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## U.S. set to leave 25,000 troops in S.Korea by end of '07

By Jim Garamone  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON -- U.S. troop levels in South Korea will not drop beyond previously agreed upon levels, a senior defense official said Tuesday.

U.S. troop levels in South Korea will go from a previous 37,500 to around 25,000 by the end of 2007, but this won't lessen the U.S. commitment to defending the country, the official added. Modern technology allows for more defense capability with fewer troops.

The United States and Republic of Korea also have agreed to discuss changes to command relationships and the option of Korean wartime operational control of their forces, the official said.

Under a proposed plan, South Korea, which maintains control of its military during times of armistice, also would keep control of its military in times of war. Current agreements call for both the United States and Korea to cede control of military forces on the peninsula to Combined Forces Command Korea in the event of hostilities. U.S. Army Gen. B.B. Bell is the commander of that force.

Even if such an agreement changes command arrangements, the official said, U.S. troops will remain under U.S. control.

Changes to the U.S. and Korean military footprint in South Korea have added to capabilities to deter aggression and maintain peace on the peninsula, the official said.

Previous decisions that remain to be accomplished include moving U.S. and international military headquarters out of Seoul by 2008.

Repositioning U.S. forces from north of the Han River to two hubs south of Seoul will occur sometime in 2007 or 2008, the official said.

Changes are being made to the existing defense structure because the Republic of Korea is now the 10th largest economy in the world and fields a much more effective military force than in the past.

South Korea should be responsible for its own security, the official said. He stressed that both countries will agree on any changes made.

## Ring weekend traffic delays

Submitted by  
Force Protection Office

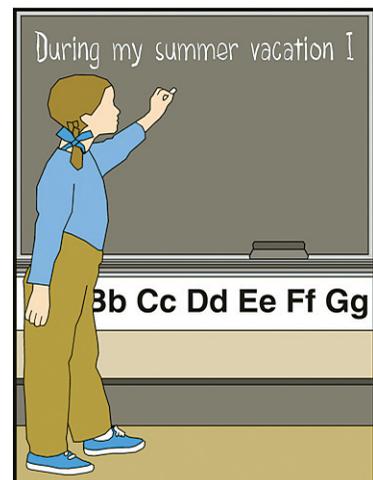
Traffic will be blocked near the Trophy Point area Aug. 25 at 4:50 p.m. in support of Ring Weekend ceremonies for the Class of 2007.

Traffic will be blocked at the intersection of Washington and Stony Lonesome roads, the intersection of Howard and Ruger roads, the intersection of Brewerton and Parke roads, in the vicinity of the Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center, and by the entrance to Clinton lot.

Traffic in the area will remain blocked until the completion of the Ring ceremony.

**RING WEEKEND, cont. on 5**

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## Community 'Fare'

The English Department's Maj. Trent Mills tries unsuccessfully to get his five-year-old son, Sam, to try sushi Aug. 3 while at the annual Community Fair at Eisenhower Hall. The fair, sponsored by MWR and ACS, provides information to newcomers about what is available at the academy. Attendees tasted a variety of free food samples and learned about the array of groups and organizations that make up the West Point community.

KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

## Army to consolidate Installation Management Agency

Compiled by Irene Brown  
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The Army issued a news release Aug. 4 announcing it would consolidate its four organizations that manage installations.

All four will be integrated into one Installation Management Command in the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2007, the release stated.

The current structure includes components of the assistant chief of staff for installation management offices; the Installation Management Agency; the Army Environmental Center; and the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center.

The new Installation

Management Command will be accountable to the chief of staff of the Army for effective garrison support of mission activities - "to serve as the Army's single authority and primary provider of base support services," Army officials said.

The Army Environmental Center as well as the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center will remain separate organizations under IMC.

The new command will also consolidate the current four Installation Management Agency regions -- including the northeast region that West Point is a part of -- into just two regions. One region will be located at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and the other at Fort Eustis,

Va., officials explained.

The new command, most of which is currently based in Virginia and Maryland, will relocate to Fort Sam Houston, Texas, in accordance with requirements of the Base Realignment and Closure process. The Army staff functions will remain at the Pentagon, the release stated.

The Army plans to put a lieutenant general in charge of IMC and also in the position of assistant chief of staff for installation management on the Army staff.

That officer would be nominated by the president and then confirmed by the Senate.

**Editor's note:** Information from an Aug. 4 news release from the IMA.

## 'Lost' computer databases put lives at risk

**Commentary by Ed Beemer  
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There are things that people manage not to lose. Super Bowl passes, plane tickets to Tahiti, pictures of loved ones and family heirlooms are good examples of things rarely misplaced. Yet, official government computer assets do not seem to fall into this category.

The headlines and evening news reports are filled with stories of lost computers containing valuable and sensitive data that could compromise the identity and safety of thousands of people. This is unfortunately true of Army computer equipment as well. There appears to be two main causes for the loss of valuable computer hardware by Army personnel and contractors: carelessness and misplaced entrepreneurial spirit.

Carelessness is a human

characteristic. Many of us have left our wallet, car keys or briefcase somewhere when we were in a hurry or distracted. Usually we can just go back and reclaim them. Sometimes they're lost for good and that leads to a difficult, time-consuming process to recreate those lost items, a lesson that's not likely to be forgotten very soon.

However, the more valuable an object is the more closely one usually guards it. It may come as a surprise that Army computers and memory devices are often lost or stolen due to irresponsibility. Some are even sold illegally by the very people to whom these assets were entrusted. What makes it more surprising is that many of these devices contain information that could put Soldiers in danger.

Computers and related equipment are obviously prime targets for thieves. Often they are simply after the equipment itself and are not aware of the value of

the data on the hard drive. The growing trend in identity theft and the ease of acquiring removable memory and hard drives through commercial resell services such as eBay® is quickly compounding the risks to these devices from casual thieves and dedicated criminals. Casual thieves simply resell it without regard for the data on the devices. Professional criminals and intelligence organizations pay far more than the physical value of the drives in a gamble to obtain the sensitive data that is retrievable from these devices. It is a financial windfall for both, at your expense.

A few common sense precautions can prevent the loss or theft of equipment and valuable data. Ensure that all mobile computing equipment is stored as securely as possible when not in your personal possession. Use all available protection options for computer and network access. Keep

computers and memory devices under close watch when in your personal possession, especially when traveling. Theft of computer equipment is often an opportunistic crime -- even a few moments of not paying attention can lead to lost machines, data and careers.

While responsibility for valuable equipment and sensitive data is taken seriously by the vast majority of Army personnel, there are far too many cases of Army computers and memory units found for sale in foreign markets. Some unscrupulous and opportunistic individuals seem to think that profit from the illegal sale of taxpayer-funded equipment is more important than the potential risk to American Soldiers. These individuals will steal or otherwise misappropriate computer assets regardless of the value of the information, software or network portals they contain.

America was built on

entrepreneurial spirit. Yet, all Soldiers, civilian personnel and contractors should realize that the availability of U.S. Army equipment on the open market increases the chances of our enemies obtaining valuable intel on how to get past Army safeguards and gain access to sensitive information. There are too many threats to Soldiers and their families without giving the enemy extra opportunities for the sake of a few bucks. All Army personnel that are aware of government computer assets being waylaid for foreign marketplaces need to take whatever steps necessary to stop this practice. It's not a free-market opportunity. It is putting Army lives, perhaps your own, at risk.

## Summer Safety: Boating safety

**Commentary by the  
USMA Safety Office**

With summer here, thoughts of snow skis are long gone, while water skiing takes center stage. However, do not rent or buy a boat with the idea that anyone who can drive a car can operate a boat.

If you are planning to spend a

lot of time on the water, you should take a boating safety course. They are available from the Coast Guard Auxiliary, Red Cross or the MWR office.

Also, there are some short courses available on the World Wide Web.

Guidance from the Combat Readiness Center at Fort Rucker,

Ala., includes the following:

- Know the limit of passengers and weight load for your boat. Don't exceed it.

- A safe boat is a well-equipped boat. Keep all required and necessary safety gear on board, keep it in good condition and know how to use it.

- Equipment includes: at least one life jacket for each person on board, plus a throw able ring or cushion; fire extinguisher; flares; a foghorn or whistle; a strong flashlight; first-aid kit; and a bailing bucket.

- Know how to swim. If you don't know how, LEARN. Know the dangers of hypothermia. Sudden immersion in cold water can cause shock and panic.

- Wear life jackets and never make someone feel uncomfortable if they choose to wear one. Remember, it is the law for all children to wear them.

Learn "the rules of the road" and obey them!

Don't drink while boating!  
Managing the risks associated with boating will pay off with safer fun.

## SARP INFO

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

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

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

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

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

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

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2				3			5	8

Difficulty: Medium

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

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# Force protection is everyone's business

Commentary by  
**Matthew J. Cassidy**  
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The purpose of this article is to introduce myself and provide information to the West Point community about Antiterrorism and Force Protection. My name is Matthew J. Cassidy and I am the new Antiterrorism Officer at the U.S. Military Academy.

My position falls under the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security. Army Regulation 525-13, Antiterrorism, prescribes the policy and procedures and assigns responsibilities for the Army Antiterrorism program.

The duty of the Antiterrorism Officer is to perform or serve as an antiterrorism advisor and program manager to all, personnel at West Point; Instruct Level I Antiterrorism;

conduct vulnerability and threat assessments; and develop plans and procedures to combat terrorism.

Accordingly, as a first step in my familiarization process, I will be conducting vulnerability assessments/inspections throughout the West Point Community.

The security forces are our first-line of defense, but law enforcement officials are limited in their ability to recognize activity on or off post that could be unusual. That is where you come in.

You know who lives next door to you, and you probably know the type of car your co-worker drives. These elements of information may seem useless, but they could possibly be fundamental in recognizing an uninvited situation.

So, what should you be looking for?

Anything out of the ordinary

should be suspect. By observing routine details, a one-time irregularity may indicate warning signs. Unfortunately, suspicious activities are often reported after an attack occurs. The following is some insight into terrorists' planning prior to attacks:

■ Surveillance involving someone recording or monitoring activities. This may include the use of cameras, note taking, drawing diagrams, annotating maps or using binoculars or other vision-enhancing devices.

■ Individuals attempting to gather information about military operations, capabilities or personnel. These attempts may be made by mail, fax, telephone or in person.

■ Suspicious people who don't seem to belong in the workplace, neighborhood or business

establishment. Facility employees and cadets are encouraged to respectfully challenge an unfamiliar contractor or delivery personnel in their area.

The approach to defeating terrorism is a responsibility that we all share here at West Point. Exercising caution, remaining vigilant and reporting suspicious activity will assist security personnel in ensuring that we have a safe and secure environment at work, at home and while we enjoy our leisure activities.

No one can do it alone, but each one of us can make a difference. Whether you are at work, off post, visiting a friend or even enjoying that weekly round of golf, you are probably best suited to recognize something unusual or threatening in and around those places you are most comfortable.

Soldiers and civilians are required to complete Level I Antiterrorism training annually.

Additionally, Soldiers, civilians and family members 14 and older are required to receive this training 60 days prior to traveling OCONUS. This training can be found online at any time and you are encouraged to do so. The training Web site is <http://at-awareness.org>. The password to this site is AWARE.

In conclusion, you do not need to be paranoid, but you need to be aware at all times and although antiterrorism training cannot guarantee your safety, it will make you more aware of your surroundings, help you avoid becoming a terrorist target and improve your chances of emerging unharmed if you do become a target.

## Parents should use caution when allowing children to play with imitation weapons

Commentary by  
**Investigator Phillip King**  
 MPI Section Leader, PMO

This piece is "aimed" at the parents of our youth on West Point.

A recent incident occurred on the installation where juveniles were caught firing an imitation weapon out of a moving vehicle at children playing in a housing area.

This is a very serious incident that had the potential to become extremely dangerous and potentially lethal rather quickly. Luckily, the military police who responded to the incident used their training and diffused the situation without incident.

To help law enforcement identify toy guns, manufacturers paint an orange stripe or place an orange piece of plastic on the tip of the barrel. In New York State, the law prohibits the sale of any imitation toy gun in realistic colors such as black, blue, silver or aluminum unless it has a non-

removable orange stripe running down both sides of the barrel.

However, criminals have been known to paint an orange tip on real guns and children have been known to scrape the orange marking off of the tip of theirs.

The imitation weapons range from pellet guns to spring-operated guns to those that do not shoot anything, but look and feel like a real weapon. The altering of these toys is against the law and punishable under provisions of New York State penal law.

Although these toy guns do not fire projectiles, they are readily given to children. That could cause a dangerous situation if the toy is not used in a responsible manner and not properly supervised by an adult.

Mistaken identity cases can kill or injure our youths as can be attested to by viewing any popular

news sources in any major city. Incidents of this nature happen all too frequently, and this is something that we, as members of not only law

enforcement, but also as members of the community, do not want to see happen on West Point. Parents, if you choose to let your children

play with these toys, keep in mind the possible ramifications of their actions if they are not properly instructed and supervised.

**DELIVERY PROBLEMS?**  
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## Army expands childcare options for military families

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FORT SAM HOUSTON, Texas (Army News Service) -- The Army has selected Fort Sam Houston and 10 other posts to test a new program that offers military families more childcare options.

Through the Army Child Care in Your Neighborhood program, civilian agencies recruit childcare centers and civilian providers from areas where military families work and live, then train them to meet

Army standards.

The program is also being tested at Fort Carson, Colo.; Fort Riley, Kan.; Fort Campbell, Ky.; Fort Bragg, N.C.; Fort Drum, N.Y.; Fort Bliss, Texas; Fort Lewis, Wash.; Fort Meade, Md.; Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.; and Fort Detrick, Md.

"Fort Sam Houston is an ideal site for a pilot program because we're due to be heavily impacted by Base Realignment and Closure and there will be a higher demand for childcare," said Rhonda DeVries, Fort Sam Houston Child

and Youth Services. "The program will augment the top-quality care we already provide."

The Family Service Association of San Antonio, affiliated with the National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies, has already partnered with the Army to augment off-post childcare. The partnership will ensure care provided in off-post homes and childcare centers meets stringent Army standards.

"Family Service Association of San Antonio is proud to be working on a project that supports

both our military families and local civilian-childcare programs," said Nancy Hard, association president and CEO.

The Family Service Association has recruited two childcare centers and 25 civilian providers in areas surrounding Fort Sam Houston for use by local Army families.

To ensure quality of care, participating centers and in-home providers will be monitored by Family Service to ensure their full compliance with standards, DeVries said.

Additionally, Army families using the program will be given a childcare subsidy based on total family income and program fees.

"We continue to see an extraordinary demand for our on-post childcare services," said M.A. Lucas, director, Army Child and Youth Services. "The Army Child Care in Your Neighborhood project will help with meeting this need and extend the high quality of care Army families experience on post into the communities where they live."

## Three get life terms for killing 1998 grad Gonzalez

BELTON, Texas -- Three men convicted of capital murder in the 2005 killing of an Army helicopter pilot during a robbery received automatic life prison terms.

The men were convicted July 27 in the June 2005 shooting death of U.S. Military Academy 1998 graduate Capt. Jason Gonzalez, but prosecutors did not seek the death penalty.

The 28-year-old officer and San Antonio native was shot at home and his pickup was stolen. The vehicle was later located in Stillhouse Hollow Lake.

One of the three convicted killers, Russell Alligood, 25, is a former Fort Hood Soldier.

Also convicted were Brandon Lee Hammock, 16, and Erik Leonard Siperko, 18, all of Harker

Heights.

Co-defendant Matthew Allen Harris, 21, of Harker Heights

testified against the others.

Harris awaits trial on a capital murder charge.

**Editor's note:** Information from the Killeen Daily Herald is reprinted with permission.

# N.Y. Blood Center enlists donors for marathon drive

By Danielle Freni  
New York Blood Center

The saying goes, "Everyone wants to be the superhero, but no one wants to wear the tights." It's an all-too familiar concept for New York Blood Center and blood centers across the country.

"Saving lives in the community is easier than many people think," said Andrea Cefarelli, Director of Market Development and Recruitment for NYBC's Hudson Valley region. "Donating one pint of blood takes less than an hour [including registration and mini-physical exam] and it can save as many as three lives."

Yet everyday the NYBC struggles to meet hospital demand of 2,000 pints of blood. "It's distressing to know that perfectly healthy people aren't donating blood when there are so many cancer patients, burn victims and

emergency rooms in such desperate need," Cefarelli said.

In the Hudson Valley region alone, approximately 60 percent of the population is eligible to donate blood yet just 2 percent actually give. Even worse, of that 2 percent, most give just once a year though they are eligible to donate as many as six times (every 56 days) a year. The challenge to recruit new donors and increase donor frequency continues to grow particularly during the NYBC's critical periods -- holiday weekends, summer months and the Christmas season.

But there is a light at the end of the tunnel and it's shining right here, at the U.S. Military Academy. From Aug. 21 to 24 the New York Blood Center will be running a blood drive at Eisenhower Hall.

In years past, West Point cadets, civilians and staff have made more than 1,750 donations. This summer, the goal is 2,000 pints (or 500 pints

a day) which NYBC feels is easily attainable.

"USMA gives us so much support and is gracious about hosting drives," explained Debbi Kleinman, Manager of Business Development for NYBC's Hudson Valley region "We're confident the academy will help us reach our goal."

NYBC and USMA's long-standing partnership has literally helped to save hundreds of thousands of lives over the years -- a feat Kleinman calls "overwhelming."

This year, the NYBC's four-day long drive at West Point will run from Aug. 21 through Aug. 23 from noon to 7 p.m. and Aug. 24 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Donors are invited to give either whole blood or platelets. A whole blood donation takes approximately 10 minutes and can save up to three lives. A platelet donation, made through a process called apheresis,

takes approximately 90 minutes. Platelets are crucial for controlling bleeding in patients undergoing chemotherapy and radiation who cannot produce sufficient platelets on their own.

"We've been in a platelet shortage most of the summer," says Louisa Duffy, Apheresis Coordinator for NYBC's Hudson Valley region "A lot of people chose not to give platelets because it's more time consuming than a whole blood donation. We're asking people to consider the terminally ill patients who rely on these donations before deciding they don't have enough time to donate."

Duffy adds that portable DVD players are supplied to all apheresis donors to help pass the time during their donation.

In addition to USMA's support, volunteers from American Red Cross will also be helping out at

this year's drive. USMA's ARC Director Michelle Strom and co-coordinators Sandy Blackman and Cindy Palka will be lending their support to New York Blood Center's four-day drive. "Typically NYBC and ARC work independently and run separate drives," Kleinman said. "Our upcoming drive is an excellent example of how both organizations work together for a good cause."

Because travel to foreign countries and a new tattoo can affect eligibility, potential donors are encouraged to call (212) 688-0900 prior to donating. Eligible donors should then make an appointment with Mary Mandia at Keller Army Community Hospital 938-BLUD (2583).

Donors interested in giving platelets should call NYBC's Apheresis Coordinator Louisa Duffy at (914) 760-3177 or e-mail [blood.lady@juno.com](mailto:blood.lady@juno.com).

## Deployed Soldiers test Body Ventilation System in Iraq, Kuwait

FORT BELVOIR, Va. (Army News Service) -- The Army's Rapid Equipping Force delivered 500 Body Ventilation Systems to heat-stressed Soldiers in Iraq and Kuwait last month.

The portable, lightweight ventilation system will help reduce heat-related injuries, and will undergo one year of assessments by such Soldiers as drivers, military police and machine gunners. Another 1,700 vests will be shipped and issued to Soldiers in similar units and duty positions in upcoming months.



**The BVS is an advanced prototype cooling system.**

COURTESY PHOTO

"The BVS project is another example of how the Army culture is changing in order to provide

warfighter solutions in a timely manner," said Col. Gregory Tubbs, REF director. "It also provides another example of how much good can be accomplished when Army organizations like PEO Soldier and the Rapid Equipping Force team to help the warfighter."

The BVS weighs less than five pounds and can be worn under body armor. Air circulates inside the vest to increase the Soldier's comfort and performance in hot-dry climates by significantly increasing

the evaporation rate.

The BVS has two main components -- a Ventilation Unit and an Air Distribution Garment that looks like a vest. The VU, or blower, is a battery powered fan that can be attached in a variety of positions to meet the Soldier's need and comfort. The filtered-blower system fits neatly into a pouch and is similar to a fanny pack.

"It definitely keeps me cool," said Sgt. Mark Waits, an M1114 gunner with the 3rd Battalion, 29th

Field Artillery Regiment. "I don't feel as fatigued after a mission in the BVS."

The BVS operates approximately eight hours with commercial lithium rechargeable batteries, with a recharge time of four-five hours. Filters are the system's primary maintenance.

## RING WEEKEND, cont. from page 1

Vehicles parked in the Clinton, Doubleday and surrounding lots will be allowed to depart by exiting south on Cullum Road past the cadet library.

Parking will be prohibited on Jefferson Road and the Thayer Road extension at Trophy Point after 4 p.m. that day. Vehicles parked on these roads are subject to being towed.

Traffic and parking issues

continue Aug. 26 in support of the Ring Weekend banquet and formal.

The Cullum Road area in front of the commandant's quarters will be subject to brief closures after 7:30 p.m. to support pedestrians crossing at the intersection.

There will also be no parking on Jefferson Road that day.

For more information call Joe Senger at (845) 938-8859.

# Community Features and Photos

## Superintendent looks forward to helping shape future leaders

Story and photo by  
Eric S. Bartelt  
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West Point's motto is Duty, Honor, Country -- values the academy instills in its graduates. However, Superintendent Lt. Gen. Franklin L. Hagenbeck learned those values long before he arrived at West Point. His parents, he said, established the bedrock foundation and values that would sustain him during his West Point experience, a 35-year Army career and now as the 57th superintendent of his beloved alma mater.

In fact, hanging on the wall above Hagenbeck's office computer is a reminder of those values and service -- a photo collage of his father, Carl, who served 20 years as an enlisted man in the Navy.

"My parents were extraordinarily supportive of anything I ever did," he said. "They were very proud that I came here to West Point."

Hagenbeck's father was serving at sea aboard the USS Enterprise when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. He and his crew mates fought that fateful Dec. 7 day until they arrived into port the next evening. Although Hagenbeck's father never spoke about his war experiences, the superintendent's wife, Judy, found pictures of him during his service time and assembled them. His father kept that collage hanging in his den until just before he died 12 years ago. He asked his son to keep the collage close to him always.

"He asked me to always hang it someplace where I could see it routinely to remind me that the enlisted Soldier, Sailor, Airman and Marine really carry the fight to the enemy. I've never forgotten that," Hagenbeck explained. "I've had that collage next to my desk since the day he died."

In the past 35 years, Hagenbeck has led many enlisted Soldiers. He served as the commanding general of the 10th Mountain Division in Fort Drum, N.Y., led U.S. forces during Operations Enduring Freedom and Anaconda in Afghanistan, served as the commander of Coalition Joint Task Force Mountain and as the deputy commanding general of Joint Task Force 180.

Commanding troops during combat, he said, has been the most rewarding experience of his career because he saw firsthand the greatness of this generation's enlisted Soldiers and junior

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Lt. Gen. Franklin L. Hagenbeck  
USMA Superintendent

officers.

"A large portion of the American population criticizes this generation and talks about them being soft and spending too much time on computers and playing games," Hagenbeck said. "My view is very much the opposite.

"I think today's youth have risen to every challenge they've confronted," he said. "They've done extraordinary things, and I think at some point they'll be viewed as the next greatest generation."

Hagenbeck said his new challenge is to oversee operations here and provide the Army its next cohort of leaders. His initial assessment of the academy, he explained, finds it in great shape, and he plans to continue in the same direction as his predecessors and perhaps even expand some areas, such as cultural immersion.

"We're going to put these brand-new lieutenants into situations vastly different from those we faced during the Cold War era or even up to 9/11," Hagenbeck said. "These lieutenants will be making life-or-death decisions that have both tactical and strategic implications.

"We have to set the conditions here to help prepare cadets for cultural issues they will encounter abroad," he explained. "There's no approved solution. It's going to be a function of how we develop them to think during complex situations and react appropriately.

"The more exposure we provide them now, the better off they and the Army will be later," Hagenbeck added.

With the Global War on Terrorism and the restructuring of the Army, funds have become scarce. Hagenbeck said every dollar would be used wisely under his watch.



Lt. Gen. Franklin L. Hagenbeck keeps a photo collage of his father Carl's 20 years in the Navy as an enlisted man. His father served aboard the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise during WWII. The superintendent has kept the collage near him for 12 years since his father passed away.

"The handwriting is on the wall. West Point must watch spending carefully and make sure we're good stewards of the money we get from the Army," he said. "We will stick to our priorities.

"We won't cut anything that would compromise our primary mission to develop leaders of character and get [the cadets]

prepared for a career in the United States Army," Hagenbeck added.

Happy to be back at West Point where he served as an instructor in the Department of Physical Education from 1978 to 1981, Hagenbeck said he's excited about working with what he calls the "best and brightest" staff and faculty who will help influence the cadets.

"Cadets know they're going to walk into a profession that will have great demands on them when they pin on that gold bar," he said. "From every aspect that I've seen -- military, physical and academic -- cadets are doing extraordinary things and will be more than prepared for what the Army will ask them to do."

# Annual bike rodeo emphasizes fun, safety

Story and photos by  
Kathy Eastwood  
Staff Writer

Bike riding is always a favorite and fun activity for children and like most activities requiring a certain amount of skill, safety should always be a concern.

To ensure that children learn bike safety, the USMA Provost Marshal, the Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation and officials from Highland Falls and West Point sponsor the annual bike rodeo here.

This year's event took place Saturday at the PX parking lot, where children could be seen learning hand signals and safety techniques while riding their two-, three- and four-wheeled vehicles.

"The children needed to have their bikes inspected before they were allowed on the course," said Tom Slater, security specialist at the Department of Emergency Services here. "They are each given a card, which is filled out after

the inspection and after they have completed the bike course. They have to finish the course in order to qualify for the raffle."

Another safety precaution at the bike rodeo was the 'I-dent-a-kid' booth, which fingerprints children on a voluntary basis, while the dental clinic checked their teeth. McGruff, the Crime Dog was there to remind children that crime does not pay.

The children enjoyed the fun events, such as the bouncy room, where they could literally bounce off the walls without getting hurt and the West Point firefighters were on hand to show children what a fire truck looks like from the inside, while giving away red fire hats.

"This is the first time I've been here," said seven-year-old Camryn Kirk. "I love it and the best is when you get to ride your bike through the course and learn the hand signals."

The bike course consisted of rounding orange cones, riding a straight line, stopping and using the

proper hand signals when prompted by the MP's.

Everyone anticipated the last event, the raffle drawing for bikes and bike accessories including helmets.

"We had 17 bikes to give away," Slater said. "Four were donated by the PX and the rest were bought from funds collected by the West Point Women's Club. We also

gave away 200 bike bells that were donated from the Vails Gate Cycle Shop and Raleigh America."

**Alana Sperling, 3, negotiates the bike course at the annual West Point Bike Rodeo Saturday at the Post Exchange parking lot. Children had to get their bike's inspected and had to complete the course to take part in the raffle.**



Military Police bike patrol member Spc. Antonio Colon shows Kelly Kruger, 5, how to use hand signals, one of the safety lessons taught at the Bike Rodeo.



A new cadet eats a peach while reading his smart book during an opportunity to relax with the rest of the Class of 2010 at the Victor Constant Ski Slope before making the final two-mile march down Washington Road and the pass and review in front of Quarters 100 Monday. The time at the ski slopes gave cadets a chance to change their socks, shave, eat a quick snack and close their eyes after marching the roughly 10 miles from Camp Buckner.



A new cadet does a cheer with his hand along with his Cadet Basic Training Company to celebrate the end of the march back from Camp Buckner. The new cadets formed up on the apron to eat breakfast and rest up before preparing for reorganization week and the upcoming academic year.

## March back signals the end of 'Beast Barracks' for 2010

Story and photos by  
Spc. Benjamin Gruver  
Staff Writer

Nearly 10 miles of marching in darkness and sporadic rain were left behind as new cadets filled the lower incline of the Victor Constant Ski Slope around 6:30 a.m. Monday to rest up before entering West Point and parading their way to Quarters 100.

The six weeks of Cadet Basic Training, known as "Beast Barracks," was also put in the rear view mirror for the roughly 1,300 new cadets who arrived on the door step of the U.S. Military Academy June 26 for Reception Day.

The ski slope served as a resting point. It was a place to change socks, eat peaches and granola bars, shave and take a moment to doze



A new cadet sleeps while taking a break at the ski slope.

off. The only thing left to do was march two miles down Washington Road in front of a cheering crowd of friends, family and community members.

The culminating event for the Class of 2010 was not. USMA graduates from the classes of 1945 through 2001 went with them on their trek toward Saturday's Acceptance Day ceremony.

"It shows that we are not the only ones who have gone through it," said a new cadet from Seattle. "There have been so many other people who have done it. It is really inspiring. When you feel like you



Shaving, brushing teeth and taking care of personal hygiene were among the things new cadets did at the ski slope.

want to slow down, you remember people who are 80 years old or older who are still doing it and it makes you keep going."

For retired Col. Thomas O'Malley of the USMA Class of 1960 it was fun, but also challenging.

"[I did it] to prove to myself I

could do it and to show solidarity with the Corps of Cadets, but primarily to show myself that I could do it," he said.

O'Malley recalled his own march back to be a five-day venture starting at Lake Frederick rather than the overnight affair that it has evolved into today.

"The last thing we did was we climbed the ski slope and the rest of it is a fog," he said.

Another big evolution to this year's march back was the distance and starting point. With changes to Cadet Field Training ending a week early this year, CBT completed their final field exercise at Camp



These are but two of the many signs held out for new cadets to see while making the final march into West Point. Friends, family and community members lined Washington Road to cheer on the new cadets for the last two miles to Quarters 100.



Golf Company leads the way past the supe's house carrying the Class banner with their new class motto, marking the end of the 12-mile road march.

## ***Class to be accepted into Corps on the Plain Sat. at 10 a.m.***

Buckner rather than Lake Frederick, shortening the march back by approximately three miles.

"I think the difference between 12 and 15 miles isn't that big of a deal," said Cadet 2nd Class Brandon Essiet, a cadet sergeant



A new cadet crosses the West Point Golf Course to the Victor Constant Ski Slope. New cadets marched through the night from Camp Buckner and weathered a few drops of early morning rain along the way.

during CBT. "Just the fact that they are going through and completing something that they've never done before (is important), so in the end they have accomplished something."

While some might argue that new cadets had it easier at Camp Buckner rather than Lake Frederick, according to Essiet, their training was better because it was more relevant to today's Army.

"I think it was worth it," he said.

By 9 a.m. every new cadet passed and reviewed in front of the superintendent's house. CBT's Golf Company led the way carrying the banner with the class' motto, "Loyal till the end."

For many, those final steps passing the Quarters 100 meant a lot more than completing a road march.

"It drew the whole Cadet Basic Training (experience) to a close," said one new cadet, "giving it our last push and showing that we really do have what it takes to get through it and that we are determined and prepared to join the Army."

The sense of accomplishment for one new cadet with prior Army service had nothing to do with completing a road march, but everything to do with getting the

opportunity to get his education at USMA.

"This is a huge accomplishment," said the former Soldier with the 3rd Ranger Battalion. "At night school I didn't do all that well and when I was first applying

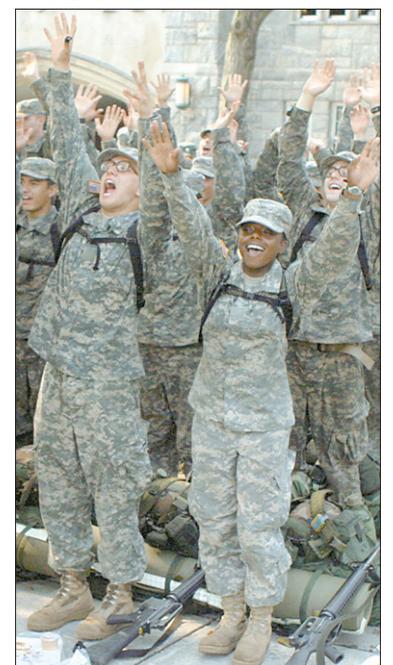
here I was told I had about a 10 percent chance of getting in, so passing the Supe's house is a huge accomplishment -- a big 'you did it' kind of reinforcement."

CBT is now over, but new cadets will officially be accepted



The U.S. Military Academy's Class of 1960 marches past the supe's house after making the final 2-mile trek along Washington Road with the Class of 2010. The Class of '60, while here to support the new cadets, also honored their fallen comrades who rest in the West Point cemetery.

into the Corps of Cadets during the Acceptance Parade scheduled for



New cadets show their enthusiasm and excitement at the end of Cadet Basic Training with a cheer on the apron outside of Eisenhower Barracks. Many parents and friends stood along Diagonal Walk calling out to their loved ones now in uniform.

# Information for West Point parents

Submitted by  
West Point Schools

The West Point Elementary and Middle schools would like to extend a hearty welcome to new and returning students and families who will be with us for SY 2006-2007.

This section contains important information regarding the opening of school and various activities that take place before that opening. Please read all information carefully.

## NORMAL SCHOOL HOURS

Middle School (Grades 5-8)

7:45 a.m. to 2:09 p.m.

Elementary (Grades K-4)

8:35 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

(walkers dismissed at 2:40 p.m.)

Preschool

AM -- 9 to 11:30 a.m.; PM -- 12:15

to 2:45 p.m.

## EARLY RELEASE HOURS

Middle School - 10:30 a.m.

Elementary -- 11:15 a.m.

AM Preschool -- 11 a.m.

NO PM Preschool

## NEW PARENT ORIENTATION

There will be a brief orientation meeting for parents of new students, Thurs., at 1:30 p.m. for the Middle School and at 2 p.m. for the Elementary School. Briefings for WPES parents will be in the multi-purpose room of the elementary school, middle school parents should go to the middle school auditorium.

## SELF-GUIDED TOURS

The West Point Elementary School and the West Point Middle School will be open for parent and student tours Thurs., between the hours of 2 and 3 p.m.

## HOMEROOMS

**Middle School:** Middle school homeroom assignments will be

posted on the door of the middle school Saturday.

**Elementary:** Homeroom assignments for elementary school students will be posted on the main entrance to the elementary school, next to the cafeteria, Thurs., at 2 p.m.

## REGISTERING

New families who have not yet registered should do so immediately. The following information is needed at the time of registration: shot records, social security number, proof of age (pre-k, kindergarten and grade 1), report card, complete address of former school.

## PRESCHOOL INFO

Screening for all preschoolers will take place at WPES, Aug. 22 to 28, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. A letter containing your child's scheduled appointment for screening and other information was sent home to parents of preschool students. There will be two, one-hour preschool sessions, Aug. 29, 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. and noon to 1 p.m. Regular sessions begin Aug. 30.

## KINDERGARTEN INFO

Kindergarten parents are invited to attend an orientation with their children Aug. 18, the first day of school from 8:35 to 10 a.m. Students will leave with their parents at the conclusion of the orientation.

This meeting will give parents an opportunity to become acquainted with the kindergarten program and give the children a chance to meet their teacher and settle into the classroom.

The school year will start with half-day sessions. This lets the students become acclimated to the routine and gives the teachers time for individual screening sessions. The school sent a letter

with screening appointment times to parents of kindergarten students in early August.

WPES will hold kindergarten screening sessions starting Aug. 18 and continuing through Aug. 25, from noon to 2:30 p.m. During these days students will be dismissed at 11:15 a.m. Buses will pick up riders at 11:15 a.m. Kindergarten students start full day sessions Aug. 28. Normal hours are 8:35 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

## HOMESCHOOL INFO

For detailed information on homeschooling, contact the West Point Principals at 938-2923 for grades 5 through 8 or 938-2313 for grades K through 4.

## BUSES

Separate buses run for the West Point Elementary and Middle schools. Route signs are posted in the bus window.

The times noted on the schedules are estimates; students should be at their bus stop five minutes before the time posted. Bus routes are shown to the right and will also be posted in the USMA E-Mail Public Folders (USMA, Info Svcs, WPS).

There will be no after-school late bus. Anyone needing special bus arrangements for child care purposes should submit requests in writing to Eileen Ellingsen.

Anyone needing transportation to the SAS before and after-school program must have a permission slip on file at the school. This form is available in the public folders, the SAS office and the WPS registrar's office. High School buses will be coordinated directly through high school, 446-4738, ext. 225.

## CONTACT, GENERAL INFO

School information can be found on the West Point e-

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mail system, under PUBLIC FOLDERS. Various pieces of information pertaining to the schools will be posted at these locations. School administrators, teachers and staff at the West Point Schools can be contacted by e-mail using the following format: *FirstName.LastName@am.dodea.edu*.

## SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Galatea Badger – 446-2181  
Duane Fairfax – (845) 859-4185  
David Fiaschetti – 446-2601  
Sharon Seidule – 446-3642  
Isaiah Wilson – (845) 859-4183  
The first school board meeting will take place in September, date to be announced. If you are interested in receiving a copy of the school board agenda via e-mail, contact Eileen Ellingsen.

## PTO BOARD MEMBERS

President  
Mary Ann Fiaschetti,  
446-2601  
Vice President  
Lisa Lachance, 446-2707  
Secretary, Julie Horton, (845)  
529-0343  
Treasurer, Karen Govern,  
446-5076  
Liaison, Teresa Carlson  
446-2005

## MIDDLE SCHOOL BUS SCHEDULE

Buses will follow routes as indicated below. Times listed are estimated. Please be sure to have your child at the bus stop at the time specified until a firm time has been set, students should arrive at bus stops five minutes prior. Buses will arrive at school at the times indicated. Buses will arrive at school at 7:45 a.m.

### ROUTE 2:

- (0722) Bldg. 1207 (Before School Program)
- (0724) Patterson Loop Entrance
- (0725) Radriere Loop Entrance
- (0726) Wayne Entrance for the following quarters:  
Wayne (Qtrs. 3071 -3076)  
Wyllys (Qtrs. 3083-3088)  
VonSteuben (Qtrs. 3057-3062)
- (0727) Parsons entrance for the following quarters:  
Parsons (Qtrs. 3043-3048)  
Sherburne (Qtrs. 3052-3056)  
McDougall (Qtrs. 3032-3037)
- (0728) Machin (Qtrs. 3023-3031)
- (0729) Knox (Qtrs. 3011-3014)
- (0730) Duportail (Qtrs. 3001-3003)

### ROUTE 3:

- (0725) Partridge and Schofield
- (0726) Partridge and Stewart
- (0728) Qtrs. 378 Mills Road
- (0729) Wilson Rd (Service Rd Qtrs. 48)
- (0730) Rear of Qtrs. 25A (Svc Rd)
- (0731) Qtrs. 5 Thayer Road
- (0733) Qtrs. 109 D Washington Rd
- (0734) Qtrs. 118 A&B Washington Rd

### ROUTE 4:

- (0724) Lamb Entrance for the following quarters:  
Green (Qtrs. 3004-3010)  
Kosciuszko (Qtrs. 3015-3018)  
Lamb Place (Qtrs. 3019-3022)  
Meigs (Qtrs. 3038-3042)
- (0725) Putnam Entrance (Qtrs. 3049-3051)
- (0726) Lord Stirling (Qtrs. 3063-3070)
- (0727) Webb Entrance (Qtrs. 3077-3082)
- (0729) Heath Loop Bus Shelter (Rear)
- (0730) Heath Loop Entrance (Lamp Post @

## Visiting children in school

Parents are encouraged to participate in activities, observe assemblies, eat lunch with their children, participate in conferences with school personnel and volunteer in any capacity indicated by the teacher.

All visitors must sign in at the school office and obtain a visitor's badge. Parental visits to classrooms are limited to the classes in which their children are enrolled.

When parents are observing

in the classroom, siblings may not accompany them.

Anyone wishing to visit a particular segment of a child's day is asked to send a note to the teacher involved.

Parents are welcome to observe at any time when testing is not in progress. Those visiting classrooms are asked not to engage the teacher in conversation. For a parent-teacher conference, please call the school to schedule an appointment.

## School parking lot

Parking for staff, parents and visitors is permitted only in the lot behind the Middle School and in the lower parking lot to the right as you enter on Barry Road.

Signs clearly indicate these areas. In the interest of safety, please abide by these parking regulations.

A "Kiss & Drop" zone is also located in the parking lot and, again, is clearly marked. When using this area, please make sure

you stop and drop your children off only in the designated area. Doing otherwise may put your child in a dangerous situation.

Handicap parking is clearly marked and is located in the bus loop area; only those vehicles with clearly marked handicap parking permits are allowed in this area.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated and ensures the safety of our students as they arrive and depart school.

## INCLEMENT WEATHER AND

On days when weather is inclement, parents are urged to check if school is in session before dropping their children off.

Check the following sources to see if school is closed: Post Command Channel, Hotline 938-2399/7000 or listen to WAM, WHUD (100.7 FM), WSPK (100.7 AM).

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## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUS SCHEDULE

Buses will follow routes as indicated below and the times listed are estimated. (Estimated times are shown in italics.) Please be sure to have your children at the bus stop at the time specified until a more firm time develops. Once a firm time has been set, students must be at bus stops five minutes prior. Buses will stop only at the points indicated. Students will arrive at school between 8:25 and 8:35 a.m.

**ROUTE 1: SPECIAL PICK UPS** - Parents will be contacted by WPS transportation officer with pick-up times.

**ROUTE 2:** (0825) Bldg. 1207/GDC (Before School Program)

**ROUTE 3:**

(0815) Wyllys for the following courts:  
Wyllys (Qtrs. 3083-3088)  
Wayne (Qtrs. 3071-3076)



(0816) Bus Stop at Parsons (Qtrs. 3043-3048)  
(0817) Bus Stop at McDougall (Qtrs. 3032-3037)  
(0818) Bus Stop at Machin (Qtrs. 3023-3031)  
(0819) Bus Stop at Knox Place (Qtrs. 3011-3014)  
(0820) Bus Stop at Duportail (Qtrs. 3001-3003)

**ROUTE 4:**

(0815) Radiere Loop Entrance  
(0816) Radiere Loop Rear Stop (Qtrs. 3130A)  
(0818) Heath Loop Bus Shelter (Rear)  
(0819) Heath Loop Entrance (Lamp Post @ Qtrs. 3140F)

**ROUTE 5:**

(0815) Kosciuszko for the following courts:  
Kosciuszko (Qtrs. 3015-3018)  
Green (Qtrs. 3004-3010)  
(0816) Meigs for the following courts:  
Meigs Court (Qtrs. 3038-3042)  
Lamb Place (Qtrs. 3019-3022)  
(0817) Bus Stop at Putnam (Qtrs. 3049-3051)  
(0818) Bus Stop at Lord Stirling (Qtrs. 3063-3070)  
(0819) Bus Stop at Webb (Qtrs. 3077-3082)

**ROUTE 6:**

(0805) Partridge and Schofield  
(0806) Partridge and Stewart  
(0809) Patterson Loop Entrance  
(0810) Patterson Loop Rear Stop (Lamp Post @ Qtrs. 3110A)  
(0813) VonSteuben for the following courts:  
Von Steuben (Qtrs. 3057-3062)  
Sherburne (Qtrs. 3052-3056)  
(0817) Qtrs. 378 Mills Road  
(0818) Wilson Rd (Service Rd @ Qtrs 48)  
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# School lunch program policies

Submitted by  
West Point Schools

West Point School announced today a free and reduced price meal policy for all area school children and a free milk program for eligible preschoolers. The chart shows the family eligibility criteria local school officials used.

Households that include children who receive *Food Stamps* or *Aid to Dependent Children*, *Temporary Assistance to Needy Families* or the *Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations* must complete an application.

The application must include the child's name, a food stamp, TANF or FDPIR number and the signature of an adult household member or provide a direct certification letter from the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance. Children with the same case number may be included on the same application. Separate applications are required for children with different case numbers.

If the family is not registered for any of the above programs, the application must contain all

the information required for "other households."

Households with incomes the same or below the chart amounts may be eligible for free or reduced price meals.

Applications for these programs will be sent home with a letter to parents. Additional copies are available in each school's principal's office.

Applications may be submitted anytime during the year to the Child Nutrition Director.

The information provided on all applications is confidential. The names and eligibility status of participants may also be used for the allocation of funds to federal education programs, state health or state education programs or for federal, state or local nutrition programs. Eligibility information may also be released to programs authorized under the National School Lunch Act or the Child Nutrition Act. The release of information will require a written consent statement from the parent or guardian.

The school district retains the right to verify at any time during the school year the information on the

application. Parents must provide the proper information to qualify their children for these programs.

Foster children may also be eligible for these benefits. An application for a foster child must contain the child's name, the child's "personal use" income and an adult signature.

Under the provisions of the policy, the designated official will review applications and determine eligibility. Parents may request an appeal of any decision by calling or writing to schedule a hearing. Bruce Jeter, superintendent of schools, is the designated hearing official. Hearing procedures are outlined in the policy.

Before any hearing is initiated, the school food authority or the parents may request a conference to discuss the situation. This request does not prejudice or diminish their right to a fair hearing.

Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy prohibits this institution from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.

To file a complaint of discrimination, write to the USDA, director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-A Whitten Bldg., 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410.

A complete copy of this policy is on file in the office of the school food authority district administrator.

## INCOME CHART (Effective July 1 through June 30, 2007)

FREE ELIGIBILITY SCALE				REDUCED PRICE ELIGIBILITY			
SCALE				Reduced Price Lunch			
SIZE	YEAR	MONTH	WEEK	SIZE	YEAR	MONTH	WEEK
1	\$12,740	\$ 1,062	\$245	1	\$18,130	\$1,511	\$ 349
2	\$17,160	\$ 1,430	\$330	2	\$24,420	\$2,035	\$ 470
3	\$21,580	\$ 1,799	\$415	3	\$30,710	\$2,560	\$ 591
4	\$26,000	\$ 2,167	\$500	4	\$37,000	\$3,084	\$ 712
5	\$30,420	\$ 2,535	\$585	5	\$43,290	\$3,608	\$ 833
6	\$34,840	\$ 2,904	\$670	6	\$49,580	\$4,132	\$ 954
7	\$39,260	\$ 3,272	\$755	7	\$55,870	\$4,656	\$1,075
8	\$43,680	\$ 3,640	\$840	8	\$62,160	\$5,180	\$1,196
For each addl	+4,420	+369	+85	For each addl	+6,290	+525	+121

## School cafeteria information

West Point Schools offer three different lunch entrees every day. Students choose their entree each morning in the classroom. Costs are as follows: Elementary \$1.75, Middle \$1.90, a la carte milk .40. Snacks are also available on a cash only basis.

**Payment methods** -- All lunches, milk and preschool snacks may be purchased in advance. Send payments (cash or check made out to West Point Lunch Fund) in an envelope marked with instructions for specific purchases, student and teacher name.

Pre-paid checks must be written for the exact amount, no change will be issued. All lunches, milks and snacks are also available for cash

purchase daily.

Lunches may be charged one time.

You will be notified when your child has charged lunch and payment must be made immediately. We discourage lunch charging, yet recognize emergencies do occur.

**Special dietary needs** -- If your child has special dietary needs, please send a doctor's note stating the problem and listing exactly what the child may eat or drink. If a specific brand name is required, list them in the official request.

Comments and concerns are always welcomed. Once school begins, parents can call the cafeteria manager, Georgi Nappo, at 938-3737.

**LUNCH**  
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CHICKEN NUGGETS  
W/DIPPING SAUCE OR  
SUBMARINE HERO  
SEASONED RICE,  
CORN,  
CHILLED FRUIT CHOICE

## MEDICATION GUIDELINES

If a child requires medication during the school day, the parent/guardian must bring the medication to the school nurse in the original container from the physician/pharmacy and complete the proper authorization with the school nurse.

The school nurse administers the medication.

# DODEA Community Strategic Plan 2006-2007

Submitted by  
West Point Schools

The five-year strategic plan for school improvement includes the vision, mission, guiding principle, goals, outcomes, measures and milestones.

The plan provides a road map for keeping DoDEA in the forefront in advancing the Department of Defense's agenda for education and as a leader in the nation for improving student performance and achievement. Teachers, principals, superintendents, parents, military personnel, civilian representatives and others worked closely to design the strategic plan that will inspire and prepare all students for success in a dynamic, global environment.

**VISION:** Communities investing in success for all students.

**MISSION:** The Department of Defense Education Activity provides, in military communities worldwide, exemplary educational programs that inspire and prepare all students for success in a global environment.

## GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Student achievement...a shared responsibility
- Trust and respect for other's

rights

- Unlimited opportunities to reach high expectations
- Dedication to lifelong learning
- Equal access to quality education
- New and motivating challenges to inspire excellence
- Total accountability with teamwork
- Success for all ... students first

Staff at all levels will implement goals, outcomes, measures and milestones. A key component is flexibility to allow districts, communities and schools to address local issues/concerns. Annually they will track and report progress.

This data will be used to continue improvements.

Both schools have "individually" developed School Improvement Plans through which they will strive for improvements.

## DDESS Enrollment Requirements

Attendance is limited to dependent children of parents living in designated family housing at West Point, N.Y. However, DoD Directive 1342.26 (as of March 4, 1997) of Section 2164, Title 10,

USC provides that where a member of the Armed Forces is assigned to an installation on which there is a Section 6 School Arrangement (old title, now DDESS) and assigned on-post family housing that is expected to be available for occupancy and to be occupied within 90 school days, the member's children may be permitted to attend the school while residing in an area adjacent to the installation. Transportation for such children is the responsibility of the parent.

Only those children meeting statutory and regulatory requirements for enrollment may attend the DDESS Schools. Therefore, enrollment of children whose sponsors are awaiting family housing must be limited to 90 school days and cannot be extended if family housing on the installation is not available and occupied on or before the expiration of the 90 school-day authorization.

The initial housing list on which a member's name appears, indicating housing will be available within 90 school days, must be used by the school in determining eligibility of children under the 90 school-day limit.

## School Accreditation

The North Central Association

-- Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI) is the new accrediting agency for the schools in the NY-VA district. Accreditation is awarded to each school after meeting the high standards set forth by NCA CASI and a visiting team of educators.

Each school is highly involved in the school improvement process, which is part of the NCA CASI accreditation process. Accreditation was awarded to each school in 2006 and will remain current through the next five year cycle.

## Useful Web sites

DODEA Web site: <http://www.dodea.edu>

DDESS Web site: <http://www.am.dodea.edu>

West Point Elementary School: [http://www.am.dodea.edu/NY\\_VA/westpoint/elementary/](http://www.am.dodea.edu/NY_VA/westpoint/elementary/)

West Point Middle School: [http://www.am.dodea.edu/NY\\_VA/westpoint/middle/](http://www.am.dodea.edu/NY_VA/westpoint/middle/)

## Frequently Used School Acronyms

**DODEA** -- Department of Defense Education Activity -  
- DODEA provides worldwide education to approximately 178,000 eligible Department of

Defense military and civilian family members from the preschool level through the 12th grade.

**DDESS** -- The Department of Defense Domestic Dependents Elementary and Secondary Schools is the stateside counterpart to the Department of Defense Dependents School. Seven school districts within DDESS serve 31,500 students in 69 schools.

**NY-VA DDESS** -- New York and Virginia Domestic Dependents Elementary and Secondary Schools consists of three districts totaling seven schools.

The West Point School is one of the districts in the DDESS system. The West Point Elementary School and West Point Middle School are located on the U.S. Military Academy installation and together are one school system in West Point, N.Y.

This school system provides education for family members living on the installation.

The other two districts under NY-VA DDESS are located on the Quantico Marine Corps Base, Quantico, Va., and the Naval Surface Warfare Center in Dahlgren, Va.

All three school districts fall under the direction of Bruce Jeter, district superintendent, NY-VA DDESS.

## Welcome to the DDESS Schools at the U.S. Military Academy

By Bruce W. Jeter  
District Superintendent

It is indeed a privilege and sincere pleasure to welcome our students and their families to West Point.

Hopefully, you will find your partnership with the Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools at West Point to be very positive and rewarding.

Like all Department of Defense schools around the globe, the DDESS schools at West Point implements a standards-based curriculum.

Additionally, a number of staff development initiatives have been adopted to ensure that our teachers, staff and administrators are afforded opportunities for continued professional growth and development on a recurring basis.

Realizing the importance of our partnership with parents and the greater school community, as well as the significant level of commitment to education on the part of the military commands and foreign officers we serve, it is hoped that you will take an active role in our schools' improvement

process.

Our continued growth is outlined in the 2001-2006 DODEA Community Strategic Plan.

The CSP has set forth the following four goals as the blueprint for our schools' endeavors and initiatives:

Goal 1: Highest Student Achievement

Goal 2: Performance-Driven, Efficient Management Systems

Goal 3: Motivated, High Performing, Diverse Workforce

Goal 4: Network of Partnerships Promoting Achievement

It is important to note that a new CSP is in draft format and will come out in the near future.

The district superintendent's (Bruce W. Jeter) office is located in Quantico, Va.

The area of responsibility for the superintendent includes Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools located at Dahlgren and Quantico, Va.; West Point, N.Y.; Fort Buchanan and Aguadilla, Puerto Rico; and Department of Defense Dependents Schools located at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

As the superintendent, I will

visit all sites, but two wonderful assistant superintendents assist me in this supervision endeavor of the geographically dispersed district. Michael Gould is located at Quantico, Va., and assists with the New York and Virginia schools and Gregg Mowen is located at Fort Buchanan, P.R. and assists with the Puerto Rico and Cuba schools.

Please note: our parent agency is the Department of Defense

Education Activity which is headquartered in Arlington, Va., and currently under the leadership of Joseph Tafoya.

Your diligence in following the chain of communication is requested and will be most appreciated, in the event that you find it necessary to discuss an issue or concern. You are urged to bring your issue or concern to the attention of the appropriate individual at the school level before

referring it to the superintendent's office, DDESS area office or DoDEA headquarters office.

This will maximize the opportunity for prompt resolution of your issue or concern. It is my hope that we will continue to work together to assure that an exemplary educational program is provided for all our students and their families.

Again, welcome to the DDESS Schools at West Point.

## Vacation Bible School 'Fiesta' teaches 325 WP children about faith

Story and photos by  
Spc. Benjamin Gruver  
Staff Writer

Vacation and school aren't supposed to go together, but for 325 kids at West Point that was exactly the case when they attended vacation Bible school hosted by the West Point community chapels July 31 through Aug. 4.

With the theme "Fiesta," the five days was more than just a party, it was a time for kids to learn about the Christian faith.

"Each day had a specific Bible point," said VBS Director Jen Lyle, "and everything they did and every station the kids went to it all came back to this point."

The purpose was to keep it simple and fun for all the kids from preschool age on up to fifth grade.

Each day the kids started at the multipurpose room at the West Point Elementary School with singing, but as the day moved along the kids were broken down into small groups of five, called crews. The leaders for each crew were mostly teenage volunteers and some adults. The kids in each crew also varied in age with the idea that the older kids can help the younger ones.

"They all bring something to the crew," Lyle said. "The little kids bring the enthusiasm and the older kids have a little bit more responsibility and maturity."

In these crews, the kids were



First grader Julia Flowers gets into the music at VBS, clapping her hands and doing the motions for the songs.

then taken around to five different stations to include crafts, games, Bible Adventure, Chadder Theater and snack.

In crafts kids made a pouch called an "amigo pack," a fun picture, a coyote keychain, a picture frame and decorated a flower pot.

A five-minute video clip was seen each day by the kids at the Chadder Theater station and time was given afterwards to talk about the lesson in the small groups.

Similarly a lesson was given during the Bible Adventure station, but the kids didn't know what to expect each day. Volunteers portrayed and acted out a Bible story in an interactive way, allowing the kids to be involved.

Even the snack was done in a way to teach the kids a Bible lesson.

"Wednesday was my favorite," Lyle said. "It was a little blue Jell-O cup which represented water and on it were three colored gold fish. Then there was one of those waffle pretzels, which represented a fish net and mandarin orange slices. The story was when Jesus called the fisherman to come follow him -- fishers of men."

The idea behind each station, according to Lyle, is that kids all have different learning styles. Some like to hear, some are visual, some are hands-on and the "Fiesta" VBS program has something for each different learning style.

During VBS each crew helped out on a mission project, which is done each year. This year they worked on a project called Blanketing Latin America. Kids



Volunteer Rachel Dudas leads kids in singing Aug. 4 during Vacation Bible School sponsored by West Point's community chapels and held at the West Point Elementary School. Besides singing, the 325 kids who attended VBS spent the week making crafts, playing games and learning about the Christian faith through many other interactive activities.

helped tie together the front and back of blankets to send to children who live in the mountainous regions south of the border. On one side of the blanket it says 'Jesus loves me' in English and the other side in Spanish.

"Some of these kids are too young to understand bringing money from home -- it doesn't click with them," Lyle said. "They bring in money and then we try to explain to them we bought these blankets, which they weren't there to actually

purchase at the store. So we took the whole money part out of the equation. It isn't them buying, it is them doing that is (important)."

For the second year VBS was held in August rather than in June making the program available to all the newcomers who have just arrived over the summer.

"For some it is a real relief because they've got their household

goods coming and they are trying to get stuff done," Lyle said. "It is something for their kids to do and, oh by the way, they are learning a really important message while they are here. More importantly than that you have got all these new kids coming on post and they get to make two or three friends before school starts, so it is not so intimidating."



## 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                      SchoolAge 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>                      Open Bowling:                      Sun.-1300-1800                      Mon. 1600-2100                      Tue. Closed                      Wed. &amp; Thur. 1130-1900                      Fri. 1130-2300                      Sat. 0900-2300                      Galactic Bowling:                      Every Fri. &amp; Sat. 1700-2300                      Home of Lil' Skeeters BBQ &amp; Primo's Pizza</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>			
<p><b>20</b>                      Butts &amp; Guts, 1630, MWR Fitness Center Every Sunday                       Family Night Bowling, 1800-2100, WP Bowl</p>	<p><b>21</b>                       MWR Week, August 21-25, Weekly specials and a chance to win prizes at participating activities                      Golf Course Closed for Outside Event</p>	<p><b>22</b>                      Preseparation Briefing, 1400, ACS  </p>	<p><b>23</b>                      Spinning, 0540, Wake Up Call, 0550, Spinning, 1700, Kick-n-Box, 1800, Yoga, 1800, Belly Dancing Beginner, 1900, Belly Dancing Intermediate, 2000, MWR Fitness Center Every Wednesday  </p>	<p><b>24</b>                      Saratoga Raceway, 1000-1700, ITR  </p>	<p><b>25</b>                      Mongolian BBQ, 1700-2100, WP Club                      Last Day for USMA 5K/10K Registration (10:00am cutoff)  </p>	<p><b>26</b>                       USMA 5K/10K &amp; Kids 1 Mile Fun Run, 0745 at Buffalo Soldier Field, Register at <a href="http://active.com">active.com</a>, Keywords "West Point" or "USMA 5K/10K"</p>			

## DPW Notes

### Paving of parking lot C

A DPW contractor will begin paving Parking Lot C, located behind Building 706, the ODIA Garage, off of Stony Lonesome Road at 6 a.m. Monday.

Work is expected to continue until Sept. 7.

The scope of the project includes: replacement of existing storm pipe and catch basins, cleaning swales, re-grading the lot, placement of binder and wearing course of asphalt and striping the lot.

All cars must be removed from Lot C, no later than 5:30 a.m., Monday.

### Stony Lonesome Road construction

Beginning Monday, through approximately Sept. 12, a DPW contractor will be trenching the inbound roadway and road shoulder of Stony Lonesome Road from the Stony Gate for approximately 300-feet toward Michie Stadium.

Additionally, the contractor will cross Stony Lonesome Road and trench along the Commissary service access road.

The purpose if this work is to install electrical and phone conduits to serve the relocation of the vehicle barrier gate systems.

There will be lane closures and steel plates installed as the contractor performs this trenching work. There will be flagmen and appropriate signage installed to ensure the safety of all personnel.

Community members should expect traffic delays in the area.

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

### DPW official closure

All offices and shops of the Directorate of Public Works will be closed all day Thursday for an

official function.

This closure includes the Self Help Center, Housing Division, routine Service Desk operations, pest control and appliance repair reporting.

Maintenance emergency issues only should be reported to the Emergency Service Desk at 938-2316.

We ask community members to use this number for emergencies only and to report routine issues on the next business day, Aug. 18, when all offices will resume normal operations.

### Lake Popolopen closure

On Wednesday weather permitting, Lake Popolopen will be closed to all recreational activities.

The lake will be treated with copper sulfate to control algae growth on that day.

The lake must be closed to all swimming, boating and fishing for 24 hours in accordance with NYS regulation.

Lake Popolopen will re-open for all activities at 8 a.m. Thursday.

Questions should be directed to Alan Baty, DPW, at the Lake Popolopen Water Treatment Plant (938-2232) or William Grohoski, DPW Pest Control COR (938-7191).

### Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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

## MWR Blurbs

### Boston Pops Open rehearsal

Tickets are available for the Saturday 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 Monday at the West Point Club.

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

### MWR Fitness Center

Free two hour Aerobic-Thon Aug. 22 from 5:45 to 7:45 a.m. and Aug. 24 from 5 to 7 p.m.

New instructors every 30 minutes. It’s a great way to experience a variety of classes.

For more information, call 938-6490.

### Saratoga Raceway trip

Join Installation Ticketing and Registration with a trip to Saratoga Raceway Aug. 24. Leave West Point at 8:30 a.m., leave Saratoga at 5:30 p.m. For more information, call 938-3601.

### 5k/10k volunteers needed

The West Point 5k/10k races are Aug. 26. Volunteers are needed to pack MWR tote bags for the race participants, pass out the bags to participants on the morning of the race, assist in the distribution and collection of timing chips, help direct runners and man water stations along the race route.

Call Connie Woodley at (845) 938-6497 or Christine Knight at (845) 938-3655 to sign up.

# What's Happening

## 4th Class sponsorship program

The 4th Class sponsorship program is now accepting sponsors for the Class of 2010.

To sign up for the program log on to [http://www-internal.uscma.edu/](http://www-internal.uscma.edu)

This is an excellent program for cadets to gain exposure to military family life and for the sponsor to gain an insight into cadet life.

Sponsors must be either military Sgt. 1st Class or above; civilian GS-9 or above, Title X instructors or competitive sport coaches.

Sponsors must also either live on West Point, or within cadet walking privileges, or within several other geographic boundaries.

Call 938-8804/8145 for more information.

## Voter Registration

August is Army Voter Registration Month. All military and their eligible family members are encouraged to vote absentee while away from their place of voting residence. They can accomplish this by visiting their Voting Assistance Officer and completing the FPCA Form (SF 76) and mailing it off to the proper election official.

Direct any questions concerning

voting to Sgt. 1st Class John Castillo, the assistant installation voting assistance officer at 938-8450.

## 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.

## PWOC Open House, Fall Kick Off

The Protestant Women of the Chapel welcome all women to their Open House Wednesday from 9 to 11 a.m., or from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday 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.

## NCO/Soldier of the Year recognition ceremony

The West Point NCO/Soldier of the Year recognition ceremony is Aug. 29 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the West Point Club main ballroom.

The guest speaker is FORSCOM Command Sgt. Maj. Dennis Carey.

For tickets, contact Command Sgt. Maj. Allison Smith at (845) 938-4509 or e-mail her at [allison.smith@usma.edu](mailto:allison.smith@usma.edu).

## 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*

# Plebe Club opens Sat.

Submitted by DCA

The Directorate of Cadet Activities will begin this academic year's social activities by opening the Plebe Club for the Class of 2010 Saturday at 8 p.m. with a show by acclaimed mentalist Alain Nu, star of his own television program on The Learning Channel titled *The Mysterious World of Alain Nu*.

The Plebe Club, located in the Riverside Café at Eisenhower Hall, is open on selected Saturday nights. It affords 4th Class Cadets the opportunity to enjoy quality entertainment and interact with their classmates in an informal social environment. Cadets are always welcome to escort personal guests to the club. Occasional informal dances are scheduled throughout the year at which other local college students are invited to attend.

The club features a snack bar selling ice cream, soda, juice, coffee, candy, chips and other snacks. Cadets can also enjoy television, interactive video games, pool tables, ping-pong, air hockey and foosball. Cadet programs will present free special events and live entertainment on selected evenings.

All shows at the Plebe Club are free of charge and presented for 4th class cadets and their guests by Cadet Activities.

*Washington and Benedict Arnold, A Tale of Two Patriots.*

## Relocation of vehicles/boats from D-Lot

Residents with boats, cars, trailers and recreational vehicles currently stored in D-Lot should prepare now to relocate them prior to the beginning of football season.

Vehicles can be relocated to one of three temporary holding areas.

Two of these are located along the service road designated for delivery trucks servicing the Commissary and PX.

The entrance to the service road is located about 100 meters inside Stony Lonesome Gate.

The third area is just north of the Stony Fire Station and can be accessed using the same service road.

The holding areas are identified by signs and yellow marking tape.

All vehicles must be cleared by Sept. 1. No exceptions.

For more information, call GC Command Sgt. Maj. Violet C. McNeirney at 938-2319/7731.

## Command Channel 8/23

August 11 - 18

FRIDAY

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

MONDAY - AUGUST 18

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

## NOW SHOWING

in the movie theater at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752

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

Saturday -- *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).



## Yard of the Month

The Cassella family of 313-C Grey Ghost were YOM winners for July. Pictured from left to right are Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Violet C. McNeirney, Abby, Tami, Kendall and Lt. Col. Kent Cassella, Director of Public Affairs.

Other area winners were the families of Lt. Col. Brian Sperling (also a runner up for YOM), of 165-A Lee Road; Stan Brock, of 235-A Barnard Loop; Maj. Ryan McCausland, of 3026-B Machin St. Stony I; Sgt. 1st Class James Halterman, of 3004-D Greene St., Stony I; Sgt. 1st Class George Wetzel, of 3162-A Heath Loop, Stony II; and Maj. Christopher Hornbarger, of 3114-B Patterson Loop, Stony II.

KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

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

# Music Under the Stars

Free and Open to the Public

Jazz Knights, *Homage to the Big Bands*, August 13, 7:30 p.m.

Jazz Knights, *Tribute to the Drummers*, August 27, 7:30 p.m.

Concert Band, *Listener's Choice*, August 20, 7:30 p.m. (Inclement site Eisenhower Hall)

Hellcats, Jazz Knights & Concert Band, *1812 Overture Concert*, Sept. 2 (Rain date Sept. 3), 6:00 p.m.

## Trophy Point Amphitheatre

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

# Army and Community Sports

## Pevoto to lean on offense's experience

Story and photos by  
Eric S. Bartelt  
Assistant Editor

Optimism is the best word to describe the outlook of the 2006 Army football season. The 2005 season ending loss to Navy may have left a bitter taste in the players' mouths, but the four-game winning streak previous to that loss has the team's sights set on higher goals.

Last year's 4-7 squad returns 15 starters to the lineup, which includes eight returnees on the offensive side of the ball.

The offense produced 20 or more points in each of the last five games of the season in 2005, but this spring the team had to incorporate two new players in very critical positions -- quarterback and running back.

With the graduation of Zac Dahman and Carlton Jones, junior quarterback David Pevoto and senior running back Ricky Lay will step into the spotlight.

Dahman was greatly known for his durability and his mental capacity, however, Pevoto does add his own gifts to the mix with a better skill set in running, throwing and his overall stature.

"He has more of a physical presence on the field," said senior center Pete Bier. "I think the size factor for one, will be more of an intimidating force."

The 6'5", 229-pound signal

caller is very confident in his abilities and his willingness to run will add another dimension to the offensive arsenal that wasn't available when Dahman was taking the snaps.

"I'm not afraid to run or run if there's pressure," Pevoto said. "I like running the option and I ran it a little bit in high school, so I'm comfortable running it. It's going to be a good aspect of our game this year."

Pevoto's field experience was limited to only the Connecticut game last season; however, his teammates are supremely confident in his abilities to get the job done.

"Pevoto has stepped in and taken charge and he's been running the offense (this spring and in training camp) like he's led it for the past three years," said junior wide receiver Jeremy Trimble. "You want that confidence in your quarterback and Pevoto has that and we're all excited. We're behind him 100 percent."

The most important aspect of the offense that will be integrating both a new quarterback and running back is the offensive line. The line is returning all five of its starters from a year ago and Army head coach Bobby Ross has placed the burden of the offense's success on the big men up front.

"It's their challenge. They're the ones that have got to get it done and I've talked to them about it,"

Ross explained. "I've put the ball in their lap, so to speak, and if we're going to have a good running game, and we need a good running game (to succeed), we better be good up front and I expect us to be good up front."

"We're not big, huge monsters like some teams, but we know how to deal with things and now we'll need to carry it into the season," Ross added.

Bier will anchor the offensive line for the second straight year. He returns to the team after spending the spring back home in Wisconsin recuperating from ankle surgery. The 6'4", 282-pound captain is thrilled to be back to have a chance to do great things on the field with this up and coming team.

"This is easily the best team and coaching staff that we've had since I've been here," Bier stated. "I'm really excited for the football season to start."

It is easy to be optimistic when you are surrounded by five veteran linemen, but Pevoto will also have both starting wideouts returning in Trimble and senior Walter Hill.

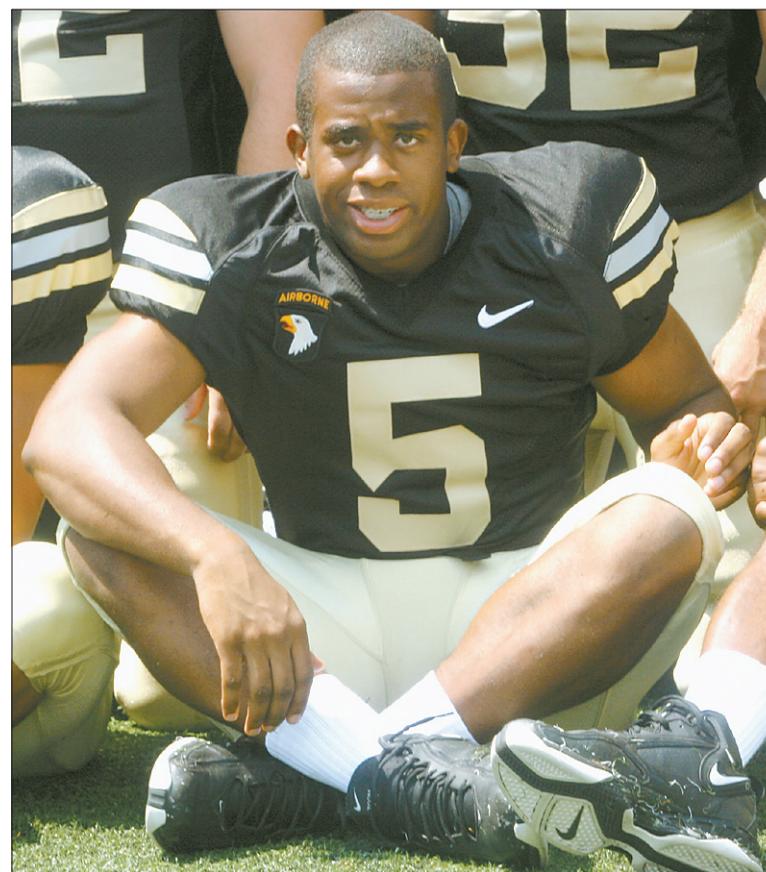
Both receivers produced career highs last year in receptions, yardage and touchdowns. Trimble turned into a serious receiving threat toward the end of the season as he had a career-high in receptions against Massachusetts with seven and then two games later recorded two touchdowns in the season finale against Navy.

"I want to be a dominant receiver," Trimble said. "I want to be that go-to-guy on third-and-long where we throw the ball downfield and I'll go and get it. I just want to take my game to the next level."

So far during training camp Trimble is confident that the receiving corps won't take a step back just because a new quarterback is coming into the mix.

"You would think with a new starter at quarterback that we would have to slow things down, but David knows what he's doing out there, so I don't think we're going to take a step back," Trimble explained. "In fact, I think we're accelerating right now and the good thing about David is he's a smart kid and he knows how to run the offense."

Trimble finished last season with 42 receptions, which was tied for eighth on the Army single-season reception list, and he's been working hard to improve on that



Junior wide receiver Jeremy Trimble led Army in receptions with 42 and receiving yards with 535 last season. Trimble finished the season strong with two touchdowns against Navy and feels he can be a dominant receiver this season.

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"I feel I'm doing a pretty good job preparing for my second season as a starter," Trimble said. "With more experience, the nerves aren't there as much and I have more

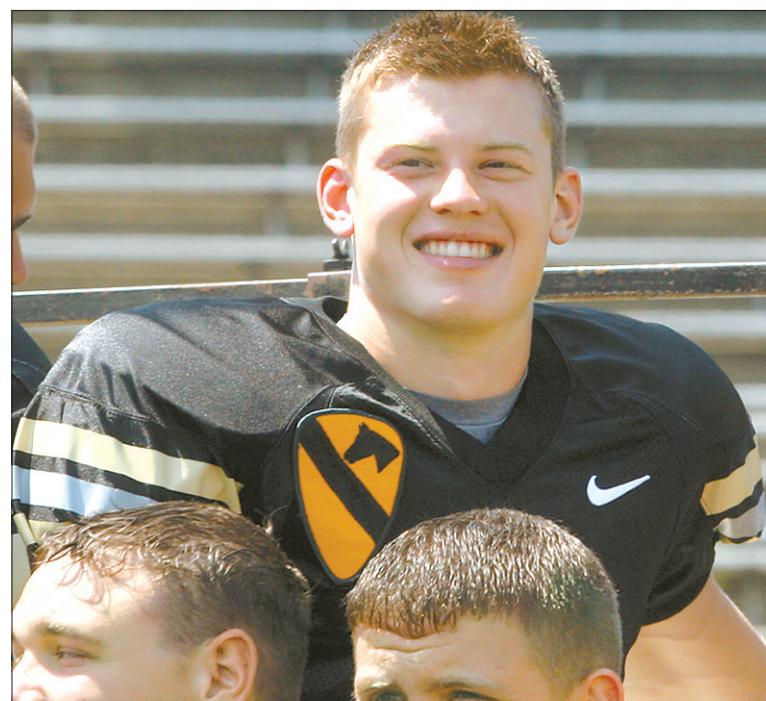
confidence. That's a big thing.

"I've been working on my speed and my first step to try to be more explosive off the line," he added. "I've made strides from

**PEVOTO TO LEAN, see page 18**



Senior captain Pete Bier will anchor Army's offensive line that will return all five starters from last year's club. Bier returns as the starting center after moving there from guard last year.



Junior quarterback David Pevoto will add another dimension to the Army offense than his predecessor Zac Dahman with his size, running and throwing ability. Army will incorporate the option more into its offense this year due to Pevoto's skills.

## PEVOTO TO LEAN, cont'd from 17

last year and I think I'm ready to go out there and show what I've worked on and hopefully help this team win."

The team had to fight through sweltering heat during the first three days of camp as temperatures

soared to 100 degrees each day. But to Trimble working through the humid, scorching weather was something the team needed to go to the next level.

"We fought through it and that shows the character of the team that we're all about business this year," he said. "We're going to do whatever it takes to get the job done."

**Editor's note:** This is the first of a three-part series on the Army football team leading up to the first game against Arkansas State Sept. 2. Next week's feature will focus on the defense.

### S&F Ultimate Frisbee sign-ups

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

Play will begin around Monday.

Teams wishing to enter should contact Jim McGuinness at 938-3066 or e-mail him at [Jim.McGuinness@usma.edu](mailto:Jim.McGuinness@usma.edu).

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

### Locker rooms

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

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.

### 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](mailto:robert.rizza@us.army.mil). Let him know what days are best for you and what field you prefer.