

October changes (as of 10/31)	
C FUND	+ 3.27 percent
I FUND	+ 3.87 percent
S FUND	+ 4.99 percent

## RCI process at WP delayed a few weeks

By Irene Brown  
Chief, Command Information

The process to privatize housing at West Point is being delayed a few weeks.

The Army's Residential Communities Initiative enlists the help of a partner from the private sector to finance, design, construct, manage and repair new and upgraded family housing and community areas.

West Point RCI officials originally announced they would choose a partner this month, but that's now been pushed to January due to some delays in RCI on other installations.

"We generally schedule numerous projects back-to-back," said Ivan Bolden, the Department of the Army's RCI assistant for policy. "Because there is an unforeseen delay in the project ahead of West Point's, it caused the need for us to slightly extend the timelines."

Michael Colacicco, West Point's RCI Project and Assets Manager, said even with the delay the process is still going well, as evidenced by the recent visit of prospective partners.

"All five of the potential partners that came here on the last visit are interested in becoming part of the academy," Colacicco said. "And they all have vast amounts of RCI

experience."

That experience with both the process and the military will make it easier to get right into the details of the program, explained Col. Brian Crawford, West Point Garrison Commander.

Once selected, he said, an experienced partner can start working immediately on the development plan.

"We will roll up our sleeves and start the collaboration process to develop the Community Development Management Plan as soon as a partner is selected," he added.

Colacicco said he anticipates the development plan process will take roughly six months.

"The sooner the developer

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## Post gears up for snow season, DPW ready

By Eric S. Bartel  
Sports Editor

It's the first week of November and the weather has been getting noticeably colder. Soon, snow flakes will be piling up by the truckload and it'll be important for employees here to know where to go to get West Point's adverse weather information.

This will be the first year that the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security will facilitate and coordinate the support of the garrison commander and snow removal operations to ensure the utmost safety for all employees.

The job of DPTMS will be to gather all the information provided by the Directorate of Public Works snow operations, the Provost Marshal's office, the New York State Department of Transportation and weather updates by specific weather monitoring sites.

"One of the things we do is monitor the North American (NOAA) site on weather and keep track of it throughout the day,"

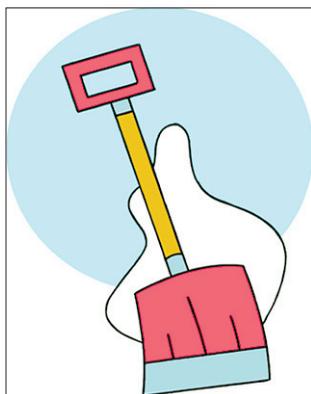


### Halloween parade

The West Point Elementary School held their annual Halloween parade Tuesday. The children dressed up as their favorite literature character in keeping with the focus on the school's improvement goal in reading comprehension. Some teachers dressed up along with the children, while parents, watching from the sidelines, cheered them on.

KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

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said Joe Colombo, DPTMS Plans and Operations specialist. "So if there's an impending storm, we get notification from the Northeast Region (NERO) on the weather forecast over the next 24-to-72 hours. Our intent is to know what's coming and then facilitate the transmission of that information and disseminate that information to the folks who make decisions."

A conference call among Garrison Commander Col. Brian Crawford, DPTMS, DPW, PMO, Public Affairs Office, West Point Schools and Morale, Welfare and Recreation determines the codes at West Point.

Crawford ultimately makes the final decision on Code White, Code Red and such, but the conference call staff plays an important role in bringing about his decision.

"Based on the gathered recommendations, we get the garrison commander on the conference call and tell him the situation," Colombo explained. "We give him the situation, for example, that the storm will be hitting at six in the morning and, based on that

situation, is whether we do a Code White, Code Red or no adversity on normal operations."

Snow operations went into effect Wednesday and will continue through April 15. During adverse weather conditions, West Point

employees can keep track of West Point's weather status by calling 938-7000 or look for announcements on command channel 8/23, which are both updated by PAO's Joe Cyr; go to the Internet to find Directorate See SNOW POLICY on page 3

## 2004 grad killed in Iraq

Compiled by Jim Fox  
Assistant Editor

First Lt. Amos "Camden" R. Bock, of New Madrid, Mo., died Oct. 23 in Baghdad, Iraq, from injuries suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle. Bock was assigned to the 4th Battalion, 320th Field Artillery Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky.

The 2004 U.S. Military Academy graduate's funeral service was held Wednesday in New Madrid where he was interred.

A memorial service was also held by his unit at Forward Operating

Base Loyalty Wednesday.

He is survived by his parents, Jill and Riley, of New Madrid.



1st Lt. Amos R. Bock

## Why Army Strong?

Commentary by  
Lt. Col. Wayne Shanks  
Army Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (Army News Service) -- I have to admit when I first heard "Army Strong" I thought, "That's it?" But as I've thought about it, Army Strong is much more than two words. It represents the best of the Army; the best of America; the best of each and every Soldier.

I think Army Strong works better if you imply "I am, You are or We are" Army Strong, but what does it mean to be Army Strong?

Army Strong is more than muscles; it's the Soldiers who can endure long patrols constantly alert for hidden dangers or run faster and further than they ever thought they could.

Army Strong is more than sheer military might (tanks, helicopters, artillery, missiles, etc...); it's the Soldiers who drive, fly or shoot all that hardware.

Army Strong is more than completing tough training; it's parachuting out of an airplane at 800 feet when you're scared to death of heights.

Army Strong is more than being smart; it's having the knowledge and tenacity to develop a way to solve seemingly impossible problems.

Army Strong is more than combat operations that destroy an enemy; it's the Soldiers and leaders

who plan and execute it -- it's "Boots on the Ground."

Army Strong is more than the pungent smell of burnt gunpowder after a firefight; it's the Soldiers whose well-aimed fire protected their buddies.

Army Strong is more than intelligence systems, UAVs and GPS; it's the Soldiers who bring that information to the leaders who can use it to stop an insurgent attack.

Army Strong is more than beans, bullets and repair parts; it's the Soldiers who ship, manage, prepare, repair and move all the things that keep the Army rolling along.

Army Strong is more than just doing what's right; it's the Army values embodied by Soldiers who carry out their duties everyday.

Army Strong is more than a "Welcome Home" sign taped to a fence; it's the "Daddy, daddy, daddy!" yelled across a tarmac late at night and a long embrace at the end of a deployment.

Army Strong is more than an individual Soldier's strength; it's the teamwork of a well-trained squad executing actions on contact.

In short, Army Strong is far more than two words; it's the underlying moral fiber, the deep-seated emotions and the total determination every Soldier carries.

No one can stop this team -- it's Army Strong.



### Army Strong pumpkin?

Cadet 3rd Class Jason Schreuder uses an unconventional medium to help spread the Army's new advertising campaign -- Army Strong -- which was announced earlier this month. Schreuder, who maintains a 3.8 GPA and plans on majoring in Mechanical Engineering, spent approximately 12 hours creating the pumpkin, complete with a detailed Abrams Main Battle Tank. The 'Army Strong' campaign will kick off nationwide Thursday.

LESLIE GORDNIER/PAO

## Tiger Teams

- Develop a strategic plan (Col. Steve Ressler/CME Department Deputy Head)

- Sustain the moral and ethical climate (Col. Kip Nygren/CME Dept. Head)

- Institutionalize the cadet leader development system (Col. Douglas Boone/SCPME director)

- Establish, publicize and enforce standards (Col. Patricia Dooley/C&LS Associate Professor)

- Enhance the military training program (Col. Michael Meese/Social Sciences Dept. Head)

- Enhance the physical program (Col. Peter Curry/DMI Dept. Head)

Anyone with suggestions for any of the Tiger Teams may contact the team leaders directly or contact the Office of Policy, Plans and Analysis at 938-3549.

### West Point AFAP

Nov. 14 -16  
West Point Club  
7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
sign up now  
Call 938-3655 or e-mail  
christine.knight@usma.edu

## 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 Lt. Col. Robbie Williams (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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	4		2	5				

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

Difficulty: Easy

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

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## POINTER VIEW®

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# Local and National News

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of Emergency Services updates on the USMA Web site [<http://cgi.usma.edu/WeatherConditions/>] or listen to area radio stations [see list below] for updated weather notifications.

For employees who travel from off-post, DPTMS keeps in close touch with DOT and PMO.

"We have a number of folks who live on both sides of the [Hudson] River, so we look at those roads. The Provost Marshal knows who to contact to find out the status of the roads," Colombo said. "Based on information from the Civilian

Personnel Advisory Center, we have a listing of where people [who work here] live ... [and based on that] there're about 14 roads that we ask folks from DOT the status of during adverse weather."

When a big storm happens, it's important for snow operations to immediately begin cleanup. The snow removal plan has five priorities, from most important to least, that starts with the main roads and main parking lots to the smallest little nook on post.

The important thing, according to Lt. Col. Paul Sarat, 1st Battalion, 1st Infantry Regiment commander, is for everyone to try to park off the main roads when adverse conditions are approaching.

"We start running into problems along roads where it limits the plows' abilities to get through," Sarat said. "So we ask folks to stick to parking lots. I know there is limited parking in Stony I and there're many parking spaces along the road ... but parking along the road only allows the plow to go down the middle and if your park along the side your car will get piled up with snow."

Sarat also talked about the importance of people knowing the codes before they leave their homes, so if there's a Code Red or Code White in place, they won't be impeding the work of snow operations as DPW does their work.

"When people come in during a

Code Red and they're not essential, what they are doing is slowing down the plows and things like that," Sarat said. "It makes it harder for people doing their work if others don't follow the guidance from the command.

"People sometimes don't understand why we only call a delay for X number of hours," he added. "But, the idea is to give DPW a chance to clear out the snow before the rush of traffic and plows can't do that if there's a line of cars

coming into post."

Another big aspect of snow cleanup and safety is the role of building commandants cleaning their immediate areas that are more or less the last priority for DPW snow operations.

"The building commandants play an imperative role in helping clear the areas around their perspective buildings," Colombo said. "It's also important for them to get the equipment they'll need for everyone in their building to help

them clear the area, which includes snow shovels and de-icer, which they can get at Self Service Supply Center. They should go get it now while supplies are in abundance."

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can get the CDMP done and approved (by the government), the sooner they start making money," he added.

The chosen partner will hold focus groups for community members to comment on what they want in the CDMP. Colacicco said this is a very important part of the process.

"The focus groups or advisory committees are crucial to the RCI process," he explained. "This is where we get to weigh in on what we would eventually like to see in our community."

Anyone interested in participating in an RCI focus group should call 845-938-5948.

### Adverse Weather Code Definitions:

"WEST POINT IS CODE WHITE UNTIL (stated time, or, all day)." This means that the West Point Snow Policy is in effect until the stated time or all day. Employees, who might be prevented from reporting to work, or who believe that they might not be able to return home if they come to work, should be granted annual leave, accrued compensatory time or LWOP if they prefer. Employees still need to contact their supervisor for approval. Specific procedures for requesting leave in these circumstances are at the discretion of each Activity.

"WEST POINT IS CODE RED UNTIL (stated time)." This announcement means that part of the installation is closed until the announced time, and employees should not report until that time. Supervisors will excuse absences without charge to leave for all employees affected whether or not leave was previously approved. Employees who do not report for work by the announced time will be charged leave for the remainder of their absence if it was not properly requested and approved.

### Snow info

For the latest on West Point weather, call the weather line at 938-7000, or go to the Web site at <http://cgi.usma.edu/WeatherConditions/> or employees can listen for West Point's snow policy status information on the following radio stations:

WBNR 1260-AM  
WSPK 104.7 FM  
WHUD 100.7 FM  
WPDH 101.5 FM  
WLNA 1420-AM  
WFAS 930-AM  
WFAS 103.9 FM  
WRRV 92.7 FM  
WRRV 96.9 FM  
WKIP 1450-AM  
WEOK 1390-AM.

# KACH receives three-year JCAHO accreditation

Story and photo by  
Eric S. Bartelt  
Sports Editor

Keller Army Community Hospital has been the medical pillar of the West Point community since it opened its doors in 1977.

Recently, the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, headquartered in Chicago, gave KACH a three-year accreditation. This also included the lowest number of negative findings that JCAHO has found at all civilian and military hospitals it has surveyed in the past six months.

According to Col. Norvell Coots, KACH commander, JCAHO was founded as an organization to help monitor the practice of hospital-based medicine to ensure it meets safety and patient care standards and has a focus on improving the quality of American healthcare.

"It's a voluntary program to be accredited by the joint commission, but the federal government has made it regulatory for military hospitals. They want to show the rest of the world that we are equivalent or better than many of our civilian counterparts," Coots said, "and, in fact, that is what the joint commission's survey showed (in September)."

An increased focus on patient safety was established by the Institute of Medicine, where studies showed that more patients died from medical mistakes than from their illnesses, Coots said. With that in mind, JCAHO focuses on having every hospital to meet the standards for personnel, patient safety, life safety, facilities management, clinical practice, medical staff, nursing services and across the spectrum of a healthcare organization, which provides a safe environment for both patients and hospital staff.

From Sept. 12-14, three survey representatives from JCAHO came to West Point to search for findings at Keller Hospital that would help improve the facility.

"Our facility was looked at from top to bottom," Coots said. "They do a facility walk through where they push tile and look for firewall security. They look at our communications and see how well we communicate, not only to our patients but within our organization."

"It's a lot of stuff that's reviewed in a short three-day period, but the reps have their formulas where

they compile their data and at the end of the day they download that information into a computer. Then the software compares their findings against the standards that are built into the program," Coots added. "That generates our report and tells us what our deficiencies are or aren't."

JCAHO came up with four findings and seven supplemental findings during their three-day investigation, where they looked at such standards as how far from the ceiling things can be stacked for ventilation and safety.

"The difference between a finding and a supplemental finding is that a finding is an issue that has to be responded to within a 60-day period showing a corrective action," Coots said. "A supplemental finding is a finding of potential deficiencies. It says that we're doing well, but they think we still need tightening in (those supplemental finding) areas although showing a corrective action is not necessary."

One of the major findings against KACH was the need for roof repairs. Since the building opened in 1977, there have been numerous individual patchwork projects on the roof, but it was finally determined that the entire roof needed an overhaul.

The Directorate of Public Works provided \$2 million for the renovation that started Oct. 2 and will continue until the weather gets adverse. The project should be fully completed by May, Coots said.

"We had a few leaks in a couple of patient rooms and around an



**Dave Esser, (left), of Local 210 in Erie, Pa., and William Gordon, of Local 8 from New York, lay down tar on the fourth floor roof of Keller Army Community Hospital Oct. 26. The Cold (Tar) Process Built-Up Roof is part of the roof replacement project at Keller. The need for a roof replacement was part of a finding during KACH's accreditation survey last month and the project should be completed by May.**

area close to the connector to the operating room suite and physical therapy ... and in a health care setting the things that you worry about the most are those leaks," Coots stated. "Those exposures can develop mold that will grow in damp areas (inside the hospital). And, those molds, bacteria and fungi may grow in the area and pose a health risk to patients and staff alike."

The ceiling tiles that were damaged by the leaks were replaced within 72 hours, which is a requirement by JCAHO. The roof repairs have begun to replace

the near 30-year old roof.

"Replacing the old roof has eliminated the leaks that have been happening in our physical therapy area and in three patient rooms. Further deterioration would have probably 'brought down' more rooms and limited what patients could receive at the hospital," said J.R. Loggia, chief of facilities,

KACH. "The roof was eight years passed its life expectancy, so what DPW has done for us in acting quickly to eliminate future problems in this hospital is great."

Overall, the accreditation process, which sometimes includes 18-month unannounced surveys, concluded that Keller is one of the best running military hospitals in the Army.

"It's an excellently run organization," Coots said. "Since I've only been in command since July, I can't take a lot of credit for this survey. But, I give a lot of the credit to my predecessor, Col. Pete Torok, and his command group and staff."

"A JCAHO survey isn't something you can prepare for in one, two or three months anymore. It requires constant preparation and adherence to the standards set (by JCAHO) and an emphasis on them," he added. "Clearly, my predecessor emphasized that and it shows, as this organization has all those processes in place to provide really high-quality healthcare."

Coots continued, "As the hospital's commander, I'm not worried about the quality of care we're providing to the West Point community. Clearly, the (accreditation survey) shows we're one of the best hospitals."

## Mail early to meet overseas postal deadlines

By Ashley Stetter

WASHINGTON (Army News Service) -- Military postal workers across the world are "making a list and checking it twice" to ensure that Soldiers serving far from home receive packages in time for the holiday season.

Mail is abundant November through December, and postal workers advise all those sending packages overseas to follow official holiday Mail-By deadlines to guarantee timely delivery.

Mail-By dates begin Nov. 13 for parcel post and extend to Dec. 4-19 for priority and express mail services.

These deadlines are rapidly approaching, and military postal officials have issued suggestions and other helpful resources to make mailing fast and easy.

For the convenience of spouses, friends and family members sending mail overseas, pre-addressed, printable, postage paid APO/FPO address labels are available at the United States Postal Service's Click-N-Ship® Web site, and free packing materials are available by calling 1-800-610-8734.

DOD mailing guidelines require use of the service member's full name (with or without rank or rating), military organization or unit, APO/FPO address and the nine-digit ZIP code, if one is

assigned, plus a return address.

Holiday items are fine, but postal officials say packages going to Iraq and Afghanistan may not include: pork or pork by-products, alcoholic beverages, pornographic or sexually-related items or unauthorized political materials. If any of these items are found, postal officials say, none of the contents will be delivered.

In addition, programs that once allowed the general public to send mail addressed to "Any Service Member" no longer exist, and packages addressed as such will not reach their destination.

Remember that Mail-By dates vary by destination and mailing method and promise delivery by Christmas Day. Senders preferring delivery before Dec. 25 should mail

10 days earlier than the suggested deadlines.

The following shipping dates are recommended for military mail:

**APO AE Zip 093**

Parcel Post: Nov. 13

Space Available Mail: Nov. 27

Parcel Airlift Mail: Dec. 2

Priority Mail/First-Class Mail,

Letter and Cards: Dec. 4

Express Mail Military Service:

Not Available

**APO AE Zips 090-092, 094-098;**

**APO AA Zip 340; APO AP Zip**

**962-966**

Parcel Post: Nov. 13

Space Available Mail: Nov. 27

Parcel Airlift Mail: Dec. 4

Priority Mail/First-Class Mail,

Letter and Cards: Dec. 11

Express Mail Military Service:

Dec. 19

## Fed open season begins Nov. 13

Compiled by Kathy Eastwood  
Staff Writer

Open season for Federal Employees Health Benefits will run from Nov. 13 to Dec. 11. The annual Health Benefits will be held Nov. 21, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Eisenhower Hall Ballroom, according to Human Resource Assistant Peggy Hoffman.

"We will have representatives from each of the health plans attending," Hoffman said. "Keller Army Community Hospital/Occupational Health will be attending with the possibility of flu shots becoming available based on the amount of flu vaccine on hand."

During open season, any eligible employee who is not currently registered may enroll; and

any eligible enrollee may change from one plan or option to another, from 'self only' to 'self and family,' or make a combination of these changes.

All new enrollments or changes made during Open Season will be effective Jan. 7, 2007, including any enrollments in the new dental and vision plans that will be available to government employees for the first time.

CPAC will have personnel available to assist people that need to sign up for health benefits. Supervisors are encouraged to allow employees to attend.

For more information call Peggy Hoffman at 938-3943.

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center launched its redesigned Web site [www.usma.edu/cpac](http://www.usma.edu/cpac) Wednesday.

## Newburgh's South Junior HS visits academy science programs

Story and photo  
by Kathy Eastwood  
Staff Writer

South Junior High School students in Newburgh N.Y., who are enrolled in the Engineering Technology Program, visited the U.S. Military Academy Monday through the SJHS Mentorship Program. The program is co-sponsored by the USMA Physics, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Depts. and SJHS.

The students participated in physics demonstrations and learned how to create a Web page in the computer lab.

"Many of the students have no computer experience or background, but they do pick it up quickly," said Lt. Col. William Suchan, an

assistant professor in EECS. "The students come here to get exposure to physics and computer science. Hopefully, that will inspire them to go on to college."

Roughly 15 seventh- and eighth-graders were matched with cadet mentors. One cadet spoke to the youths about how he was inspired to go on to college after participating in the program as a SJHS student.

"When I attended SJHS, I looked forward to this program," said Cadet 4th Class Patrick Grimm. "It gave me something to look forward to. I still e-mail my cadet mentor, Leeann Dorothy Browning, class of 2003. I thought she was really cool because she was on the sky diving club here."

The students were interested in and asked questions about which

teachers he had and if any of his friends came to West Point.

Grimm said because he is a plebe, he's not a mentor yet, but plans on becoming one next year.

"The program shows the students what they can do with a little effort," he said. "West Point is unique in that it not only exposes the students to a college atmosphere, but to a military one as well. I hope I can become a role model, like Browning was to me."

The SJHS mentoring program began in 1998 with the help of Physics Technician William Lennon and his wife, Diane, who was a teacher at SJHS at the time.

"SJHS had just started the engineering and technology program and the teachers thought it would be beneficial to the students to affiliate [the school] with local



Students from the engineering technology program at South Junior High School in Newburgh, N.Y., learn how to create a Web site at a computer lab here.

colleges," Lennon said. "It used to be that the students would spend a half-day in the computer lab, interview cadets and spend a half-day doing physics experiments. Now, there isn't as much time so they generally go to the computer lab, watch physics demonstrations, watch formation and eat lunch with

their cadet mentors."

The program offers two three-hour programs, one in the fall and one in the spring.

Physics instructor Maj. Jeff Spear is the current coordinator of the mentorship program.

"Many of the SJHS students don't see college as an option for them," Spear said. "Having them come here and see what they can do and what options are open to them hopefully will have a positive affect."

SJHS Math teacher Lorraine Gamma thinks the program does have a positive affect.

"I think a lot of students have been inspired," Gamma said. "It gives them an incentive and gets them out of the Newburgh area to see what is out there and what options are open to them."

## How Systems Engineering affects our everyday lives

By Niki Goerger  
Dept. of Systems Engineering

Systems are all around us. Have you ever stopped to think how the water you drink or the food you eat actually got to the table? What about the home you live in -- how was it built? How is it that our homes have heat, electricity and running water? The answer is -- systems.

The world is a network of systems that provide us with food, water, shelter, transportation and the technology we use to manage our daily lives. Without these systems, life as we know it would not be possible. Similar logic applies to how systems engineering relates to our Army.

USMA systems engineers study contemporary issues facing the military. They help senior leaders identify problems, assess risks, save resources, test products and identify solutions in designing and improving systems. Currently, a team of academy engineers, working with the U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center, is analyzing issues and solutions for countering Suicide Vehicle-Borne Improvised Explosive Devices (SVBIEDs) that have targeted our troops, coalition forces and civilians in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Insurgents are effectively employing SVBIEDs, which are devastating in effect and difficult

to detect and defeat, especially in urban environments where military, civilians and insurgents are intermixed. Traffic control points (similar to road blocks set up for ID checks) are one counter-insurgency measure being used by our troops.

Systems' team members Niki Goerger, Lt. Col. Simon Goerger, Maj. Greg Griffin and Maj. Paul Evangelista have been developing methodologies and conducting constructive computer simulation experiments to provide insights into countering SVBIEDs.

By examining traffic control point strategies and many factors associated with SVBIED behaviors and capabilities, ways to detect and defeat them can be better understood.

This approach brings together principles from several fields to study this extremely complex system.

The ultimate goal is to provide a means for a faster and more agile generation of effective traffic control point strategies based on key factors regarding capabilities and behaviors of SVBIEDs in the continually evolving environment we face.

**[Editor's Note:** The Systems Engineering Department plans to provide the USMA Community with monthly features about how systems affect the Army and its mission.]

# Cadets test prototype night vision goggles on Flirtation Walk

By Lt. Col. John Graham  
BS&L

Cadets 1st Class Edward Anderson and Bryan Bhark have been staying up late at Flirtation Walk lately. The two Engineering Psychology cadets have been testing the Army's newest Short-Wave Infrared Night Vision goggles against traditional Image Intensifier goggles. The effort is part of pre-fielding testing by the



**Cadet 4th Class Jorge Jimenez tests the Army's Short-Wave Infrared Night Vision goggles.**

PHOTO BY CADET 1ST CLASS EDWARD ANDERSON

Army Research Laboratory at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md.

Each night they brought 8-to-12 cadets to Flirtation Walk to compare the devices. "We went all around campus [to determine the best location to test the equipment] and Flirtation Walk allows for the best light control we could find and still be within walking distance of the barracks," Anderson stated. The participants get to try to negotiate a time trial course using Green Phosphorous, White Phosphorous and Short-Wave Infrared goggles.

Bhark became interested in working on night vision devices after working at the Army Research Laboratory over the summer. According to Bhark, "The ability to see with limited illumination has given our Army a marked tactical and strategic advantage. Currently, the most

used night vision device is the Gen III green phosphorus Image Intensifier [I<sup>2</sup>]."

On the other hand, the [SWIR] night vision device is a new technology that uses the infrared portion of the electromagnetic spectrum. SWIR essentially allows the user to effectively distinguish objects in a low-light to no-light environment through the presence of nightglow and infrared

emissions. Nightglow [aka airglow] is non-thermal radiation emitted by the earth's atmosphere. SWIR can also see through night-time fog, mist, rain and snow. Because SWIR does not rely on ambient light to create an image, it can present a more consistent picture than Image Intensifier.

The study has not been simple to execute. The goggles are prototypes and can be temperamental. For

Anderson and Bhark to get participants who were available at night, they needed to obtain special permission for them to take part during academic study hours.

While these cadets have gone above and beyond in their course project, their hope is that these tests will lead to fielding equipment that U.S. snipers and aviators can use now in the Global War on Terrorism.

# Boy scouts take to the air waves

By Boy Scout Alex Smith

"Calling all Scouts! Calling all Scouts! W2KGY is on the air!" These were the words heard Oct. 23, as Boy Scouts from West Point's Troop 23, guests of the Cadet Radio Club, broadcast from the radio shack high atop Bartlett Hall during the 2006 Jamboree on the Air. JOTA is an annual event that allows Scouts to meet other Scouts through amateur radio contacts.

During JOTA, Scouts engage in QSOs -- which are "conversations" in the short-hand code of ham radio operators -- with other Boy, Girl and Cub Scouts and Brownies all over the world, to exchange ideas, learn from each other and gain a mutual understanding. Although they tried to make international contacts, the High Frequency and Very High Frequency radios used by the club are dependent upon atmospheric propagation conditions in the ionosphere, which this time only allowed them to talk to Scouts from Ark., Ala., Mont., Texas and N.Y.

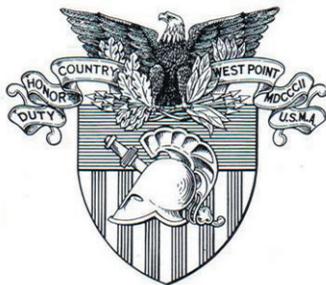
In addition to using proper radio call signs and procedures, the Scouts learned about safety precautions around electrical equipment and radio antennas. Some Scouts even strapped on the appropriate safety gear and climbed the radio antenna mast on top of Bartlett Hall

The 19 Scouts who attended both sessions received a commemorative JOTA patch and also earned the Radio Merit Badge.



Scout Tyler Knotts makes a "QSO" with other Scouts while Cadet 3rd Class Andrew Thompson adjusts the frequency.

## W2KGY



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## New museum exhibit opens today

WEST POINT, N.Y. -- The West Point Museum will unveil a special exhibition, "When Humanity Fails," depicting personal experiences of Holocaust survivors. The exhibition will be on display at the U.S. Military Academy today through January 2007.

The exhibit was organized by the Afikim Foundation, a registered not-for-profit organization dedicated to furthering Jewish life, and funded by the United States government in cooperation with the U.S. Army Center of Military History. It presents a multimedia display employing video, audio and graphic narratives to help visitors explore and understand the Holocaust.

The West Point Museum is internationally known and respected as an authority on military history and heritage. It contains one of the oldest and largest diversified public collections of militaria in

the Western Hemisphere.

The West Point Museum is open

seven days a week from 10:30 a.m.

until 4 p.m.



## Thomas Hall dedication

Directorate of Resource Management Office Manager, Susan Hopkins, left, and USMA Historian Steve Grove unveil prints of Maj. Gen. George H. Thomas, USMA Class of 1840 during the dedication of Building 626 as Thomas Hall, Oct. 27. Thomas was a career Army officer who as a Virginia-born Union General during the Civil War earned the sobriquet "The Rock of Chickamauga" for his unwavering defence of the Union left during that battle in Tennessee in 1863. Thomas commanded the bulk of Sherman's forces during their march to the sea in 1864. Before the war he was an instructor at West Point from 1851 to 1854.

KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

# Community Leisure

## What's Happening

### Washington Gate closure

Washington Gate will be closed to **inbound** traffic only from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. daily.

Access will be granted for emergency vehicles only.

For more information, call the Director of Emergency Services, Lt. Col. Bob Brown, at 938-2609/8131.

### Lecture

Major Gen. Antonio M. Taguba, the AR 15-6 investigating officer on the prisoner abuse at Abu Ghraib Prison in Baghdad, is scheduled to speak to PL100 cadets from 12:25 to 1:20 p.m. today in Thayer Hall's Robinson Auditorium.

West Point staff and faculty are invited to attend.

### Auction for charity

The inaugural Gingerbread Creation Silent Auction at Benny's Lounge in Eisenhower Hall is today to benefit local and national charities from 1 to 5 p.m.

The West Point Community is invited to make creations and enter into the auction.

All ages and designs are welcome, though we ask that all entries be appropriate for children.

Contact Cadet 1st Class Heather Kaiser at (845) 515-2137 or at [heather.kaiser@usma.edu](mailto:heather.kaiser@usma.edu) for more information.

### Privately Owned Weapon Ranges

Range Control will hold the final Privately Owned Weapon range at Range 5 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday.

### West Point Women's Club

The WPWC Gift Shop, located next to the MWR Fitness Center, is open on the Web at [www.shopthepoint.com](http://www.shopthepoint.com) and is open every Wed. from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the shop location.

For more information call 446-2950.

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

Internationally recognized speaker and author, Dan Clark, will be giving an inspirational talk about the special circumstances surrounding being an Army wife Tuesday at the West Point Club.

RSVP by today to 446-4053 or e-mail [wpwcreserve@hotmail.com](mailto:wpwcreserve@hotmail.com).

### Father-Son breakfast

The men of Higher Ground Ministries invite you to join them in "Leaving a Legacy" during their annual Father-Son Breakfast Saturday from 8 to 10:30 a.m. at Herbert Hall Alumni Center here.

This free event is open to the West Point and surrounding community.

R.S.V.P. to [ian.mcculloh@usma.edu](mailto:ian.mcculloh@usma.edu) to reserve your seats.

### Silent Auction

The 4Paws Humane Society and Fort Montgomery Ladies Fire Auxiliary is holding a Silent Auction Saturday at the Holy Innocents Church in Highland Falls.

Bidding is from 1 to 2:30 p.m., with items being dispersed starting at 2:45 p.m.

Call 446-2211/5300 for more information.

### WP Ski School meeting

The first meeting of the West Point Ski School for the 2006-2007 season will be Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Ski Lodge.

For more info., call Ski School Director, Nils Anderson, at 938-3276.

### Upcoming Red Cross classes

The **American Red Cross Life Guard certification course** will be offered Sunday, Nov. 12, 19 and Dec. 3.

The **ARC Water Safety instructor course** is available Sunday.

**Standard First Aid Training** is Nov. 22 from 6 to 10 p.m.

### Babysitter training

Are you 11 years old and want to learn basic child care?

Learn the skills every parent looks for in a responsible babysitter.

Nov. 25, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### First Aid/CPR/AED Pre Course Testing

(A requirement to become a Red Cross instructor.)

Sunday and Nov. 9.

### Fundamentals of Instructor Training (FIT)

(A requirement to become a Red Cross instructor.)

Sunday.

### Lay responder First Aid/CPR/AED instructor course

(prerequisites: FIT and PreCourse Testing)

Nov. 12 and 19.

To register go to [www.nyredcross.org](http://www.nyredcross.org), or call 1-800-514-5103.

### Zilinski memorial run

First Lt. Dennis W. Zilinski II was killed Nov. 19, 2005, in Iraq, where he was serving in the Army.

Zilinski was a 2004 graduate of the U. S. Military Academy.

As a tribute to him, the Zilinski family and many of his friends will be conducting the Lt. Dennis W. Zilinski II Memorial Run and Walk, Nov. 12, 2006, at the PNC Arts Center in Holmdel, N.J.

For more information e-mail [RunWithDennis@yahoo.com](mailto:RunWithDennis@yahoo.com), or visit the web site: **RunWithDennis.org**.

### Mail:

Lt. Dennis Z, Memorial Run, PO Box 35, Holmdel, N.J., 07733.

Everyone in the West Point family is invited to join either as a participant or volunteer.

Proceeds from this event will be used to establish a scholarship in Zilinski's honor.

### Pancake Breakfast, Craft Fair

The Highland Falls Fire Department is hosting a buffet style Pancake Breakfast, Nov. 12 from 7:30 a.m. to noon at the HFFD.

They are also hosting a Craft Fair, Dec. 2, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the HFFD. Craft vendor applications are being accepted at

this time.

For more information, call 446-2187/2847, or e-mail [hffdcraftfair@yahoo.com](mailto:hffdcraftfair@yahoo.com).

### Freedom Team Salute

The Army recognizes that in this time of war, we are all Soldiers for Freedom. We, as Soldiers, respond to the Call to Duty, which binds us to our service and guides our actions as guardians and defenders of freedom.

This service would not be possible without a strong support network.

Freedom Team Salute recognizes those supporters who make it possible for Soldiers to serve our country.

FTS provides all Soldiers -- Active Duty, National Guard and Reserve -- with the opportunity to recognize and honor our parents, spouses and employers who make our service possible.

FTS additionally recognizes and honors veteran Soldiers of all generations for their legacy of freedom, duty and honor to our country and for their continued support of the Army mission.

Log on to [www.freedomteamsalute.com](http://www.freedomteamsalute.com) to nominate your spouse, parent, employer [for RC Soldiers] and a veteran today.

## Planning to retire soon?

If you are preparing to retire, please note that the Army Benefits Center-Civilian (ABC-C) strongly recommends that you submit your retirement application package to them within **90-120 days** of your intended retirement date.

Your early submission will help to ensure a timely receipt of your first annuity payment from the Office of Personnel Management. If you submit your retirement package to the ABC-C with less than 60 days notice, you should be financially prepared for a delay in the receipt of your first

annuity payment.

Although there are circumstances that may cause a delay in an employee's application submission, the ABC-C strives to complete all packages expeditiously.

To help achieve a smooth financial transition into retirement, employees are encouraged to follow the ABC-C's 90-120 day recommendation whenever possible.

For more info. on retirement, visit the ABC-C web site at <https://www.abc.army.mil>.

## Keller Corner

### KACH closure

All outpatient clinics, laboratories, the pharmacy and radiology will be closed Nov. 10 in observance of Veterans Day. The emergency room will remain open.

### Refractive surgery seminar

The KACH ophthalmology service will conduct a Refractive Surgery Seminar Nov. 28 at 7:30 p.m. in Thayer Hall 144.

This seminar is open to second class cadets and active duty Army personnel interested in obtaining laser vision correction. Find out how laser surgery works, the pros and cons of surgery and how to get treated here.

For more information on the Cadet Refractive Eye Surgery Program, visit our Web page on the internal USCC Web site.

For more information, call 938-2207.



# NOVEMBER MWR COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Visit MWR online at [www.usma.edu/mwr](http://www.usma.edu/mwr)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
<p>ACS, bldg. 622 w 938-4621                      AEC, bldg. 683 w 938-3762                      Arts &amp; Crafts, bldg. 648 w 938-4812                      Auto Crafts, bldg. 648 w 938-2074                      BSP/BOSS, bldg. 628 w 938-6497                      Bowling Ctr., bldg. 622 w 938-2140                      CDC, bldg. 1207 w 938-4798/4523                      CDS, bldg. 1207 w 938-2092/2035                      Community Rec Div w 938-2401                      Delafield Pond w 938-5139/5158                      Fitness Center, bldg. 683 w 938-6490                      Golf Course w 938-2435/2327                      Holleder Center w 938-4236</p>		<p>ITR, bldg. 695 w 938-3601/2401                      AVC, bldg. 2104 w 938-3655                      Morgan Farm, bldg. 2036 w 938-3926                      Outdoor Rec w 938-2503                      Post Library, bldg. 622 w 938-2974                      Round Pond w 938-2503/3860                      School Age Services, bldg. 1207 w 938-8530                      West Point Club, bldg. 603 w 938-5120, 446-5506                      Ski Lodge w 938-3726/3727                      Youth Center, bldg. 500 w 938-3727                      Veterinary Clinic, bldg. 630 w 938-3817  <b>PLEASE NOTE:</b> For more information, contact the office listed for each activity.</p>				<p><b>3</b></p> <p>The Bowling Center will be temporarily closed for renovations.</p> <p>We look forward to providing you an improved facility in the near future.</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>Army vs Air Force, Auto, Crafts, MWR Fitness Center and Post Library close at 4pm</p> <p>Teen AFAP, 10am-4pm, YC, Hosted by ACS</p> <p>Historical Literary Cafe, Tavern &amp; Inn Tour in NYC, 11am-6pm, ITR</p> <p>Defensive Driving, 8am-3pm, Register at ITR</p>
<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Shopping at Canal St. &amp; SOHO in NYC, 10am-5pm, ITR</p> <p>Public Skate, 3:30pm-5pm, Staff &amp; Faculty Ice Hockey, 8:45pm-10:15, Tate Rink</p> <p>Round Pond Closes for the Season</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>Wee Ones Play Group, 9:30am-11am, ACS</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>Fall Story Hour, 10am &amp; 1:30pm (ages 3-5) Post Library</p> <p>Spinning, 5:40am, Group Pump, 9am, Cardio Blast, 5pm, MWR Fitness Center</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>Financial Readiness for 1st Term Soldiers, 8:30am, Parent Discussion Group, 11:30am, ACS</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>Spinning, 5:40am, Interval Training &amp; Ab Lab, 9am, PiYo, 10am, Cardio Blast, 5pm, MWR Fitness Center</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p><b>Veteran's Day Holiday</b></p> <p>All MWR activities closed except for Morgan Farm &amp; Golf</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>Open Recreation, 12pm-5pm, Middle School Thanksgiving Dinner, 6pm-8pm, YC</p>	
<p><b>12</b></p> <p>Ballroom Dancing &amp; Buffet, 12pm-4pm, WP Club</p> <p>Public Skate, 3:30pm-5pm, Staff &amp; Faculty Ice Hockey, 8:45pm-10:15pm, Tate Rink</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>Video Teleconference with Deployed Soldiers, 8am-4:30pm, ACS</p> <p>Wee Ones Play Group, 9:30am-11am, ACS</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>AFAP Symposium, 7:45am-4:30pm, WP Club (day 1)</p> <p>Fall Story Hour, 10am &amp; 1:30pm, (ages 3-5) Post Library</p> <p>Preseparation Briefing, 2pm, ACS</p> <p>Ethnic Food Shopping in NYC, 9am-4pm, ITR</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>AFAP Symposium, 7:45am-4:30pm, WP Club (day 2)</p> <p>Initial PCS Move, 1:30pm, Checking Accounts, 2:45, ACS</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>Consumer Rights, 8:30am, Credit, 9:45am, ACS</p> <p>Quarterback Luncheon, 11:30am, WP Club</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>Mongolian BBQ, 5pm-9pm, WP Club</p> <p>BOSS Poker Party, 7pm, Buffalo Soldier Pavilion</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>Opening Day of Big Game Season, Camp Buckner Hunting Headquarters @ Dawn</p> <p>Activities for Children of Deployed Soldiers, 5pm-7pm, YC, Hosted by ACS</p>	

## At Your Leisure

# DPW Notes

### Fall Means Snow Preparation for DPW

As autumn leaves continue to fall, and West Point residents ready for leaf removal, DPW is thinking one season ahead. Preparations are already underway for another Hudson Valley winter.

The West Point snow policy is reviewed by DPW and all the other USMA agencies that play a role in snow removal operations, finalized and staffed. The snow policy, an extremely comprehensive document, covers every detail of snow removal operations from building commandant responsibilities to billeting of DPW workers stranded at West Point to road clearing priorities. While you may think it is too early to consider the snow policy, remember it has snowed

in the past at West Point as early as November and Buffalo had 24 inches of snow in Mid-Oct.

DPW is also busy checking snow removal equipment for operational readiness. Equipment is greased, worn hydraulic hoses replaced and tested for proper operation. Early preparation provides time for necessary repairs. New DPW personnel are also given training on the many different types of snow removal equipment.

This preparation is aimed at achieving a safe and efficient snow removal operation. Depending on the intensity of the snowfall, our staff and equipment may run around-the-clock operations for several days. Safe operation for DPW workers means reliable equipment, proper cold weather gear, advance training and proper

rest. Our goal is an operation that also preserves the safety of the West Point community. You can help by heeding road condition warnings, allowing plenty of distance for snow removal vehicles, making eye contact with the operator when crossing near moving equipment and alerting DPW to unsafe conditions.

As we get closer to snow season, more information will be provided. In the meantime, enjoy the crisp days of autumn and remember DPW is a season ahead.



### Leaf vacuum pick-up schedule & Fall post-wide cleanup

DPW Land Maintenance Branch began to pick up raked leaves in housing areas this week using the leaf vacuum truck. The schedule for Fall 2006 follows:

**Monday** Washington Road, Jr. NCO, Lee Area, Dunover Court

**Tuesday** New Brick, Old Brick, Merritt Road, Grey Ghost, Lusk, Band Quarters

**Wednesday** Stony I, Stony II, Central Apartments, South Apartments, Wilson Road, Thayer Road

**Thursday** Cemetery, Quarters 100, 101, 102, areas missed during the week

**Friday** Washington Road, Jr. NCO, Lee Area, Dunover Court

The Leaf Vacuum schedule is subject to change at the last minute due to command priorities,

equipment availability and manpower shortages. Priority will be on the support of Soldiers participating in Post-wide cleanup activities.

### Instructions for leaf vacuum pick-up

Rake leaves as close to the curb as possible, but not in the street or storm drains.

Leaves can also be bagged in the brown paper bags available at Self Help. Only these bags will be collected. Residents who use other types of bags will be responsible for the disposal of them.

No grass clippings, weeds, rocks, sticks or paper should be mixed into leaves. These items will break the leaf vacuum equipment causing delays in the cleanup efforts.

Sticks (branches) should be cut into 5' lengths and bundled and tied with string. The bundles should be placed at your trash collection point.

If you live close to a wood line and choose to rake the leaves there, please rake them at least 10' into the woods. Do not leave them in piles, which can serve as a home to critters.

Leaves will be picked up as soon as time and resources allow.

We welcome the opportunity to support neighborhood cleanup efforts. These times must

be pre-arranged by your area coordinator.

Please support the efforts of your area coordinator and mayor by participating in neighborhood common area cleanup efforts.

### Important recycling information

Beginning now, all residents must use brown paper bags for their yard waste and place them at their trash collection site. All yard waste will be picked up by the Solid Waste Contractor each Wednesday for all housing areas. Self Help has a limited supply of these bags, but they are also available at the PX if residents wish to purchase them. As a reminder, yard waste will not be picked up if it is not in the brown bags.

Residents who still have the clear biodegradable bags may use them for regular household trash. Do not place plastic bags in the recycle bins, either the co-mingle or paper recycling bins. USMA has received another warning from the recycling facility. The facility will refuse to take our recyclables should this problem re-occur. All residents must comply with this procedure. No exceptions.

For more information or questions on the USMA Recycling Program, please contact John Dopler at 938-4281.

### Holiday decoration display policy

Exterior holiday lights and displays for the Christmas/Hanukkah season cannot be put up earlier than Nov. 15 and must be removed no later than Jan. 15. Electric lights, both exterior and interior that are viewed from the

outside, may only be operated during hours of darkness (except Dec. 24 and 25) and must be turned off by midnight each day.

Lights must only be used when the occupant is home, except if controlled by an automatic timer using the constraints listed above.

For other holidays (such as Halloween) where outside lights are used to decorate your quarters, the lights may not be put up and used until two weeks prior to the event. All such lights must be taken down NLT three days after the holiday.

### Blasting on Morgan Farm Road

A DPW contractor will be blasting a section of the rock ledge on Morgan Farm Road where it crosses Cragston Lake the week of Nov. 7 for two-to-three days depending on weather conditions.

The blasting will improve visibility and allow for additional maneuvering room for vehicles using Morgan Farm Road.

Personnel using Morgan Farm Road should expect 30-to-60 minute delays during the blasting operations.

The blasting plan requires warning whistles and signage in the area. Blasting mats will be used to contain dislodged materials.

Students and faculty of O'Neill High School will not be affected, although they may potentially hear the warning whistles and the blasts. For information, contact Rich Lark, COR, at 938-6787.

### RCI surveys

A contractor hired to survey boundaries of each housing area in preparation for RCI will be at USMA through Nov. 10 conducting this survey.

Residents may see the survey team in their backyards, especially if their quarters are located along one of the boundaries.

The housing area boundaries are generally in the vicinity of quarters that are adjacent to wooded areas and major roads.

However, those quarters are not likely to be the only areas surveyed.

Contact personnel are required to have photo ID with them at all times. The majority of the time they will be accompanied by a government representative.

If residents have any doubts about the legitimacy of the personnel in their yards and around the neighborhood, please contact the MPs.

For more info., call DPW Customer Relations at 938-4407.

### Appliance repair -- New Reporting Procedure

Effective Wednesday, all service requests to repair government-owned appliances, including all stoves, refrigerators and window air conditioners in both Housing and Public Buildings should be reported to the DPW Service Desk at 938-2316.

Have the type of appliance, make and model, and serial number available when you call.

Your repair request will be assigned a service order number.

## Command Channel

# 8/23

### Nov. 3 - Nov. 10

#### Friday

8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch  
9 a.m. CFC 2006  
9:30 a.m. Operation Christmas Child

#### Monday

8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch  
9 a.m. CFC 2006  
12:30 p.m. Army Newswatch  
1 p.m. CFC 2006  
5:30 p.m. Army Newswatch  
6 p.m. CFC 2006

#### Tuesday

8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch  
9 a.m. CFC 2006  
1 p.m. Army Newswatch  
1:30 p.m. CFC 2006  
6 p.m. Army Newswatch  
6:30 p.m. Operation Christmas Child

#### Wednesday

8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch  
9:30 a.m. Operation Christmas Child  
12:30 p.m. CFC 2006  
1 p.m. Army Newswatch  
4 p.m. CFC 2006  
6 p.m. Army Newswatch

#### Thursday

8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch  
11 a.m. CFC 2006  
1 p.m. Army Newswatch  
2 p.m. Operation Christmas Child  
5 p.m. CFC 2006  
6 p.m. Army Newswatch  
6:30 p.m. CFC 2006

#### Nov. 10

No programming --  
Veteran's Day

### Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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

## NOW SHOWING

in the movie theater  
at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752

**Sat. -- Jet Li's Fearless, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**

**Sat. -- Jackass Number Two, R, 9:30 p.m.**

**Nov. 10 -- Open Season, PG, 7:30 p.m.**

**Nov. 11 -- School for Scoundrels, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**

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

## Army takes first step toward CIC Trophy

Story and photos by  
Eric S. Bartelt  
Sports Editor

Tonight Army has a chance to redeem themselves against the backdrop of another disappointing season when they face academy rival Air Force at 8:08 p.m. at Michie Stadium.

The Falcons (3-4) don't come in flying high after losing three of their last four games, but they do come into the game with their trademark bread-and-butter offense, the wishbone, that always gives the Black Knights fits.

"We'll have to deal with the wishbone, and they have some pretty good people to run it," said Army head football coach Bobby Ross. "They have veterans in their backfield in (Jacobe) Kendrick, (Beau) Suder, (Chad) Hall, (Ryan) Williams and their quarterback (Shaun) Carney."

Carney leads the Falcon offense, as he's completed 54.5 percent of his passes for 470 yards and four touchdowns. But the strongest part of his game is his running ability in the wishbone formation, where he has piled up 486 yards on the ground for another five

touchdowns.

"He has a cannon of an arm," Ross stated. "Besides being a very strong, hard-nosed runner, he has decent speed and very good athleticism. He's a guy we have to stop."

The running trio of Hall, Williams and Kendrick has combined for 1,081 yards and nine touchdowns this season. Hall leads the group with 501 yards rushing.

Army (3-6) will have to face a tough running opponent and probably without two of their best defenders. Senior defensive end Cameron Craig is still trying to come back from a badly sprained ankle suffered against Connecticut and now junior safety Caleb Campbell will miss the rest of the season with a right knee injury that he sustained in the Tulane loss last Saturday.

"Losing Caleb is a big loss," Ross said. "In my mind, he's one of the best players we have in our program. People have to step up, and there are three or four people who we could start (at strong safety).

"We'll go through the week and see how things shake out before we name our starter alongside (junior



Senior linebacker Barrett Scruggs takes down Rice running back Quinton Smith with the help of junior linebacker Charlie Rockwood (#45) in a game earlier this season. Scruggs is focused on beating Air Force for the second year in a row, especially since this game is his last game at Michie Stadium.

safety) Jordan Murray, who is back healthy now after being out all year long," he added. "We've had a difficult time at defensive end and safety this year. It's hurt us because we're not a team that's very deep to begin with."

Sophomore Markenson Pierre has been penciled in as the starter at strong safety, but will face competition from sophomore Lowell Garthwaite and junior Ryan Brenne in replacing Campbell.

Freshman Victor Ugenyi Jr. is expected to start for the second week in a row for Craig, while junior defensive end Brandon Thompson is expected to make his first start of the season after battling a shoulder injury since summer camp.

While Army's defense resembles a MASH unit, the offense is trying to lift both sides of the ball after a strong performance from freshman quarterback Carson Williams in his first career start versus Tulane last week.

Williams was 16 of 24 for 194 yards and three touchdown passes, including a 71-yard touchdown to senior tight end Tim Dunn.

"I like his poise. I think it's exceptional for a youngster," Ross said. "I'm very pleased with

him. Being a freshman, he's not physically developed yet. We want to get into the off-season with him and help him improve in every phase: strength-wise, running-wise and speed-wise.

"It's kind of exciting to know that we have someone like that to work with," Ross added, "and still have David Pevoto who could step in and do a good job for us."

Army is coming into the game on a three-game losing streak, but they are also looking to continue the success they gained from beating Air Force 27-24 last year in Colorado Springs, Colo. Plus, the Black Knights still have a chance at the Commander in Chief's Trophy.

"To get a win would mean a lot," said freshman running back Tony Moore. "It would mean that we would have a chance at the

(Commander in Chief's) Trophy. We also still have a chance at going to a bowl game. This is a stepping stone for where we need to go."

For the young guys, it would definitely be a stepping-stone victory, but for the seniors it's their last shot at glory against a tough academy rival.

"It's my last go around with Air Force," said senior linebacker Barrett Scruggs. "To beat them would be a huge way to go out, especially getting two (wins) in a row. We're focused. We're going to work hard during the week and prepare diligently."

Tonight's game will be televised on ESPN2 with an 8:08 p.m. kickoff. The game can also be heard on the radio through Army Sports Network on WABC (770-AM, New York), WBNR (1260-AM, Beacon, N.Y.) and WLNA (1420-AM, Peekskill, N.Y.).



Sophomore safety Lowell Garthwaite, who started two games earlier in the season due to junior Jordan Murray's injury, may see more substantial playing time now that junior starting strong safety Caleb Campbell is out for the season with a right knee injury.

### Army Game Day times

- West Point parking lots open for game day parking at 3 p.m.
- Shuttle Buses begin running at 3 p.m.
- Cadet Review on the Plain starts at 4:30 p.m.
- Black Knights Alley opens at 5:15 p.m.
- Michie Stadium gates open at 6 p.m.
- Army Football Tailgate Radio Show starts at 6 p.m., on the Army Sports Network.

# Ashcraft, Miner lead Army "Sprinters"

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Army Sprint Football heads into their final game of the season tonight against Navy at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium in Annapolis, Md., trying to split their season series against the Midshipmen.

After losing out on a chance to claim part of the Collegiate Sprint Football League Championship with a 26-7 loss to Cornell Oct. 27, Army (3-2) looks at the Navy game as their chance to put aside their two losses this season.

"I think what a win against Navy would do for us, much like a lot of Army teams who aren't exactly satisfied with their season. It would almost totally redeem it," said sophomore quarterback Robert Miner. "It would have been nice to have the league title, but the passion that goes into that game against Navy overtakes everything ... it could serve as retribution for us."

Despite his young age, 19, Miner has taken the reigns of the Sprint team's offense even though he's only a sophomore.

"I may not be as vocal as I would be as a junior or senior, but I think the guys have come to realize that when we get into the huddle during practice or a game, it's a quarterback-centered offense,"

Miner explained. "I think they respect the fact it's a quarterback's huddle and I'm sure it would be the same way no matter who is quarterback."

The Pelham, N.Y., native grew up as an Army football fan and went to his first Army varsity game against Air Force in 2000. His parents supported his decision to come to the academy less than five years later and his dad, Brad, loves it here as much as Robert does.

"For me it was West Point or nothing (when choosing colleges), and I think that went with the fact that I fell in love with this place when I came here when I was younger," said Miner, who plans to major in international relations. "My dad loves this place. He likens it to a modern day Camelot because this is where the greatest warriors in the world come from, and not just because they can fight, but because they stand for good values."

Miner is not alone in his love of the academy.

Unlike his offensive counterpart who grew up nearly an hour away from the U.S. Military Academy, senior defensive back Tim Ashcraft grew up in Tucson, Ariz., but with much of the same passion to come here.

"I came on my candidate visit with my dad in the winter during a huge blizzard," Ashcraft said. "But I told him this was what I wanted



Senior defensive back Tim Ashcraft leads Army in interceptions with four and is fourth on the team in tackles. This is his first year as a starter after spending three years on the scout team. He made the team his plebe year as the backup kicker and has grown into this role, eventually led to him becoming team captain on defense.

to do. I looked at other military academies and the University of Arizona because my whole family had gone there, but West Point was the one place that just felt right for me."

On the playing field, Ashcraft has fought every step of the way to get to where he is right now. In his freshman year, he was the backup kicker on the team and over the past three years his main duty was on the scout team.

But his patience finally paid off this season as he leads the team in interceptions with four and is fourth on the squad in tackles. However, he believes his teammates and coaches play a big part in his success.

"(Tackles and interceptions) come as a reward to your play, but I think that's a sign of our coaches and how they prepare us because they always put us in the best position every play by recognizing the tendencies of the other team," Ashcraft said. "It does feel great to be able to contribute to the team."

The unquestioned defensive leader has found the most exciting part of his career was being recognized by his coaches and teammates as the team captain this season for the defense.

"Being team captain is really an honor," Ashcraft explained. "Honestly, starting out as a kicker my plebe year, I would have never imagined starting on defense, let alone being [a] representative of the team."

"There are a lot of leaders on our team that can take the reigns of captain," he added. "But, for me, it's been the most rewarding and humbling experience at West Point. It's truly an honor to represent your team as captain."

During his off time, Ashcraft has a passion for flying. He's majoring in mechanical engineering with a focus on aeronautical systems and as Branch Night approaches on Sunday, he is looking at aviation.

"When we do fly labs for our major, we fly down the Hudson Valley in Cessnas to New York

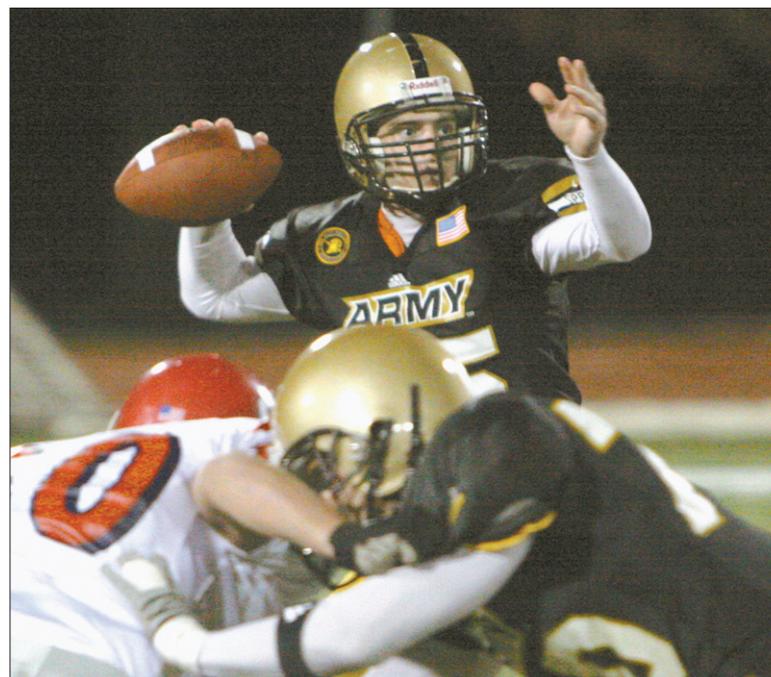
City," Ashcraft said. "It's awesome. It's a cool experience to fly over West Point."

When asked about his thoughts about going into the aviation branch, for him it is, "the only branch that truly interests me."

Ashcraft paid high compliments to his coach Gene McIntyre for his guidance on- and off-the-field and classmates Leland Smith, his roommate, and Grant Betz, a fellow aeronautical engineer, for helping him through the rough patches involved with school.

But, most of all, he compliments his teammates and he can't wait to take the field one last time leading his crew against archrival Navy.

"Our motto this year is "For each other," and that's a result of the friendships we've built and the bonds we've made," Ashcraft said. "No matter if we win, lose or draw, we'll be doing more important things in our future. When we come across each other in the future, we'll have those strong friendships and bonds built."



Sophomore quarterback Robert Miner has rushed for four touchdowns this season for the Sprint team. He added two more touchdowns through the air.

**Go ARMY, Beat Air Force & Navy**

# Army Rugby trounces Boston College 73-12

By Cadet 1st Class  
Andrew Locke  
Rugby

Two New England Rugby Football Union teams held a perfect record going into last Saturday, yet only one would remain undefeated by the week's end.

Army and Boston College both sported spotless records prior to their match up Saturday.

The Men's Army Rugby team hosted the match at Anderson Rugby Complex. The game determined who would be the #1 seed going into the NERFU playoffs, thus both teams were sufficiently fired up about the match up.

National rugby press had been hyping this game as Army's first true test of the season.

Would the Army ruggers step up to the plate?

## A Side: 73-12

The Army starting XV opened the game with a new level of play that showcased their high level of skill and intense desire to dominate

the competition.

Within the first three minutes, Army strung together 10 phases to score the first try of the game.

This excellent display of multi-phase rugby set Army up to succeed as they continued to play at a very high level throughout the rest of the game.

Senior open side flanker Jay Berger touched the first try down. The next try came off a beautifully executed box kick over the ruck by senior scrumhalf David Lodwick.

Lodwick's high kick down the sideline was fielded perfectly off the bounce by senior winger Robert Zargan was brought down on the 5-meter line.

Army was quick to support Zargan as senior center Robert Small picked the ball and rumbled into the try zone to score.

Senior All-American flyhalf Andrew Locke scored a try soon thereafter as he used his excellent ball fake and his shifty running style to break through the BC defensive line and touch it down.

The next try came from a

long run by senior All-American fullback Brendan McCarthy who slashed across the field and then offloaded to senior 8-Man Nate Peper who supported the long run perfectly.

Small and McCarthy finished out the try scoring in the first half.

The second half proved to be much of the same as Peper, McCarthy, Zargan, Berger and Hail all put the ball down in the try zone.

Junior lock Clint Hail's try was especially memorable as it was his first A-side try. A well-deserved try for the big lock.

McCarthy and Zargan combined to put nine out of 11 conversions through the uprights.

The two kickers, McCarthy left-footed and Zargan right-footed, have developed an extremely effective system where each man kicks from his strong side.

By the game's final whistle, the Men's Army Rugby team felt extremely confident that it had sufficiently made a statement to the rest of the nation that they are here



Senior All-American fullback Brendan McCarthy led Army with 24 points in a 73-12 victory over Boston College Saturday.

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and ready to play top-level rugby.

Such a dominant victory over a worthy opponent speaks volumes for the quality of rugby that Army

is playing.

Saturday, the A-side plays Norwich at noon at Anderson Rugby Complex.

## Prusmacks donate 750K to Rugby Pitch

By Kim McDermott  
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Communications  
AOG



Patti and Jon Prusmack

The Association of Graduates received \$750,000 from Jon and Patti Prusmack toward the completion of the Anderson Rugby Complex. The main competition pitch -- a full-size natural grass field with scoreboard and stadium lighting -- will be named Warrior Field and will be "dedicated to the spirit and courage of the American Soldier." Construction of Warrior Field will take place in the spring of 2007.

Jon Prusmack's love affair with rugby began in 1966. In 1978, a neck injury ended his career as a player. Prusmack coached rugby teams until 1984, when he resigned to focus on developing

his business. Since the summer of 2005, Jon has run the USA Sevens, a component of the International Rugby Board World Seven Series. Jon also founded and owns "Rugby" magazine, the only periodical in the United States devoted to the sport.

The Prusmacks are co-founders of DHS Systems, the manufacturer of a line of quick erect/strike

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### ARMY-AIR FORCE RUMBLE TODAY

The Army boxing team will be hosting an Army-Air Force Rumble at 3:30 p.m. today at the North Boxing Gym in the Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center.

Several new boxers will be competing in the event along with 185-pound senior Reggie Smith, who won the National Championship in his weight class last spring.

The boxing event will last approximately two hours and will leave ample time to get to the football game.

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soft wall shelters and support equipment which they developed and market under the brand name: DRASH, the acronym for Deployable Rapid Assembly Shelter.

“Jon and Patti have dedicated their lives to using their creativity and energy to improve the lives of others,” said Army Rugby Head Coach Richard Pohlidal. “Their dedication to the U.S. military and to rugby in the United States is affecting change. Now the Army Rugby program has been touched by this change and we couldn’t be happier.”

**2006 Ultimate Frisbee  
Championships**

- Semi-Final #1 -- System Engineers 12, Social Science 4.
- Semi-Final #2 -- Physics 12, English 6.

**2006 Staff and Faculty  
Flag Football Standings**

Through Tuesday

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3. MARINES	4 - 4 - 1
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