of the reported cases involving food borne illness resulted from home preparation.

Fortunately, according to the USDA, people rarely become ill from contaminated food because most people have a healthy immune system that protects them not only from harmful bacteria on food, but from other harmful organisms in the environment. But consumers can further protect themselves at home with proper refrigeration and thorough cooking

of perishable food.

The USDA has outlined four steps to help prevent the spread of bacteria:

- Clean. Wash hands and surfaces often.

- Separate. Don't cross-contaminate.

Keep raw meat and poultry apart from cooked foods. Don't use the same cutting board, platter and utensils for raw and cooked meat.

- Cook. Use a food thermometer to be sure meat and poultry are safely cooked.

Visual indications, such as brown exterior, do not always mean that it is fully cooked.

- Chill. Refrigerate or freeze promptly.

The USDA also offers pointers for defrosting and marinating food. Never defrost food at room temperature -- the refrigerator is the most recommended place to defrost food.

If time is restricted, consumers can seal meat in a plastic bag and place it in cold water for 30 minutes.

As a last resort, consumers can defrost meat in the microwave as long as it is grilled immediately.

As for marinating food, the

USDA suggests never to marinate it at room temperature and never reuse the sauce.

For food-safety information, call the USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline (888) MPHOTline from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## AUGUST 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 Services, 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>West Point Bowling Center</b> <b>Open Bowling:</b> Sun.-1300-1800 Mon. 1600-2100 Tue. Closed Wed. &amp; Thur. 1130-1900 Fri. 1130-2300 Sat. 0900-2300 <b>Galactic Bowling:</b> Every Fri. &amp; Sat. 1700-2300 <b>Home of Lil' Skeeters BBQ &amp; Primo's Pizza</b></p>	<p><b>4</b> Dinner in Little Italy/ Chinatown, 1700-2200, ITR</p> 	<p><b>5</b> Bike Rodeo, 1000-1200, PX Parking Lot Dance Awareness, Ballet, Tap, &amp; Jazz, 0900-1200, YS (age 3 &amp; up)</p> 		
<p><b>6</b> Sunday in NYC, 1000-1700, ITR Bosu Strength, 1600, Butts &amp; Guts, 1700, MWR Fitness Center Family Night Bowling, 1800-2100, WP Bowl</p> 	<p><b>7</b> Wee Ones Play Group, 0930-1100, ACS, Mondays in August</p> 	<p><b>8</b> Preseparation Briefing, 1400, ACS Volunteer Advisory Council Mtg., 1300-1400, AVC Middle School Night, 1800-2100, YS (grades 6-8)</p> 	<p><b>9</b> Bronx Zoo/NY Botanical Gardens, 0900-1530, ITR Teen Night, 1800-2100, YS (grades 9-12)</p> 	<p><b>10</b> Total Army Sponsorship Training, 0930-1111, ACS NY Mets vs San Diego Padres, 1000-1600, ITR School Age Night, 1800-2000, YS (grades 3-5)</p> 	<p><b>11</b> Galactic Bowling, 1700-2300, Fridays at the Bowling Center</p> 	<p><b>12</b> The Boston Pops Open Rehearsal at Tanglewood, 0800-1700, ITR Dance Awareness, Ballet, Tap, &amp; Jazz, 0900-1200, YS (age 3 &amp; up) Defensive Driving, 0800-1500, Register at ITR</p> 
<p><b>13</b> Tour NYC, 0900-1700, ITR Butts &amp; Guts, 1630, MWR Fitness Center Every Thursday Family Night Bowling, 1800-2100, WP Bowl</p> 	<p><b>14</b> Golf Course Closed for Outside Event Video Teleconference, 0800-1630, ACS Quarterback Luncheon Tickets Go On Sale, 0900-1630, WP Club</p> 	<p><b>15</b> Middle School Night, 1800-2100, YS (grades 6-8)</p> 	<p><b>16</b> Teen Night, 1800-2100, YS (grades 9-12)</p> 	<p><b>17</b> Theater Van to Broadway, 1700-2300, ITR School Age Night, 1800-2000, YS (grades 3-5)</p> 	<p><b>18</b> Galactic Bowling, 1700-2300, Fridays at the Bowling Center</p> 	<p><b>19</b> Four Person Team Best Ball Tournament, 0800-1300, WP Golf Dance Awareness, Ballet, Tap, &amp; Jazz, 0900-1200, YS (age 3 &amp; up) Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island, 0900-1600, ITR</p> 

## Gas station accepts Voyager cards at pumps

Submitted by AAFES

WEST POINT, NY -- To help accommodate more military fleet customers and to speed up fueling transactions, the West Point gas station now accepts Voyager credit cards for payment at the pump.

Previously, Voyager credit cards were only authorized when military customers physically went into the store to pay because of software limitations that didn't allow verification of user information at the pump. This limited the use of the card to the hours the facility was attended. Now, anything from officer staff cars to motor pool vehicles can fill up and pay with Voyager at the pump at anytime, day or night.

"The Army & Air Force Exchange Service's finance and technology directorates worked

together for the last two years to make this option available," said AAFES' Armond Dipolo. "Adding Voyager to the pump is a way to ensure we are serving the West Point community's needs 24 hours a day, seven days a week."

AAFES information technology

associates had to reprogram the gas pumps to accept information required by Voyager, such as driver identification number and odometer readings.

Roughly 260 AAFES shoppettes now accept Voyager for payment at the pump.

### NOW SHOWING

in the movie theater at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752

- Friday -- Click, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday -- Superman Returns, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
- Aug. 11 -- Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
- Aug. 12 -- The Devil wears Prada, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
- Aug. 18 -- Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
- Aug. 19 -- Little Man, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
- Aug. 19 -- You, Me and Dupree, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.
- Aug. 25 -- Superman Returns, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

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

# MWR Blurbs

## Red Cross certification cards

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

## Bike Rodeo Saturday

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

The rain date is Sunday.

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

Meet McGruff and learn bike safety and security.

For more information call 938-3312.

## Wee Ones play group

Family Advocacy's New Parent Support Program is hosting the Wee Ones Play Morning for infants through three years of age every Monday from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the Post Chapel Nursery in Bldg. 791.

For more information call, 938-6497.

## Boston Pops Open rehearsal

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

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

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

For more information call 938-3601.

## Quarterback luncheon tickets

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

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

## Poker Tournament

BOSS is hosting a poker tournament Aug. 18 at the Buffalo Soldier Pavilion. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., with play beginning at 7 p.m.

The event is free to the West Point community. Prizes will be awarded to the first and second place winners.

Light refreshments will be served by BOSS.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Jermaine Malone at 938-8063 or MWR's Connie Woodley at 938-6497.

## Golf Tournament

The West Point Golf Course

will host a four-person team, best-ball tournament Aug. 19 with an 8 a.m. shotgun start.

This 18-hole tournament is open to all players.

For more information, call (845) 938-2435.

## MWR Week is coming

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

For more info., go to the Web at [www.usma.edu/mwr](http://www.usma.edu/mwr) or call Liz Harrington at 938-8186.

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

Registration for the annual USMA 5K/10K and Kid's 1-mile Fun Run, Aug. 26, is on the Web at [www.active.com](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 the summer.

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

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

Materials are included in the cost for both classes.

Call 938-4812 for more information and prices.

## Youth Services

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

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

Call Youth Services at 938-3727 for more information.

## CVSG

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

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

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

## YS wrestling coach needed

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

For more information call 938-3550.

## 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).

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

**Music Under the Stars**  
Free and Open to the Public

Concert Band, <i>A Night on Broadway</i> , August 6, 7:30 p.m.	Concert Band, <i>Listener's Choice</i> , August 20, 7:30 p.m. (Inclement site Eisenhower Hall)
Jazz Knights, <i>Homage to the Big Bands</i> , August 13, 7:30 p.m.	Jazz Knights, <i>Tribute to the Drummers</i> , August 27, 7:30 p.m.

**Trophy Point Amphitheatre**  
845-938-2617 [www.usma.edu/band](http://www.usma.edu/band)

# What's Happening

## Bike Rodeo volunteers

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

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

## AWANA volunteers needed

AWANA at West Point is starting soon, Call 446-8860 or e-mail [westpointawana@mail.com](mailto:westpointawana@mail.com) for more information.

AWANA is available for children three years old through high school. We are always looking for new clubbers and volunteers.

## Summer playground fun

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

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

## West Point Women's Club

The WPWC Gift Shop is open by appointment during the summer. For more information call 446-8798 or 446-1099.

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

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

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

## Orange County Farmer's Museum

The Orange County Farmer's Museum, located on Route 17K and Berea Rd. in Montgomery, N.Y., is having a Garden Tractor Pull, Aug. 11 at 6 p.m.

For more information call (845) 457-2959.

## PWOC Open House, Fall Kick Off

The Protestant Women of the Chapel welcome all women to their Open House Aug. 16 from 9 to 11 a.m., or from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Aug. 17 at the Post Chapel.

Come sign up for fall Bible studies, register your children for watch-care and meet the members of this year's board.

The PWOC also invites all women to join them at their Fall Kick Off Aug. 23 from 8:45 to 11 a.m. or from 7 to 9 p.m. Aug. 24 at the Post Chapel.

Come join them for a time of prayer, praise and fellowship.

## At Your Leisure

### MCCW

The Ladies of Most Holy Trinity, or the Military Council of Catholic Women, will hold their Welcome Program Aug. 20 at 7 p.m. in the Catholic Chapel rectory.

All are welcome to attend and find out what they have planned for the upcoming year.

Call 446-0447 for more information.

Faith Study will begin Aug. 22. Studies will run each Tuesday from 9:15 to 10:45 a.m. in the basement of the Post Chapel.

Free childcare is available from 9 to 11 a.m. in the chapel nursery. Please register beforehand.

Come and grow your faith.

Call 446-4562 for more information.

### Book signing Aug. 29

Former U.S. Military Academy superintendent, retired Lt. Gen.

Dave Palmer, will be at the USMA Bookstore, located on Thayer Hall's fourth floor, from 9 to 11 a.m. signing his book, *George Washington and Benedict Arnold, A Tale of Two Patriots*.

### Protestant Sunday School

Protestant Sunday School resumes Sept. 10 from 9 to 10 a.m. on the third floor of Thayer Hall.

Parking is available on the roof of Thayer Hall.

Selected cadets energetically teach your children and thoroughly enjoy interacting with the kids.

Three adult classes are also offered.

Christian Principles for Daily Life, Integrating Faith, Family and Profession and Old/New Testament study.

Registration will occur at the Protestant Chapels beginning Aug. 20 or call Chaplain Cynthia

Lindenmeyer at 938-3412 or e-mail her at [Cynthia.Lindenmeyer@usma.edu](mailto:Cynthia.Lindenmeyer@usma.edu).

## Command Channel 8/23

August 4 - 11

### FRIDAY

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

### MONDAY - AUGUST 11

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

## Orientation of Newly Assigned Personnel

### Tuesday

#### Superintendent's Reception

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

Child care available.

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

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

#### Quarters 100 Tours

3 to 6 p.m.

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

# Keller Corner

## KACH closure

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

## As you arrive to West Point

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

## DeCA awards scholarship

FORT LEE, Va. -- The Defense Commissary Agency announced Tuesday the 500 winners of the Scholarship for Military Children program.

Five hundred students are receiving \$1,500 scholarships to apply toward college tuition this fall.

The local winner announced by Chris Milligan, store director at West Point commissary, is Jennifer Taylor from Putnam Valley, N.Y.

"We're excited to report that the scholarship program continues to be a success in helping military families defray the costs of education," said Defense Commissary Agency chief executive officer and director Patrick Nixon. "We're proud to be associated with a program that has awarded over \$4 million to over 3,000 students since its inception in 2001."

Scholarship Managers, a professional scholarship firm, selects the winners based on academic merit, participation in extracurricular and volunteer activities, and the quality of their essays. Recipients are notified by letter. The full list of scholarship recipients and sponsoring business partners is posted online at: <http://www.militaryscholar.org>.

The Scholarships for Military Children program is funded by the manufacturers and suppliers that provide support for commissaries worldwide and administered by Fisher House Foundation, a nonprofit organization responsible for building comfort homes near military medical centers. The foundation bears all costs of the program so that every dollar donated goes for scholarships. The general public has the opportunity to donate to the program through the military scholar Web site.

lobby of Keller on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to noon.

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

## Blood Drive Aug. 21-24

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

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

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

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

Individuals who wish to register with the C.W. Bill Young/DOD Bone Marrow Donor Program will

be able to do so at the times of the drive.

Picture identification is mandatory for whole blood and apheresis donations.

## Clinical breast study

Women ages 30 to 45 with military benefits are invited to participate in an ongoing clinical breast study.

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

You may participate once or on a yearly basis.

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

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

To schedule an appointment, call 938-7992.

## Sponsoring an incoming family?

If you are sponsoring an incoming family, please ensure that

## Post Exchange delivers year-long back-to-school savings

### Submitted by Army and Air Force Exchange Service

DALLAS (Army News Service) -- Parents of school-age children are expected to shell out an average of \$527 this summer on back-to-school items, up from last year's average of \$444, according to a recent National Retail Federation study.

Parents in the handful of states that offer select "tax holidays" are often forced to fight crowds of last-minute shoppers or resort to driving all over town to find the best deals on clothes, office supplies, shoes and sporting goods.

Military families are entitled to tax-free shopping every day of the year at their BX/PX. In addition to forgoing sales tax, authorized Army and Air Force Exchange Service customers enjoy competitively

low prices that average more than 20 percent less than comparable retailers.

"All of the tools we employ to position the BX/PX as a price leader are designed to reinforce that AAFES saves military families money every day," said AAFES Senior Enlisted Advisor Chief Master Sgt. Bryan Eaton.

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.

## DPW Notes

### Lusk Reservoir seismic study

A Corps of Engineers contractor will conduct a seismic study on the Lusk Reservoir Dam beginning on or about Monday with an anticipated completion date of Aug. 11.

The work will entail a dive visual inspection of the upstream face of the dam. The dive team will enter the reservoir from the area adjacent to the spillway. The work will include the taking of photos and a video.

Some of the equipment needed for this study will be set up along the top of the dam. In addition, the team will be using a boat as their diving platform and will place the boat in the reservoir daily. It is not expected that this activity will affect recreational fishing at the Reservoir.

### Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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

# Army and Community Sports

## Sweltering heat welcomes gridders to football camp

WEST POINT, N.Y. -- Stifling weather conditions persisted during the second day of Army's preseason football camp, but so did the progress as head coach Bobby Ross' charges put on a very business-like effort despite heat indices that soared past 110 degrees Tuesday afternoon.

With the temperature hovering near 100 degrees, well above that on the Michie Stadium playing surface, the Black Knights showed steady improvement from Monday's opening session, working out once again in helmets and shorts.

Ross was particularly impressed with the overall attitude of the club, which despite the difficult weather conditions, displayed great focus in building off a solid day of work from Monday.

"It went well. We're making progress," Ross said. "It wasn't bad yesterday either once I looked at the film. I thought David Pevoto had a good day today and Kevin Dunn has really stepped it up. He's throwing the ball very well right now. He's doing a good job. And our offensive line is starting to come around."

"We had some really good heat



Junior quarterback Kevin Dunn has stepped up and is throwing the ball well in the first couple of days of preseason football camp, according to Army football coach Bobby Ross. Dunn is expected to be Pevoto's backup this season for Army.

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Junior quarterback David Pevoto has looked cool through the soaring heat during the first couple days of preseason camp. Pevoto, expected to take over for the graduated Zac Dahman, is facing intense competition early in camp from junior Kevin Dunn and freshmen quarterbacks Carson Williams and Chad Prasnicki.

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today. We had a few guys that went down with cramps, but other than that I thought we held up pretty good. We got a good two-and-one-half hour workout in, and we got a lot of things accomplished that we wanted to get accomplished," Ross added. "Now, we'll put the pads on tomorrow, so hopefully we'll handle the heat pretty well with that as well. We'll hit a little bit with live tackling, and we'll 'thud-off' on the inside drill, like we always do."

Due to the oppressive conditions, Ross pulled his team off the field for a 10-minute cooling-off session beneath the stands of Michie Stadium midway through the day, but the club maintained its focus once returning to the blazing turf.

"We took a break," Ross explained, "but we stayed with it the whole way. We didn't shorten our practice at all and it was very productive."

One of the things most apparent during the early stages of preseason camp has been the confidence exuded by team members and the serious approach to the game displayed by the club as a whole. Neither has been lost on Army's veteran mentor.

"I think this team is playing with a little bit more confidence than in the past, not a cockiness,

just a confidence that we haven't had in the past," he said. "I think the expectations for themselves are higher, too. I think that's good, that's a positive thing."

"They're working real well. I mean it was hot today and we went through everything and got in quite a bit. We got everything we wanted to get installed. I thought they were very 'workman-like.' We had some things that weren't all perfect, but it's going to be that way every day," Ross added. "But overall, their willingness and their effort has been pretty good and the retention has picked up a little bit."

"I thought we threw the ball a little bit better today; we had a little more 'zip' on it. Our running game on the inside was just a shade better, too. Defensively we looked quick. I like our quickness," Ross continued. "I really like our two defensive ends. I think Cameron Craig has come back very, very well prepared and so has Brandon Thompson. I think that we've got a couple very good defensive ends. I'm very pleased with them. I think they're going to be very tough."

Another positive development during the first two days of camp has been the immediate impact made by freshmen quarterbacks Carson Williams and Chase Prasnicki. Both continued to practice great

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## Abalo leads USA Junior 3-P team to bronze

ZAGREB, Croatia (July 31) -- Chris Abalo closed out competition at the 49th annual ISSSF World Shooting Championships in Zagreb, Croatia, leading the USA Junior Men's Three-Position team to the bronze medal. It is the second time that the Army rifle team junior, who qualified in three events, set the pace for Team USA.

The native of Glendora, Calif., turned in his highest individual performance at the week-long world championships with a fifth-place finish. His 1154 was just four points off the winning pace fired by Yifei Cao, who topped the field of 65 competitors with an 1158 in leading the Chinese Team to the gold medal with a 3451 composite.

Germany finished runner-up to China with a 3435 followed by Team USA's contingent, comprised of Abalo, Thomas Santelli (1147) and Joe Hall (1134), who combined for a 3431 to edge Ukraine by two points for the bronze medal in the 13-team field.

Abalo finished in the top eight in all three events he qualified in along with earning a pair of team medals. The four-time All-American's eighth-place finish in air rifle (591) led the Junior Men's Team to fourth place, his sixth (590) in the prone event helped his team to runner-up honors followed by his team-leading fifth-place



Army junior rifle team member Chris Abalo led the USA Junior Men's Three-Position team to a bronze medal at the 49th annual ISSSF World Shooting Championships. Abalo finished in the top eight in three events that he qualified in along with a pair of medals.

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effort in the three-position event that copped third place.

Army sophomore teammate Wesley Hess also competed with Abalo on the Junior Men's Air Rifle Team that took fourth. Hess fired a 585 in his first international meet.

"Chris had an excellent showing competing in his first World Championship," commented Army head coach Ron Wigger. "It was a great accomplishment at such a high level, and very good for our program as we had two (Abalo and Hess) compete at the World Championships."

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on Tuesday.

"I'm really pleased with the work of the two freshman quarterbacks (Carson Williams and Chase Prasnicki)," Ross stated. "We rotate them -- one day they work with the freshmen and one day they come up and work with the

varsity. Both of them have really looked good and have picked up the offense. For two days, I couldn't be more pleased. They don't know where people are all the time, so it's not always going to look good.

"The other thing that I like about them is that they're both handling the option pretty well. We didn't know how that was going to be, but they're both athletic enough that they can run it," Ross said. "They won't be speed burners, but they may be just a step behind David Pevoto. That's shaping up pretty good."

### **S&F Ultimate Frisbee sign-ups**

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

Play will begin around Aug. 14.

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

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

### **Soccer!**

Want to play soccer! Lt. Col. Rob Rizza is trying to coordinate noon hour, for fun, "pick up" soccer game(s).

Details will depend on the feedback he receives from you. The basic plan is to play soccer at noon at one of several locations and play two to three times a week. The location and days would be based on your feedback.

Everyone high school age or older is welcome. No previous experience is necessary.

If you are interested e-mail Rizza at *robert.rizza@us.army.mil*. Let him know what days are best for you and what field you prefer.

### **Locker rooms**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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