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## Special Olympics

Kolby Young takes a leap while competing in the standing long jump Saturday at the 32nd Annual Orange County Special Olympics held at Shea Stadium, North Athletic Field and Gillis Field House. Young was one of six athletes from the West Point School taking part in a new training program. The program matched the athletes with 14 middle school coaches who met twice a week since Jan. 24 to train for the event. (See story on pages 12-13.)

Spc. BENJAMIN GRUVER/PV

# Four cadets named East-West Fellows

Story and photos by Jim Fox Editor

Cadets 1st Class Tom Cai, Wei Chou, Michael Lee and Allison Pan were named graduate degree fellows at the East-West Center of the University of Hawaii recently.

They are the 26th, 27th, 28th and 29th cadets to earn East-West fellowships since the academy began competing in 1991.

Cai, a 21-year-old from St. Louis, plans on working toward a masters of arts in economics at Hawaii.

The economics major, with a systems engineering track, is a future aviation officer.

Cai said he is happy to be going to Hawaii, but sad that he won't be able to attend the Basic Officer's Leadership Course with his classmates.

"I won't get to enjoy BOLC and the dunk tank at flight school," he said.

The Cadet First Regiment operations officer and Chinese Language Club president will start work toward his master's this summer and expects to attend flight school at Fort Rucker, Ala.,



Tom Cai



Wei Chou



Michael Lee



Allison Pan

in 2008.

Chou, 22 of Houston, will work toward a master's in Asian Studies concentrating on Japan.

The East Asia Foreign Area Studies major, who branched infantry, was euphoric when he learned he had earned a fellowship.

"Words can not describe the feeling you get when you know that you've been set on the path to achieving exactly what you want in life," Chou said.

The cadet First Battalion, First Regiment athletics/spirit officer plans on graduating from Hawaii in 2008 and then attending BOLC at Fort Benning, Ga.

Pan, 21, hails from New York City. She plans on studying Political Science at the East-West Center. The political science major, who

branched military intelligence, was elated and a little stunned when she found out she was going to Hawaii.

The cadet debate team captain said she expects to attend BOLC at Fort Huachuca, Ariz., in 2008 after finishing her master's work.

Lee, 21, from Glen Rock, N.J., branched Engineers.

The economics major, with an East Asian Studies field of study, plans on getting his master's in Asian Studies beginning this fall.

The cadet judo team co-captain, said he was excited and thankful for the opportunity to continue his studies. Lee's branch school will be set after his finishes his master's work sometime in 2008.

According to the Center's Web site it "is an education and research

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## Use of West Point name needs approval

By Irene Brown Chief, Command Information

No one can use the name "West Point" for their personal use. That's the conclusion of legal officials here and it has to do with trademark laws.

The latest case of possible violation is stemming from graduates of the academy using the name on their Web site. The academy sent a warning letter to the group April 12, asking them to stop using the name because they did not file for permission.

"Users must have the Army's permission to incorporate these words on Web sites or in organizational titles if it refers to

the military academy," said Lt. Col. Kent Cassella, West Point's public affairs officer. "This is not a political issue, we are simply looking to enforce our trademark."

The U.S. Army registered a trademark on the words "West Point" in 2000 to prevent its unauthorized use.

"When someone uses "West Point," the public perception is that the academy is endorsing that particular product or service," Cassella explained.

When a trademark violation comes to their attention, Army officials take action, said Lori Doughty, one of West Point's administrative law attorneys.

"We generally send a letter and

ask the person or organization to remove the name or enter into a licensing agreement," she said.

Doughty said all trademark **TRADEMARKS cont. on 3**

## INSIDE



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## Market-sensitive pay to be part of NSPS pay raises

Commentary by  
**Karen Rutzick**  
Special to the Pointer View

One of the key elements of the Defense Department's new personnel system is that labor-specific local markets will eventually be considered when determining pay raises. That is, the department wants to base pay raises in part on what employees with similar jobs in the same city are making in other sectors.

The Homeland Security Department will also use market-sensitive pay in its new personnel system, though the details have not been made public. And various proposals to extend personnel reforms to every federal agency will likely include this hallmark.

According to a fact sheet released by DOD, the local market supplements, as these market-based pay raises are called, will be the same as locality pay under the General Schedule system for the 11,000 employees who became the

first entrants to the National Security Personnel System April 30. Under the General Schedule, annual pay raises are split between across-the-board and local adjustments, which are based on the cost of labor among cities, but are not tailored to job functions.

Once the department forges ahead with the local market supplements, here's what you need to know: The supplement still will be calculated as a percentage of base salary, but will change according to occupation, specialization (such as a nurse specializing in anesthesiology), payband and official worksite.

Every year, and possibly more often, the Defense Department will adjust the local market supplement. When making these changes, though, the department will pay attention to more than just the labor-market conditions. Officials also will look at the availability of funds and locality pay given by other federal agencies.

The supplements are not

transferable. If you receive a higher market supplement in one job or location, and move to a lower-paying position or region, the higher supplement will not go with you.

### Listening In

As for performance-based pay, an employee group launched a survey April 28 of the Senior Executive Service's experience with its new compensation system.

The Senior Executives Association hired Avue Technologies to create an online survey that takes about 20 minutes to complete and is open to both members and nonmembers of the association.

The confidential poll asks senior

executives about their experience with the pay-for-performance system.

This is the first time these employees, who serve as a test group for extensions of personnel reform, have been surveyed, according to the SEA.

"It is critical that we have hard data instead of anecdotes with which to assess this system and to make recommendations for any necessary change," said Carol Bonosaro, president of SEA.

Bonosaro, whose group will present the results to Congress and Bush administration officials, said high participation numbers will give more credence to the findings. She encouraged SES members who are happy with the system, making

them less inclined to participate, to do so regardless.

The survey will be open until at least Monday. To participate, e-mail [SEAPresident@seniorexecs.org](mailto:SEAPresident@seniorexecs.org) with your name, title and agency. The SEA will e-mail you back with directions for taking the survey to ensure everyone participating is an SES member.

**Editor's Note:** Rutzick is a journalist with Govexec.com.

## 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

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		9					2	7

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

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

Difficulty: Medium

See Solution on Page 16

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## Potential RCI partners tour West Point

By Irene Brown  
Chief, Command Information

Thirty-one representatives from seven potential Residential Community Initiative partner companies toured West Point Tuesday for a site visit.

West Point's RCI Director,

### Feds can get dental, vision insurance by end of '06

Compiled by Irene Brown  
Chief, Command Information

The Office of Personnel Management announced May 5 that it has awarded contracts to 10 companies to provide dental and vision insurance to federal employees.

OPM selected MetLife, GEHA, United Concordia, Aetna, GHI, CompBenefits and Triple-S for dental coverage and Vision Services Plan, BCBS Vision and Spectera for vision.

The supplemental insurance is voluntary and does not include any subsidy from the government. Civilians can sign up for the new benefits during this year's annual open season for federal health insurance.

"This new dental and vision program provides new health care choices for the federal family," said Linda Springer, director of OPM. "Those covered will be able to enroll for comprehensive dental benefits, comprehensive vision benefits or both, and employees will be able to use pretax payroll deductions to acquire their additional dental and vision benefits."

In its solicitation of contracts, OPM stated that all dental insurance

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organization established by the U.S. Congress in 1960 to strengthen relations and understanding among the peoples and nations of Asia, the Pacific and the United States. The Center contributes to a peaceful, prosperous and just Asia-Pacific community by serving as a vigorous hub for cooperative research, education and dialogue on critical

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holders are responsible for policing their own trademarks.

"If you don't, you could lose the right to enforce the trademark," she added.

Cassella said all but two local area businesses that use the name

Michael Colacicco, said the purpose of the visit was to give the reps a chance to look at the existing housing and get a feel for the installation.

"West Point is home to a diverse community from cadets to civilians and is rich in history and tradition," he explained. "We wanted to give

plans should provide preventative care such as oral evaluations, topical fluoride treatment and sealants for a small co-pay; more extensive services such as extraction and root canal surgery should be covered at 70 percent after a deductible; and major dental work such as permanent crowns, bridges and dentures should be covered at 40 percent after a deductible. Deductibles are not to exceed \$100.

OPM also said it expects contractors to provide orthodontia coverage of at least 30 percent.

For vision coverage, OPM wants providers to offer full coverage for annual eye examinations, including comprehensive exams for vision problems such as glaucoma, diabetes and ocular hypertension. Companies may also contract to provide eyewear, such as contact lenses and eyeglasses.

The government must provide dental and vision coverage to federal employees by December 2006 under the 2004 Federal Employee Dental and Vision Benefits Enhancement Act. The coverage will be available to employees, retirees and their dependents.

**Editor's note:** Some information provided by GovExec.com.

all our potential partners a chance to experience that."

Col. Brian A. Crawford, West Point garrison commander, accompanied the group throughout the day. They attended a command brief, got an overview on the housing situation at West Point and, finally, a tour of all the housing areas.

"Privatizing family housing under RCI is an essential element in solving the Army's acute family housing problem," Crawford said. "Whoever we sign as a partner will pledge to provide housing designed to meet the needs and lifestyles of today's Army family.

"Providing our military personnel and their families with quality housing will help us attract and retain the caliber of people we need to train the next generation of leaders of the nation," he added.

The Army expects to choose a partner for West Point by this fall. Once the partner is selected, Colacicco said, they will work closely with West Point residents to construct a Community Development and Management

Plan or CDMP.

"The CDMP is the blueprint for the Army's residential community here," Colacicco said. "It will define a new housing community while respecting tradition and, most importantly, improve the quality of life for our military members and their families."

In 1996, Congress passed into Public Law 104-106. This law provided a process for military installations to leverage private capital to enter into a limited partnership with a private developer to construct, renovate, operate and

maintain housing.

Under the Army's RCI program, Soldiers who reside on post receive the Basic Allowance for Housing and pay rent to the developer. The amount of the allowance a Soldier receives is based on rank, geographic location and family status. Rental revenues cover all development costs, operations and maintenance costs and debt service.

Colacicco said the garrison is planning several town hall meetings next month to discuss RCI with community members. For more info. on the RCI program, call 938-5948.

# Army continuing education tuition assistance applications online

By Kathy Eastwood  
Staff Writer

All Soldiers applying for tuition assistance through the Army continuing education system must go through the Web site [www.GoArmyEd.com](http://www.GoArmyEd.com) as of May 1.

"We can no longer issue (tuition

assistance applications) from our computers because all TA is now centrally managed and accessed through the GoArmyEd portal," said West Point education center counselor, Nancy Judd. "The GoArmyEd Web site provides a more efficient and standardized implementation of the tuition

assistance policy."

The Army Human Resources Command developed the automated tuition assistance to fill a void staff reductions have created. It should make it easier for deployed Soldiers who will be able to request tuition assistance.

"The advantages of the automated

system is that you can now view available TA balance, student records, grades and current course enrollments online," Judd said.

Judd said the new system has been challenging for those in the education centers and students during the start-up, but feels that once people start using the

system they will find it much more beneficial as a one-stop location for managing educational needs.

"Prior to the automation, students needed to come in to the educational center to pick up applications," Judd added.

For information on tuition assistance, call Judd at 938-3464 or

## U.S. brigade's Iraq deployment on hold until further notice

By Donna Miles  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON -- About 3,500 active-duty Soldiers who were slated to begin their deployment to Iraq in the coming days will remain at their base in Schweinfurt, Germany, until further notice, defense officials announced Monday.

Members of the 2nd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, were officially notified within recent days that they won't deploy early this month, as scheduled, Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman told Pentagon reporters.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld approved the adjustment, which was recommended by Gen. George W. Casey Jr., commander of

Multinational Force Iraq, Whitman said.

Whitman emphasized that the decision doesn't signal the start of a troop drawdown and doesn't affect the number of U.S. troops on the ground, currently about 133,000. "This is a very narrow decision to hold one brigade from deploying and to give the commanders on the ground additional time to continue their assessments," he said.

The decision also doesn't cancel the 2nd Brigade's deployment, but puts it temporarily on hold until a final decision is made, Whitman said.

Decisions about troop numbers are based on conditions on the ground, as assessed by commanders there in consultation with the Iraqi government, he said.

Whitman cited signs of progress in Iraq during recent weeks, with indications Prime Minister Designate Jawad al-Maliki is close to appointing the rest of his Cabinet. "As we know, the pillars of progress move in parallel with each other," he said. "So as you have progress in the political front, it will lead to progress in the security front and then progress in the economic front."

Defense officials also noted continued progress among Iraq's security forces. More than 254,000 Iraqi security forces are trained and equipped, up more than 40,000 since November 2004, noted Army Lt. Col. Barry Venable, a Pentagon spokesman.

Of these forces, two divisions, 16 brigades and 58 battalions have assumed the lead in their operating areas, he said.

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## Top writer honored

Col. Rick Kerin, Dept. of English Head, presents Cadet 1st Class Jessamyn Liu with the 2006 Thompson Award for Excellence in Writing May 1. The award, in memory of Frederick M. Thompson (USMA '37) and Thomas D. Thompson, Jr. (USMA '67), is presented each year to a member of the graduating class who, during four years at the academy, has produced the most consistently distinguished writing across the curriculum.

PHOTO BY LT. COL. BOB GIBSON/ENGLISH

# DOD working to improve active, reserve, civilian workforce

By Rudi Williams  
American Forces Press Service

The Defense Department is seeking ways to foster sweeping changes in its civilian, reserve and active forces, DOD's top personnel official said April 25.

Any changes would be aimed at making the department more agile and effective, David S. C. Chu, undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness, said during his keynote speech at the Combined Workforce Conference.

Chu said DOD plans to convert thousands of military jobs to civilian positions. Other initiatives include transforming the armed forces, prolonging careers for retirement, and basing military promotions on preparedness rather than time in service.

DOD needs to better integrate its people because they are the core of the organization and the reason it has been successful, Chu told the conference audience. "It

was their performance in the first Persian Gulf war almost 15 years ago that restored the American military to its place as the most respected institution in our society," Chu said.

Pointing out that integration of the National Guard, reserve and active forces into a "total force" isn't a new issue, Chu noted that former Defense Secretary Melvin Laird coined the phrase "total force" a generation ago.

Laird used the term in describing how the active duty and reserve communities were brought together to thwart the Soviet Union's efforts to dominate Western Europe and the oil fields of the Persian Gulf, Chu said.

He said Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld's single, most important charge from the president is transforming the armed forces to meet challenges of the early 21st century.

Emphasizing that transformation is about much more than hardware,

Chu said: "Yes, new weapons systems are important. But ultimately it's the people who are operating those systems that make the difference."

Therefore, he said, it's important to effectively manage how DOD manages its people, how it treats them, and how they're recruited, motivated and retained so the nation can retain the finest fighting force in the world.

Chu discussed the three broad strands that are the focus of DOD's personnel agenda -- civilians, active military forces and reserve components. "The issue is how we bring these together most effectively in this early 21st century period to produce the military capabilities that we must have to defend our people and our society," he noted.

He said one of Rumsfeld's central concerns is how to restore the civil service to its rightful place as an equal partner with the military. "Too often in recent years managers have avoided using a federal civil

service solution because the system has been too cumbersome," Chu said. "It doesn't give us an agile and responsive capacity."

DOD is working toward having civilians play a larger role in the defense of the nation. "The department is in the process of converting about 20,000 positions from military to civil status," Chu said. "And there are plans to convert at least 10,000 more positions."

Chu also said many changes have been made in the way DOD looks at the reserve forces. "Historically, since World War II, the United States saw the reserves as a strategic asset, perhaps mobilized once in a generation," Chu said. He added that the National Guard has generally been used for home tasks but not current operations. But that began to change in the last decade and expanded enormously after the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, Chu said.

"We made the decision in the

department that the reserves would really be part of the operational force, an integral part of the total force," Chu said. "We recognized that reservists are not able to serve continuously, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Therefore, we have to be judicious and prudent in our use of reserve components."

About 500,000 guardsmen and reservists have been mobilized since Sept. 11. Officials are working to bring civilians, reservists and active-duty personnel together into one integrated community, which would make the total force more agile and more responsive, Chu said.

"Unlike the Cold War where we had a very well-developed idea of what was the problem and what might be the solution, now, we can't foresee with the same kind of certainty what the military operation of the future might look like," he said. "We have to be able to respond much more quickly than was true in the Cold War."

## OPM memo expands veterans' preference rules, eligibility

By Irene Brown  
Chief, Command Information

More Soldiers' could now be eligible for veterans' preference according to a March 9 memo issued by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

OPM Director Linda M. Springer stated in the memo that the Defense Authorization Act for FY 2006, which President Bush signed into law in January, contained two provisions specifically for veterans.

"One broadens the definition of a "veteran" for purposes

of preference eligibility," she explained. "The other clarifies eligibility for those released or discharged from active duty."

The first provision gives preference to those individuals who served on active duty for more than 180 consecutive days, other than for training, any part of which occurred during the period beginning September 11, 2001 and ending on the date prescribed by Presidential proclamation or by law as the last date of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The second provision contains new language on veterans'

preference eligibility for federal hiring. The new language states this benefit is available to individuals "who are discharged or released from active duty service" provided these individuals meet other applicable veterans' preference eligibility requirements. This replaces the previous statement of "individuals separated from the armed forces."

These changes are all good news for veterans, said Carol McQuinn, director of West Point's Civilian Personnel Advisory Center.

"These provisions recognize vets for their service during a real critical time in U.S. history and makes it possible for more of them

to qualify for veteran's preference," McQuinn explained.

Current employees who believe they meet the new preference eligibility for reduction-in-force purposes should give form DD-214, member 4 copy, to the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center here so that their records can be updated.

Those who believe they meet the requirements for preference for employment purposes should claim veterans' preference and updated military service dates when they prepare their resume and supplemental data in the Army Resume Builder.

Those whose resume and supplemental data are already in

RESUMIX will need to update the information and resubmit to the centralized Resumix database.

For more information, contact your agency Civilian Personnel Advisor at (845) 938-3943.

## Incoming BS&L faculty member honored for graduate research

Submitted by Behavioral Sciences and Leadership

Incoming Behavioral Sciences and Leadership faculty member, Lt. Col. Brian Reed, and currently at graduate school at the University of Maryland, received the George M. Phillips Award for Graduate Student Research in the Public Interest.

This award was established in 2000 to recognize outstanding graduate student contributions to topics involving community or public concerns. Reed is receiving the award for his research using social network analysis in the planning of the operation that captured Saddam Hussein. He has also had a journal article on his research accepted for publication.

# Healthwatch: Don't get ticked off this summer

Submitted by  
Maj.  
Jane Ralph  
Army Public  
Health Nurse



With the increased amount of outdoor activities during the summer months, there is also an increased chance that you will be bitten by a tick. If you haven't noticed already, there are a lot of ticks here at West Point. Ticks will attach to both people and animals and can transmit disease. Understanding how a tick behaves can help prevent tick bites and the diseases they carry.

Ticks are basically mites that feed on blood for survival. There are 80 different kinds of ticks in the United States. The one tick we are most concerned with in our area is the black-legged tick, also known as the "deer" tick. The black-legged tick can transmit Lyme, Ehrlichiosis and Babesiosis, the three most common local tick-borne diseases. This tick feeds on

many types of mammals and birds and has been reported on humans, dogs and deer at West Point.

A black-legged tick has a four stage life cycle: egg, larvae, nymph and adult. The life cycle lasts from one to two years and ticks can attach to humans in the larvae, nymph or adult phase.

The black-legged tick prefers to live in the woods. Dense, mature woods with a thick undergrowth of shrubs and small trees are ideal habitats for them. You can also find ticks along the edge of the woods. Very few ticks are found in properly mowed lawns because they are too hot and dry. Ticks prefer the cool, moist woodlands where they have a better chance of finding a host.

These ticks do not jump, fly or drop from the trees. They linger in shrubby vegetation (nymphs: four- to six-inch vegetation; adults: waist-high vegetation) and wait for a host. They then grasp the animal's fur or skin and crawl up the body. Ticks will crawl on the body for 30 to 60 minutes before beginning

to feed.

Infected black-legged ticks must feed for at least 12 to 24 hours before they begin to transmit disease. Not all ticks carry infections, so a bite does not necessarily mean the person is infected.

Ticks can feed anywhere on the body. Bites are painless and most people will be unaware they have an attached tick, so it is important to check carefully. Take a shower after outdoor activity and check your body thoroughly, paying close attention to the armpits, groin and neck. Keep a close watch on children and pets and make checking for ticks a routine function.

If you find a tick feeding on your body, DO NOT PANIC! This does not mean you will automatically get a disease. Remain calm and follow these simple directions to properly remove an attached tick: Grasp the tick's mouth parts with needle nose tweezers as close as possible to the point of attachment to the skin and pull upward and out with a firm and steady pressure. Do not twist or pull from side to side. After removing the tick, thoroughly wash the site with soap and water, and disinfect the site with rubbing alcohol or hydrogen peroxide and wash your hands. Keep the tick in a vial labeled with date and bite site. Monitor the site of the bite for 30 days. If a rash develops or you experience flu-like symptoms, contact your health care provider immediately.

Remember: checking for ticks and prompt removal of attached ticks is the most important and effective method of preventing infection.

**Editor's note:** Some resources used to research this article include The Center for Disease Control, the Lyme Disease Information Center ([www.findinfo.com/lyme.htm](http://www.findinfo.com/lyme.htm)) and the American Lyme Disease Foundation ([www.aldf.com](http://www.aldf.com)). **Next week: Lyme disease and other diseases caused by ticks.**

## Check Pets too!

Household pets can carry ticks into your home. Insecticidal products such as tick sprays, collars, dips and shampoos can help.

When pets have been out in yards, fields and woods during tick

season, inspect them carefully and remove any ticks.

Courtesy of the CDC



Use tweezers when removing ticks. CDC PHOTO

### LYME DISEASE ALERT

DO A THOROUGH BODY CHECK FOR TICKS AFTER BEING OUTDOORS.



Deer tick size (left to right)  
larva, nymph, adult

**How To Remove A Tick**

- Using tweezers, grasp tick near the mouth parts, as close to skin as possible.
- Pull tick in a steady, upward motion away from skin.
- DO NOT use kerosene, matches, or petroleum jelly to remove tick.
- Disinfect site with soap and water, rubbing alcohol or hydrogen peroxide.
- Record date and location of tick bite. If rash or flu-like symptoms appear contact your health care provider immediately.

**DISEASE RISK IS REDUCED IF TICK IS REMOVED WITHIN 36 HOURS.**

New York State Department of Health

## PREVENTION TECHNIQUES

### LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT

- Create a "tick-safe zone" around the perimeter of your lawn. A three-foot swath of wood chips works well.
- Clear low brush, vines and leaves yearly. Thin out tree branches that hang over the lawn.
- Cut the grass frequently. Ticks can't survive in sunny, well-clipped lawns.
- Locate mailboxes, sheds, picnic tables, swing sets and other things used by the family in the sun away from the woods.
- To reduce rodent habitats, seal cracks in foundations, screen areas under porches, place woodpiles and bird feeders far from the house and maintain stone walls.
- To inhibit deer from entering your yard, don't plant flowers and shrubs that deer like to eat.
- Never put feed out for wildlife.

### PERSONAL PROTECTIVE MEASURES

- Avoid tick-infested areas where feasible.
- In tick-infested areas, wear light-colored clothing so ticks are easier to see.
- Use an approved insect or tick repellent containing DEET and treat clothing with permethrin. Always follow the package directions and cautions before using, especially when applying to children.
- Wear long pants tucked into shoes, long-sleeved shirts tucked into pants.
- Remove clothes after leaving tick infested areas, wash and dry to eliminate ticks
- Always wear enclosed shoes.
- Carefully check for ticks anytime you have been outdoors. Parents should examine their children's skin carefully. Spot check frequently throughout the day.
- Routinely check pets for ticks.
- As soon as possible, remove ticks that have attached to the skin.



USMA Superintendent Lt. Gen. William J. Lennox Jr. and his wife, Anne, show their support for the importance of regular tick checks for Lyme disease prevention. For a T-shirt call Keller Preventive Medicine & Wellness at 938-2676. KACH PHOTO

# DUSA hands out \$74,620 in grants

Story and photos by  
Kathy Eastwood  
Staff Writer

The Daughters of the United States Army held their annual grants reception May 2 at Cullum Hall here.



**DUSA chairperson Deb Dalton presents the West Point Museum's David Reel with a grant.**

Donations were given out to about 40 community groups, including the American Red Cross (West Point Chapter), the West Point Cub Scouts-Pack 23, the Junior ROTC program at James I. O'Neill High School and the West Point Girl Scouts. The grants totaled \$74,620.

"All the grants came from proceeds generated from our two DUSA gift shops located in the West Point Museum and the Hotel Thayer," said DUSA Club President, Melissa Rowse.

In the past, DUSA grants have funded the West Point Library summer reading program, a historical map of the American Revolution at the West Point Museum and the Highland Falls Garden Club.



**DUSA Club President Melissa Rowse congratulates Lyn Engen after giving her a grant for the military child education coalition.**



## Graduation

Sgt. 1st Class Carolyn Zila receives her Bachelor of Science degree from Garrison Commander Col. Brian Crawford May 2 at the Graduate Recognition Ceremony at Cullum Hall here. The annual ceremony honored 50 community members who completed degrees this past year.

KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

# Community celebrates Asian-Pacific Month

Story and photos by  
Kathy Eastwood  
Staff Writer

Trophy Point here was the scene of an 'Asian invasion' Saturday as the community celebrated the annual Asian-Pacific Heritage Month. The festival's theme this year was "Dreams and challenges for Asian-Pacific Americans."

"I think it's important to introduce Asian cultures to others in festivals like this," said Cadet 2nd Class Patrick Dullano, captain of the festival. "It makes people aware that not all Asian cultures are alike by displaying their rich cultures through folk dancing and native food."

Participants stood in long

lines to sample the varieties of food offered and were entertained by performances of a Chinese dragon dance, Philippine folk dancing, Hawaiian Hula dancing and Tahitian dancing as well as demonstrations of the martial arts of Kendo and Judo by members of the Cadet Martial Arts Club here.

"I came here with my friend who is from the Philippines and works with some of the dancers," said Carmina Gardner, from Cornwall, N.Y. "This is very nice with all the colorful displays of costumes and the dances."

May is designated as Asian-Pacific American Heritage month to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the U.S. on May 7, 1843 and to mark the

anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869. The majority of the workers were Chinese.

**The Alay Philippine Dancers company from Danbury, Conn. perform a Philippine folk dance at the Asian-Pacific Heritage Month festival at Trophy Point May 5.**



A member of the Kim Mai Ae Dance Company performs a 'fan' dance, a traditional dance of Korea. The company has performed in Russia, Japan, France and at the opening ceremonies in the 1988 Olympics in Seoul, Korea.



Korean Dance company Chum Ta-Rae Dance and Kim Mai Ae perform intricate maneuvers and form shapes with their movements and fans at the Asian-Pacific Heritage Month Festival at Trophy Point May 5.



The Alay (which means 'many people') dance company perform folk dances of the Philippines. The dance company made a return appearance here to honor the rich variety of Asian Cultures.



Cadets 1st Class Justin Ramsey (left) and David Lambert, members of the Cadet Martial Arts Club here, display techniques in the Martial Art of Kendo. Kendo is a Japanese Sword fighting style using bamboo swords and is still very popular in Japan.



Sam Li and On Li from Chinatown, N.Y., perform the traditional Dragon Dance. The Dragon is an icon and is revered in ancient Chinese cultures. The Dragon Dance is a way to express fondness for the Dragon and is done during spring festivals.

# Annual Scout Camporee draws thousands

Story and photos by  
Kathy Eastwood  
Staff Writer

West Point's Lake Frederick was the scene of the 44th annual Scoutmaster Council Camporee Saturday and Sunday. Roughly 3,600 boy and girl scouts along with numerous cadet volunteers participated in learning drilling techniques, grappling, compass reading, canoe challenges and gun demonstrations.

Cadet volunteers put the scouts through various physical exercises such as push-ups. Cadet 3rd Class Thomas Harris had scouts do the 'dying cockroach' fitness test.

"This is what we have done in our physical training exercises and I thought it would be fun to have

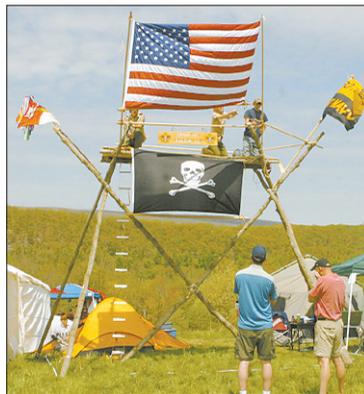
the scouts do it," Harris said. "The scouts like to collect sophomore hat brass so we give them out as prizes to whoever can last the longest."

Scouts were also treated to a Civil War cavalry re-enactment courtesy of the Department of Military Instruction and the USMA Cavalry and Scout Club. Roughly 100 re-enactors and 60 horses participated in the event.

Assistant Scoutmaster Marge Vazquez for Troop 140 from Blairstown, N.J., said it was her seventh year at the camporee.

"I have 20 boys and they always enjoy this camporee," Vazquez said. "They are used to camping out because we camp 12 months out of the year; including winter survival camping. They are great kids."

Vazquez said she does all the



**Troop 66 from Easton, Pa., set up an American flag at their campsite to fly along side the scout flag and a 'Go Army, Beat Navy' flag.**

cooking because she enjoys it and was a finalist in the Scoutmaster cook-off.

"Where else will a Scout troop get apple raisin bread stuffed French Toast for breakfast?" she added.

There were some newcomers at the camporee along with Scouts that have been here before or participate every year.

Scoutmaster Brian Benson of Troop 128 from McLean, Va., took 16 scouts along with eight adults to the camporee this year.

"This is our first time at West Point since 1992 and the first time ever for my son Ryan," Benson said. "We have boys who have been scouts for a year or two and I think this camporee appeals especially to the younger ones."

Boy Scout Jacob Lesitsky of Troop 99 from Effort, Pa., said this is the first time he has been to the West Point Camporee, but has been to other camporees.

"It's fun, but seems a lot more



**Austin Binns, (left), of Troop 21 from Goshen and Ori Shults of Troop 39 from Danville, Pa., check out AK-47s at the arms display at Lake Frederick Saturday during the 44th annual Scoutmasters Camporee.**

structured here than the others. I like working with the cadets," Lesitsky said.

The overall Scout Troop winner of the Cadet Sabers was the combined Girl and Boy Scout Troop 529 from Miami, Fla.

**Cadet 3rd Class Thomas Harris had scouts do a fitness test that he has done in physical training called the 'dying cockroach.' The scout who endured the longest received a sophomore brass hat pin, which were quite coveted by the scouts.**



**Ryan Tasker-Benson of Troop 128 from McLean, Va., sights down a M249 SAW under the watchful eye of Cadet 3rd Class Jeff Gray.**



**Cadet 2nd Class Mark Quint puts Troop 66 from Baragant, N.J., through some close order drill.**



**DMI and the Cadet Cavalry and Scout Club hosted roughly 100 Civil War re-enactors who displayed their horsemanship while putting on a mounted Civil War battle.**

# Academy names its first IMA NCO/Soldier of the Year

Story and photos by  
Spc. Benjamin Gruver  
Staff Writer

Three noncommissioned officers and three Soldiers competed for the first time in the Installation Management Agency NCO and Soldier of the Year competition at West Point April 17 and 18.

Military Policeman Sgt. Jose De La Sierra, the NCO in charge of traffic, won the IMA NCO of the Year, while Spc. Jason L. Reese, an MP in the Honor Guard, won the IMA Soldier of the Year.

The winners were announced May 5 during an awards ceremony outside of the 1st Battalion, 1st Infantry Regiment headquarters building. They will move on to compete July 21 to 24 at Fort A.P. Hill, Va., against other installations in the IMA Northeast region.

According to 1st/1st Command

Sgt. Maj. Allison Smith, West Point had not been tapping into the IMA competition before this year. To ensure an NCO and Soldier from West Point would be able to compete, at the NERO level in July, she said, a competition was held here at the end of April.

"It gives the rest of the Army the benefit of seeing the quality of the Soldiers who are selected to serve here on West Point," Smith said. "The West Point Soldier must be a well disciplined, physically fit Soldier. They must demonstrate high levels of professionalism. Our Soldiers competing and winning these boards just add to the testimony of the excellence of West Point."

The Soldiers for this year's contest spent two days competing in a variety of skills to include the Army physical fitness test, marksmanship qualification, land navigation, common task training and a formal board.

Reese, originally from Tuttle, Okla., is here at West Point on his first duty assignment after completing basic and advanced individual training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

Before joining the Army, Reese was attending a local community college and working as a mechanic, but said he wanted to do something



Sgt. Jose De La Sierra



Spc. Jason L. Reese

more. He wanted to serve his country.

"I know it is cliché, but that is my reason," Reese said.

The 23-year-old was selected to compete in the competition after previously doing well on seven other boards and said he was proud to represent his company and leadership.

"I am real tentative and shy and this helps build my confidence in my abilities," said Reese about competing. "I felt like it has helped me out."

During the competition Reese had one mishap during the land navigation and CTT portion, starting off in the wrong direction.

"I got excited and I ran the wrong way," Reese said. "I caught my mistake and I took off running

toward my first point which was 1,500 meters away, but I actually ran 2,000 meters out of my way. It was pretty embarrassing."

His mistake didn't stop him from making it to every land navigation point and ultimately winning the competition.

De La Sierra not only won the NCO of the Year competition, he did it before he was actually an NCO. On the same day he was awarded the top honor he was promoted to sergeant.

"I am the type of person that wants to be a success at what I do," said De La Sierra, who has only been in the Army for two-and-a-half years. "Whatever I am going to do I am going to do my best and challenge myself and push myself. I think my leadership has seen that

in me and seen how much I push myself and seen how much I strive for excellence."

The most challenging part, he explained, was balancing his duties, family and college with studying for the competition. He credits his success to his wife Marianne and his two-year-old daughter Julianne for their support through it all and God for keeping them healthy.

He also credits his NCOs for challenging him to strive for excellence and the Soldiers for keeping him motivated.

Before joining the Army, the Miami, Fla., native was living in Virginia Beach, Va., working as a manager at a shoe store, but decided to enlist because he wanted more out of life.

"I wasn't satisfied with where I was being a manager of a shoe store and not going to college," the 23-year-old said. "So I decided to join the Army to pursue the start of my career."

Since then De La Sierra has taken every measure to strive to be the best at what he does.

"I highly recommend every NCO and Soldier to better themselves," said De La Sierra. "There is no reason to just be standard. I think Soldiers should strive for excellence and not be satisfied with the bare minimum."

# Projects Day 2006

## Cadet Lunar Base design may eventually help NASA

Story and photos by  
Eric S. Bartelt  
Assistant Editor

Space exploration took off in the 20th century and now as we're entrenched in the 21st century, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration is looking to accomplish the mission of developing a lunar base to provide a leaping point to deeper space ventures.

Last summer, Roger Burk, Systems Engineering Department associate professor, and Cadet 1st Class John Bilal, as a part of SE403 projects class systems design II, began the first steps in developing a lunar base design and re-supply model to help meet NASA's proposed 2020 completion date for a lunar base on the moon.

For two semesters, Bilal and Cadets 1st Class Jason Zuniga, Matthew Fletcher and Christopher Barlow worked under the guidance of Burk to achieve the group's capstone project and presentation for Projects Day May 4.

Projects Day is the promoting of academic excellence by providing First Class cadets a public forum to present their senior theses and design projects.

The model and simulation that Bilal's group put together may have a significant impact on how NASA devises its plan for the lunar base and re-supply.

After much calculations and reading many sources on lunar bases and space travel, the group identified the most promising designs in creating a lunar base and developed a parametric spreadsheet model to aid in the implementation of re-supply needs.

"Basically, it's about logistics and the what, where, when and that sums up to weight requirements," Bilal said. "The overall logistical model, excel document we made, the output is capital mass and re-supply mass and that was the work we put in as far as the model is concerned."

According to Fletcher, the group did two separate models, one was a point design which was exactly what systems would be used on a lunar base for power, drinking water and such things. Then Bilal and he worked on the excel model to calculate how much mass would be needed for the lunar base and how much water and supplies would be needed for an entire year.

The figures came out to 70,000 kilograms of capital mass that would be initially sent up and then another 7,500 kilograms would be sent for lunar base re-supply.

"NASA's interest with us was that the Army has a lot of logistical support for its bases, so they wanted to bring some of the Army's expertise in and have a set a fresh eyes look at the lunar logistical problem," Burk said. "It began because we had a NASA fellow, Maj. Steve Henderson, there two years ago and he came up with the idea and they called up to have us send someone down to work on this last summer."

Burk and Bilal went to the Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala., to begin the process of this complex project.

"We wanted to make the base as self-sufficient as possible because it's really expensive to send missions up once a month," Bilal said. "So re-supplies of water, food, spare parts that are needed and the schedule we have now is once a year to keep the base going and to switch out astronauts."

"But NASA's phasing the shuttle out by 2010 and they're going to come out with two separate launch vehicles: a heavy launch vehicle and a crew exploration vehicle and this will hopefully allow for more reliable launches and may increase the number of launches for NASA because that's a huge issue," Bilal added. "So re-supply, reliability, modularity, there's so many objectives, values and attributes that are within this project."

Through brainstorming, the group came up with everything that would possibly be needed and grouped them together and then started a needs analysis and functional hierarchy.

They came up with four major function areas: life critical, life support, living conditions and maintenance. The life critical function will take up two-thirds of the mass as the base would be broken up into five modules.

The base design modules includes a storage and air lock area, a mission control, a quarters and hygiene area, a workout, eating and galley, and a life support area to include water, food and plants. The design also includes a landing site and protection walls from the landing site blast and nuclear power area, which was concluded to be the most efficient power source

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System's Engineering**

for the base.

Besides the design, their focus was on the weight requirements and how NASA would best transport the supplies and initial base load with as much pre-fabrication done on Earth to the size of the current shuttle bay for transport to best keep costs down.

"Given all the different functions, we had a whole bunch of alternatives to choose from, so we analyzed all the different alternatives and came up with an evaluation system for all of them," Zuniga said. "We selected all the different choices for the actual design for the base."

"We have a 76-page report that we came up with that has all the different selections ... and there are a hundred different functions and sub-functions," Zuniga added.

The group had to get a baseline understanding of rocketry and space flight before they got in-depth with



Cadet 1st Class John Bilal discusses his group's Lunar Base Design and Re-Supply model during a Projects Day presentation May 4 at Mahan Hall.

the project and the most difficult part for the group was trying to integrate all this new knowledge into something substantial.

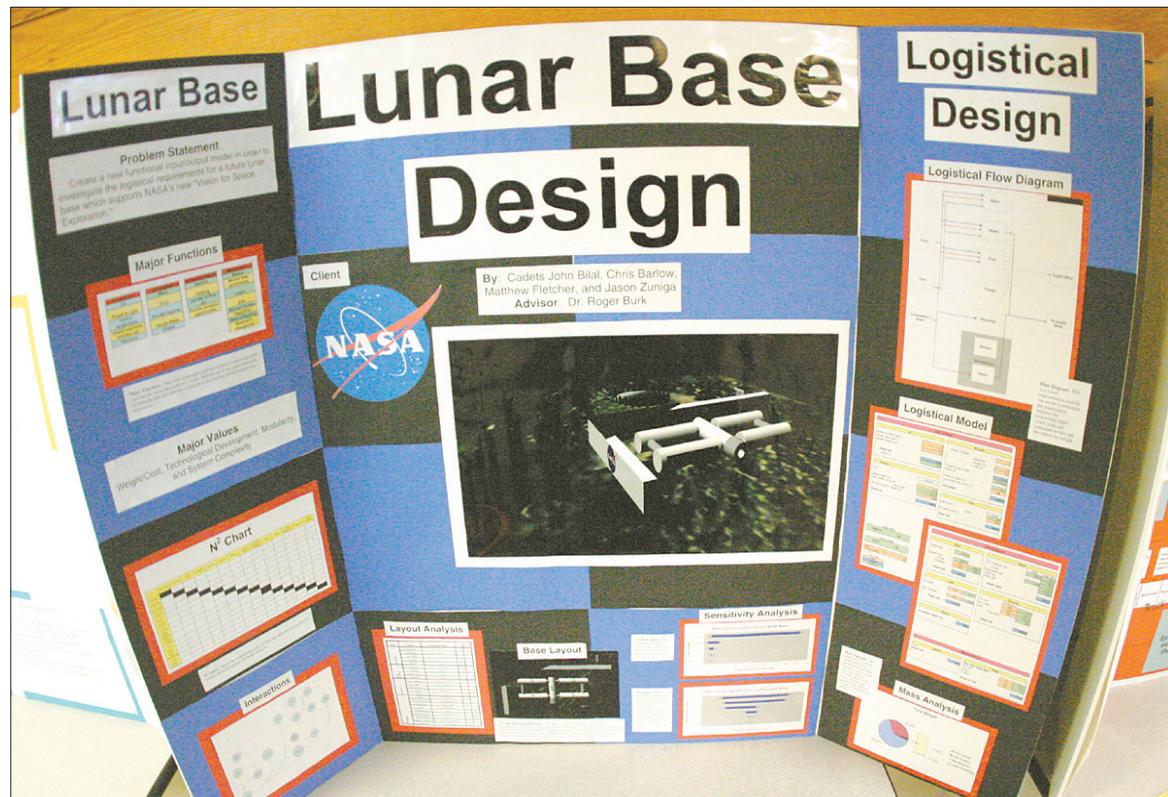
Bilal said at their last briefing with NASA officials that they liked the layout analysis and they will present the final presentation to them within the next two weeks.

The project seemed overwhelming for the group at first as they got their feet wet. But as time went on and as they met all their deadlines to complete something that will take NASA on a journey for the next 15 years, it became apparent that they were the

right group for this complex job and were happy to be a part of it.

"It's a different scope of something we didn't know much about and took a lot to do," Zuniga said. "Having got it done, it's a great accomplishment for all the nights we stayed up late bickering and what not ... I'm happy we got all this done in designing a lunar base and coming up with a logistical model to maintain the base."

"Realistic or not, or how NASA may interpret everything, I think it's a big accomplishment for us," Zuniga added.



Cadets 1st Class Bilal, Christopher Barlow, Matthew Fletcher and Jason Zuniga display their Lunar Base Design and all the prime functions and analysis statistics they found critical.

# West Point School team competes at 32nd

Story and photos by  
Spc. Benjamin Gruver  
Staff Writer

One special day culminated months of preparation by 14 middle school students and six special needs kids here at West Point as they participated along with roughly 650 other special athletes in the 32nd Annual Orange County Special Olympics here Saturday.

For the first year the West

Point School was able to provide a training site for West Point athletes who wish to be a part of the Special Olympics here which is sponsored by the Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership.

"About three years ago I went to a special (Department of Defense Education Activity) training," said Joanne Woodworth, a physical education specialist at the West Point School, "and the DODEA training had a session about peer

tutoring with middle school kids working with special needs kids and the light bulb just went off because we had the perfect situation."

Woodworth, who has been at WPS for 15 years, took the first steps by finding out which people with special needs qualify to take part in the Special Olympics. She then put out a call to kids between the fourth and eighth grades who would like to coach special athletes.

"I didn't just take anyone. They had to apply for the position," Woodworth said, asking the students what special qualities they had to be a Special Olympics coach. "The things that these kids wrote about, from having family members who were disabled to feeling that they were a good athlete and they know what it feels like to succeed and they want to share that feeling with other kids, the depth of what came back just shocked me."

After two weeks of training, the coaches started working with the athletes twice a week since Jan 24. For the first couple of months the coaches and athletes interacted in a variety of activities mostly led by Woodworth. During that time the coaches were to keep in mind who they would specifically like to coach. Woodworth then gave the athletes a week off to talk to the coaches about the specific events and how to coach them, and for the last month athletes were grouped with two or three coaches to get ready for their events.

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**Rayann Clutts  
WPMS sixth grader  
Special Olympic  
athlete trainer**

to work that hard," said Rayann Clutts, a sixth grader, "but then you end up running with them, you end up doing the same things they are doing and so it is really good for you too."

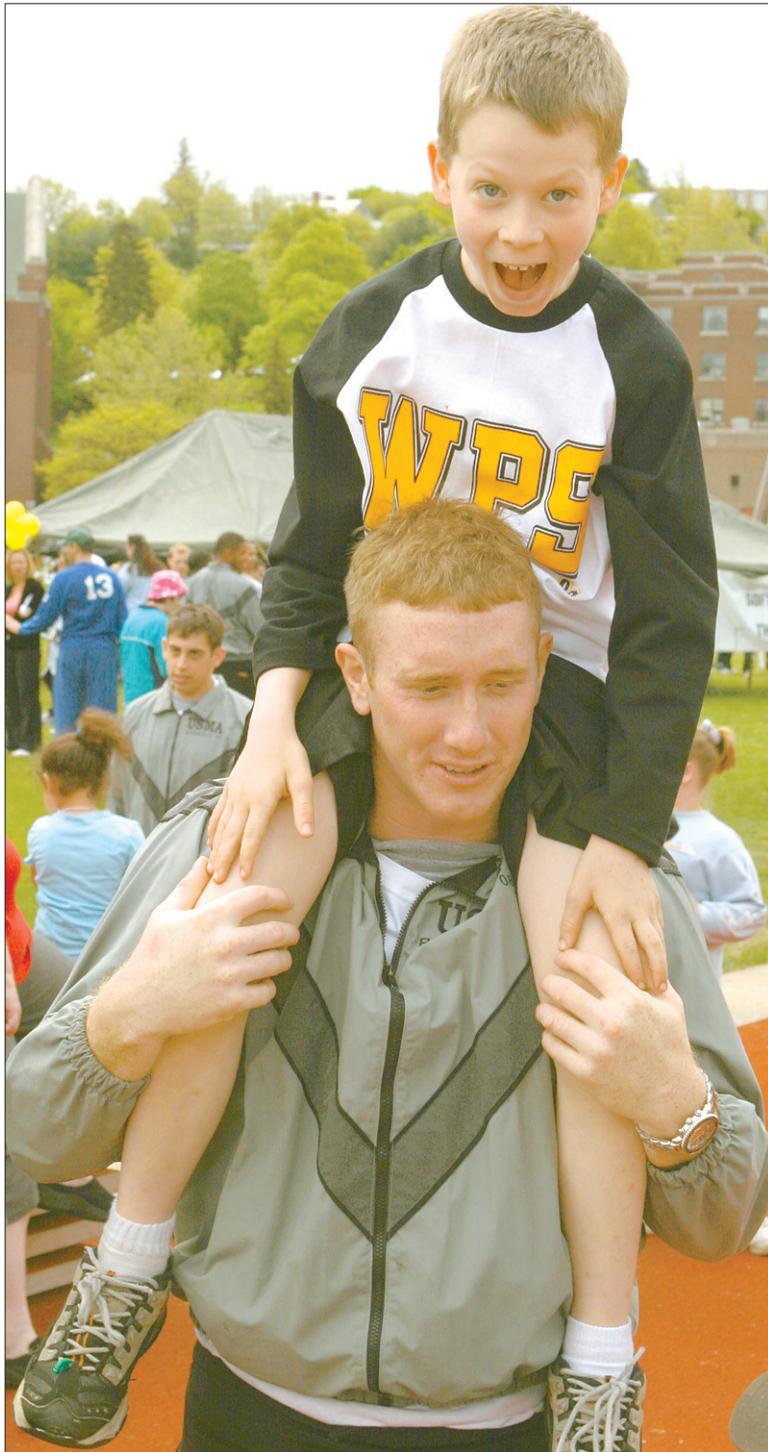
Clutts said she gravitated toward working with Kolby Young who is also one of her neighbors.

"What we do is we have him practice the start so he knows how to start and we teach him how to run in a straight line," Clutts said. "For the long jump we taught him how to rock back and forth."

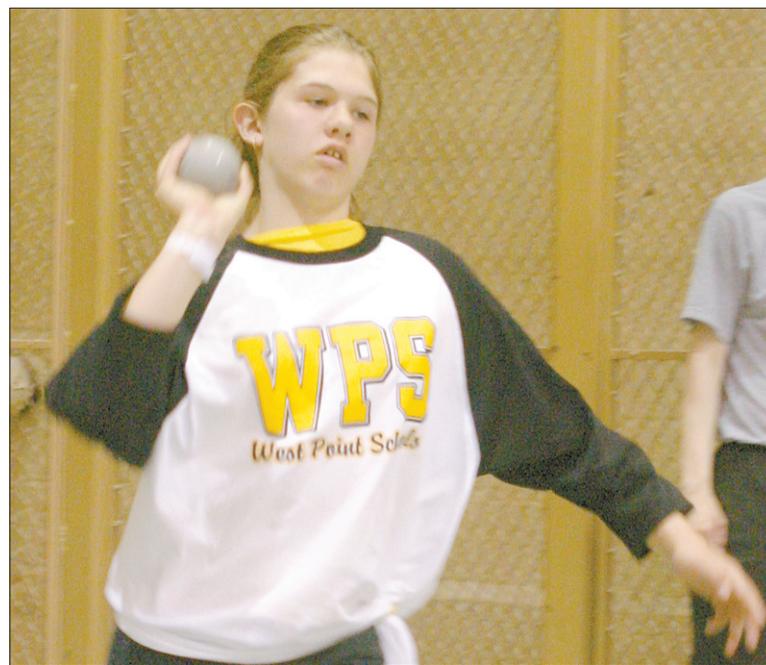
One of the most important things, according to Clutts, was giving them lots of compliments and making them feel like a winner. In turn the experience not only lifted the spirits of the athletes, but she said it made her feel good too.

"My life has been better after (I started coaching)," Clutts said. "This is a way to help people and it makes you feel really good."

The experience also gave one athlete the opportunity to share



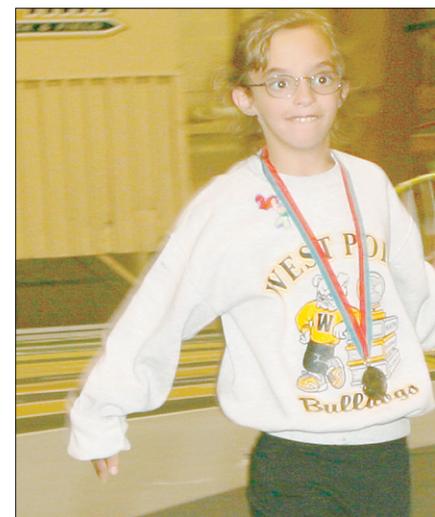
Cadet 3rd Class Andrew Rockwood gives Kolby Young a ride at the Orange County Special Olympics. Approximately 750 cadets volunteered their time for the event by setting it up, running the competitions and sponsoring athletes for the day.



Abby Manous competes in the shot put event inside of Gillis Field House. Abby and her brother have competed in the Special Olympics for the past five years, but it is the first time a team from the West Point School trained for the event.



The West Point Special Olympics team at the 32nd Annual Orange County Special Olympics ceremonies.



Rebecca Hankins in action during the shot put event. She was cheered on by her coaches and family. They were all there to support her.

his experience with the Special Olympics with other special needs kids as he took on the role of coach as well.

Andrew Manous with his sister Abby has participated for the past five years. By taking on the role of coach he says it allows him to share what has happened in his life and encourage others.

"It is just really fun getting to know people," Andrew Manous said, who competed in the 100-

# Annual Orange County Special Olympics



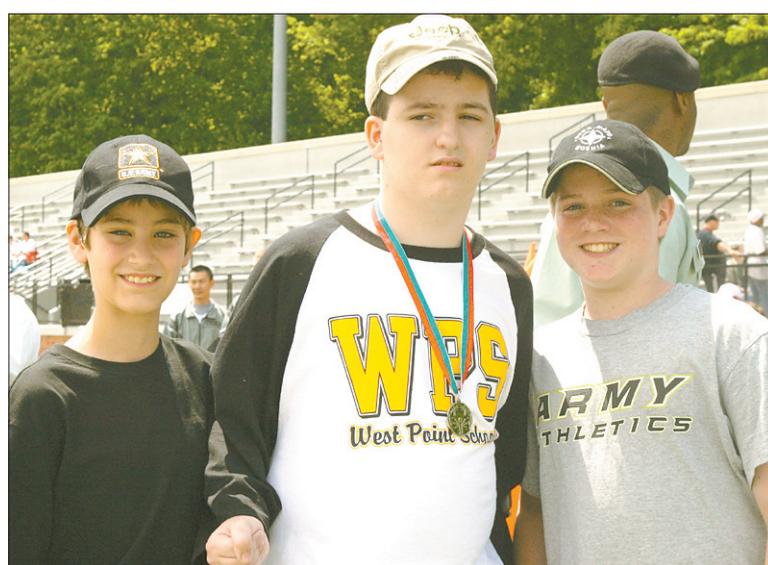
Team, which includes six athletes, 14 middle school coaches and nine cadet sponsors, pose by Special Olympics after marching around Shea Stadium with their banner during opening



Steven Hankins celebrates his second-place finish of the 50-meter run Saturday. He also competed in the standing long jump.



the tennis ball throw event. Coaches, teammates, cadet sponsors help make it a special day.



R.J. Lacey stands with his two coaches Jason Kraft, (left) and Zach Trainor after competing in the walk event.



Andrew Manous is congratulated by Lt. Col. Sean Hannah of the Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership after winning first place in the shot put. While he competed at the Special Olympics, Manous also served as a team coach.

eter run and shot put. “You get to meet people that you didn’t meet before and it is just fun working with the athletes and all the activities they do.”

The whole program, according to Woodworth, is an opportunity for the athletes to develop physical fitness, develop motor skills and develop a relationship with their coaches. It also gives the parents another opportunity for a break from caring for special needs kids is

very challenging. She described the program as a win, win situation.

“Mrs. Woodworth had them running out there every practice, so it was a lot of fun and also good exercise,” said Natalie Hankins, the mother of athletes Rebecca and Steven.

For Hankins kids winning the medals on the day of the event was a big confidence booster. The West Point team participated in the opening ceremony by carrying

their banner around Shea Stadium and competed in running events and field events such as the standing long jump, shot put and tennis ball throw.

“It has been a very positive experience,” said Hankins “Especially with my daughter because she puts 110 percent out there and the other kids encourage her, which means so much to our kids. It is nice just to see the interaction between the kids.”

# Keller Corner

## KACH closure

All outpatient clinics, laboratory, pharmacy and radiology will be closed May 29.

The emergency room will be open.

## School and sport physicals

DOD schools require a physical for sports, Scouts and other activities.

New York State education laws require that the following students receive a physical exam:

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

- Those who are new to a school district, including children transferring from West Point schools to a public or parochial school.

- Those who participate in interscholastic sports, including cheerleading.

- 14-year olds who want a work card.

To be acceptable, exams must be within one calendar year of the start of school or the sport. If a physical expires before the beginning of a new sport, a new exam is required.

Contact your school's nurse to determine if a physical is required and to obtain the appropriate forms.

DOD Schools are not governed by the New York State education laws. DOD schools require a physical for sports, scouts and other activities, but not attendance at the West Point schools.

To schedule an appointment call the KACH appointment center at (845) 938-7992 or 800-552-2907.

Ask for a physical exam appointment and be sure to bring the school's forms to the appointment.

## Referral assistance

Do you have questions or need assistance with a referral? If so, call (845) 938-5373.

## Free developmental screenings

Free developmental screenings will be conducted at the Child Development Center in conjunction with audiology, EDIS and West Point School for kids ages birth to 5 years old, June 6 from 8:45 a.m. to 2 p.m. These screenings are by appointment only. Call 938-6868 to schedule one.

# What's Happening

## Mickey Marcus Sunday

The annual Mickey Marcus (USMA '24) ceremony will be held Sunday with services at the Jewish Chapel at 11 a.m. and a wreath laying at the West Point Cemetery afterward.

## Sacred Heart Golf Tournament

Sacred Heart School will host a golf tournament at the West Point Golf Course Monday.

Call 446-2674 for information.

## Suicide alertness training

The Suicide Prevention/Resources Task Force is hosting safeTalk suicide alertness training Tuesday in Bldg. 626's second floor conference room.

The training is open to the entire West Point community. Class size is limited to 30. Call 938-2462/2912 to sign up.

## MOMS Club

The MOMS Club of West Point end of year banquet is Thursday at 7 p.m. at Pineapple's Steakhouse in Highland Falls.

Call 446-3634 by today to R.S.V.P.

## WPWC

The WPWC Shoppe is open every Wed. from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The WPWC Gift Shop will close at 1 p.m. Wed. and will be closed May 24.

The Shop will close for the summer after May 31.

For more info., call 446-8798.

WPWC has table decorations and other party items to rent for

your next event.

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

The WPWC end of year luncheon is Tues. from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. in the West Point Club's Hudson Room.

Call 446-1448 to R.S.V.P.

The WPWC invites the community to the Community Farewell for Anne Lennox, May 17 at 6:30 p.m., at Kimsey Athletic Center's 4th floor.

Call 446-5708 for more info.

## American Red Cross classes

CPR/First Aid classes will be held May 24 and 25 from 4 to 8 p.m.

Pre-register by calling 938-4100.

## Community Farewell Luncheon

The Community Farewell luncheon for Lt. Gen William J. Lennox and his wife Anne Lennox is Thursday at 11:30 a.m. at the Eisenhower Hall Ballroom.

RSVP by today to 938-4189/6313.

## WPES Field Day, June 1

The West Point Elementary School will hold its annual Field Day June 1 from 9 a.m. to noon at Shea Stadium.

Team information will be sent home May 31. Please wear a shirt with your team's color.

Parents are welcome to come and cheer. The inclement weather site is Gillis Field House.

## Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed to help run the Superintendent's reception for graduating cadets, families and guests in the Grand Ballroom of Eisenhower Hall May 24 and 25.

Call Karen Wood at 938-5698 by today to sign up.

## Quarters 100 tours

The Superintendent's Quarters will be available for tours during each Graduation Reception May 24 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. and 3 to 4:30 p.m.; and also on May 25 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. and from 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Shuttle transportation will be available between Quarters 100 and Eisenhower Hall where the graduation receptions are.

## Summer playground fun

The Protestant Women of the Chapel will host weekly summer playground fun beginning May 31 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the

Post Chapel playground. Call 859-4182/446-5307 for more info.

## DUSA college mixer

DUSA is holding a college mixer June 8 at the Benny Havens Lounge from 8 to 11 p.m. Bring a friend to this free event and join us to socialize and enjoy some refreshments.

Call Jessica, at 446-1385 for more information.

## WPES cutoff date change

Revised cutoff date for West Point Elementary School preschool and kindergarten students.

The cutoff date for children entering WPES's preschool or kindergarten in school year 2006-2007 are students entering preschool who must be four by Oct. 31, 2006 and entering kindergarteners who must be 5 by Oct. 31, 2006.

For more info. call Phyllis Caputo at 938-3827/2313.

## Community Farewell for Anne Lennox

The West Point Women's Club invites the community to the Community Farewell for Anne Lennox, Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., at Kimsey Athletic Center's 4th floor. No RSVP is required. A small donation to defray costs is welcome.

Call 446-5708 for more info.

# MWR Blurbs

## Morgan Farm Open House cancelled

Saturday's Open House at Morgan Farm and Kennel is cancelled due to expected inclement weather.

## WPC May discounts

The West Point Club is offering special rates for the families of deployed individuals for the month of May.

Call 938-5120 or go to the WPC Web site at <http://www.usma.edu/mwr/ACTIVITY/WPC/Wpc.htm>.

## Mother's Day Brunch

The West Point Club will have a Mother's Day Brunch Sunday with seatings at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Call 938-5120 or 446-5504 for reservations and more info.

## BOSS Poker Tournament

BOSS is hosting a Poker Tournament May 19 at Buffalo Soldier Pavilion. The event is free and open to the entire West Point community. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., with play beginning at 7 p.m.

Pre-register by calling 938-8063/6497.

## Kids Fishing Derby

MWR and the West Point Bass Club will host the annual Kids Fishing Derby May 20 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Round Pond.

The event is open to all young anglers ages 5 to 15 who are residents of West Point, Stewart, the Town of Highlands and West Point employees.

Pre-registration is recommended by calling 938-2503.

## Golf Tournament

The West Point Golf Course is hosting the annual Spring Scramble May 20. The event is open to all players. The shotgun start begins at 8 a.m.

Call 938-2435 to register by Thursday.

## MWR Fitness Center

Beginning May 30 the MWR Fitness Center will expand its hours to Mon. - Fri. 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sat. 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Sun. 1 to 6 p.m.

For more info. call 938-6490.

The weigh-in for the "Burnin' Up for Summer" fitness challenge has started and runs through May 20. Get in shape for summer while earning points at various MWR Fitness Center activities and qualify to win prizes.

For more info. go to <http://www.usma.edu/mwr/ACTIVITY/Fitness/Fitness.htm> or call 938-6490.

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## All-Army Ironman Team

You could qualify to compete on the All-Army Ironman Team for the Hawaii Ironman Championship.

Apply online at <https://armysports.cfsc.army.mil> using your AKO e-mail address by June 1. For more info. call the Sports Office at 938-3066.

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

Advance registration for the annual USMA 5K/10K and Kid's 1-mile Fun Run, Aug. 26, begins June 1 on the Web at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com). (Keyword: USMA or West Point.)

## Shades of Green

Now through June 4, book a 5-night, 6-day Disney vacation between Aug. 13 and Sept. 30 and receive the Disney Dining Plan free.

Now all Shades of Green Resort vacations can be booked through the ITR Office. To plan your next get away call 938-2401.

## Nurses Week celebrated



Licensed practical nurse Jo Bookman (left) and registered nurse Andrea Gardella were named nurses of the year Monday at Keller Army Community Hospital. Spc. Jason Obert, not shown, was named medic of the year at a ceremony at KACH in celebration of Nurses Week. The medical professionals were nominated by their peers.



## Historic Weapons shoot

Cadet 3rd Class James Villanueva (left) gets his hands on a World War II era M1 Garand Rifle, while Cadet 1st Class Kyle Hatzinger, in a WW II era U.S. Army uniform, explains how to use the .30 caliber, 9-pound 8-ounce rifle. The Garand and other historic rifles and machine guns were more than on display during the Department of History's annual historic weapons shoot, giving cadets an opportunity to fire them down range. Also a part of the day were displays from the West Point Museum as well as re-enactors of the Civil War, Revolutionary War and both World Wars from the 124th New York Regiment, the Huntington Militia, the 3rd New York Regiment and the Great War Association.

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# MAY MWR COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>ACS, bldg. 622 ♦ 938-4621 AEC, bldg.683 ♦ 938-3762 Arts &amp; Crafts, bldg. 648 ♦ 938-4812 Auto Crafts, bldg. 648 ♦ 938-2074 BSP/BOSS, bldg. 628 ♦ 938-6497 Bowling Ctr., bldg. 622 ♦ 938-2140 CDC, bldg. 1207 ♦ 938-4798/4523 CDS, bldg. 1207 ♦ 938-2092/2035 Community Rec Div ♦ 938-2401 Delafield Pond ♦ 938-5139/5158 Fitness Center, bldg. 683 ♦ 938-6490 Golf Course ♦ 938-2435/2327 Hollerder Center ♦ 938-4236</p>	<p>ITR, bldg. 695 ♦ 938-3601/2401 AVC, bldg. 2104 ♦ 938-3655 Morgan Farm, bldg. 2036 ♦ 938-3926 Outdoor Rec ♦ 938-2503 Post Library, bldg. 622 ♦ 938-2974 Round Pond ♦ 938-2503/3860 School-Age Services, bldg. 1207 ♦ 938-8530 West Point Club, bldg. 603 ♦ 938-5120, 446-5506 Ski Lodge ♦ 938-3726/3727 Youth Services, bldg. 500 ♦ 938-3727 Veterinary Clinic, bldg. 630 ♦ 938-3817 <b>PLEASE NOTE:</b> For more information, contact the office listed for each activity.</p>		<p><b>West Point Bowling Center</b> <b>Open Bowling:</b> Sun.-1300-1800 Mon. 1600-2100 Tue. Closed Wed. &amp; Thur. 1130-1900 Fri. 1130-2300 Sat. 0900-2300 <b>Galactic Bowling:</b> Every Fri. &amp; Sat. 1700-2300 <b>Home of Lil' Skeeters BBQ &amp; Primo's Pizza</b></p>	<p><b>12</b> Targeting Stress, 1130, Financial Readiness Training for 1st Term Soldiers, 0830, ACS</p>	<p><b>13</b> Bosu and Core, 0900, Spinning, 1000 Every Saturday in May at the MWR Fitness Center</p>	
<p><b>14</b></p> <p><b>Mother's Day Brunch</b>, WP Club, Seatings at 1100 &amp; 1300</p>	<p><b>15</b> Golf Course Closed for Outside Event Registration Begins for Summer Riding Camp, Morgan Farm, 1000-1400 Wee Ones Play Group, ACS, 0930-1100</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>Spinning, 0540, Resist-A-Ball, 0640, Core Strength Pilates, 0900, Cardio Blast, 1700, Spinning, 1700, Butts &amp; Guts, 1800, Every Tuesday in May at the MWR Fitness Center</p>	<p><b>17</b> From Hearts to Dollars-Volunteers into Paid Employees, ACS, 0830-1030 General Parenting Overview, 1130, Initial PCS Move, 1330, Checking Accounts, 1445, ACS Baseball Pitch, Hit &amp; Run Competition, YS, 1730</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>Targeting Stress, 1130, Consumer Rights &amp; Responsibilities, 0830, Credit, 0945, ACS</p>	<p><b>19</b> Bull Pond Opens for the Season, 1400 Mongolian BBQ, WP Club, 1700-2100</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p><b>Annual West Point Spring Scramble</b>, WP Golf, 0800-1300 Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island, ITR, 0900-1600 <b>Kids Fishing Derby</b>, Round Pond, 0900-1300 Dance Recital at Robinson Aud., YS, 1400-1600</p>
<p><b>21</b> Tour NYC, ITR, 0900-1700</p>	<p><b>22</b> Golf Course Closed for Outside Event Wee Ones Play Group, ACS, 0930-1100 Swim Registration Begins, YS 1000-1400</p>	<p><b>23</b> Preseparation Briefing, ACS, 1400-1500 Black &amp; Gold Volunteer Award Ceremony, AVC, 0945-1000</p> <p><b>Volunteer Services</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>Spinning, 0540, Strength &amp; Sculpt, 0550, Pump Up the Volume, 0900, Spinning, 1700, ABSolutions, 1730, Steprageous, 1800, Yogalates, 1845 Every Wednesday in May at the MWR Fitness Center</p>	<p><b>25</b> Theater Van to Broadway, ITR, 1700-2330</p>	<p><b>26</b> WP Club Closes after Lunch to support Graduation Banquet Imax Theater, Enrolled SAS Children, 1300-1500</p>	<p><b>27</b> <b>USMA Class of 2006 Graduation</b></p>

**Solution to Weekly Sudoku**

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

**YS grants**

The Department of Education has announced two new grants for the 2006-2007 school year. The Academic Competitiveness and National SMART grants will provide high performing college students with up to \$4,000 a year for maintaining a 3.0 or better GPA. For more info., call 938-8899.

**West Point Yard Sale Saturday**

WEST POINT, N.Y. -- West Point Family Housing is scheduled to host a post-wide yard sale Saturday from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Many on-post residents participate in the yard sale by selling items or shopping in the neighborhoods scattered with deals throughout post. Hundreds of visitors from off-post also visit to hunt for a steal in everything from baby clothing to furniture.

"The post-wide yard sale is a big help to our residents," said Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey Murriel, the Garrison CSM. "Visitors from across the area show up to participate in the event."

Off-post residents attending the yard sale should enter through Stony or Thayer gates. Visitors must present a valid photo I.D. For more information about the post-wide yard sale, call (845) 938-2022.

**NOW SHOWING** in the movie theater at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752

**Friday -- Eight Below, PG, 7:30 p.m.**  
**Saturday -- ATL, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**  
**Saturday -- The Inside Man, R, 9:30 p.m.**  
**May 19 -- Ice Age 2: The Meltdown, PG, 7:30 p.m.**  
**May 20 -- Take the Lead, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**  
**May 20 -- Lucky Number Slevin, R, 9:30 p.m.**  
**May 26 -- Benchwarmers, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**  
**May 27 -- Ice Age 2: The Meltdown, PG, 7:30 p.m.**

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

**Command Channel 8/23**

May 12 - 19

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

**MONDAY - THURSDAY**  
9 a.m. Army Newswatch  
6 p.m. Army Newswatch

**MAY 19**  
9 a.m. Army Newswatch  
6 p.m. Army Newswatch

## Endurothon 2006



Department of Military Instruction instructor Capt. Whitney Campbell climbs to the top of Anthony's Nose with teammate Col. Peter Curry, DMI director, close behind. Getting to the top of the Bear Mountain Bridge look over was the first of a series of challenges 11 teams of four faced during DMI's second Endurothon held May 4. Other challenges included a jump off of the Stilwell Lake Dam, a canoeing course around the lake and an obstacle course.

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### Conner Road closure

Connor Road between Benedict Road and Sladen Road will be closed to traffic beginning Monday, until approximately June 3 to allow the New Brick Renovation Contractor to repave the road.

Access to Benedict Road will be restricted to the eastern end of the road during this time period. In addition, the contractor has requested and received permission to work within the confines of the Phase III construction zone during Graduation Week, May 22-25.

They will not be working May 26. Residents of Benedict Road who expect large trucks either delivering or picking up household goods during the period should contact their area coordinator, if they have not already made their need known.

### Flower Issue

This year's DPW Self Help

## DPW Notes

Center's Spring Flower Issue is scheduled for Tuesday from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. at the Self Help Center, Building 695.

Note the 2nd Issue will begin at 4:30 p.m. rather than 6 p.m., as

in previous years.

All residents should keep the time change in mind when both planning for the pick up of their one flat first issue and when planning to return for the 2nd Issue of Flowers.

## Freedom Team Salute

Cadets now have a way to thank their parents for supporting them during their time here.

The U.S. Army launched a program in 2005 that gives all Army Soldiers -- Active Duty, Reservists and National Guardsmen -- an opportunity to recognize and thank parents, spouses, employers and Army veterans.

To nominate someone simply visit the Web site at <http://freedomteamsalute.army.mil> and enter the name and address of the person. Freedom Team Salute honorees will receive a Freedom Team Salute Commendation package, including an official Army lapel pin, a U.S. Army decal, a letter of thanks and a certificate of appreciation.

Veterans can log onto the Web site and simply enter their name and address. Anyone can log on to the Web site to nominate a veteran.

The FTS Commendation Packet will arrive approximately 4-6 weeks after it is processed.

# Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month

## Awareness can make the road safer for all

By Irene Brown  
Chief, Command Information

May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month and is intended to promote the importance of motorist awareness and sharing the road with motorcyclists.

Weekends seem to be the most popular time for riders and on sunny, warm days you can usually see bikers on main and less-traveled roads throughout Orange County.

West Point Safety Office director, John Ciabotti, wants to remind all riders to make sure they are properly licensed -- and aware of the inherent risks -- before they go riding.

"In order to receive a motorcycle endorsement on their driver license, all motorcycle riders must take a knowledge test and successfully complete a motorcycle safety class," Ciabotti explained. "A motorcycle safety course is also required for 16- and 17-year-olds

and for adults who fail the rider skills test twice."

As more people enjoy motorcycling, Ciabotti said, it is up to all of us to share the road and help lower crash rates.

"Motorist awareness is an important part of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's comprehensive motorcycle safety program," he explained. "Over two-thirds of fatal motorcycle crashes involve a motorcycle and another vehicle. The motorist either does not see the oncoming motorcycle at all or does not see the motorcycle in time to avoid a crash."

The following are some tips to help drivers become more aware of motorcyclists:

### Motorcycle safety tips

- Remember the motorcycle is a vehicle with all of the privileges of any vehicle on the roadway. Give the motorcyclist a full lane of travel.
- Look for the motorcyclist on the highway, at intersections, when a motorcyclist may be making a left turn, and when a motorcyclist may be changing lanes. Clearly signal your intentions.
- Obstructions (debris, potholes, etc.) that you may ignore or not notice can be deadly for a motorcyclist. Predict evasive actions.
- Don't follow a motorcycle too closely. Allow enough room for the motorcyclist to take evasive actions.

For more information on motorcycle safety. Contact the West Point Safety Office at 938-6129.

### 2006 Housing Draw info tables

Community groups and organizations are invited to set up and "man" an information table at the 2006 Housing Draw.

The draw will be held June 5 and June 7 in Robinson Auditorium, Thayer Hall, Building 601.

The Draw will begin at 10:30 a.m. and is expected to conclude no later than 12:30 p.m.

Inbound officer families will be attending the Draw and will be encouraged to visit the tables to learn about community services and activities.

Interested organizations should contact Martha Hinote, 938-4407, or by e-mail indicating your interest. At that time, all of the "rules" you need to know to have a table at the Draw will be presented.

All organizations must call ahead for a reservation.

Reservations are required by June 1.



**Eye Protection.**  
Face shield or Impact-shatter resistant goggles or wrap-around glasses that meet ANSI Z87.1

**Helmets.**  
certified by the manufacturer to meet or exceed DOT standards and must be properly fastened under the chin. A full face helmet with proper shield provides best protection

**Garment Visibility.**  
A brightly colored outer upper garment during the day and a reflective upper garment during the night.

**Clothing.**  
Long-sleeved shirt or jacket, long trousers, and full-fingered gloves or mittens designed for use on a motorcycle.

**Sturdy Foot Wear.**  
Lather boots or over-the ankle shoes.

# Army and Community Sports

## Rhynedance surprises, achieves dad's feat

Story and photo by  
Eric S. Bartelt  
Assistant Editor

Living up to a family legacy is not always easy and it wasn't for the first two years of junior George Rhynedance's gymnastics career at West Point.

Rhynedance was relegated to spot duty and rarely participated in the high bar during competitions while always dreaming about achieving goals that his father, George Sr., achieved as a cadet.

March 26 that all changed as the younger Rhynedance captured his first-ever win and scored a personal-best 9.35 on the high bar to win the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference title. The title marked the first time a father-son duo from Army won titles as George Sr. was Army's first ECAC champion at the floor exercise in 1980.

Rhynedance may not have the talent his father had, but his perseverance to succeed got him to the same end result -- ECAC individual title champion.

"George consistently worked hard and he's very aggressive," said Army gymnastics head coach Doug Van Everen. "He's not overly talented, but he has incredible desire to get in the lineup, get on the team to compete and help the team.

"His first year here he would work so hard and beat himself up like crazy, but he wasn't quite ready to get into the lineup," Van Everen added. "But we squeaked him in a couple of meets to get him some experience."

Last season was much of the same as now sophomore Tim Burns came on the scene and snagged George's spot in the lineup.

"You think after a couple of years he would start getting frustrated, but he never did," Van Everen said. "He never lost focus and kept in line with what he was going to do with making the team and kept training."

Rhynedance continued to train hard and made the regular 12-man lineup this season which features six per event. He continued to

improve throughout the season and then stunned everyone with his great performance at the ECAC championships.

His routine involves a difficult dismount that includes a double twisting, double layout where he's completely laid out in the air with two twists and flips.

"It's definitely considered one of the more difficult dismounts throughout the world," Van Everen said. "You have to be pretty strong to do it (with the flipping and twisting mechanics) and focused on the tap leading into it."

The kid that Van Everen recalls as reserved, quiet and clumsy when he first arrived at the U.S. Military Academy evolved into a tough, determined champion before his eyes.

"The routine he did at the conference championships was incredible," Van Everen said. "It was on the edge of disaster, every little thing and that's kind of where you get that fine line of excellence is on the edge of what could have been a mistake or crash.

"You look through the routine and it was like, man, that is something else," he added.

As Rhynedance left main competitors from Navy and Temple in his dust, he reflected on his special moment from a celebration that happened in the background after his 9.35 feat.

"It was funny with the way the camera was filming the routine that as soon as I finished and walked away that I could see my parents behind me and they were standing going crazy," Rhynedance said. "They were excited about the whole thing."

All the aches and pains, bleeding hands and even breaking the high bar during practice all led to the moment he was striving for since he arrived here -- to be on the champion photo wall with his dad.

"It's something that I wanted to do since I came here and how big of a deal it is with his picture on the wall," Rhynedance explained of a gallery of pictures in the Lou Gross Olympic Center commemorating Army's past gymnastic champions. "This is the one thing that made my gymnastics career great."

Some people have natural ability that can't compare, but even if Rhynedance's championship feat was a one-time fluke he did get his chance to compete with some of the best gymnasts in the nation.

He placed 35th in the high



**Junior George Rhynedance won the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference title on the high bar March 26 with a personal-best 9.35 score. He was the first Army gymnast to win at high bar in a championship competition in more than 30 years.**

bar at the NAAs, but it was the experience that grew on him more so than winning or losing.

"That was the most fun gymnastics event that I've ever been to," Rhynedance said. "The guys I competed against were those guys who always won the state competitions, regional competitions and the junior national competitions while growing up and then I got to the NAAs and these guys may end up going to the Olympics.

"I started thinking, 'Wow, that guy who just won and I was chalking up next too,' will probably be on the Olympic team in the next couple of years," he added. "It was really cool for me to be there and to see all those cameras, it was really big."

Now Rhynedance has become a mini-celebrity within his company as he was featured in the Faces in the Crowd portion of the May 1 *Sports Illustrated* and is receiving more praise than he ever expected.

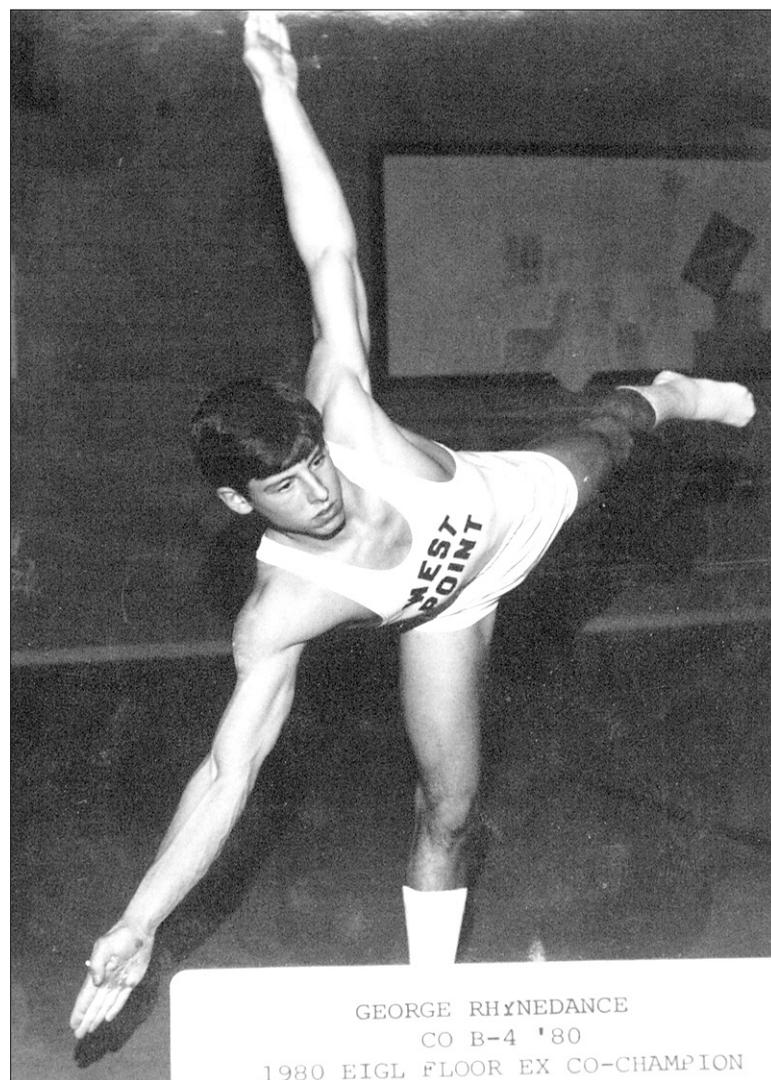
"People come up to me in

the company area and say congratulations that they saw me in *Sports Illustrated*," Rhynedance said. "It's awesome that people see what you did and say it's awesome and I'm thankful because it's something I'll remember for a real long time."

Rhynedance became the 15th gymnast to win an Eastern title during Van Everen's 16 years here at the academy and this one could be his most special.

"There are some guys over the years that have been a shoe-in and when they win it's good because they should have won," Van Everen said. "But, it was neat this time around because George did it with complete work and dedication and he's tough as all hell.

"Throughout the year, the guy crashed so many times and it bangs on you," he added. "Sometimes his hands would just bleed and look like crap, but he never slowed down and he taped them up and continued training. He's a tough kid."



**George Rhynedance Sr. won Army's first ECAC individual title by winning the floor exercise at the 1980 competition. U.S. ARMY PHOTO**

# Crew wins States Volkssmarch Club of WP walk May 21

By Cadet Marc Esposito  
Army Crew

The Army Crew team competed in the New York State Championships held at Whitney Point, N.Y. May 6-7 and for the first-time ever won the State Championship.

Army Crew was able to upset the state powerhouse, Ithaca College, who has won the state championship since 2001.

Last year's championship regatta demonstrated Army's pursuit of the title as Army finished second overall trailing behind Ithaca.

This year Army made good on its promise to claim the state title as the Sanford Cup is prominently displayed at the Crawford Crew and Sailing Center.

Each boat assisted in receiving points for the team's overall win

over the weekend.

The Men's Second Varsity Eight and Second Novice Eight both took first in their races while the Men's Varsity Eight and Men's Novice Eight took second to Marist in their respective races.

The Women's Novice Eight took third behind Ithaca and Skidmore and the Women's Varsity Eight took fourth behind Ithaca, Hobart-William Smith, and Dowling.

The Army Crew team will compete in Philadelphia at the Dad Vail National Championship Regatta May 12-13.

This is the last regatta that Army Crew participates in as an entire team before the end of the year.

With the win from this weekend at States, Army Crew is looking forward to the high caliber crews it will face at Nationals starting May 12.

Volkssport Club of West Point welcomes everyone to a non-competitive walk at Mills-Norrie State Park May 21.

The 10 km and 5 km trails are on paved roads and some gravel roads within the Park.

There are beautiful views of the Hudson River, the Esopus Meadows Lighthouse and Mills Mansion.

Trail rating is "2" due to hills.

Pets on a leash are permitted.

Registration for the walk will be at the Mills-Norrie State Park Marina between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

All walkers must finish by 4 p.m. IVV distance and event credit is \$3. Participation without credit is free.

Parking, restrooms and water are available at the start-finish area. The event will be held

regardless of weather conditions.

To reach the Mills-Norrie State Park take Route 9 North to Staatsburgh, approximately three miles north of the Vanderbilt Historic Site in Hyde Park.

Turn left onto Old Post Road and follow signs to the Park on the left and signs in the Park to the marina.

For more information call 845-462-6845.

## STAFF & FACULTY NOONTIME STANDINGS

### Volleyball Playoffs Monday and Tuesday results

#### North Division quarterfinal

EE&CS 25, BS&L 16

EE&CS 25, BS&L 17

EE&CS wins series 2-0.

#### South Division Semi-Finals

DPW 25, DMI 22

DPW 25, DMI 19

DPW wins series 2-0.

#### West Division

##### Semi-Finals

G&ENE 25, C&LS 15

C&LS 25, G&ENE 13

C&LS 15, G&ENE 8

C&LS wins series 2-1.

#### North Division

##### Semi-Finals

Soc. Sci. 25, EE&CS 16

Soc. Sci. 25, EE&CS 15

Soc. Sci. wins series 2-0.

#### North Division

##### Semi-Finals

DPE 26, Physics 24

Physics 27, DPE 25

DPE 15, Physics 8

DPE wins series 2-1.

#### East Division

##### Finals

History 25, D/SE 9

History 25, D/SE 7

History wins series 2-0.

## WEST POINT KIDS TRIATHLON

Second annual West Point Kids Triathlon will take place Aug. 12 at 10 a.m. at Camp Buckner.

Age groups are 7-9 that will include a 100-meter swim, 5K Bike and 1K run.

Ages 10-13 will participate in a 200-meter swim, 5K Bike and 2K run. Registration is online only at [Active.com](http://Active.com).

Parents may accompany children ages 7-9 during the race and floatation devices are allowed.

All finishers will receive a medal and T-shirt.

Cost is \$15 through June 1 and \$20 after that date. For more information, go to [www.usma.edu/opa/wptri/kids\\_tri](http://www.usma.edu/opa/wptri/kids_tri).

## ATTENTION! SUMMER SOFTBALL SIGNUPS

The MWR Sports Office will conduct the 2006 Summer Softball League that will be held at Buffalo Soldiers Field.

The season is projected to start May 30 and game times will be at 5, 6 and 7 p.m.

Softball is open to all U.S. Military Academy personnel of military units and departments on post.

USMA civilian employees and military personnel family dependents may participate for any team in the league with the exception of the four units (HHC, MEDDAC, MPs and USMA Band) participating for Superintendent Trophy point totals.

All participants, military and civilian, must have a valid ID card to participate in the softball league. ID cards must be brought with you when you play. ID cards will be checked this year at games.

Teams interested in joining, contact James McGuinness via e-mail at [Jim.McGuinness@usma.edu](mailto:Jim.McGuinness@usma.edu) or call him at 938-3066.

Deadline for team entries is today. Teams must supply a list of no play dates at that time.

## Hudson Valley Orienteering May 21 at Fahnestock State Park

There will be orienteering instruction and a competition May 21 on the Moneyhole map from the Taconic Outdoor Education Center in Fahnestock State Park.

The Hudson Valley Orienteering Club will set both beginner and advanced courses. Free instruction will begin at 10:45 a.m. and the orienteering starts at 11 a.m. and will run to 1 p.m.

For orienteering, youth groups must have signed parent permission forms, which are available on the HVO Web page. The events will be

held rain or shine.

The Taconic Outdoor Education Center is also having its annual Outdoor Recreation Festival from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with activities to include bird banding, kayaking, canoeing, hiking, a bird walk, a high ropes course and a demonstration of live birds of prey.

For directions, call the HVO information line at 973-625-0499; or log onto the HVO Web page at [www.hvo.us.orienteering.org](http://www.hvo.us.orienteering.org) for details and other scheduled events.

# Army golf makes NCAA Regionals

By Danah Allen  
Athletic Communications

WEST POINT, N.Y. -- Army's golf team was selected as one of 27 squads to compete in the 2006 NCAA East Regional hosted by the University of Central Florida at the Lake Nona Golf and Country Club. The Black Knights will travel to Orlando, Fla., Thursday through May 20, marking its third consecutive trip to the NCAA Tournament and 10th overall in the program's history.

"We're absolutely thrilled to be invited," said sophomore Patrick Beverly. "It came as a complete, but very welcome, surprise to our team. The chance to play at Lake Nona against some of the top teams in the nation is truly a once in a lifetime opportunity. We're grateful for this chance and look forward to representing the Academy on one of the highest levels of college golf."

Joining the Black Knights in the East Regional is defending NCAA champion Georgia, along with UCLA, UNLV, Georgia State, North Carolina, Southern California, Texas Tech, Wake Forest, Charlotte, Coastal Carolina, Auburn, Tennessee, South Carolina, Florida State, Indiana, Notre Dame, Georgia Southern, Maryland, Jacksonville, Western Illinois, Wichita State, Rhode Island, George Washington, Richmond, Liberty and Binghamton.

In addition, six individuals not on teams qualifying for the regional will be traveling to each of the three sites. Those individual qualifiers heading to Orlando are: Luke List (Vanderbilt), Daniel Willett (Jacksonville State), Matt Cook (Western Carolina), Garrett Osborne (UAB), Shawn Hall (Charleston Southern) and Scott Stallings (Tennessee Tech).

"It's unbelievable," said senior Austin Luher. "It's an honor to be selected. The team struggled toward the end of the season,

but had a good year overall. The selection committee rewarded us for that. I thought my career was over and to have one more tournament in which to compete is great."

Georgia is the top-seeded team in the East Regional. The Bulldogs won last year's title after firing an even par 280 on the final day at Caves Valley Golf Club in Owings Mills, Md.

The Bulldogs captured the title with an 11-stroke win over runner-up Georgia Tech. Army also drew Georgia Tech and Southern California in the East Regional as both teams placed in the top six at the 2005 NCAA Championship.

Of the 26 other teams competing with the Black Knights in Orlando, Army has faced seven of them already this season. The Black Knights competed in two tournaments hosted by Rhode Island during the spring campaign, the New England Championships and the URI Northeast Spring Invitational. Army finished behind East Regional participants Binghamton and the host Rams both times.

Army teamed with Richmond, Liberty and Binghamton at the Drew Upton Towson Golf Classic last month. The Spiders took first place at the 20-team event, while the Black Knights finished 11th. Liberty finished third, just eight strokes ahead of Army, and Binghamton tied for ninth.

Army met Jacksonville at the El Diablo Intercollegiate in Citrus Springs, Fla. in mid-March. The Dolphins took first place in the 19-team field, while the Black Knights finished eighth.

Making their fourth appearance in the last five years in the NCAA Regional, the Black Knights will attempt to improve on their 24th place showing at the 2005 East Regional in Nashville, Tenn. Three members of the 2005 regional squad return to the links, Luher, Beverly and sophomore Joey Cave.



**Sophomore Patrick Beverly shot a 78.2 average in 18 rounds in the spring to help Army advance to their fourth NCAA Regionals in five years.**

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The top 10 teams and the top two individuals not on those qualifying teams will advance to the NCAA Championship, which will take place May 31-June 3 at Sunriver Resort in Sunriver, Ore.