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## Three cadets named Fulbright scholars

By Jim Fox  
Editor

A review committee named three U.S. Military Academy cadets Fulbright scholars May 17. Cadets 1st Class Stephanie Hightower, Sean Miller and Jacob Sheehan are the third, fourth and fifth cadets to be named since West Point began competing in 2005.

Hightower hails from Rio Rancho, N.M. The cadet brigade First Captain, and future Medical Corps officer, is a chemistry and life sciences major who plans on studying toward her master's in global health science at the University of Oxford in the United Kingdom beginning this fall.



Cadet 1st Class  
Sean Miller

Miller, 21, from Junction City, Kan., is a comparative politics major and is the academy's first ever Islamic civilization Fulbright

scholar.

He will pursue a one-year master's degree at a university in the Middle East beginning this fall.

Miller's Fulbright program is designed to provide an academic and cultural exchange to those who have demonstrated a commitment to sharing their knowledge and perspective on Islamic civilization with others in the U.S. upon his return.

Miller is proficient in Arabic, and hopes to become fluent from his experience over the next year.

The future Armor officer said he will attend his Basic Officer Leadership Course after he returns from his master's work.

Sheehan, 22, of Eastford, Conn., is an economics and American politics major. He plans on working toward his master's in developmental economics at the United Kingdom's University of Manchester.

The future Armor officer will begin BOLC in October 2007.

Sheehan's scholarship is an extension of his work with the Crossroads Africa program.

"This past summer I was fortunate enough to be able to volunteer for eight weeks in Kakumdo, a tiny village in Ghana," Sheehan said.

While there Sheehan helped dig a 25-foot well, build a foundation for a school and taught math and English in the local school.

"This experience heightened my awareness with some of the issues in



First Captain  
Stephanie  
Hightower

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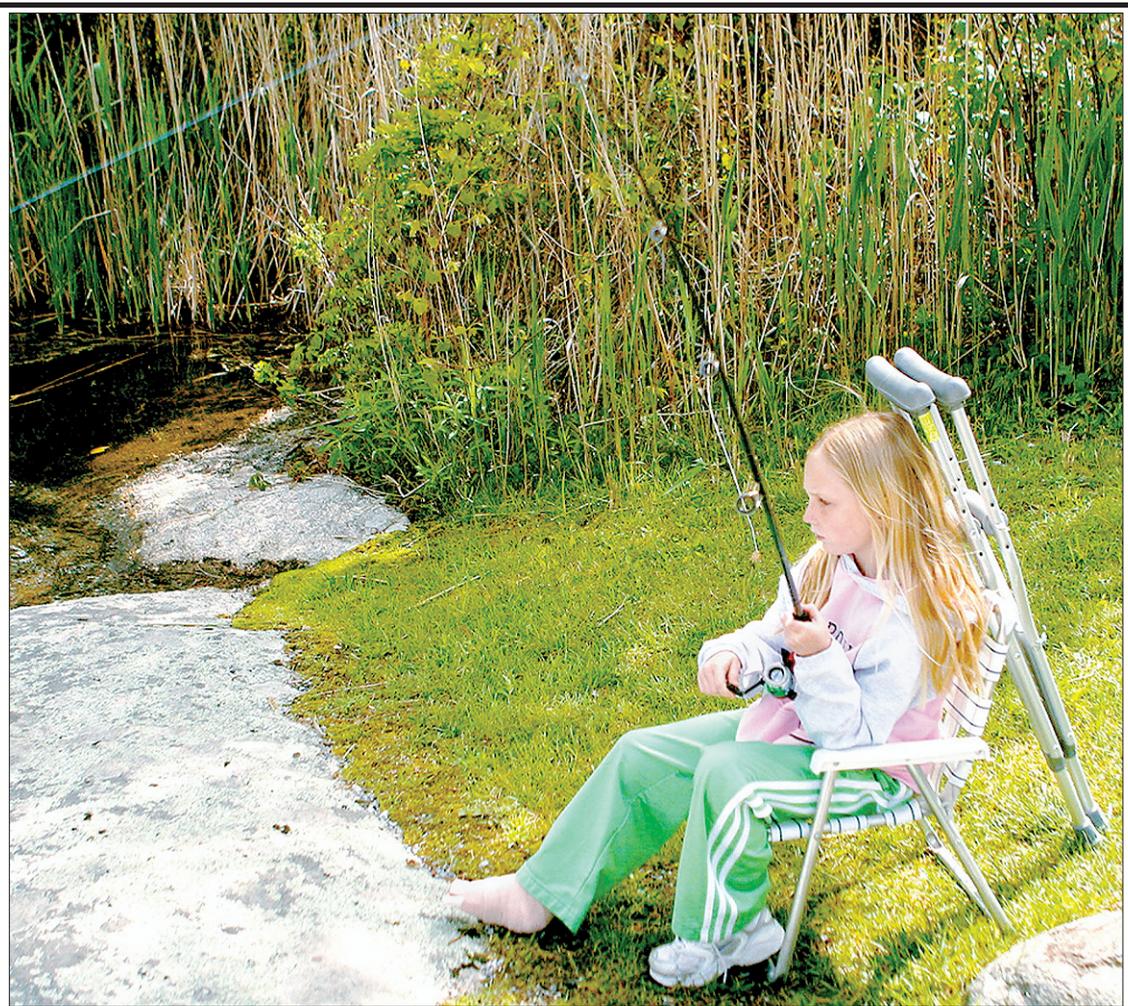


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Cadet 1st Class  
Jacob Sheehan

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## Kids Fishing Derby

Avid angler Rebecca Carroll, 7, adjusts her fishing pole Saturday at the annual West Point Bass Club Kids Fishing Derby at Round Pond. Carroll, despite her broken foot this year, took part again. She said she has attended the derby every year since her family has lived here. (See story on Page 13)

KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

## 2004 grad killed by IED in Iraq

By Eric S. Bartelt  
Assistant Editor

First Lieutenant Robert A. Seidel III, 23, of Gettysburg, Pa., died May 18 in Baghdad, Iraq, from injuries sustained when an improvised explosive device detonated near his HMMWV during combat operations, according to Department of Defense officials.

Seidel, a 2004 U.S. Military Academy graduate, was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), Fort Drum, N.Y.

The rifle platoon leader, who planned to go into the U.S. Army

Special Forces after his year-long deployment ended in August, was killed with three Soldiers and an Iraqi interpreter.

In an *Associated Press* story, his father, Robert Seidel Jr., said, "The last thing he wanted to do was sit behind a desk for a lifetime -- he wanted to be out in the field."

Seidel was hard core into the Army lifestyle as he was an Army Ranger and also earned his Air Assault and Airborne badges. While at West Point, he joined intramural wrestling and won a medal in his weight class.

His burial date hasn't been set as of Monday, but he will be buried in Emmitsburg, Md., a town two

miles south from the Pennsylvania border, where he grew up. He was survived by his father; mother, Sandy; and brother, Stephen.



First Lt. Robert Seidel

## Impact of Soldiers, cadets found not in the line of duty

**Commentary**  
by Capt. Ann Ching  
SJA

The Global War on Terrorism has brought the tragedy of injured Soldiers into our living rooms each night. What often goes unreported is the staggering number of casualties suffered each year due to accidents. For instance, during Fiscal Years 2003 through 2005, 832 Soldiers were killed in ground or air accidents, according to the U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center.

Any injury or loss of life is tragic, but losses due to a Soldier's intentional misconduct or willful negligence are especially unfortunate. Soldiers found "not

in the line of duty" can suffer a substantial loss of benefits.

Commander's are required to investigate injuries, illnesses and deaths that occur under questionable circumstances like those related to alcohol and drug use and self-injury.

The investigation, conducted pursuant to Army Regulation 600-8-4, determines whether the injury, illness or death occurred in the line of duty or not. LOD is presumed in all cases, but may be refuted by substantial evidence of the Soldier's misconduct or willful negligence.

Like all other active duty Soldiers, cadets are subject to LOD investigations. The most common scenario for which a cadet may face

a LOD investigation is injury or death caused by alcohol abuse. For example, if you are driving under the influence of alcohol and you injure yourself, you will undergo a LOD investigation.

If the investigation finds that alcohol abuse contributed to the injury, the cadet will be found not in the line of duty.

A finding of NLOD affects Soldiers more than cadets, because cadets do not have any dependents who risk losing benefits. Nonetheless, cadets still face the possibility of losing Veterans' Affairs benefits associated with their injury or illness, as well as disability compensation from the Army.

Furthermore, a finding of

misconduct or willful negligence during a LOD investigation could trigger disciplinary proceedings which may lead to separation from the academy.

A cadet with a military service obligation who cannot serve on active duty due to misconduct may also have to repay the cost of his or her education.

Every injury or death is tragic, but it is especially regrettable when a cadet's own misconduct or willful negligence is the cause. In many cases these injuries and deaths are preventable.

Awareness of these long-term consequences will hopefully cause us to think about our actions before we put ourselves, and others, in harm's way.

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developing countries and some of the challenges I may face when deployed," Sheehan said.

The U.S. Congress created the Fulbright Program in 1946 immediately after World War II.

Today, the program is funded by Congress and administered by the U.S. State Department in a joint effort with foreign nations.

It is designed to give recent scholars the opportunity to observe each others' political, economic and cultural institutions and exchange ideas.

## 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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## President Bush to be graduation speaker

### Community ready for graduation event, security still an issue

Compiled by Jim Fox  
Editor

Roughly 850 U.S. Military Academy cadets will receive diplomas Saturday at Michie Stadium during graduation ceremonies for the Class of 2006.

The event is scheduled to begin at 8:40 a.m. with the march on.

President George W. Bush will be this year's speaker.

The ceremony is open to the public and all are welcome to attend. Tickets for general admission seating will be provided at the stadium gates beginning at 7 a.m.,

when gates open.

Officials stress that attendees should arrive at the stadium early.

Parking is available in many locations with free shuttle bus service to Michie Stadium.

Attendees should enter through Thayer or Stony Lonesome gates. Academy security officials caution that all those 16 years and older must show photo identification at the gates and all vehicles are subject to search. There will also be road closures and different traffic patterns throughout graduation day, said Charles Peddy, West Point's force protection officer.

"Stony Lonesome Road will be closed from the intersection with Washington Road near the Catholic Chapel, to the intersection of Delafield Road near the stadium from roughly 6:45 a.m. until around 7:30 a.m. and again from around 8 to 8:40 a.m.," he explained. "After that, Stony Lonesome Road will be open from the intersection with Washington Road to the intersection with Schofield Place, [Lusk Housing entrance] until the exercise ends."

Peddy said military police will block all roads around Michie Stadium from 6 a.m. until the end of the ceremony around 11:30 a.m. Traffic can still use Delafield Road to move from the central post area to the Post Exchange area. Community members should avoid the main gates, he cautioned.

Once the ceremony begins, the only gate that will remain open is Gate 3, Peddy said.

"Those with DOD decals and

CAC cards or military ID cards should use Washington Gate to avoid the delays at Stony and Thayer," he explained.

Parking for those using Washington Gate is available at the old PX lot or Trophy Point with shuttle buses available to the stadium area, Peddy added.

Families and visitors will enter the stadium through security checkpoints at gates 2, 3, 6 and 6A, he said. Peddy cautions everyone to be prepared for security checks at the stadium.

"Those entering the stadium must pass through detectors run by the Secret Service," he said. "Security will again not allow large bags, coolers, backpacks, umbrellas and banners of any type into the stadium."

Children attending the ceremony will be allowed to take part in the traditional hat toss, which marks the end of the graduation ceremony, Peddy said.

"To ensure the safety of all children, they must be between 36 and 54 inches tall and between the ages of 6 and 12 years old to participate," he said.

A cadet detail will enforce the height requirement before the children take the field. Entry to the field will be by gate 3 at around 10 a.m.

"Parents must accompany their children onto the field and remain in the north end zone during the hat toss," Peddy explained. "Only one parent per family will be allowed on the field during the event. Children should return to the north end zone goal posts after the hat toss."

Following the hat toss, families and friends of the graduating class will be directed not to go on to the field until all the children have been linked up with their parents," he said. "Listen for the directions for the public address announcer."

For more information on force protection issues, call 938-8845.

## VA urges caution after theft

By Samantha L. Quigley  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON -- Veterans Affairs officials Monday announced the theft of personal information on up to 26.5 million veterans. However, VA Secretary R. James Nicholson stressed there's no indication the information is being used for purposes of fraud.

"We at the VA have recently learned that an employee here, a data analyst, took home a considerable amount of electronic data from the VA, which he was not authorized to do," Nicholson said. "His home was burglarized, and this data was stolen."

The compromised data includes names, Social Security numbers and birthdates of veterans separating from the military since 1975, he said. The information also may have included data on veterans who separated before 1975 but who submitted a claim for VA benefits.

No medical or financial information was compromised, though the files might have contained numeric disability ratings in some cases, Nicholson added. A

statement issued by the department indicated that spousal information also might have been compromised in some cases.

"There is no indication that any use is being made of this data or even that (the thieves) know they have it," Nicholson said.

Exercising what the secretary called "an abundance of caution," the department is working through a number of channels, including the news media, to make veterans aware of the situation. Individual notification letters also will be mailed to veterans.

The department is providing more information through the [www.firstgov.gov](http://www.firstgov.gov) Web site and call centers that can be reached at (800) 333-4636. The call centers, which will be active today, will be able to handle more than 250,000 calls a day.

"The most important priority that I have right now is to get the word out to our veterans and get them alerted and aware of this possibility," Nicholson said.

The department also is encouraging veterans to watch

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# Cost of war hits the home front

## Army installations hit by bigger than average budget cuts

By Irene Brown  
Chief, Command Information

West Point is facing challenges in its housing maintenance budget following reductions of \$4 million, said Col. Brian Crawford, West Point's garrison commander, Monday during the monthly community action council meeting.

Crawford explained to CAC participants that the Army and the Installation Management Agency had originally forecasted

a reduction of \$1 million here as compared to last year's spending.

"However, when IMA provided us the funding numbers in late March, we were looking at a substantial cut from last fiscal year," he said.

West Point isn't unique, even when it comes to budgets. All Army installations are operating at about 70 percent of funding requirements, officials said.

"It could be a lot worse," explained one Army official "Some installation's are having a hard time

funding services like mess halls."

For example, the *Army Times* reported that the funding crisis has hit Fort Lee, Va., at a time when it faces the addition of 1,100 troops -- doubling the post population.

"Because of a \$26 million gap in funding requirements, post leaders have shut down a popular indoor swimming pool and a gymnasium. And they are talking about discontinuing the youth sports program, mail distribution, all morale, welfare and recreation special events, laundry support for Advanced Individual Training soldiers and portable restrooms," according to a May 19 *Army Times* article.

Unfortunately, many of West Point's community members have expressed ideas that the

reason there's no money for housing services is because of the upcoming Residential Community Initiative, said Lt. Col. Steve Larsen, West Point's facilities engineer.

"Nothing could be further from the truth," he explained. "Community members on all Army installations are being asked to sacrifice at home to protect our Soldiers in the war."

Larsen, who recently returned from a temporary assignment at the Pentagon, said the money the Army is saving through reductions in installation budgets often goes to pay for things that are needed in the Global War on Terrorism and other Army priorities.

"Community members can take comfort in knowing that the modest

sacrifices we're making here helps keep our service-members safe in the danger zone," he added.

Crawford said he wants residents to understand that while "the sky isn't falling," they will see an impact in the amount of maintenance to quarters.

"There will be an impact especially when it comes to things like painting and floor refinishing as we prepare quarters for new residents," he explained.

There has already been a reduction in the type and quantity of items being offered at the Self-Help Store, Crawford added. But, he said, it's not all bad news.

"On a positive note, roof repairs for the quarters in Stony Lonesome II should begin in early June," Crawford said.

## OPM to track training efforts

WASHINGTON (govexec) -- For the first time the federal government is collecting and analyzing detailed data on the training that agencies offer their employees.

The Office of Personnel Management will give agencies until Dec. 31, 2006, to begin regularly submitting data on the cost and amount of training offered, according to an announcement last week in the Federal Register.

"The emphasis that we in this administration ... are putting is on the management of human capital," said Nancy Kichak, OPM's associate director for strategic human resources policy. "Therefore, it is causing us to take a new look at how employees are trained."

Kichak said OPM's team of employees in the human capital leadership and merit systems accountability project will monitor the data and work with agencies to ensure they are using training dollars for succession planning and to fill critical skills gaps, as well as improve performance management.

"We're going to look at the skills of their jobs," Kichak said. "If they're an accountant, they're going to be taking accounting classes; if they're an actuary, they're going to be taking actuary classes; they could be taking general management classes."

Specifically, agencies will be required to report: the names of employees receiving training; the title of the classes; the start and end dates; the facility where

courses were offered, such as government agency or university; the number of hours; cost; travel costs; and category, such as leadership development.

Kichak said OPM used to gather some training data about a decade ago, but not on such a micro level. Agencies would only report that they sent a certain number of workers to classes.

Training often has been presented as a linchpin to the success of massive personnel reforms under way in many agencies. In April, Sens. George Voinovich of Ohio and Daniel Akaka of Hawaii, held a hearing in Honolulu to examine training opportunities for employees under the Defense Department's new National Security Personnel System.

"DOD civilian managers - - who are the backbone of this new system -- must have training that will provide them with the skills and understanding to foster collaborative relationships with their employees, especially in areas like developing what NSPS calls shared expectations of performance," Akaka said.

In January, the Merit Systems Protection Board released survey results indicating that 46 percent of federal employees want more job training, but only 33 percent had communicated expectations for training to their supervisors.

Kichak said the availability of a new data system, the Enterprise Human Resources Integration, will enable OPM to process the additional training figures.

# Keller to switch to new electronic medical record system in June

Compiled by Irene Brown  
Chief, Command Information

Soldiers and their family members who use West Point's Keller Army Community Hospital should prepare for longer than normal wait times and tighter appointment schedules next month. That's because KACH is switching from paper to electronic medical records.

The change is in conjunction with all military health care facilities, stateside and overseas, with a special module for military deployments. The new system, AHLTA, is already in use overseas.

Staff training begins Tuesday and runs through mid-July which is the reason behind the expected tight appointment schedules. Also, hospital officials said, parents of school-aged children who need physicals should schedule them as soon as possible. Those tighter

appointment times this summer could mean fewer available appointments and lead to a delay in school registration, officials explained.

"The KACH staff has worked diligently to minimize the impact on appointment access, but access to some services will be limited," said Lt. Col. Timothy Edman, Deputy Commander for Administration at KACH. "Our goal is to ensure urgent care needs are met during this time, either by appointment or through the emergency room."

Once up and running, AHLTA, the largest electronic health record system of its kind, will provide beneficiaries with computer-based patient records that contain automated, permanent health histories. Patients can obtain those records from anywhere in the world 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

More importantly, the new system will give healthcare

providers access to data about beneficiaries' conditions, prescriptions, diagnostic tests and additional information essential to providing care.

Although the new program will reduce the amount of paperwork, it will not eliminate paper records altogether, Edman said. "We'll be able to see records from across the nation and around the world," he said. "It also provides a higher level of documentation."

"The program is capable of linking medical information systems on a global scale," Edman continued. "It will improve communication and give us a more complete picture of the patient. That will help us make the best informed decisions for the patients."

For those who might be worried about the safety of online records, Edman said, there is no need for concern.

"Numerous safety measures are in place to protect patient

privacy and the records themselves, which are backed up in databases at multiple locations," he added.

Dr. William Winkenwerder Jr., the assistant secretary of defense for health affairs, said AHLTA was approved for world-wide deployment in November 2003 by the Department of Defense following a presidential directive to have an electronic medical record system.

It was created by Defense contractor Northrop Grumman over a period of four years, he explained, and tested for another year.

"The new system passed the tests and the phased rollout began in January 2004," Winkenwerder added.

The Department of Defense hopes to complete implementation of AHLTA for Uniformed Services members, retirees and their families by 2011.

## Military evaluations to be prepared online

WASHINGTON (Army News Service) -- The U.S. Army Human Resources Command Evaluation Systems Office is about to announce an effective date for a new regulation and pamphlet covering Military Evaluation Systems: Army Regulation 623-3 and Pamphlet 623-3.

These references update policy, procedure and specific forms used in officer, noncommissioned officer and academic evaluation reporting systems.

A recent MILPER message (#06-

119) laid out an implementation timeline for revised forms and highlighted specific policy changes within each system.

As a major change, the revised regulation allows individuals to electronically prepare evaluation forms using an *AKO My Forms* site and route them between rating officials with digital signatures, then forward to Department of Army Headquarters for final processing.

The site and forms, currently being tested, are expected to be

available mid-June. Features and functions of the site will change administrative processes at the lowest unit levels.

"Soldiers love that routing individual forms is easy and does not require special packaging or e-mail," said Lt. Col. Joseph Byers, Officer Evaluation Reporting System Policy.

Users will be able to route individual or multiple forms in a specifically named folder with just a few steps.

The AKO site will also offer

easy tracking of forms, the option to add administrative comments to a form or folder of forms, and the history of any form or folder of forms with data on who has seen or acted on it.

More information and training slides are available at the Evaluation Systems Office Web site (<https://www.hrc.army.mil/site/active/TAGD/MSD/ESO/eso.htm>) or by calling (703) 325-9660.

Individuals can also request information by e-mailing [tapcmse@hoffman.army.mil](mailto:tapcmse@hoffman.army.mil).

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their financial accounts carefully for any signs of fraud or identity theft. If suspicious activity is detected, veterans should contact the fraud department of one of the three major credit bureaus: Equifax, Experian or TransUnion.

Nichols said the Federal Trade Commission has alerted credit bureaus of a potential increase in requests for fraud alerts and for requests for credit reports.

Any accounts that have been tampered with or opened fraudulently should be closed, and the veteran should file a report with local police or the police in the community where the identity theft took place. Those who suspect identity theft also are

encouraged to contact the Federal Trade Commission via its identity-theft hotline at (877) 438-4338, or through its Web site.

There is no indication when the career employee removed the information from his office, but the data was stolen when his home was burglarized sometime this month, Nicholson said. He declined to identify the employee or where he lives, but said law enforcement officials reported several burglaries in the area and they do not believe the stolen information was targeted.

"The employee has been placed on administrative leave pending the outcome of (a full-scale) investigation," Nicholson said.

All appropriate law enforcement agencies, including the FBI and the Veterans Affairs Department's Inspector General are participating in the investigation.

Members of the President's Identity Theft Task Force met Monday to coordinate a comprehensive response, recommend ways to further protect affected veterans, and increase safeguards to prevent the reoccurrence of such incidents, Nicholson said. VA officials also moved up the date by which all department employees must complete the "VA Cyber Security Awareness Training Course" and the "General Employee Privacy Awareness Course." Both must be

completed by June 30.

Additionally, Veterans Affairs will immediately begin conducting a review of all current positions requiring access to sensitive information. All employees requiring access to such data will undergo updated law enforcement and background checks.

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# Members of USMA Class of 1956 dedicate walkway

## Walkway connects Randall Hall, Holleder Center

Story and photos by  
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Spanning the Cold War era, the Class of 1956 put their mark on the military during a time of communism through the Vietnam War up until the first Gulf War.

Class members celebrated their 50th reunion, the dedication of the Class of 1956 Walkway Monday was not only the bridging of two buildings, the Holleder Center and Randall Hall, but the bridging of a half of century of history.

Nine years ago, the Class of 1956 assembled 14 classmates to collect ideas from the entire class who eventually came up with the final idea -- the walkway.

After discussions with then Superintendent Lt. Gen. Daniel Christman, the class raised \$2.6 million, with \$1.5 million used for the walkway project and its interior display.

"We wanted something that displays the events of our time in service of our nation and the values we cherished," said retired Brig. Gen. Ward LeHardy, chairman of the class gift committee. "One wall displays the events and the other

wall includes our values. We also commemorated those who were killed in combat."

The events wall display, which spans the Cold War era beginning in 1946 through the Gulf War in 1991, includes photos of 1956 graduates David Palmer and H. Norman Schwarzkopf during their time in service.

The opposite wall features many sayings meant to illustrate Duty, Honor, Country. The cornerstone feature along that wall is the marble memorial in honor of the 11 graduates of the Class of 1956 who died during the Vietnam War.

Now considered the Class of 1956 corner because the walkway connects two buildings named after '56 grads Don Holleder and Bob Randall, the day was considered an inspiration to those who made the trip back to reflect on 50 years of history.

"What's fascinating to me is there are about 500 of us here, 275 classmates and widows and their children and spouses, and everywhere I go I see somebody that I think I know," LeHardy said. "All kinds of stories, anecdotes of old come out, a few war stories here and there. It's great."



(From left to right) Class of 1956 president Mike Conrad, Don Ackerman, Director of Army Athletics Kevin Anderson, Superintendent Lt. Gen. William J. Lennox Jr., H. Norman Schwarzkopf, Marcia Randall (widow of Bob Randall), Al Hoffman and Sam Kem take part in the ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the dedication of the Class of 1956 Walkway. The walkway connects the Holleder Center and Randall Hall. Both buildings were named after 1956 graduates Don Holleder and Bob Randall.

Once the ribbon cutting and crest unveiling were performed during the ceremony, the class ventured into the walkway that leads to the Michie Stadium box seats and office areas in Randall Hall, to include the Army women's basketball team office.

Ironically, the day the walkway opened, March 8, Army women's

basketball won the Patriot League Basketball Tournament.

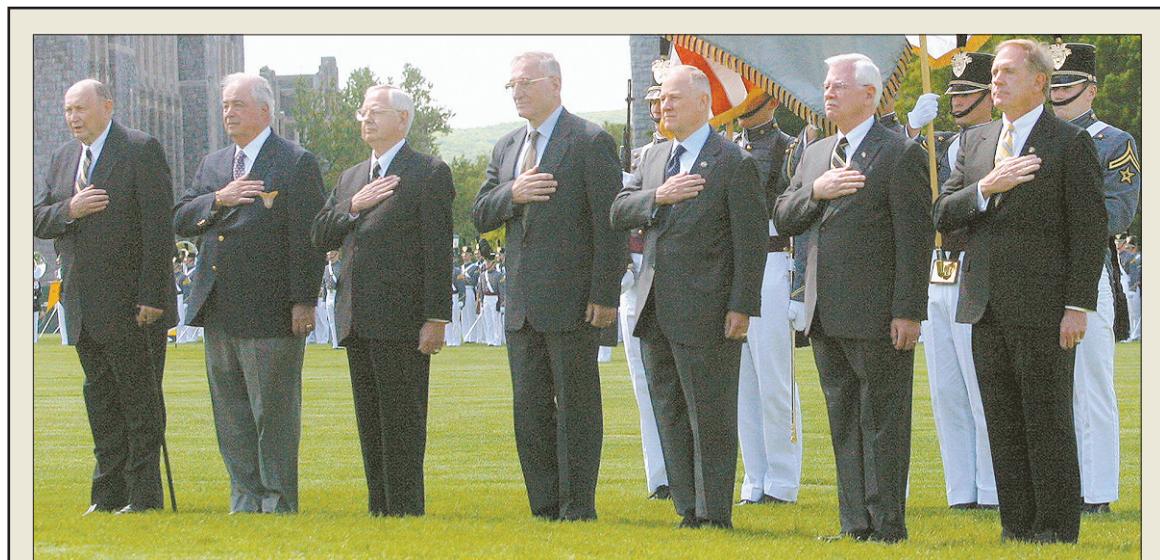
It's been nearly 50 years since this class graduated from West Point and there isn't a day that goes by that these graduates aren't thankful of their time spent at the U.S. Military Academy.

"This is still our rock-bound Highland home," said retired Maj.

Gen. Sam Kem, leader of the gift design team who guided Staples and Charles of Alexandria, Va., the walkway designers, through the process. "[West Point] meant so much to me. I came here and it gave me values, character. It gave me a start and pointed me in the right direction that I continued for 34 years in the service."



Class of 1956 graduates and family members look at the wall display that features history spanning from the dawn of the Cold War era in 1946 to the period after the first Gulf War in 1991. The display highlights the significant moments of the time period and features a number of photos of 1956 graduates during their years in service.



## Graduates honored

Seven distinguished graduates of the U.S. Military Academy were honored Tuesday on the Plain here. They are from left to right: Retired Lt. Gen Richard G. Trefry, (USMA 1950); Herbert S. Lichtenberg, ('55); retired Col. Arthur E. Dewey, ('56); Nicholas S. Krawciw, ('59); retired Gen. Wayne A. Downing, ('62); retired Brig. Gen. Howard T. Prince II, ('62) and Thomas B. Dyer, ('67).

KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

# Community Features and Photos

## Healthwatch: Bicycle safety

Submitted  
by Maj.  
Jane Ralph  
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As more and more people take to roads, trails and paths on bicycles this summer, Keller Army Community Hospital's Department of Preventive Medicine and Wellness reminds bicyclists to be safe and ride smart.

Each year, more than 500,000 people in the United States are treated in emergency departments for bicycle related injuries. Additionally, in the United States more than 700 people will die from these injuries.

In New York last year there were 1,675 New York State residents hospitalized due to bicycle-related injuries.

Approximately 31 percent of bicycle related injuries involve a brain injury.

United States Military Academy Regulation 190-5 requires all bicyclists to wear approved bicycle helmets. Furthermore, New York State law requires all bicyclists under the age of 14 to wear approved bicycle helmets. Everyone should wear a helmet every time they ride a bicycle, regardless of age. Studies have shown that using bicycle helmets can reduce head injuries by up to 85 percent.

Wearing an approved, properly

fitted bicycle helmet is the most important thing you can do to protect yourself in a crash. The following safety tips for buying and using bicycle helmets are recommended:

- Buy a helmet that bears a label saying it meets the Consumer Product Safety Commission standard for bicycle helmets.

- Do not wear the helmet tilted back at an angle.

- Make sure the helmet fits snugly and does not obstruct your field of vision.

- Always wear the helmet with the chin strap firmly buckled. Make sure the chin strap fits securely and that the buckle stays fastened to provide impact protection. No combination of twisting or pulling should remove the helmet from the head or loosen the buckle on the strap.

- Do not use a helmet after it has been involved in a crash. Damage to the helmet may not be visible to an untrained eye. Even very small cracks in the helmet may greatly reduce a helmet's effectiveness in preventing injury. Either destroy the helmet and get a new one or have the old helmet inspected by the manufacturer. The manufacturer will tell you if the helmet needs to be replaced.

Along with using safety equipment, rider actions and reactions play a major role in contributing to injury-free cycling

enjoyment. These additional safety tips will help ensure safer summer cycling:

- Ride one to a bicycle.

- See and be seen. Wear bright fluorescent colors during the day.

- Avoid biking at night. If you must ride at night, equip your bicycle with head and taillights and wear reflective clothing.

- Stay alert. Watch for obstacles in your path.

- Be aware of traffic around you.

- Go with the flow. Ride with traffic.

- Keep to the right, but leave enough room to steer around road hazards and avoid car doors that may suddenly swing open.

- Regularly inspect your bike

to be certain that the tires are properly inflated, spokes are tight, brakes work properly, headlight batteries are good, reflectors are in place and the chain is lubricated and is not loose.

- Learn the rules of the road. Obey all traffic laws.

- Show your child how to use hand turn signals -- left arm straight out for a left turn; left arm bent at the elbow and hand up for a right turn; and left arm bent at the elbow and hand down for a stop.

For more information about bicycles and bike safety, call Keller Army Community Hospital, Department of Preventive Medicine and Wellness at 938-2676 or visit <http://www.bicyclinginfo.org/ee/education.htm>.

# Black bear makes visit to Stony I backyard

By Jim Beemer  
Natural Resources Manager

What should you do if you see a bear?

First, remain calm. Second, do not approach the bear or attempt to touch or feed it. Third, call the MP desk at 938-3333.

Annual black bear sightings each spring at West Point cause concerns for residents and personnel who are worried about pets, children, adults and personal property. I hope I can alleviate those concerns.

Black bears are the only bears found in New York or east of the Mississippi River. They are not aggressive, preferring to avoid humans if it all possible. The average black bear weighs about 200-250 pounds, stands 3 feet high at the shoulder when on all fours and 5-and-a-half feet tall on those rare occasions when it stands up on its hind legs.

The bears most often seen at West Point are two-year-old males that have been run off by their mothers before the breeding season starts (bears mate during June). Young males head off to establish new territories of their own, traveling up to 30 miles in a day.

The problem is that bears have large home ranges (males: 25-60 square miles - females: 6-20 square miles). So, the young males often have to travel many miles before finding an unoccupied area. All of this traveling increases the likelihood of a bear encountering human civilization. Many of the

two-year-old male bears were actually born in New Jersey.

The problem with these encounters is that humans unknowingly leave handy food sources for the young bears to find. These include garbage cans, barbecue grills, bird feeders and unattended pet food. The young bears, tired and hungry, take advantage of these easy food sources and will remain near the food until it is gone. They will keep checking an area for as long as three weeks before giving up and moving on. Also, more than one bear could be making the rounds. Just removing a bear will not stop other bears from showing up. The one positive point is that the young males will have found a new territory away from humans generally by the end of July.

So, what can West Point residents do to discourage bear-human encounters?

- Keep the lids of all garbage bins and cans tightly closed. Keep garbage cans in the garage or locked area until pick-up day. Spray garbage cans lightly with ammonia (bears hate the smell, as do raccoons, skunks and opossums). Double bag your trash. Meat scraps, grease, sweets and dirty baby diapers are all smells in trash that can attract bears (dirty baby diapers are the second biggest attractor after bird feeders).

- Keep bird feeders empty April through October (most birds do not require additional food at this time, as there is plenty of wild food

available). The biggest problem caused by bears in southeastern New York and New Jersey are bears raiding bird feeders and eating the birdseed.

- If you feed your pets outside, do not leave the food outside overnight.

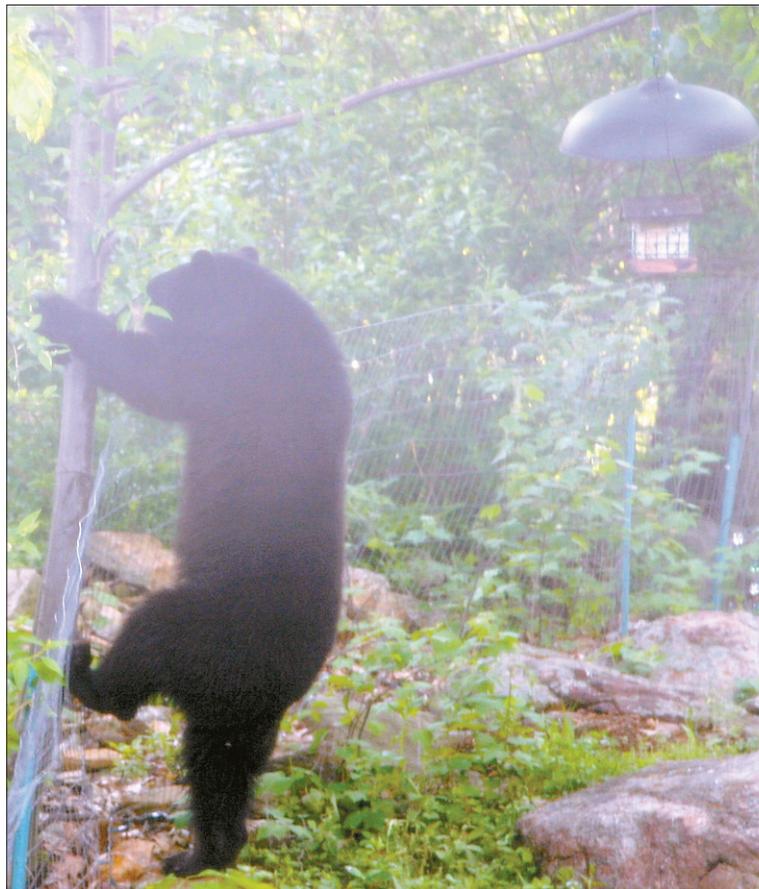
- If you have a barbecue grill, do not leave the greasy grill sitting overnight after you are done grilling. Instead, turn the gas grill to "High", let it cook for 15 minutes to burn off all of the grease and empty the grease can. For charcoal grills, once the grill cools down, scrub it

clean with soap and water.

- Finally, do not put out food to attract bears. It is a violation of New York laws to feed bears and your neighbors may not appreciate it.

It encourages bears to not be afraid of people and leads to more serious problems.

For more information on black bears, call Jim Beemer, USMA Natural Resources Manager at 938-3857 or e-mail him at [james.beemer@usma.army.mil](mailto:james.beemer@usma.army.mil). Information is also posted on the DPW-EMD Web site and on the electronic bulletin boards under OFFICIAL ACADEMY AREA and also under ACTIVITIES/



This adult black bear climbs a tree to get at the bird feeder in the backyard of the Halterman's at 3004D Greene Place in Stony I between 6:30 and 7 p.m. May 19. Resident Lynn Halterman took photos of the bear after she called the Military Police, who came and scared the bear off.

PHOTO BY LYNN HALTERMAN

# The Global War on BBQ Terror

By Irene Brown  
Chief, Command Information

At times the average barbecue seems a little “volcano like.” It’s intent on spitting lots of hot bits in our direction and producing “homing smoke” that seems to follow us no matter where we stand.



It has been rumored that our military experts have even installed barbecue smoke in the head of our missiles.

Although this smoke is an ineffective deterrent against an air-to-ground missile, we can protect ourselves against the hostile actions of our home barbecues by simply knowing the proper equipment to use.

Take the patriot barbecue fork. This essential “stick ‘em first too!” can be supported by the stealth spatula and some good body armour (apron and gloves).

One friend of mine could even be considered a member of the “tong” special forces. This guy gives a couple of snaps of his tongs, SNAP, SNAP, and those sausages roll right over onto their backs.

Once armed for battle, we can create “safe areas” for the rest of our family on garden furniture situated a good distances from the theater

of operations. That way we can be sure that civilian BBQ casualties are kept to a minimum and these areas can act as our supply drops for food and drink.

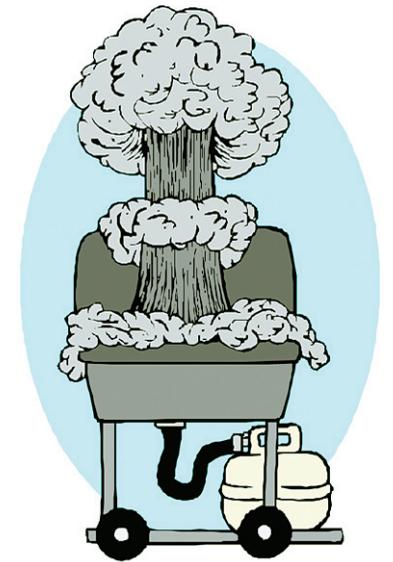
There’s also an element of style to be considered here. There’s a certain visual culinary image achieved through the proper use of tools. We all experience a

definite feeling of competence and professionalism when we don’t drop the burgers through the grill.

So the next time you’re tempted to insert your hand into Dante’s Inferno on the end of a table fork, think about how much easier it is to do on the end of a 12” BBQ fork. The right tools can make the whole experience a bit easier and

a lot safer.

Editor’s note: Next week, what to BBQ.



# FOR DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY

Alumni back to traditions of the

Story and photos  
by Spc. Benjamin Gruver  
Staff Writer

Cadets and 'Old Grads' of the U.S. Military Academy were both on the march Tuesday, and, while they are generations apart, it was evident that one long gray line holds them together.

The classes of '31, '36, '41, '46 and '56 made the walk across the Plain from Eisenhower Statue to the Sylvanus Thayer Statue to pay tribute to "the father of the military academy" with the annual wreath laying. Shortly after the five classes toed the line in front of the reviewing stands to accept a cadet pass and review in their honor.

"It is wonderful to be here to do it," said 98-year-old retired Brig. Gen. Miller O. Perry, the oldest USMA graduate in attendance from the Class of 1931. "I have been in a lot of parades on this parade ground and it was nice to walk on it again."

Perry made the walk across the Plain using only the help of his walker. He recalled when he was a cadet they marched in line formations rather than the column formations that cadets march in today and remembered the reviewing officer and reviewing party stood in front of the superintendent's house rather than the stands now aligning the Plain.

"The parades were pretty nice then," he recalled.

Throughout the 30 years the brigadier general was in the Army, he said he just felt lucky.

"I was lucky to come here as a matter of fact," Perry said, who now resides in Lansing, Mich. "I started out to be a civil engineer when I graduated from high school

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retired Lt. Gen.  
Richard G. Trefry  
USMA Class of 1950

and I had a year at Penn State as a freshman. Then I got an appointment (to USMA) and that sort of changed me around."

He also felt lucky to branch in the field artillery. He explained he liked horses and got into a horse drawn artillery unit. Later, while assigned to Japan, Perry commanded the first battalion of field artillery to go to Korea with Task Force Smith.

"I just happened to be at the right place at the right time and you've got to be thankful for that," Perry said. "I wouldn't trade it for anything."

During the morning's events honoring the 'Old Grads' seven alumni were named Distinguished Graduates and honored during the review ceremony.

"It is a great honor," said retired Lt. Gen. Richard G. Trefry of the Class of 1950, who was one of the seven. "I never thought it would happen to me. It is hard to put into words."

Standing out there watching the review, the former inspector general said it immediately reminded him of the days he was a cadet saying, "Once a cadet always a cadet."

"The great thing that you get out of West Point when it comes



The oldest living graduate of the U.S. Military Academy on hand, retired Brig. Gen. Miller O. Perry, Stephanie Hightower at the foot of the Sylvanus Thayer Statue rendering honors to "the father of his class, was among the 461 returning alumni to participate in the walk to Thayer Statue and star

right down to it is the friends you make," said Trefry, who spent one year at Dartmouth before starting his military career as an enlisted Soldier in World War II.

"I never really hear from anybody at Dartmouth, but the fellows you meet here are like brothers the rest of your life," Trefry said. "For the people who aren't your classmates they are still brothers and you get to know them all. It is a wonderful privilege to spend a lifetime with them."

The 461 returning graduates certainly acted like long lost brothers, shaking hands, joking and sharing old stories with each other before, during and after the review. Smiles and laughter was the most common sight on everyone's face.

"The tradition is still alive," said retired Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf of the Class of 1956, emphasizing that tradition was the

key word to what was happening on the Plain.

"All of us out here are standing tall for just the same thing -- Duty, Honor, Country -- that is what it is all about," said the CENTCOM commander during Operation Desert Storm. "I can reminisce to when I was a distinguished graduate and they made my award here. It was a wonderful time when I was able to speak to the whole Corps right after the Gulf War, and, of course, I remember when I graduated, so it is all wrapped up kind of in the same ball."

Schwarzkopf took the tradition one step further ensuring that he stood in the same spot within his class' contingent at the parade. The retired general explained that he was Company A-1's commander when he was a cadet here and was always the first company to pass and review.

"I had some other guys try and stand here and I had to move them," he said of the position right next to the 1956 pole.

For Schwarzkopf, like many others it was just a thrill to be there, looking across the Plain at the barracks they once lived in and at the cadets passing them by who will soon be starting their own military careers.

The tradition that Schwarzkopf said he wanted cadets to take with them as they head out into the Army is to never forget the motto, Duty, Honor, Country.

"That is what it is all about," Schwarzkopf said. "That is what makes the Corps what it is. That is what makes the country what it is and I can tell you that many times I have faced many challenges and every time I did I turned to Duty, Honor, Country and I knew how to solve the problem."

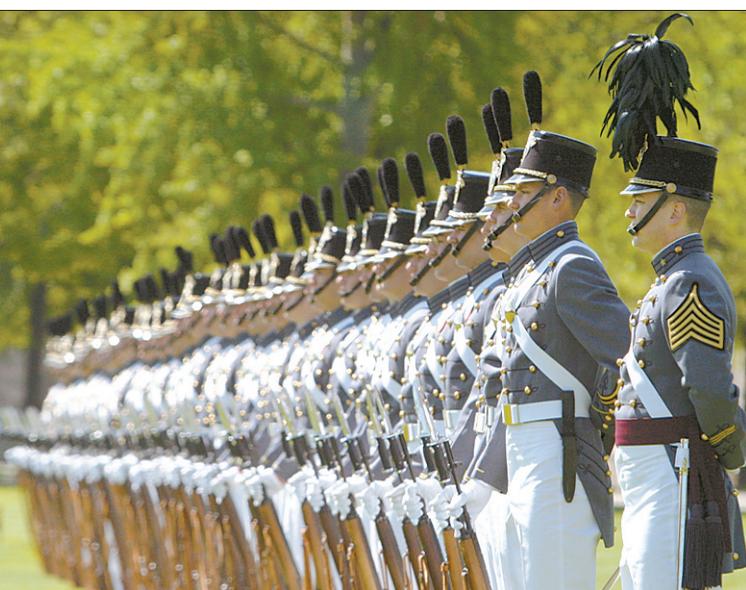
**A member of the Class of 1956 points out his old barracks room to a classmate, while reminiscing his time here as a cadet. There were 253 members of the Class of 1956 here for the day's activities along with 204 other graduates from the classes of 1931, 1936, 1941 and 1946. The days activities included a wreath laying, pass and review and a luncheon at the Cadet Mess Hall.**



# ake part in the Long Gray Line



of the Class of 1931, Tuesday stands alongside First Captain the military academy." Perry, one of five living graduates from and tall at the Alumni Pass and Review Ceremony.



cadets align the cordon leading up to the Thayer Statue where the "Old Grads" march in and stand during the wreath laying ceremony to honor "the father of the military academy."



Retired Brig. Gen. Miller O. Perry, of the Class of 1931, leads the way to the Sylvanus Thayer Statue along with Superintendent Lt. Gen. William J. Lennox Jr. for the wreath laying ceremony.



Retired Col. James C. Evans, of the Class of 1939, watches as cadets pass by during the Alumni Review with his grandson Cadet 1st Class Giles L. Evans.



## MAY/JUNE 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 Hollender 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>26</b> WP Club Closes after Lunch to support Graduation Banquet <b>Imax Theater</b>, Enrolled SAS Children, 1300-1500</p>	<p><b>27</b>  <b>USMA Class of 2006 Graduation</b></p>	
<p><b>28</b> WP Club Closed, Memorial Day Holiday</p>	<p><b>29</b> <b>Remembering Our Nation's Armed Forces</b> <b>Memorial Day Holiday</b> All MWR Activities Closed Except for Round Pond, Bowling, Morgan Farm &amp; Golf</p>	<p><b>30</b> Auto &amp; Crafts Closed For Monday Holiday</p> <p>Family Readiness Group Information Session, ACS, 1900-2000</p>	<p><b>31</b> Overseas Briefing, Germany, 1500, Korea, 1330, ACS</p>	<p><b>JUNE 1</b>  <b>5K/10K Race Registration Begins</b>, on the web @ Active.com <b>Targeting Stress</b>, ACS, 1130-1300</p>	<p><b>2</b> <b>Soldier Appreciation Day</b>, Camp Buckner, 0930 <b>Budgeting/Debt Liquidation</b>, 0830, <b>Insurance</b>, 0945, ACS <b>Pony Softball Tournaments</b>, MWR Sports, 0700-Dusk</p>	<p><b>3</b> Golf Course Closed, Dawn till 1400 <b>Shawangunk Wine Trail</b>, ITR, 1000-1800</p>
<p><b>4</b> <b>Family Night</b>, 1800-2100 every Sunday at the WP Bowling Center</p>	<p><b>5</b> <b>Wee Ones Play Group</b>, ACS, 0930-1100 <b>Dollar Night</b>, 1800-2100 every Monday at the WP Bowling Center</p>	<p><b>6</b>  <b>Musical Theater Arts</b>, YS, 6 Jun. -29 Jun. (ages 5 &amp; up) 1800-2000</p>	<p><b>7</b> <b>Re-Entry Workshop</b>, 1030, <b>Newcomers Welcome Brief</b>, 0930, <b>Financial Readiness for 1st Term Soldiers</b>, 0830, ACS</p>	<p><b>8</b> <b>Targeting Stress</b>, ACS, 1130-1300 <b>Theater Van to Broadway</b>, ITR, 1700-2330</p>	<p><b>9</b> <b>Pony Softball Tournaments</b>, MWR Sports, 0700-Dusk (Jun. 9-11) <b>MWR Swim Areas Open for the Season</b>, 1000</p>	<p><b>10</b> <b>Bosu &amp; Core</b>, 0900, <b>Spinning</b>, 1000, MWR Fitness Center every Saturday</p>

## Memorial Day ceremony

There will be a Memorial Day commemoration ceremony to honor the nation's war dead and those still missing in action at Trophy Point's Battle Monument Monday at noon.

Cullum Road, from the Thayer extension to the 101 intersection will be closed from

11:45 a.m. until approximately 12:30 p.m.

West Point's Garrison Commander Col. Brian Crawford will be the speaker.

Crawford and Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey Murriel will place the wreath at Battle Monument.

### NOW SHOWING

in the movie theater at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752

Friday -- **Benchwarmers**, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday -- **Ice Age 2: The Meltdown**, PG, 7:30 p.m.

June 2 -- **The Wild**, PG, 7:30 p.m.

June 3 -- **Scary Movie 4**, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

June 9 -- **The Sentinel**, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

June 10 -- **Akeelah and the Bee**, PG, 7:30 p.m.

June 16 -- **Stick it**, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

June 17 -- **Hoot**, PG, 7:30 p.m.

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

# Community kids 'catch' some fun at annual derby

Story and photos by  
Kathy Eastwood  
Staff Writer

Community children and parents braved cool temperatures and wind Saturday for the annual West Point Bass Club and the Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation's Kids Fishing Derby at Round Pond here.

"We had 94 kids who pre-



Five year-old Kelly Kruger casts his line into Round Pond for the first time in hopes of catching a few blue gill, trout or sunfish.

registered, but ended up with 113," said Peter Spinning, maintenance supervisor and coordinator for outdoor recreation here.

Children competed for prizes such as mountain bikes, fishing poles, camping sets and tackle boxes, donated by the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, Shoppette and the Daughters of the U.S. Army here.

"The fish could be any weight, but had to be at least six inches and they had a choice of keeping the fish or throwing it back," Spinning said. "We always restock the fish that we take."

The anglers were not allowed to keep Bass as it is not in season yet, but they were able to keep the trout, blue gills and sunfish that were caught, as long as they were within the length limits.

Fishing clinics were conducted on safety, baiting hooks, different lures that could be used and how to cast.

"I've been a club member for 10 years and enjoy this derby," said Pat Wimmer, Bass Club president and volunteer. "I like seeing the young ones here because it gets them outside and doing something together with their family."

Rebecca Carroll is an old hand at fishing at the tender age of seven and placed first in the fishing derby for her age group in 2004.

"I've been to every fishing derby since we've been here, but I usually fish at Lusk Reservoir," she

said. "My brother doesn't even like to bait his hook."

First place winners were: Makayla Anderson in the 5-8 age group catching 2.52 pounds, Justin Lee in the 9-12 age group with 11.95 pounds and David Denko in

the 13-15 age group catching 4.34 pounds.

"There was a total of 50.04 pounds of fish caught and a total of 28.06 pounds of trash collected," said Nils Anderson, vice-president of the Bass Club.



Pat Wimmer, veteran fisherman and president of the West Point Bass Club here, gives instructions to the younger fishermen on the different types of lures that can be used at the West Point Kids Fishing Derby Saturday at Round Pond.

## DPW Notes

### Road blockage near Bartlett Hall

One of the traffic lanes on Cullum Road and the Cullum Road extension in the vicinity of Bartlett Hall will be reduced by approximately two feet for about four weeks beginning Tuesday.

This is necessary to provide a safety perimeter for the overhead masonry repointing operation on Bartlett Hall. The sidewalk adjacent to the east side of Bartlett Hall will be blocked for the same period. Pedestrians should use the sidewalk on the Thayer Hall side of Cullum Road.

Traffic flow should not be severely affected, except when northbound vehicles try to make the hairpin turn onto Cullum Road extension down toward the moat.

### Before you buy an air conditioner

As a reminder to all residents, it is DPW policy to not install 110 and/or 220 volt electric lines or upgrade existing lines for air conditioners unless they are certified as a medical necessity by the MEDDAC commander.

Before buying an air conditioner, ensure that there is already a working power source at the right voltage in your quarters

at the desired location or you have the necessary medical certification and approval.

Additionally, DPW will not change the location of an existing power source for the purposes of air conditioner installation without the same certification/approval process being completed.

### 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 by Thurs.

## What's Happening

### Arvin CPDC Memorial Day hours

Sat. 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Sun. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Mon. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tues. 5:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

### Red Cross lifeguard course

The American Red Cross will offer four-part lifeguard certification courses in June.

Session 1 -- June 3, 10, 17, 24.

Session 2 -- June 4, 11, 18, 25.

Call 446-4100 to sign up by Tuesday.

### WPWC

The WPWC Shoppe is open Wednesday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., but will be closed for the summer after that.

For more information, 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.

### Summer playground fun

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

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

### Jewish Chapel services

There will be no Friday night service at the Jewish Chapel throughout the month of June until June 30.

Local services are offered at nearby congregations at:

Congregation Agudas Israel, Newburgh, (845) 562-5604.

Temple Beth Jacob, Newburgh, (845) 562-5516.

Monroe Temple of Liberal Judaism, Monroe, (845) 783-2626.

Temple Sinai, Middletown, (845) 343-1861.

### Sacred Heart Open House

Don't miss the Sacred Heart School Open House June 5 and 7 from noon to 2 p.m. each day for pre-school to 8th grade.

For more info., call 446-2674.

### WP School Board meeting

The next meeting of the West Point School Board is June 7 at 4:30 p.m. in the West Point Middle School conference room.

The meeting is open to the public.

### Current policy symposium

The U.S. Military Academy's Dept. of History will hold a three-night, two-day symposium on Current Policy here June 15-17.

The event will feature several guest speakers in the area of the application of military history and the shaping of American foreign policy.

Panel topics will include insurgency and counter-insurgency, nation building and occupation missions, historians shaping American policy and the future of military history as an academic field.

Guest panel speakers include Douglas Porch, Jeffrey Race, Robert Mackey, Michael Schaller, Stephen Ash and Conrad Crane.

RSVP by June 9 to Maj. Peter G. Knight at [peter.knight@usma.edu](mailto:peter.knight@usma.edu) or call (845) 938-5594.

### Ladies Golf Clinic

The West Point Ladies' Golf Club is hosting a golf clinic June 6 and 29 for interested lady golfers. The lessons are from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the West Point Golf Course with golf pro Shawn Kapusinsky.

E-mail Barbara Fletcher at [yb1956@usma.edu](mailto:yb1956@usma.edu) to sign up.

# Keller Corner

### KACH closure

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

The emergency room will be open.

### Referral assistance

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

## MWR Blurbs

### MWR Fitness Center

Beginning Tuesday 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 Saturday. 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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### TAP workshop

The Army Community Service Transition Assistance Program will host a Transition Assistance Workshop at ACS, Bldg. 622, training room, June 21-23.

Class times are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. June 21-22 and from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. June 23.

Registration is required. Call 938-4621/2519 to register.

Dress is civilian casual.

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## Command Channel 8/23

May 26 - June 2

### FRIDAY

9 a.m. Army Newswatch  
6 p.m. 2006 Graduation  
Banquet (Live)

### SATURDAY

9 a.m. Class of 2006  
Graduation (Live)

### MONDAY

No programming

### TUESDAY

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

### WEDNESDAY

9 a.m. Army Newswatch  
9:30 a.m. 2006 Graduation  
Ceremony  
6 p.m. Army Newswatch

### THURSDAY

9 a.m. Army Newswatch  
1 p.m. 2006 Graduation  
Ceremony  
6 p.m. Army Newswatch

### JUNE 2

9 a.m. Army Newswatch  
6 p.m. Army Newswatch  
6:30 p.m. 2006 Graduation  
Ceremony

# Army and Community Sports

## Men's track and field continues dominance Frehulfer, Mejia and Sakala help capture Army's 15th straight Patriot League Title

By Eric S. Bartelt  
Assistant Editor

Army track and field will travel to Greensboro, N.C., to compete in the NCAA East Regional today and Saturday.

The month of May has been good to the men's track and field team as they captured their 15th straight Patriot League title and a 10th place finish at the IC4A Championships.

Two-time Patriot League indoor champion, senior Philip Sakala, won his first outdoor title by capturing first place in the 1,500m with a time of 3:47.87. He became Army's first champion in the 1,500m since Clay Schwabe won back-to-back titles in 2000 and 2001.

However, the two athletes that made Army track and field head coach Jerry Quiller truly smile from ear-to-ear were juniors David Frehulfer and Rudy Mejia.

Frehulfer, who won the 200m and 400m sprints, was named the "Outstanding Track Athlete of the Meet," at the 2006 Patriot League

Track and Field Championships and for him it was finally his time to shine.

"It was certainly a long time coming," Frehulfer said. "My first two years here were rough as I battled injuries and a lot of disappointing marks. It was finally nice to see some results from the hard work I've put in these past few years.

"It sort of clicked and it felt good to finally reach a point where I thought I could and should be running," Frehulfer added.

He battled through hamstring injuries his freshman year and a stress fracture to his foot his sophomore year, but this year was a great welcome as he has not had any significant injuries during the



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-- Junior David Frehulfer, on his thoughts before he won the 200m and 400m titles at the Patriot League Championships.

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2005-06 season.

"I'm thankful that I made it through the indoor and outdoor seasons perfectly healthy," Frehulfer explained.

He clocked personal-best times at the Patriots in the 200m (21.85 seconds) and the 400m (47.29 seconds), and then qualified for the NCAA East Regional in the 4x400m relay with teammates, sophomore Adrian Perkins, freshman Larry Choate and junior Justin Kelso with a third-place finish at the IC4As.

Frehulfer, who is the anchor on the 4x400m relay, enjoys running the relay more than any other competitive event especially as the anchor.

"I love the last leg. I wouldn't trade it for anything," Frehulfer said. "I love the opportunity to chase down people and through the combination of all four legs I get the last crack at making a difference in the race (for my teammates) and I think that's a pretty cool feeling."

Mejia, who triumphed in the long jump and the triple jump, took home the "Outstanding Field Athlete of the Meet," at the 2006 Patriot League Championships and now has two outdoor and one indoor championship titles.

"Winning the Patriot League outstanding field athlete of the meet has been one of my goals since my freshmen year," Mejia said. "Coach (Joe Rogers) and I have continued to work on improving my technique and strength in both the long jump and triple jump for the past three years.

"Now that I have earned the award, I will continue to work toward earning another one," Mejia added.



Junior Rudy Mejia won the long and triple jumps at the 2006 Patriot League Track and Field Championships. He was named "Outstanding Field Athlete of the Meet."

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Mejia has been battling through hamstring injuries all season long, which took him out of action for a month, but his tireless workouts to overcome injuries helped him achieve his personal-best triple jump of 47 feet, 11 inches.

Although he finished in sixth place at the Patriots in the high jump, he did achieve his personal-best jump at a height of 6 feet, 6 1/4 inches.

He credits his workouts in helping get his personal-best marks, even though he is not quite 100 percent healthy.

"I feel that the sprinting and jump workouts helped me gain the most distance because it works on my explosiveness," Mejia said. "Much of the credit for my recent success goes to Coach Rogers."

Physically track and field can be draining as Mejia contends with having to go from event-to-event, which for him includes sprinting at least a hundred feet to achieve long jump and triple jump successes.

But Frehulfer explains that the mental part of the game is truly

what brings the wins, such as his victories at the Patriots.

"The mental edge I had going into the Patriot League meet is I felt I had something to prove," Frehulfer said. "I really hadn't done anything for two years and the indoor season was sort of a disappointment.

"I felt I had a chip on my shoulder and I wanted to come out and do something that I would be satisfied with when it was all over," Frehulfer added.

Frehulfer and Mejia will compete at the NCAA East Regional and both of them are looking to make a great impression.

"It's the biggest meet of the year for me," Frehulfer stated. "I think it will inspire the biggest effort out of my teammates and I in the relays. There isn't a better atmosphere than to be around the best people in the region to perform our best.

"I'm looking forward to the opportunity to step on the line," Frehulfer added, "with people who can really move and see what I can do."



Senior Philip Sakala won his first outdoor title by capturing first place in the 1,500m with a time of 3:47.87. He was Army's first champion in five years in that event.

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# Holleder leads class into Hall of Fame

WEST POINT, N.Y. -- Army Sports Hall of Fame will induct its third class this September, enshrining an 11-member Class of 2006 that features national individual champions in fencing and squash; strikeout artists from baseball and softball; explosive scorers from lacrosse, hockey and basketball; the hall's first sibling inductees; and the coach who led the famed Black Knights' football program to its first unbeaten season.

The Hall of Fame Class of 2006 includes Bob Anderson (football), Richard Bowman (fencing), Pete Cramblet (lacrosse), Charles Daly (football player-coach), Don Holleder (football/men's basketball), Kevin Houston (men's basketball), Colleen McCabe (softball), Dave Merhar (hockey), Richard Oehrlein (squash/men's tennis), Walter Oehrlein (squash/

men's tennis) and Steve Reich (baseball).

The leader of the hall class and the ultimate team player, Don Holleder yielded his role as a first-team All-American end in 1954 to become Army's starting quarterback in 1955. Honoring a request from legendary coach Earl "Red" Blaik, Holleder switched positions to fill the void created by the graduation of three-year standout signal caller Pete Vann.

In 1954, Holleder had led the Black Knights with 17 receptions for 495 yards. But, four games into the 1955 campaign, and with Army saddled with a 2-2 record, critics had dubbed the shifting of Holleder as "Blaik's Folly." However, the move ultimately paid dividends as Black Knights won four of their final five games and notched a critical 14-6 season-ending win over arch-rival Navy

in the process.

A three-year letterwinner on the gridiron, Holleder also earned three letters in basketball. He led the hardwood squad in rebounding (9.3 rpg) as a junior in 1954-55.

Holleder was presented with the Nelson Award in 1955, given to the player who "by his conduct on the gridiron, demonstrates a high esteem for the football code and exemplifies sportsmanship to an outstanding degree." Holleder, a highly respected leader who had attained the rank of Major, was killed in action in Vietnam in October 1967. He was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1985.

"I really like the mix of this class," said Kevin Anderson, Army's director of athletics. "We have nine different sports represented, with four programs seeing their first members

inducted. A Hall of Fame should truly represent the 'best of the best' across your entire spectrum of sports. Now that we are in our third year of inducting members into the Army Sports Hall of Fame, "I think we are starting to see a reflection of the success Army athletes have enjoyed in all sports," Anderson added. "The diversity of sports in this class once again demonstrates the depth and breadth of competitiveness that Army has enjoyed across the board for many, many years."

This year's class will be honored at a special induction banquet Sept. 29 at West Point.

The Class of 2006 will also be honored during a halftime ceremony the next day when Army's football team hosts Rice at Michie Stadium.

The Army Sports Hall of Fame is a subset of the Kenna Hall of Army Sports, a comprehensive museum display of Army's proud intercollegiate athletic program. It is located on the third floor of Kimsey Athletic Center.

The introduction of the Army Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2006 marks the end of a lengthy selection process that began during the spring.

A 10-member selection committee representing athletic administrators, academic administrators, former West Point athletes, graduates and representatives from the Association of Graduates began the process of developing a workable list from the thousands

of athletes and coaches that have represented the academy on the "fields of friendly strife."

"There are a lot of people working behind the scenes as we continue striving for induction classes that truly represent the Academy's rich athletic heritage," Anderson said. "As always, the members of the USMA Athletic Committee, as well as Superintendent Lt. Gen. William J. Lennox, have once again been vital components in the selection process by providing pinpoint leadership and guidance."

Only athletes that graduated the academy were considered and only those five years removed from their playing and coaching days are eligible.

In addition to enshrining the Class of 2006 at this September's induction banquet, Anderson will present the ODIA Distinguished Service Award to Morris Herbert.

Herbert, a 1950 West Point graduate, is a long-time historian with the Academy's Association of Graduates and was instrumental in the creation and completion of both the Army Sports Hall of Fame and the Kenna Hall of Army Sports.

The Distinguished Service Award is presented to an individual for significant contributions to Army's intercollegiate athletic program.

The addition of the 11 members of the Class of 2006 brings the total number of individuals inducted into the Army Sports Hall of Fame to 41 over the initial three years of the shrine's existence.

## Army Golf finishes 27th at NCAAs

ORLANDO, Fla. -- Senior captain Austin Luher fired a six-over-par 78 in the third and final round at the 2006 NCAA East Regional as the Army golf team ended up in 27th place at the Lake Nona Golf and Country Club.

The Black Knights shot a combined score of 317 in round three to bring their 54-hole total to 957 for the tournament.

For the second straight year, Luher was Army's top individual golfer at the regional finishing in a tie for 52nd place overall with a three-round composite of 224. That mark is the fourth-best effort recorded by an Army golfer at the NCAA Regionals.

Freshman Sam Walenz recorded his strongest round of the weekend, firing three birdies and collecting 10 pars on his way to a four-over 76. He tied for 127th with a 54-hole score of 239.

Sophomore Joey Cave posted a score of 81 to finish at +24 for

the tournament and in a tie for 130th (240), while freshman Adam Renfroe rounded out his first NCAA Regional with his best score of the tournament 82, good for 138th place. Sophomore Patrick Beverly carded an 84, leaving him in 140th place.

Wake Forest won the East Regional for the second straight year with an even-par 864. The other nine teams advancing to the 2006 NCAA Championships in Sunriver, Ore., are: defending NCAA champion Georgia, Texas Tech, North Carolina, Coastal Carolina, Charlotte, UCLA, Auburn, South Carolina and UNLV.

UCLA's Kevin Chappell won individual medalist honors by finishing the three-round tournament with a five-under total of 211. Southern California's Taylor Wood and Scott Stallings from Tennessee Tech advance to the NCAA Championships as individual qualifiers.

### 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).

### Intramural summer softball change

The West Point intramural summer softball league is cancelled due to upcoming construction at Buffalo Soldier Field.

Before construction begins, though, there will be two double-elimination intramural softball tournaments beginning Tuesday and running until June 24.

To sign up call Morale, Welfare and Recreation's Jim McGuinness at (845) 938-3066 or e-mail him at [Jim.McGuinness@usma.edu](mailto:Jim.McGuinness@usma.edu) by today.