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Honoring FDR

West Point participated in the annual Franklin D. Roosevelt wreath-laying ceremony Feb. 1 in Hyde Park, N.Y. Above: Park guide Michael Autenreith (left) helps USMA commandant, Brig. Gen. Curtis M. Scaparrotti, lay a wreath at FDR's grave under the watchful eye of cadet and Soldier honor guard members. ANTHONY BATTISTA/DOIM CREATIVE IMAGING

Bush calls for 2.2 percent raise for military, civilians

By Irene Brown
Chief, Command Information



President George W. Bush has requested the same raise for Soldiers and civilians in 2007 as part of his budget proposal. WHITE HOUSE PHOTO

In a break from the past several years, President Bush included a 2.2 percent raise for both civilian employees and military service members in his 2007 budget which he released Monday. The raise is equal to the change in the Department of Labor's Employment Cost Index.

Traditionally this White House has sought higher raises for the military. The 2005 budget requested 2.3 percent for civilians and 3.1 for military; the 2006 budget asked 1.5 percent for civilians, 3.5 for military. Each time Congress voted to give the same raise to both groups.

According to news reports, the call for pay parity this year came in the form of a letter that Congress sent to the president in January.

"We cannot express strongly enough the importance of continuing the tradition of pay parity between military and civilian employees in the coming fiscal year," the letter stated. "We believe anything less than

an equal pay adjustment in 2007 sends the regrettable message that the services civilians provide to America every day are not highly valued."

The letter was signed by Reps. Steny Hoyer, Md.; Tom Davis, Va.; Benjamin Cardin, Md.; James Moran, Va.; Chris Van Hollen, Md.; Frank Wolf, Va.; Albert Wynn, Md. and Del.; Eleanor Holmes Norton, D.C.

Although pay parity won out this year, the proposed raise is markedly lower than Congress has enacted the past several years. Federal pay raises have averaged more than 3 percent since 1999.

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Class of 2004 grad killed in Iraq

By Eric S. Bartelt
Assistant Editor

First Lt. Garrison C. Avery, 23, of Lincoln, Neb., was killed Feb. 1 in Baghdad when an improvised explosive device detonated near his HMMWV during combat operations in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, according to military officials.

The 2004 U.S. Military Academy graduate died with two other Soldiers while deployed with the 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) from Fort Campbell, Ky.

Avery had been in Iraq since October and was stationed just south of Baghdad.

While a junior at the academy, Avery started a nonprofit organization called "Light by Morning," dedicated to helping Iraqi orphans.

"It progressed along. So with Garrison's death, his dream is gone, too," said his father, Gary, in an interview with the Lincoln Journal Star. "Hopefully, somebody will remember there are young people (who) are suffering over there."

After graduation, Avery went to Army Ranger and Sapper Training before joining the 101st Abn. Div.

He is survived by his wife, Kayla, who resides in Clarksville, Tenn. He also is survived by his father, mother, Susan, two brothers, Clinton, 21, and Jonathan, 15, and sister, Elizabeth, 11.

There was a memorial service for Avery Wednesday at Fort Campbell. Funeral services will be held here Monday, 10 a.m., at the Cadet Chapel with interment following at the West Point cemetery. Normal traffic and parking restrictions will be in place during the funeral.



First Lt. Garrison C. Avery

Black history: Many made history outside spotlight

Commentary by
Spc. Chris Stephens
 Special to the Pointer View

WASHINGTON (ARNEWS) -- We have all heard the stories of Martin Luther King Jr., Jackie Robinson, Frederick Douglass and Booker T. Washington.

No doubt these people deserves a place in history. They each fought for a cause and ultimately changed the face of our nation.

But, I want to take a look at some African Americans who aren't as famous. These people also made important contributions to history. They're just not as widely known as they should be.

Sgt. William H. Carney was the first African American to

receive the Medal of Honor. He was awarded it for his actions on July 18, 1863 at Fort Wagner, S.C. while he was a member of the 54th Massachusetts Regiment in the Civil War.

During the battle, Carney noticed that the man carrying the American flag was wounded. So Carney bravely rescued the flag and carried it for him.

He delivered it safely to his regiment and reportedly shouted, "Boys, the old flag never touched the ground."

The movie *Glory* depicts the struggles and hardships members of the 54th endured during the Civil War.

Although it doesn't exactly point Carney out, it depicts the

battle at Fort Wagner and shows the sacrifices the men of the 54th made for freedom.

Next is Benjamin O. Davis Jr., who was shunned at West Point for four years. Other cadets would only speak to him for official reasons. He had no roommate and ate his meals in silence. Those who caused this shunning had hoped to drive Davis from the academy, but their actions only made him more determined to succeed.

He graduated 35th out of 276 in the class of 1936. Upon graduating, he became one of only two African American line officers in the Army at the time -- the other was his father, Benjamin O. Davis Sr., who was also the first African American to attain the rank of general.

The younger Davis was one of five African Americans to graduate from training at Tuskegee Institute, Ala., and become a pilot in the Army Air Corps. He later commanded the 332nd Fighter Group during World War II.

While based in Italy, the group flew over 200 bomber escort missions. Through all of the missions, the 332nd never lost one bomber to enemy fire.

Daniel Hale Williams is another African American who made history.

On July 9, 1893, James Cornish was injured in a bar fight and stabbed in the chest with a knife.

By the time he was transported to Provident Hospital (which Williams established two years earlier) he was getting closer and closer to death, having lost a great deal of blood and gone into shock.

Williams was faced with the choice of opening the man's chest and possibly operating internally, which was almost unheard of in that day in age.

Internal operations were unheard of because any entrance into the chest or abdomen of a patient would almost surely bring about infection and subsequent death.

Williams made the decision to operate and opened the man's chest. He saw the damage to his pericardium (sac surrounding the heart) and sutured it, then applied antiseptic procedures before closing his chest.

Fifty-one days later, James Cornish walked out of Provident Hospital completely recovered. He would go on to live for another 50 years.

While there are only two or three African Americans who created history in our country, there are so many more who completed famous firsts.

For instance, Vanessa Williams became the first African American Miss America in 1984; Hattie McDaniel was the first African American to receive an Oscar for her supporting role in *Gone With the Wind*; and Thurgood Marshall was the first African American to sit on the Supreme Court.

Many more made contributions that have helped make our country what it is today.

Editor's note: Stephens edits the Indianhead newspaper for the 2nd Infantry Division in Korea.



Lt. Gen. Benjamin O. Davis Jr.

Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

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Difficulty: Medium

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

SARP INFO

The members of the Sexual Assault Response and Prevention Team are Col. Jeanette McMahon, Shelly 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 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.

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Pentagon unveils Medal of Honor exhibit

WASHINGTON (American Forces Press Service) -- As a tribute to those who have gallantly served the country, the Pentagon unveiled a photographic exhibit Feb. 2 titled "Visions of Valor."

The exhibit features dramatic portraits of 101 Medal of Honor recipients and is on display in the Pentagon's "A" ring on all five floors. Seven Medal of Honor recipients, including West Point graduate retired Lt. Gen. Robert Foley, Class of 1963, were on hand for the opening ceremony, joining Defense Department and military leaders. Foley, who was commandant here from 1992 to 1994, received the Medal of Honor for his service during the Vietnam War.

"We could think of no better place to have this set of photographs than in the Pentagon," said David J. McIntyre Jr., president and chief executive officer of TriWest, the company that purchased the exhibit from photographer Nick Del Calzo.

McIntyre, whose company is under contract to provide health care to military members in the Tricare West region, said he was humbled to be in the presence of the Medal of Honor recipients.

"In our day, where we struggle to find heroes that matter, I would suggest that we look no farther than those who wear the Medal of Honor," he said.

Deputy Defense Secretary



Retired Lt. Gen. Robert Foley (center), a USMA Class of 1963 grad, sits among other Medal of Honor winners Feb. 2 during the unveiling of an exhibit in their honor. AFPS PHOTO

Gordon England also praised the heroes, saying that the Medal of Honor is "earned by only a few, but revered by millions." This exhibit will be a source of inspiration to all who view it, he said.

"It is important to have heroes, because they set standards," he said. "People know what can be achieved."

Gary Littrell, Medal of Honor recipient and president of the Congressional Medal of Honor Society, said the photo project is the first of its kind. He wishes it had been done sooner, he said, because the ranks of Medal of Honor recipients are diminishing as the years go by. Only 150 of 3,441 Medal of Honor recipients

were alive when the project began five years ago, and now only 117 remain.

The Medal of Honor recipients were made into heroes by Congress and the president, Littrell said, but he hopes the exhibit will

teach people that they aren't the only ones with the capacity for greatness.

"We are all just ordinary men that were placed in an extraordinary situation," he said. "Any young Soldier, Sailor, Airman or Marine or any young school child growing up today, put in the same situation, could do the same thing."

Walter Joseph Marm, another Medal of Honor recipient at the event, echoed the same humility. Marm was recognized for his actions as an Army lieutenant in the battle of La Drang Valley, Vietnam, in November 1965. That battle was made famous by the 2002 movie "We Were Soldiers."

"Most of us feel that all the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen are doing outstanding things now and back then too," he said. "We just represent them, and we're the caretakers of the medal for all the men and women that have served."

Interpol launches global alert

WASHINGTON (AFPS) --The International Criminal Police Organization, known as Interpol, issued a worldwide alert Monday for 23 prison escapees, including 13 convicted al Qaeda terrorists.

The escaped criminals include Jamal al-Badawi, a terrorist convicted of masterminding the Oct. 12, 2000, bombing of the USS Cole in Aden, Yemen, news reports said.

Interpol, with headquarters in Lyon, France, has 184 participating nations, including the United States.

"al Qaeda terrorists have been deemed a serious threat to the entire world community by the U.N. Security Council, by Interpol and by a wide range of countries," Interpol Secretary-General Ronald K. Noble said.

DOD proposes Tricare hikes for some retirees

WASHINGTON (American Forces Press Service) -- The Defense Department is proposing that working-age military retirees and their families pay higher premiums to help address rising health care costs, senior DOD officials said Wednesday. Statistics show those costs have doubled over the past few years, they added.

The proposed changes would apply only to eligible military retirees under age 65 and their families, officials said. There would be no change for active duty military or retirees age 65 or older.

When the Tricare health care program for active duty and retired military members and their families was established in 1995, retirees were contributing roughly 27 percent of the cost of their benefit, explained William Winkenwerder Jr., the assistant secretary of defense for health affairs.

However, military health care costs doubled from \$19 billion in 2001 to just over \$37 billion in the 2006 defense budget, he said. And today's average military retiree contribution for health care coverage has dropped to about 10 to 12 percent.

"Their contribution did not change, while the value of the benefit continued to rise," Winkenwerder explained.

If approved by Congress and signed off by the president, the proposed Tricare rate hikes for

retirees under age 65 would be phased in over fiscal 2007 and 2008. That should bring up younger retirees' share of Tricare costs closer to the 1995 level, Winkenwerder said.

By comparison, he added, civilians under private plans generally pay between 35 and 40 percent of their health care costs.

The current Tricare Prime annual enrollment fee for retirees is \$230 for individuals and \$460 for families for both enlisted and commissioned military retirees, according to DoD documents. The proposed changes would increase Tricare Prime enrollment fees for junior enlisted retirees at pay grades E-6 and below to \$325 per individual and \$650 for families by October 2008.

Enlisted retirees at pay grades E-7 and above would pay \$475 for individuals and \$950 for families by October 2008 under the proposed changes. And retired officers of all ranks would pay \$700 per individual and \$1,400 per family.

After that, the share of health care costs paid by military retiree would be indexed to the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program that covers federal workers and retirees.

The alternative to not raising rates, Winkenwerder said, would be to degrade a first-class benefit for retired military members and their families.

Fed unions devise Plan B

WASHINGTON (govexec) -- A coalition of labor unions is developing a "Plan B" in case the group's legal challenge to the Department of Defense's new personnel system fails.

The United DOD Workers Coalition has hired Joseph Swerdzewski, former general counsel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority. Swerdzewski will help prepare for contract negotiations in the event the National Security Personnel System is put into place, said American Federation of Government Employees president John Gage. AFGE is the largest member of the coalition.

Swerdzewski, founder of Joseph Swerdzewski & Associates, a law firm specializing in federal sector labor and employment law, is preparing language that the

unions could use on a department-wide basis to ease the negotiations process.

Ron Ault, President of the AFL-CIO Metal Trades Department, said this plan is part of a continuous battle with the department over the personnel reforms, not a signal of defeat.

"Make no mistake about it, we have great confidence in our lawsuit and I believe we will prevail," Ault said. "While we don't expect to have to implement a plan B, we might as well have several weapons in our arsenal."

The coalition of Defense unions is suing the department over the labor relations portion of the NSPS. A judge for the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia heard arguments in that case in late January and will issue a ruling by March 1.

Army Reserve restructuring for future challenges

WASHINGTON (American Forces Press Service)—As the Army Reserve reshapes its force structure to make it more prepared for future overseas or domestic missions, the component will emerge as a more fully manned, better-trained and more capable force, its chief told the American Forces Press Service.

Speaking by phone from the Army Reserve Command's Atlanta headquarters Feb. 2, Lt. Gen. James R. Helmly outlined a sweeping plan to shift missions within the Army Reserve, increase its ranks while reducing its authorized end strength, and streamline command, control and support operations. "We intend to get our house in order," Helmly said of the plan, to be fully implemented by the end of fiscal 2010.

One of the boldest steps - reducing the Army Reserve's authorized end strength from 205,000 to 200,000 -- isn't actually the force cut it might appear to be, because the Army Reserve currently has just 188,000 members on its rolls, Helmly said.

As it works to build its force to 200,000, a goal Helmly expects to reach by late in fiscal 2008 or early in fiscal 2009, the general insists the numbers will reflect trained, equipped members ready to deploy, if needed.

He expressed frustration with past force-strength figures that included reservists who hadn't yet shipped from their training posts, had permanent profiles or were otherwise not deployable.

Rather, Helmly said he wants to build an Army Reserve that's

based on available strength - that is, Soldiers who are fully trained and deployable. "We want to make sure units are full, filled with trained people who are deployable and ready to go," he said.

As part of this effort, the Army Reserve is streamlining its operations and restructuring its headquarters and training bases to make them more efficient and effective, Helmly said. That effort will free up 10,000 slots for operational units, he said.

In addition to improving readiness, Helmly said he sees these initiatives as big morale boosters for the troops.

"Soldiers want to belong to a good organization," he said.

Helmly explained that enhancing units will make people more likely to want to stay in the Army Reserve.

"As you make units more whole, you will improve retention even more because Soldiers will feel good about being in a unit where they have all their leaders, where the leaders are trained and where all the other Soldiers are there and they can go out and train prior to mobilization," he added.

Helmly said he owes it to members of the Army Reserve to ensure they have the best force possible. "They serve us with distinction and courage," he said.



Chief of the Army Reserve Lt. Gen. James Helmly discusses the reorganization plan Feb. 2. DOD PHOTO BY R. D. WARD

"And we should be able to make equally courageous decisions back here with regard to how we run the business end of things. And that is what we are trying to do."

DOD Feds set giving record

WASHINGTON (AFPS) -- The Defense Department raised a record-high \$15.1 million in the 2005 Combined Federal Campaign, exceeding the department's goal by \$2.3 million.

DOD officials recognized the organizations for their fundraising efforts Jan. 24 at the Combined Federal Campaign awards ceremony in the Pentagon.

Participation by DOD employees in the Combined Federal Campaign was 60 percent, about 10 percent higher than the average of other federal agencies.

The Combined Federal Campaign is a nationally authorized workplace-giving drive.

All Army components exceed recruiting goals for January

WASHINGTON (Military Times) -- Each component of the Army exceeded its recruiting goal for January, an Army official said Tuesday. The active Army reported 8,337 accessions, which is 103 percent of its goal of 8,100. January is the eighth consecutive successful recruiting month for the active Army.

So far in fiscal '06, which began Oct. 1, 2005, the active Army has brought in 19,859 people. The combined monthly goals totaled 19,100, and January's goal was the highest so far this fiscal year.

The Army Reserve counted 2,404 accessions; its goal for January was 2,342. Those numbers mean the Reserve has recruited

114 percent of its goal -- or 6,084 people -- so far this fiscal year. The goal was 5,343.

Army National Guard recruiters brought in 6,347 people in January, 113 percent of their 5,614 goal. This brings the Guard to 19,813 people so far this fiscal year, 109 percent of the goal of 18,219. January was the Guard's fourth straight successful recruiting month.

Also, the active Army has written 5,500 more enlistment contracts than it did this time last year. That's a 28 percent increase. The Reserve has written 3,000 more contracts than it did this time last year, a 40 percent increase.

Recruiting numbers released

every month represent the number of enlistees the Army shipped to basic training. People who sign enlistment contracts but don't ship to basic training right away are put into the Delayed Entry Program, where they have up to a year to ship to basic. Recruits in DEP aren't included in the monthly recruiting numbers until they go to basic.

The Department of Defense is scheduled to release January recruiting numbers Friday for all the services.

Healthwatch: It's still flu season

Submitted by Army Public Health Nursing, KACH

Despite what most people think, flu season is still going strong.

In the United States, flu season can peak any time between late December and March. But, it can begin as early as October and last through May.

More than 200,000 people are hospitalized and about 36,000 people die from the flu annually.

Some people, such as older people, young children and those with certain health conditions run a higher risk of having serious flu complications.

Vaccination is the best defense against the flu. It is especially important for people 65 or older and anyone over the age of six months with a chronic heart condition, kidney condition or lung problems, including asthma or a weakened immune system. Pregnant women should also get vaccinated to protect themselves and their babies.

It should be noted that vaccination with the nasal spray flu vaccine is an option for healthy people ages 5 to 49 who have no medical contraindications, such as pregnancy or chronic illness.

Medical experts recommend annual flu shots for those in the high risk categories and anyone in close contact with them. Those in this category who have not yet received flu shots should do so immediately. Keller Army Community Hospital's Immunization Clinic has plenty of

vaccine in stock and takes walk-ins during normal duty hours. People who will benefit most from the vaccination include:

- Those 50 or older, with and without chronic health conditions.

- Residents of long-term care facilities.

- Those 2 to 64 years old with chronic health conditions.

- Children 6 to 23 months.

- Pregnant women.

- Health care workers who provide direct patient care.

- Caregivers of children less than six months old.

Some people should not be vaccinated without first consulting a doctor. They include:

- People who have a severe allergy to chicken eggs.

- People who have had a severe reaction to a flu shot.

- Children six months or less.

People who have a moderate or severe illness with a fever should wait to get the flu shot until their symptoms subside.

While vaccinations are the best way to protect against the flu, other good habits are important too. These include:

- Avoiding contact with people who are sick.

- Staying home from work, school and errands when you are sick.

- Covering your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing.

- Washing your hands often.

- Not touching your eyes, nose

or mouth. Germs are often spread when people touch something that is contaminated with germs and then touch their eyes, nose or mouth.

If you do get the flu, rest, drink plenty of liquids, avoid using alcohol and tobacco and take medication to relieve your symptoms. However, parents are cautioned to never give

aspirin to children or teenagers. Reyes Syndrome, which affects the liver and brain, has been associated with the use of aspirin by children and teenagers.

For more information about influenza, contact your doctor or Army Community/Public Health Nursing at 938-2676.

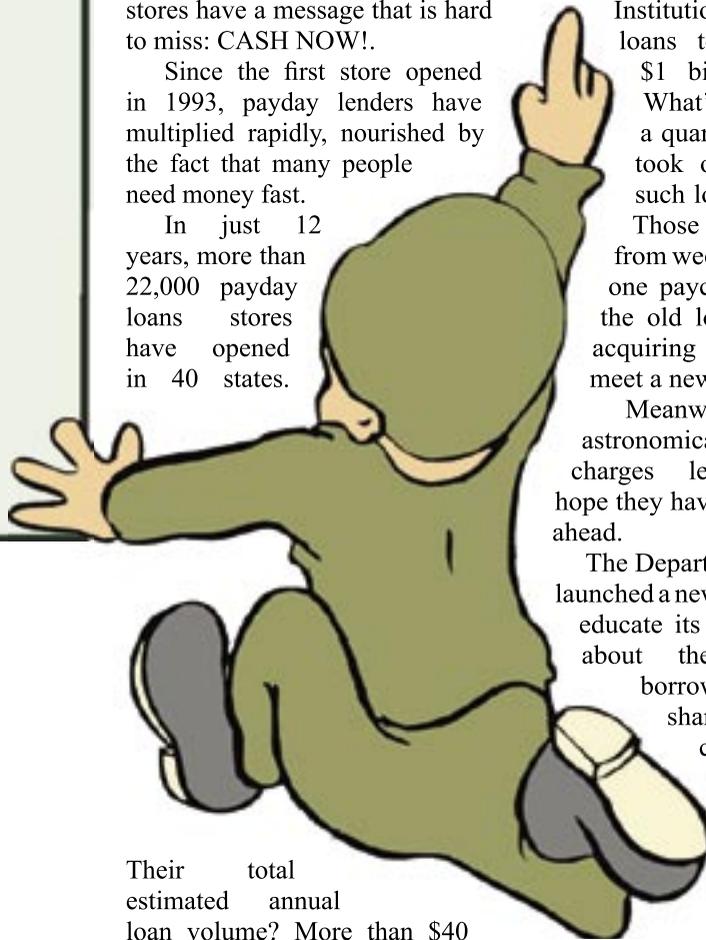


Beware of 'payday predators'



**PAYDAY
LOANS**

**GET
CASH IN
1 HOUR!**



**By Irene Brown
Chief, Command Information**

The military is preparing to fight a new enemy surrounding its installations and drowning young servicemembers in a sea of debt.

Along suburban roads, in shopping centers and on downtown blocks, payday loan stores have a message that is hard to miss: CASH NOW!

Since the first store opened in 1993, payday lenders have multiplied rapidly, nourished by the fact that many people need money fast.

In just 12 years, more than 22,000 payday loans stores have opened in 40 states.

Their total estimated annual loan volume? More than \$40 billion in 2003 alone.

Payday lenders get their name from the practice of giving small loans to people expected to repay them at their next payday. Typically, lenders charge \$15 per \$100 lent.

More and more of these

establishments are cropping up around military posts nationwide. After all, when you can charge 391 percent interest on a two-week, \$500 loan, what better place to open than near a base full of young enlistees often desperate for cash.

According to statistics from the Bureau of Financial Institutions, payday loans totaled close to \$1 billion last year.

What's more, nearly a quarter of borrowers took out 13 or more such loans in one year.

Those individuals live from week to week, using one paycheck to pay off the old loan and quickly acquiring another loan to meet a new month's bills.

Meanwhile, the astronomical interest charges lessen whatever hope they have of ever getting ahead.

The Department of Defense launched a new effort in June to educate its servicemembers about the dangers of borrowing from "loan-shark" lending companies.

Defense department officials said they are taking steps, such as hosting fairs at military installations, to let military members know about the dangers of payday loans and familiarize them with ways to put themselves and their families on a sound financial footing.

Rear Adm. William French,

the Navy's northwest commander, has also taken up the cause. Many of his sailors, he said, are adrift in a sea of debt, often at the mercy of payday lenders. And they are consumed by their struggles to make ends meet.

"They are distracted and could put themselves and their shipmates in a potential position where they could be hurt or killed," said French, who is urging lawmakers to institute harsher restrictions on the payday loan industry.

Congress is responding. Representative Darlene Fairley of Washington has sponsored a bill seeking to cap annual interest at 36 percent, limit borrowers to one \$500 obligation at a time, and prohibit a lender from giving loans to a borrower's spouse. In the state of Washington there are roughly 711 payday lending shops. Under the new restrictions, lenders that specialize in short-term, high-risk loans would only make 10 cents per day on a two-week loan of \$100.

This lending practice has so adversely affected military members that the Department of Defense recently listed payday lending as one of the top 10 issues facing military families.

"Twenty percent of active-duty personnel used a payday loan last year," DOD officials said. "This is a problem that hasn't gone away and one we need more help with."

If you would like to learn more about a secure financial future, call West Point's Army Community Service Financial Readiness office at 845-938-5653. All inquiries are kept confidential.

Remember, an informed consumer is a safe consumer

**Compiled by Irene Brown
Chief, Command Information**

West Point offers financial counseling through its Consumer Affairs and Financial Assistance Program. CAFAP manager, Mary Ellen Olivia, said the program includes everything from consumer education to complaint resolution.

"We also keep everything

confidential," she explained.

Olivia said the program focuses on improving a military member's financial status and consumer knowledge. The following are some consumer tips:

Stay on top of your credit rating by obtaining a yearly credit report from one of the following companies: TransUnion Corporation (800) 916-8800; Experian (888) 397-3742 or

Equifax (800) 685-1111.

Stop telemarketing calls by registering with the "Do Not Call" Registry. Go to <http://donotcall.gov/default.aspx> or call 1-800-697-1220. If you register by phone, you must call from the number you want to list.

Stop pre-approved credit offers, by calling the OptOut Request Line at 1-888-567-8688.

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12 Yorktown Ski Meet, 0900-1200 Sunday in NYC, ITR, 0900-1800 Open Skate, Tate Rink, 1530-1700 	13 Wee Ones Play Group, ACS, 0930-1100 Monday Night League, WP Bowl, 1600-2130 	14  Winter Story Hour, WP Library, 1000 & 1330 Preparation Briefing, ACS, 1400-1500 Volunteer Advisory Council Meeting, AVC, 1300-1400	15 Initial PCS Move, 1330, Checking Accounts Refresher, 1445, ACS 	16 Overview of ACS, 0830, Financial Institutions, 0945, Targeting Stress, 1130, ACS  Family Night Buffet w/ Macaroni the Clown, WP Club, 1700-1900	17 Museums in NYC, ITR, 0900-1800 Mongolian BBQ, WP Club, 1700 	18  Staff & Faculty Ice Hockey, Tate Rink, 0615-0745 Youth Bowling, YS, 0900-1130			
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West Point re-enlistees



Sgt. 1st Class Raymond H. Loyst Jr.



Sgt. Jean K. Georges

Loyst, a 2nd Regiment USCC NCO/19K (Tanker), will remain in the Army in the Indefinite Program. He will be assigned to Fort Rucker, Ala., in June. Georges, a military policeman with the USMA MP Company, reenlisted for four years and will attend OCS this month. Command Retention Team senior career counselor Master Sgt. Ronald Jones can be reached at (845) 938-4751/3023.

PHOTOS BY MASTER SGT. RONALD JONES

Keller Corner

KACH closures

All outpatient clinics, laboratory, pharmacy and radiology will be closed Feb. 17 and 20.

The emergency room will remain open.

Tricare assistance

The Tricare Service Center will have a staff member available at KACH's front desk in the main lobby Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. until noon.

School and Sports physicals

Although a physical is not required to attend the West Point Elementary or Middle Schools, a health screen examination is required for participation in sports (including cheerleading), Scouts and other organizational activities.

For students attending local

schools, the New York State Department of Education laws require physical examinations for:

Students entering grades K, 1st, 3rd, 7th and 10th.

Students who are new to a school district, which includes students transferring from West Point schools to local school districts.

Participation in sports including cheerleading. Physicals must be current and on file in the health office prior to try-outs.

Working cards for 14 year olds.

And as requested by the Committee on Special Education.

The physical exam must be within one calendar year to be acceptable. If the physical expires prior to the beginning of another sport, a new exam is required.

This is also the time to review

your child's immunizations and to prepare additional documentation for the administration of medications during school hours or emergency instructions for children with known allergies.

Obtain the necessary forms from the appropriate school nurse and bring them to the appointment.

Call 845-938-7992 or 800-552-2907 to request an appointment.

Clinical breast study

Women ages 30 to 45 with military benefits are invited to participate in an ongoing clinical breast study. The study is intended to test a new non-invasive scanning device to identify women at risk for breast cancer.

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

To schedule an appointment, call 938-7992.

DPW Notes

Housing Division Closure

The Housing Division, Bldg 626, will be closed from 2:45 to 4:30 p.m., Feb. 17, for a mandatory employee safety briefing. All personnel should plan their contact with the Housing Division with the closure in mind.

For information, contact this Housing Division, 938-4500.

Repair of Storm Damage

In the most recent windy, stormy weather, there was significant roof and siding damage in Stony II. There were over 17 buildings which sustained this type of damage.

An IJO is being executed to repair this damage as a single project as soon as estimates and a potential contract can be executed.

Roof Repairs in AFH

DPW currently has over 50 service orders in the system for roof repairs and similar work issues for AFH units on post. All of these service orders are being combined into one project and the plan is to contract this work to a professional roofing contractor for execution.

Work is progressing on establishing this contract with the goal to start execution on these needed repairs no later than early spring. An email will be sent to all of the residents of these 50+ units so they are aware of the status of this project.

If other residents have significant and repeated roof leaks, please contact Martha Hinote (938-4407) for consideration to be included in this project.

Quarters inspections

All Officers/Key and Essential civilians (Visiting Professors, etc.)/E6 and above unaccompanied personnel departing West Point between May 1 and Aug. 31, are required to have their quarters' Pre-Termination inspections scheduled and completed by March 31.

You are not required to have orders to schedule your Pre-termination inspection. All final termination inspection appointments must be scheduled by April 28, for the date you expect to depart West Point. To schedule inspections, please contact the Housing Division at 938-6201.

What's Happening

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Plebe Valentine's Dance

College age students are invited to meet the Plebe Class of the U.S. Military Academy at a Valentine's Dance, Saturday from 8 p.m. to midnight at Eisenhower Hall's Riverside Cafe.

Admission is free and dress is casual. Call 938-7798 for more information.

DUSA

Employment opportunity -- DUSA Gift Shop sales associate. The position is part-time two days per week.

Call 446-0556 for more

information.

Applications for DUSA community grants are due to Deb Dalton by Wednesday.

For details on how to get and process your organization's application, call 446-4396 or e-mail ddalton@hvc.rr.com.

MOMS Club Book Club

"Three Weeks with My Brother", by Nicholas Sparks, Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Please call 446-6454 for location.

MCCW International Rosary

At Most Holy Trinity, 7 p.m., during Adoration followed by a Benediction. Refreshments follow in the cloister room.

WPWC

The West Point Women's Club is accepting applications for Community Grants and individual educational scholarships for club members, high school seniors and undergrad students.

You can find these applications by going to www.shopthepoint.com, ACS WPWC Shoppe or by calling 446-2634.

Applications are due by Feb.

27.

The WPWC Shoppe is open every Wed. from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. For more information, call 446-8798.

WPWC has a party tent, table decorations and other party items to rent for your next event.

Call 446-1187 for a complete list of rental items.

African American History Month Variety Show

In honor of African American History Month there will be a variety show at Robinson Auditorium from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m tonight.

MWR Blurbs



Galloping toward Viva!

Command Sgts. Maj. Jeffery Murriel, Michael Bergman and Patrick Laidlaw got their tickets for Viva! Las Vegas Night, which takes place Feb. 24 from 7 p.m. to midnight at the Thayer Hotel. To contribute call Susan Miller at 446-5290. For Silent Auction info call Lyn Eagen at 446-1099. To volunteer call Amy Yates at 446-2634. For general info call Karen Govern at 446-5076.

PHOTO BY KATHY EASTWOOD/ PV

Polar Fest Feb. 25

Polar Fest 2006 returns to Victor Constant Ski Slope Feb. 25.

A variety of recreational activities and competitions promise an entire day of fun for the whole family.

Pre-registration is available at the West Point Ski Sales Office.

For more information, call 938-3726.

BOSS Valentines Party

BOSS is hosting a Valentines Party at Buffalo Soldier Pavilion tonight from 9 p.m. until 1:30 a.m.

For more information call Connie Woodley at 938-6497.

BOSS Poker & Spades Tourney

BOSS presents a Poker and Spades Tournament Feb. 17, 6 p.m.,

at Buffalo Soldier Pavilion.

Prizes include a \$50 gift certificate. Pre-registraion is required.

Call Staff Sgt. J. Malone at 938-8063 or Connie Woodley at 938-6497 for more information.

Harlem Globetrotters

The Harlem Globetrotters are back March 23 at Christl Arena. Tickets are now on sale. Call 877-TIX-ARMY.

Child care at Fitness Center

The West Point Child and Youth Services program will be providing child care at the MWR Fitness Center on Tues. and Thurs. mornings from 8:45 to 11:45 a.m.

Reservations must be made five days prior to attending the Fitness Center by calling 938-4458. Call Kim Tague at 938-3921 for info.

NOW SHOWING

in the movie theater at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752

- Friday -- King Kong, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday -- Fun with Dick and Jane, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday -- Munich, R, 9:30 p.m.
- Feb. 17 -- Cheaper by the Dozen 2, PG, 7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 18 -- The Ringer, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 24 -- The Chronicles of Narnia, PG, 7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 25 -- Hoodwinked, PG, 7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 25 -- Hostel, R, 9:30 p.m.

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

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Command Channel 8/23

Feb. 10 - Feb. 17

FRIDAY

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

MONDAY - THURSDAY

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

Feb. 17

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

Army and Community Sports

Eight cadets win Wrestling Brigade Open

Story and photos by
Eric S. Bartelt
Assistant Editor

“Lesson learned. Never give up,” said sophomore Jayson Houp, of H-1, to a Department of Physical Education instructor after his victory in the 2006 Wrestling Brigade Open Finals at Hayes Gym Feb. 1.

Houp was hanging by a thread as he was down 8-3 late in the 3rd and final period of his match with E-4’s freshman Jacob Sass in the 145-pound weight class until he put Sass in a sleeper headlock. The referee stopped the match and Houp

registered a triumphant fall to win his weight class in the open final.

In one of the more spirited matches of the evening, the raucous crowd cheered on as A-2 sophomore Jason Bahmer defeated fellow A-2 sophomore Seamus Carey, 13-4, in the 180-pound weight class.

Bahmer, a Sprint football player, stormed out to a 5-0 lead early with a three-point near fall and never looked back against his Midshipmen company mate.

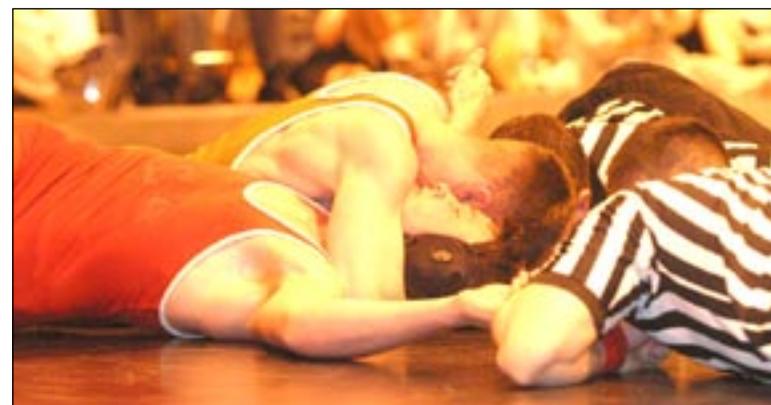
“It feels very good to win and, being a Sprint football player, we haven’t done too well against (Navy) lately, so it was good to get them back,” Bahmer said.

Bahmer, who wrestled in high school, received the most outstanding wrestler award for the brigade open tournament.

“It’s an honor to be named (outstanding wrestler),” Bahmer explained. “There were a lot of good wrestlers out there and some Corps squaders that did well.”

In the closest match of the evening, A-2 sophomore David Burriss did a two-point takedown of C-3 freshman Michael Platek in overtime to win, 16-14, to take the 135-pound weight class.

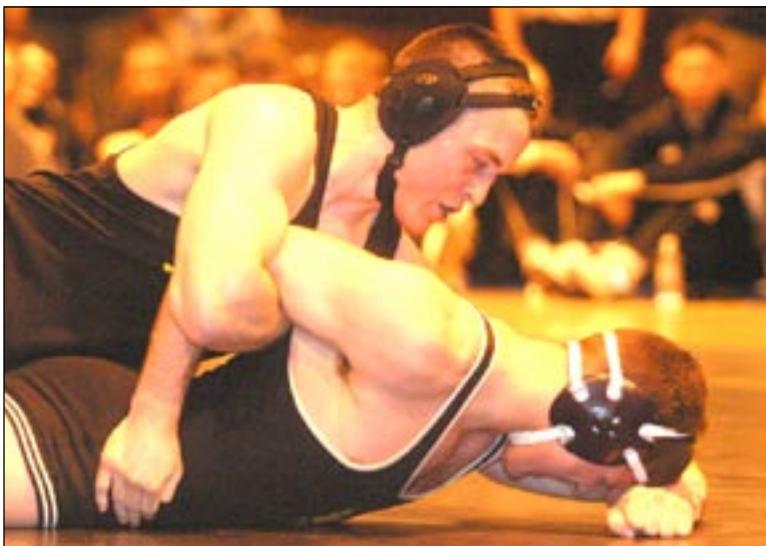
Other results from the brigade open included a 155-pound victory by G-4 freshman Daren Hidalgo over B-1 sophomore Evan Bulger, 8-4. G-1 sophomore Daniel Vagnozzi took a technical fall decision over B-3 sophomore Daniel Plumb at 167 pounds.



Company H-1 sophomore Jayson Houp completes his dramatic comeback from 8-3 down as he headlocks E-4 freshman Jacob Sass to get a fall and the victory at 145 pounds.

At 195 pounds, G-2 senior Jason Norwood dropped B-3 freshman Tyler Reed early in the second period. H-2 freshman Ryan Mannina defeated F-3 junior Kevin Kleber, 11-5, in the heavyweight

class. And in the final match of the evening, F-1 sophomore Marissa Kobayashi made quick work of H-4 sophomore Victoria Gallardo with a fall in the first period during the women’s final.



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**2005-06 Staff & Faculty
NOONTIME
BASKETBALL STANDINGS**

Final Regular Season records

NORTH DIVISION

	W - L
C.P.D	19 - 1
DAD/ODIA	12 - 8
DPW	8 - 12
MEDDAC	8 - 12
DMI	3 - 17

SOUTH DIVISION

	W - L
SOC SCIENCE	17 - 3
BTD	12 - 8
BS&L	10 - 10
MATH	5 - 15
SYSTEM ENG	5 - 15

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W - L
SJA	17 - 4
PHYSICS	16 - 5
EE&CS	15 - 6
ENGLISH	11 - 10
BAND	9 - 12
GENE/DFL	6 - 15
D/LAW	6 - 15
HHC	3 - 18

Playoff results:

MONDAY

Math defeated System
ENG -- 18-15, 21-19.

CPD defeated MEDDAC
-- 36-19, 43-34.

TUESDAY

Physics defeated D/Law
-- 21-16, 24-5.

English defeated USMA
Band -- 19-18, 21-20.

WEDNESDAY

No results

**2005-06 Unit Intramural
BASKETBALL STANDINGS**

As of February 1

Team	W - L
MEDDAC	9 - 2
STEWART	
MARINES #1	7 - 3
STEWART	
MARINES #2	5 - 5
W.P. SECURITY	5 - 5
MP's	5 - 6
USMA BAND	0 - 10

Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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

'Army Hockey Family' overcomes losing streak, death

Story and photos by
Eric S. Bartelt
Assistant Editor

Overcoming the odds is the mark of great character and the spirit of the Army hockey team didn't dissipate after starting the season with seven straight losses.

The Black Knights have taken the proverbial "bull by the horns" and have skated to a 10-7-5 record since those first seven games and have climbed into the mix for the Atlantic Hockey Conference title.

"It was a little rough starting off 0-7, but it wasn't like we were playing bad hockey and that's one thing we made sure the guys on the team knew," said senior captain Seth Beamer. "We took it as a character test at the beginning and how we reacted to those losses was going to define who we were as a team, so bouncing back...we went against Air Force and took control from there and that helped get us going because it was such an emotional series.

"We finally got those first wins under our belts and we've run with it from there," Beamer added.

Losing games wasn't the only thing that brought an emotional sting early on in the season; the team received its biggest loss in September when former team co-captain Derek Hines (USMA '03) was killed during combat operations in Afghanistan.

Beamer, who played with Hines in his plebe year, was compelled to change his number from 15 to 7 to honor his friend and former

teammate.

"He was kind of a big brother, mentor, best friend through all the time I knew him here," Beamer said. "It's something I did, but it in no way does justice to what he deserved. It was something to pay tribute to him and always to be thinking of him...and in another sense; it was to have him with me on and off the ice."

Coach Brian Riley knows that Hines made a great impression on his seniors, especially Beamer, and he wasn't surprised by the respect that his guys showed toward honoring Hines.

"It was a hard thing to go through with what happened to Hinesy," Riley said. "But we have talked about him a lot and he's everything that we hope our players are when they're a part of our program and, more importantly, everything I hope our players will be when they leave our program."

The team has taken strength from its rough start and has ridden the back of another senior -- goaltender Brad Roberts.

Roberts has played every game in goal for Army this season and has produced five shutouts, 2.25 goals against average and a remarkable .917 save percentage.

Although the team has struggled scoring goals at times, Roberts has been there to keep them in games, which has led him to being honored as "goalie of week" by the Atlantic Hockey Conference four times this year.

"I just try to give them the chance to win the game and that's

really what the goaltender's job is," said Roberts, who will branch Armor. "I know that we'll score a couple of goals a game, so as long as I can limit the other team's goals, I know we should fair well throughout the season."

One of the biggest confidence boosters this season for Roberts was his Jan. 6, 5-0 shutout and weekend sweep of Mercyhurst, a team that is the top scoring team by average (111 goals in 26 games) in Division I college hockey.

"It was a great start to January and it boosted up my confidence a lot. I think it was one of the main reasons why I kept playing well in the games recently," Roberts explained. "It was a huge confidence builder for me and the team scoring five goals in that game, too."

In a season filled with bumpy roads, one of the great surprises



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The Anoka, Minn., native has sparked the Black Knights offense from his point position to tie for the team lead in goals (6) and also leads the team in points (18) and power play goals (5).

"I thought I could step in and be successful, but I had no idea that I would be this successful leading the team in points because we have a lot of great guys out there playing," Manthey said. "I'm getting a few good bounces on the power play

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'AHF', cont. from page 14

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