

November changes (as of 11/15)	
C FUND	+ 1.52 percent
I FUND	+ 1.29 percent
S FUND	+ 2.93 percent

Health Benefits Fair, flu shots Tuesday

Compiled by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

The Federal Employee Health Benefits open season began Monday and will run through Dec. 1. During open season, any eligible employee may enroll, or change from one plan or option or make changes on a current plan. Employees must enroll or change enrollment through the Army Benefits Center-Civilian Web site at <https://www.abc.army.mil> or by calling 1-877-276-9287.

Any changes in benefits will take effect Jan. 7, 2007. Any request for change must be made before midnight Dec. 11.

West Point will hold a Federal Employee Health Benefits Fair Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the ballroom at Eisenhower Hall. Flu shots for civilian personnel will be administered from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Civilians must bring their identification.

Representatives from the various health plans will be available to answer questions and provide literature. Access to ABC-C via computer and phone will be available so that benefit changes can be made at the Fair.

FEHB identification cards will be issued directly from the health insurance carrier after receiving notification of an election or change, generally 6-to-8 weeks after the effective date.

Civilians will be able to enroll

in the Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Programs. The FEDVIP Open Season runs until Dec. 11. Employees can elect supplemental dental or vision insurance benefits, but the total cost is paid by the employee.

To enroll, access the Web site <http://www.benefeds.com> and create a login and password. The effective date of enrollment is Dec. 31.

Health benefit premiums and plans may have changed. To get the best health insurance for you and your family, shop around at the Benefits Fair and talk to the representatives who will be available or access the various Web sites for more information, suggests Civilian Personnel Advisory Center Human Resources Assistant Peggy Hoffman.

Insurance carriers offering vision plans include BlueCross/BlueShield, Spectra and Vision Service Plan. Carriers offering dental benefits include Aetna, GEHA, MetLife, United Concordia and GHI.

The Flexible Spending Account Open Season will run until Dec. 11.

Employees who are already participating must re-enroll during this open season to continue in the program for 2007.

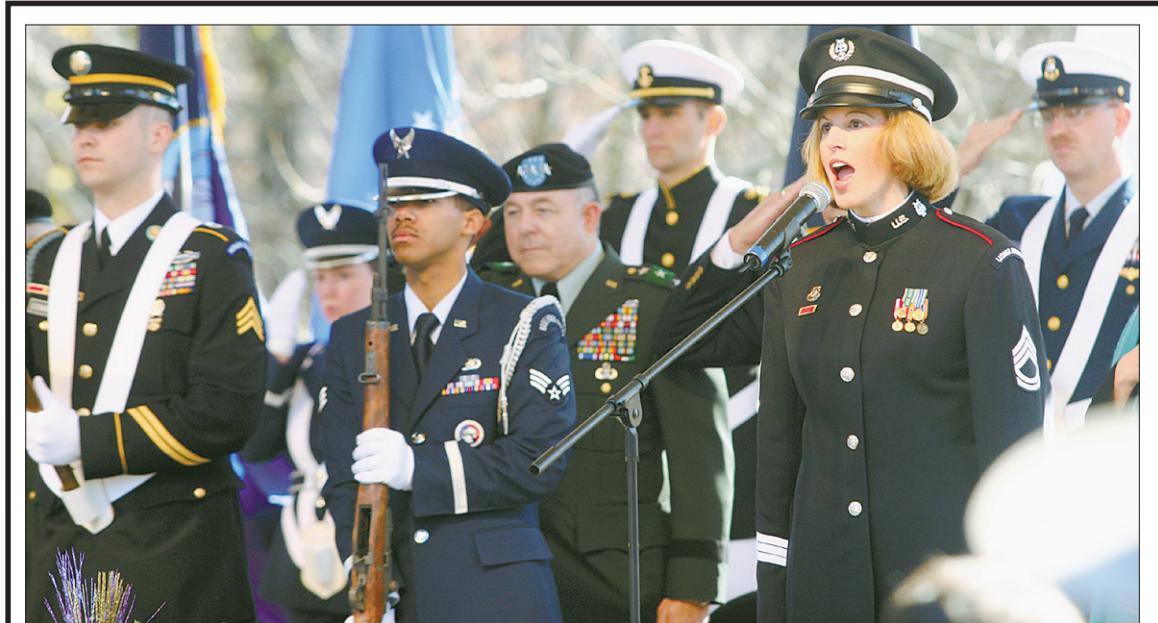
To make an election or sign up for FSAFeds, go to the Web site <http://www.fsafeds.com> or phone 1-877-372-3337.

The Thrift Savings Plan no longer has open seasons. Employees can make contribution changes by accessing the ABC-C Web site or by calling 1-877-276-9287.

TSP has placed the 2007 elective contribution at \$15,500.

TSP catch-up contribution is \$5,000.

If you want to make changes to the funds that are already in your account or make contribution changes to funds that will be going into your account, access TSP directly at www.tsp.gov or call the Thrifline at 504-255-8777.



Purple Heart Hall of Honor dedication

The U.S. Military Academy Band's Sgt. 1st Class Mary Kay Messenger sings the national anthem Nov. 10 at the official opening and dedication ceremony of the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor in New Windsor, N.Y.

Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Roger Jones/PAO

OPM posts '07 health options

By Tim Kaufman
Federal Times.com

The Office of Personnel Management has posted on its Web site [www.opm.gov/insure/07] brochures and other details on the 284 medical plans that will be

available to federal employees and retirees during the open season that began Monday.

Enrollees can search by type of plan and location for premiums, deductibles and customer satisfaction results.

The OPM site also includes

brochures for the supplemental dental and vision plans that will be offered for the first time during the open season, which began Monday and runs through Dec. 11. Employees and retirees must enroll in the dental and vision plans using a separate Web site.

2004 West Point grad killed in Iraq

Compiled by Jim Fox
Assistant Editor

First Lt. Michael A. Cerrone, 24, of Clarksville, Tenn., a U.S.



First Lt. Michael Cerrone

Military Academy Class of 2004 graduate, was killed in Samarra, Iraq Sunday from injuries sustained after an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle during combat operations.

Cerrone is the son of Brig. Gen. James Cerrone, special assistant to the commanding general of the 18th Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg.

Cerrone was a platoon leader assigned to Company A, 2nd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division.

"We lost one of our most valiant lieutenants today," said Lt. Col. Viet Loung, 2nd Battalion, 505th PIR commander. "First Lt. Michael Cerrone is a shining example of gallant leadership. ... He will

forever be a distinguished member of this battalion."

His platoon sergeant remembered him as more than just his commander.

"First Lt. Cerrone was more than just a leader," said Sgt. 1st Class Ronald A. Berryhill. "He was my partner, friend and little brother. ... He will always be in my thoughts and in my heart. He was one of the finest men I have ever met in my entire life."

Cerrone is survived by his father; his mother, Elizabeth; and a brother, James.

A memorial service was held for Cerrone in Iraq Thursday.

Funeral services for Cerrone will be held Monday in Worcester, Mass.

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Soldiers want to do mission, go home

**Commentary by
Spc. Todd Selge
5th Bn., 20 Inf. Reg., Iraq**

WASHINGTON (Army News Service) -- When you hear news about the war in Iraq you usually hear it from a high-level Army spokesperson or you hear the media describe it as "another deadly day." The view on the ground from the Soldier's perspective is often overlooked.

We are the ones who live the conflict every day, who see the progress day-to-day. We are the ones who experience the sorrows, who interact with the people and who see the enemy's effort to undo every good thing the Iraqi people and coalition forces have done.

What our Soldiers want is to succeed in our mission and go home to our families. The things we do each day allow us the ability to do just that. My unit, 3rd Platoon, Company A, 5th Battalion, 20th Infantry, has seen many successes.

The most important is getting the Iraqi security forces organized and capable of handling every problem that may arise in the future. Accomplishing this happens on all levels, from the commanders down to the average private.

We have a training program through which Iraqi Army soldiers learn the same basic tasks every U.S. Army Soldier knows. The American Soldiers develop friendships with

the Iraqi soldiers and police. We joke, eat, talk about family and conduct missions together. Every day, Soldiers are working hand-in-hand with Iraqis, teaching them to succeed in their jobs.

Since we have been here, the Iraqi security forces have been the main lead in finding countless caches, killing or capturing anti-Iraqi personnel and thwarting attacks targeted at coalition forces. They continue to undermine the enemy and gain the confidence of their fellow countrymen.

We are also building important and long-lasting relationships with the residents of surrounding communities. We go to schools and neighborhoods giving the kids backpacks full of supplies, handing out candy and hearing the concerns of the people. We ask about their basic services, such as food, water, electricity and fuel. We hand out cards with hotline numbers to address any problems and we share handshakes.

We see the smiles of a hopeful generation and we see the efforts of the anti-Iraqi forces trying to shatter these dreams. There has been a major effort by AIF to sell and hand out a wide variety of realistic-looking toy guns. The AIF's hope is that the Iraqi army and coalition forces will engage the children, but with constant training and the help of the communities, we will yet again foil their plans to promote chaos and hatred.

Every day we interact and help Iraq grow, we are one more day closer to success and one day closer to seeing our families.

What does the average Soldier

think about every day?

He wants to accomplish the mission. He wants to see the smiles of the Iraqi people last. He is grateful for everything he has back

home and he wishes the very same freedom he is fighting for upon the country of Iraq.

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.

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 for advice or to offer any recommendations on the program here. Cadets can also call the sexual assault support helpline at (845) 591-7215. West Point Soldiers and civilians needing assistance can call (845) 938-3369.

Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

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	9			6	4			2

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

Difficulty: Hard

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

House passes veterans' benefit bill

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- (Military Report) -- The House passed a stripped-down veterans' benefits bill Tuesday that prevents the cutoff of some current programs and provides a new education benefit to spouses of severely injured active-duty service members.

The bill, HR 6314, could be the final benefits bill passed this year, although Indiana Rep. Steve Buyer, the House Veterans' Affairs Committee chairman, issued a plea for the Senate to dust off some larger proposals.

Sitting in limbo is a bill that approves construction and renovation of major veterans' facilities and a separate bill to provide new protections against identity theft when the Department of Veterans Affairs loses personal information on veterans.

"The hard work of the past two years must not go in vain," Buyer said in a statement aimed at Senate Republican leaders. "I call upon the Senate leadership to finish our

negotiations. Let's complete our work. Let's not forget our veterans and their families."

One major holdup on veterans' bills has been the inability of Buyer and Idaho Sen. Larry Craig, the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee chairman, to reach a compromise on details.

Several sticking points have emerged, including Craig's wish that the House change federal law to allow veterans to hire attorneys to represent them when filing benefits claims and Buyer's insistence on changes in information technology oversight within the VA.

Senate committee aides have been working with Buyer's staff to try and write a compromise bill that would pass before the current session of Congress ends, but an

agreement has proven elusive.

Buyer's concern about hard work being in vain results from the fact that neither he nor Craig will be veterans' committee chairmen next year because Democrats won control of Congress in the Nov. 7 election. Hawaii Sen. Daniel Akaka was named as Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee chairman Tuesday. No chairman has been named for the House committee.

The bill approved by the House on a 393-0 vote prevents a cutoff of rehabilitation programs for homeless and seriously mentally ill veterans as well as grants for veterans' programs.

It also extends the VA advisory committee on homeless veterans and health care for veterans exposed to biological and chemical

testing under Projects SHAD and 112 in the 1960s and '70s.

There is one new benefit, which is built upon a current survivor benefit: Spouses and children of service members who are permanently and completely disabled from service-connected

causes would be allowed to use VA survivor education benefits while the member is still on active duty.

Under current law, that is allowed only after the disabled service member is separated from active duty.

There will not be a paper Nov. 24 due to Thanksgiving break. The next issue is the Army-Navy preview Dec. 1.

Survivor benefits for service member children extended

WASHINGTON (Military Report) -- Children of service members who die on active duty will get enhanced health care coverage from the Department of Defense under a new policy that took effect Nov. 1.

Children of service members who die while on active duty will now stay in "transitional survivor status" for health care at active-duty payment rates until they marry or reach age 21 (age 23 if they are enrolled in school full time).

Previously, children of those who died on active duty received benefits at the active-duty payment

rates for up to three years after a member's death, after which the benefits package shifted to higher retiree payment rates.

The three-year limit on active-duty payment rates remains in effect for surviving spouses.

In transitional survivor status, eligible dependent children and spouses can enroll in the Tricare Prime Remote for Active Duty Family Members program, Overseas Prime or Global Remote. They also are eligible for active-duty-specific programs such as hearing aids and the Extended Care Health Option for those with special needs.

Joyce Raezer, director of government relations for the National Military Family Association, said the change has been a long time coming. It was approved almost a year ago as part of the 2006 Defense Authorization Act.

"This has been a real frustrating one for us," Raezer said. "We're very glad this is finally happening. It just seemed to take a while. That wouldn't have been so bad if they had done a better job of communicating with beneficiaries."

Although individuals and associations such as NMFA have anticipated the change for most of

the year while the Pentagon worked to pull the program together, no beneficiaries will lose out because of the almost yearlong delay -- the changes are retroactive for active-duty deaths back to Oct. 7, 2001.

DOD officials said Tricare will reprocess medical claims originally processed and paid at retiree rates and refund the difference between the retiree and active-duty rates for any enrollment fees, cost shares or co-payments that eligible beneficiaries have paid out since Oct 7, 2001.

The Pentagon has begun sending out letters to all active-

duty survivors and children listed in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility System whose insurance sponsor died between Oct. 7, 2001, and Oct. 31, 2006, notifying them of the retroactive benefits to which they are now entitled.

The three Tricare regional contractors can help beneficiaries process medical claims and obtain refunds. Customer service through the entire re-enrollment and claim reprocessing procedure will be key, Raezer said. More details on the updated survivor benefits are online at www.tricare.osd.mil/survivors/default.cfm.

Former Soldiers cash in on \$30,000 incentive program

WASHINGTON (Military Report) -- The Army is offering hefty bonuses of \$10,000 to \$30,000 to former enlisted service members who return to active duty for at least three years.

The incentives are available under the Broken Service Selective Re-enlistment Bonus program, which was updated Nov. 6.

The program is for veterans

of the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps who left active duty within the past three months to four years and who are qualified to serve in several combat, support and service support specialties.

Additions and increases to the bonuses took effect Nov. 6. Decreases and deletions take effect Dec. 6.

After Dec. 6, there will be 30

specialties in the program.

Veterans have until that date to re-enlist for larger bonuses in certain career fields, such as infantry and Special Forces, which were announced in March.

The bonuses are paid by lump sum and are targeted at former specialists, sergeants and staff sergeants who can return to active duty for three-to-six years without

additional specialty training.

The program also is open to former E-4s, E-5s and E-6s of the other services who held a skill that converts to an Army specialty.

Interested veterans should contact an Army recruiter or career counselor for details.

National Guard and Reserve Soldiers who formerly served on active duty in a Special Forces

military occupational specialty also are eligible for recall.

Most bonuses in the updated program are capped at \$10,000 and \$15,000 for applicants who served on active duty for up to 10 years.

The \$20,000 and \$30,000 bonuses are targeted at veterans from such high-priority career fields as intelligence.

Army activates IMCOM to improve Soldier support

By Stephen Oertwig

ARLINGTON, Va. (Army News Release) -- The Army activated the Installation Management Command Oct. 24 to consolidate and strengthen installation support services to Soldiers and their families through the full authority of command.

Lt. Gen. Robert Wilson assumed the IMCOM command at a Pentagon ceremony hosted by Lt. Gen. James Campbell, director of the Army Staff. The new command places the former Installation Management Agency, the former Community and Family Support Center and the Former Army Environmental Center under a single command as a direct reporting unit.

"Today we take the next step in the evolution of Army installation management ... in order to create a more efficient, effective and agile organization to ensure the best Army in the world is supported by the best installations in the world," Wilson said.

In keynote remarks, Campbell drew a parallel between the IMCOM and the new Army advertising slogan, "Army Strong." He defined "strong" as the ability to stand up for oneself, while "Army Strong" is the ability to stand up for everyone else.

"In my mind, the Installation Management Command shows that it is Army Strong each and every day," Campbell said, "with the strength to make an installation a community; a set of quarters a home; and complete strangers, friends.

"(IMCOM has the strength) to ease separation and connect the Soldier on-point with a family at home; the strength to genuinely care for the loved ones back home so that young Soldiers facing life and death can focus on the mission at hand."

As IMCOM commander, Wilson is dual-hatted as the Army's assistant chief of staff for installation management, reporting directly to the Army chief of staff. Brig. Gen. John A. Macdonald, former IMA director, became IMCOM's deputy commander.

Under IMCOM, CFSC is renamed the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command and becomes a subordinate command of IMCOM, commanded by Brig. Gen. Belinda Pinckney, with its own flag. The AEC is now the Army Environmental Command -- also a subordinate command, commanded by Col. Michael O'Keefe, with its own flag.

The Army announced the

establishment of the Installation Management Command as a direct reporting unit in August. This initiative is part of Army efforts to reorganize its commands and specified headquarters to obtain the most agile command and control structures to support the expeditionary, modular force.

The full authority of command is vital to effectively direct the vast resources necessary to support troop deployments while meeting the needs of families, Army officials said in announcing the decision to form IMCOM. Consolidating the installation management structure under IMCOM optimizes resources, protects the environment and enhances well-being of the Army community. IMCOM will provide fast, efficient and agile support to commanders in the performance of their tactical and strategic missions.

The new command, currently headquartered in Virginia and Maryland, will relocate in 2010 to Fort Sam Houston, Texas, in accordance with requirements of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure round.

The deputy commanding general will locate in Texas, while the commanding general and ACSIM functions remain at the Pentagon.

More veterans are on the federal payroll, OPM says

By M.Z. Hemingway
Federal Times.com

Federal managers improved their hiring and retention of veterans, including disabled veterans, according to a new report from the Office of Personnel Management. The Nov. 9 Disabled Veterans Affirmative Action Program report highlights federal employment data from fiscal 2005.

Federal agencies hired 31,024 veterans into full-time permanent jobs in fiscal 2005, an increase of more than 21 percent over fiscal 2004. Part of the increase came from managers and hiring officials using new hiring authorities to increase the number of veterans selected

for federal jobs under the Veterans Employment Opportunities Act -- from 12,211 in 2004 to 14,273 in 2005.

In fiscal 2005, the number of federal disabled veterans rose to 92,642, an increase of more than 5,000. And total veterans employment increased to about 25 percent of the 1.8 million federal employees.

"The men and women who have given years of their professional and personal lives to serving America in the military have earned our respect and the chance to contribute their knowledge and expertise as part of the civilian work force," said Linda Springer, OPM director, in a statement.

BS&L receives award for publication excellence

Compiled by
Maj. John P. Murphy, Jr.
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The U.S. Military Academy Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership was recently awarded the Award for Publication Excellence for the contributions the department made to the Leader to Leader Institute's *Leader to Leader* journal.

The Institute awards the APEX annually to writers, editors and publication staff for business and nonprofit communications.

Behavioral Sciences and Leadership Department Head Col.

Thomas Kolditz said that the Leader to Leader Institute is "a foundation devoted to leadership in the public and not-for-profit sectors of our nation -- which includes our military. It contributes to the unique character and appreciation of leadership outside the business realm."

In 2005, Leader to Leader published a special supplement called "Leadership Breakthroughs from West Point," edited by several members of the BS&L faculty. Included in the supplement are a number of articles, each portraying a different aspect or approach to the art and science of leadership. While all the editors were Army officers

and instructors at the academy, the lessons in leadership can be valuable to leaders throughout the business and academic communities as well as the military. Leader to Leader has taken these lessons in Army leadership to a much broader audience and they have been well received.

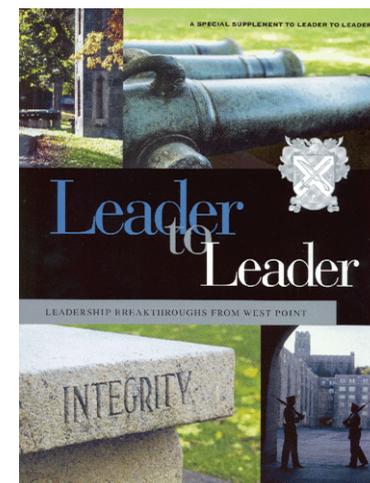
Throughout its history, Leader to Leader has published material from many great leaders from the corporate world and beyond, including Peter Drucker, Max de Pree, Margaret Wheatly and Herb Kelleher. Now, the faculty of BS&L adds several names to that list. Included in the supplement

are articles by Kolditz and Majors Doug Crandall, Brian Tribus, Todd D. Woodruff, Eric J. Weis, Chip Daniels, Patrick R. Michaelis, Everett S. P. Spain and Remi Hajjar. Their contributions to the Leader to Leader publication have been recognized as an outstanding body of work in the form of the prestigious APEX Award.

BS&L is proud of these accomplishments, but hasn't rested on its laurels. A new book, "Leadership Lessons from West Point," was released in bookstores Nov. 1.

Want to know more about Building Strong Leaders? Go to

www.dean.usma.edu/bsl.



New Web site offers training, resources for casualty assistance, notification officers

WASHINGTON (Army News Service) – A new Casualty Assistance Training and Resource Web site became available Nov. 3 on SINET, the Army's Battle Command Knowledge System, to help those who aid family members after a Soldier's death.

Created as a one-stop source for casualty training and resources by the Casualty and Mortuary Affairs Operations Center, the site is home to the Army's first standardized, Web-based, mandatory training curricula for casualty notification officers and casualty assistance officers.

Training and certification classes were previously developed and implemented by installation Casualty Assistance Centers. The new online courses have become the

base training curricula for all CACs worldwide, though installation CACs may supplement the standard curricula with discussions, role-playing exercises and geographic location-specific information.

The Web-based format affords Soldiers in remote locations 24/7 access to the same level and quality of training that was normally available only at key installations, according to Lt. Col. Bob Amico, chief of the newly established Training Branch, Human Resources, Command Casualty and Mortuary Affairs Operations Center.

"It will allow us to better serve the families of our fallen comrades," he said.

Users who've been assigned as CAOs or CNOs are already praising the new site. "There are always nuances and specifics to each Soldier that make translating the information important," said Maj. Brad Hilton, who performs casualty notification and assistance duties monthly.

Users must have an Army Knowledge Online user ID and password. Though membership is not necessary to use the site, members do have the added benefit of sharing tips and lessons learned, as well as the ability to seek advice from fellow casualty support professionals.

The site is available at <https://www.hrc.army.mil/site/Active/TAGD/CMAOC/cmaoc.htm> or <https://forums.bcks.army.mil/CommunityBrowser.aspx?id+218735>.

Afghan men test for military academy class acceptance

WASHINGTON, (American Forces Press Service) -- Nearly 1,400 candidates gathered at the National Military Academy of Afghanistan recently to apply for admittance to the academy's third class since its reopening in 2001, officials at Combined Forces Command Afghanistan announced Nov. 5. Only 350 of the 18- to 22-year-old applicants who applied between Oct. 29 and Nov. 1 will be selected to be part of the class of 2011, officials said.

Candidates were tested on their aptitude and physical fitness abilities. The physical evaluation consisted of a one-minute push-up test, a one-minute sit-up test and a 300-meter run, which most of the applicants did in bare feet.

"The running was the hardest part of [the day]," said Sheer Ahman, a 22-year-old student in the Kabul University literature department. "I think these tests are worth it, though, to get into the military academy."

The National Military Academy

is based on the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. It is a four-year, college level academy. Cadets take academic tests, which count for 80 percent of the entrance assessment, and test on their physical performance.

"I have my education still fresh in my memory, which is helpful," said Sharifullah Nabil, a 19-year-old candidate. "As a Dari speaker, the hardest questions for me were the ones on the Pashtu language."

The last day of admission testing was held as a make-up day for candidates who could not show for their physical fitness test.

"Sometimes these candidates have to hitch-hike or walk from far-away provinces," said Army Maj. David Hills, mentor at the NMAA. "We want to make sure each candidate gets the chance to apply, regardless of where they live or how they got here."

Candidates will be notified in December if they were selected for admission and will begin field training in January.

Health Benefits Fair
Tuesday
Ike Hall Ballroom
9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Community Features and Photos

Army-Navy week activities Nov. 26-Dec. 2

Force Protection issues

The following force protection measures will take place in support of the Corps of Cadets' Army-Navy week activities:

November 26

First Captain's briefing

Traffic along Washington Road in front of the Superintendent's quarters and Ruger Road from the traffic dummy to the Washington and Jefferson Road intersection will be blocked while the Corps of Cadets marches to Eisenhower Hall (approximately 7:30 p.m.).

The First Captain's brief will begin at 7:30 p.m.

November 27-28

March on rehearsal

Traffic along Washington Road in front of the Superintendent's quarters and along Ruger Road leading to Shea Stadium will be blocked while cadet formations march to the stadium.

Vehicular traffic will be blocked in the vicinity of the stadium throughout the duration of the rehearsal.

The rehearsal period for both days is from 4 to 6:30 p.m.

Members of the work force who park in the Eisenhower parking lots and around building 667A may be delayed by marching units from approximately 4 to

4:30 p.m. and again from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

November 30

Goat-Engineer game/bonfire/sendoff

Parking will be allowed in Clinton and Doubleday Lots during the game and bonfire.

Those using Clinton Parking Lot should expect the first row of parking spots closest to Daly Field to be blocked off.

This year, the events begin with the Goat-Engineer game at 4:30 p.m. The bonfire begins at 7:45 p.m.

Blocking positions on Cullum Road in front of the Commandant's quarters and in the vicinity of the Cadet Library will deny vehicle access to the Trophy Point area beginning around 7:30 p.m. until the buses depart at approximately 8:15 p.m.

Parking will be available on Thayer Hall Roof.

December 2

Departure for Army-Navy Game

Parking will be allowed in Clinton and Doubleday Parking Lots. There will be no parking along Thayer Extension in the vicinity of Trophy Point.

For more information contact Joe Senger at 938-8859.

Army-Navy week events

November 27-28

March on rehearsal

4 to 6:30 p.m.

November 29

Women's flag football game

Daly Field, 4:45 to 6:15 p.m.

November 30

Quarterback luncheon

Ike Hall, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Goat-Engineer game

Daly Field, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Spirit Dinner [cadets only]

Cadet Mess Hall, 6:45 to 7:30 p.m.

Cordon

Forms from Mess Hall steps across Plain to Daly Field

Bonfire

Daly Field, 7:45 p.m. until complete

Send off

Daly Field, approximately 8 p.m.

For information about Army-Navy activities in Philadelphia go to www.PhillyLovesArmyNavy.com.

Think safety over the holidays

Compiled by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

At this time of year, people are looking forward to spending time and breaking bread with family and friends. Many will be taking the roads to Grandma's house for a long weekend visit.

The Wednesday before Thanksgiving and the Sunday after are traditionally the busiest travel days of the year, according to the New York Thruway Authority.

The following tips will help travelers be less stressed and less prone to accidents:

■ **Before leaving on a trip,** make sure all vehicle fluids are full. Check the battery and windshield wipers, defroster and lights to make sure they are working properly. Check the tires to ensure they are properly inflated and are in good condition.

When on the road, wear seatbelts and follow speed limits. Make sure everyone has plenty of rest. Drowsiness is a common problem when driving long distances. Be sure to get plenty of sleep before the trip and make frequent rest stops.

Food Safety

Safety precautions should also be observed in the kitchen when cooking Thanksgiving dinner. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service provides consumers with key recommendations to reduce the risk of food-borne illness during the Thanksgiving holiday.

The USDA recommends four easy to remember tips: Clean, separate, cook and chill.

■ **Clean:** Wash hands, surfaces and utensils often with hot soapy water to avoid spreading bacteria when preparing food.

■ **Separate:** Use different cutting

boards to cut turkey, veggies, raw meat and seafood. Keep the raw turkey away from vegetables and other side dishes that won't be cooked.

■ **Cook:**

Contrary to popular belief, you

can't tell if a turkey is done by how it looks. The best way to check to see if it is done is to use a food thermometer. Every part of the turkey should reach a minimum internal temperature of 165 degrees.

■ **Chill:** Keep the refrigerator at 40 degrees or below to keep bacteria from growing. Pumpkin pies should always be refrigerated and leftovers should be refrigerated within two hours.

If the turkey is frozen, thaw it in the refrigerator or in cold water. Change the water every 30 minutes and allow 30 minutes defrosting time per pound. Never leave a turkey on the counter to thaw at room temperature.

Stuff the turkey loosely. Stuffing should be moist, not dry, since heat destroys bacteria more rapidly in a moist environment. Many sources recommend that stuffing be prepared in a separate container, so it is a preference.

When storing leftovers, cut the turkey into small pieces; refrigerate stuffing and turkey separately in shallow containers within two hours of cooking.

Use leftover turkey and stuffing within 3-to-4 days, gravy within



1-to-2 days or freeze them. Reheat thoroughly to a temperature of 165 degrees or until hot and steaming.

Never brown or partially cook turkey to refrigerate and finish cooking later unless it is cooked in the microwave and then, only if it is immediately transferred to a hot grill to finish cooking.

More Info

The USDA offers the following food safety resources for consumers:

■ **Ask Karen:** http://www.fsis.usda.gov/food_safety_education/Ask_Karen/

■ **Meat and Poultry hotline:** Staffed Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Eastern time, year-round.

It will be available from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Eastern time on Thanksgiving Day.

Call toll free at 1-888-674-6854 or e-mail MPHHotline.fsis@usda.gov.

There are also a myriad of other Internet sites and hotlines to help you in preparing your Thanksgiving feasts.

If your cookbooks or Mom can't answer your questions, then surf the net or dial the phone to ensure a safe and healthy holiday.

Panels put cadets face-to-face with war veterans

By Eric S. Bartelt
Sports Editor

Corporal Faust Sofo was in his teens when he served with the 7th Infantry Division in Korea during the spring of 1953.

It was a time when negotiations for an armistice were going back and forth, but at the same time major battles were continuing along the 38th parallel.

At a military outpost in the "Iron Triangle" sector of Korea, Sofo was a participant in one of the most intense, fiercest battles of the Korean War -- the Battle of Pork Chop Hill.

The "hill" was 255 meters in elevation and Sofo and his fellow Soldiers faced two divisions of the Communist Chinese Forces. It was a slaughter that led to a remarkable statement from Sofo.

"I went up the hill with 200 men (from my companies) and came

down with six, me and five other guys," Sofo said.

Sofo and 109 other veterans made the trip to West Point Nov. 8 to share their stories and experiences with cadets as a part of a Veterans Panel sponsored by Military Science 201 in the Department of Military Instruction.

Veterans of every service, veterans of all ranks and veterans of wars from World War II to Operation Iraqi Freedom were involved in this year's panel. The panel's origins started seven years ago with then Marine Maj. (now Lt. Col.) Chris Starling, who had a vision of bringing veterans and their vast knowledge and experiences to sophomore cadets.

"The MS 201 course director dreamed up this program seven years ago, and thought it would be a good idea to bring veterans in around Veterans Day to talk to

the yearlings because at this point they have not committed to their time at West Point," said Capt. Daphne Austin, DMI instructor. "So before they take an oath as a cadet, he thought it would be a good time to have cadets reflect on past history and help them prepare for their future."

The panel began with a modest 35 people seven years ago and grew to 130 last year before dipping this year to 110. With a wealth of combat experience in the group, it's a time for cadets to ask questions about tactics and the different styles of war from World War II through today.

"We're teaching cadets about tactics (in MS 201), which is why when we hold the Veterans Panel we want veterans to come in and talk tactics with these cadets. We're teaching them basic (tactical) skills knowledge in the classroom," Austin said, "but we

want them to hear about some of these skills that were executed years ago."

More than 54,000 of U.S. servicemembers died in Korea in a short 37-month period, and Paul Ferla, who is a part of Sofo's Cpl. Allan F. Kivlehan Korean War Veterans' chapter, explained the thoughts that go through your mind when you are a part of a war situation.

"Every day you worried about dying," said Ferla, a former enlisted infantryman. "It was said that an infantryman's life is worth three minutes so anything after three minutes, you were on borrowed time."

Today's Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom may leave Soldiers with the same complexities in terms of having to shoot someone to save their own lives, but the veterans are definitely backing these cadets and current service members in their current

operations.

"I think we did the right thing because if you don't stop (the terrorists) now, they'll keep coming," Sofo said.

It was a day of exchanging stories between the veterans and cadets, and it's an experience that helps a cadet's foundation as a future officer.

"It was great hearing from field artillery guys, which is the branch I'm looking into," said Cadet 3rd Class Chris Fenzel. "It was good hearing their perspectives on the officers that led them into combat and hearing their war stories was amazing."

Cadet 3rd Class Kyle Zeck added, "It was really good to honor our veterans who have served in the past in the defense of America and in the service of the American people. It was a great example of what to model ourselves after."

Academy hosts Student Conference on U.S. Affairs

Story and photo by
Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

The U.S. Military Academy hosted the 58th Student Conference on U.S. Affairs Nov. 8. The theme of the four-day conference was 'Challenges to Security: Extremism, Resources and Globalization.' Roughly 300 student delegates from 145 United States and international universities, 32 co-chairs and four panel leaders attended.

"There were 16 round-table discussions on different policy areas and each table had two co-chairs who helped facilitate discussion," said Cadet 2nd Class Brandon Davis, public affairs officer for SCUSA. "The co-chairs are experts and have experience in the topics we discussed. That expertise enhanced the delegates' experiences."

Co-chairs included Rick Waddell, executive vice-president and managing director for South America BG Group, PLC. He co-chaired the 'Global Economic and Trade Issues' table; Col. James Creighton, USMA 1982, a military fellow for the U.S. Army and Chief of Staff for the Joint Functional Component of Command, Space and Global Strike at the U.S. Strategic Command co-chaired the 'Homeland Security' table and Paul Ahern, an attorney in the Counter Terrorism Section of the National Security Division, U.S. Dept. of

Justice co-chaired the 'Challenges of Terrorism' table.

"The purpose of SCUSA is to provide a forum for college students to discuss U.S. public policy and foreign relations with people who have the knowledge and experience in various areas, such as globalization, extremism, the U.S. role in democratization and global social concerns and to provide an educational experience for the student delegates," Davis said. "At the end of the conference, the delegates write a policy paper based on what they discussed at the conference."

Keynote speaker Senator Jack Reed, [D-R.I.], USMA 1971, spoke about the three main challenges students will be facing in the next 35 years. These changes will occur more rapidly than the changes

during the past 35 years since he graduated here.

"The first challenge will be the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, particularly the threat of a new nuclear arms race in Asia and the Middle East that will result from the development of nuclear weapons by North Korea and Iran," Reed said. "There will be environmental challenges due to global warming and pollution resulting in shortages of clean, safe drinking water. The challenges resulting from the failure of good governance found in many countries around the world are going to be significant issues."

Reed is the 47th U.S. Senator from Rhode Island and is the senior Democratic member of the Joint Economic Committee.

"The conference was an



Senator Jack Reed, [center] talks with American University student delegate Jason Willis (left) and Social Sciences Department Head Col. Mike Meese.

overwhelming success due to the tremendous efforts of the cadets, officers, civilian leaders and many agencies on post," said Department of Social Sciences Professor, Maj. Stephanie Ahern. "Our visitors

experienced the best that the USMA and our military have to offer. As one U.S. ambassador stated as the conference concluded, "It reinforced my faith in the next generation of leaders."

Motorcycle mentorship: Ride smart, ride safe, team up

By John Ciabotti
USMA Safety Office

With the increasing number of Soldiers buying motorcycles for both recreational use and as a cheaper means of transportation, the Army has seen a dramatic increase in the number of motorcycle accidents and fatalities.

A review of the accident data revealed that over half the motorcycle fatalities were the result of single-vehicle crashes

that involved riders exercising poor risk decisions and judgment. Males between the ages of 18 and 25 are our major "at-risk" population, comprising 60 percent of our motorcycle fatalities in the past two years. However, the Army has also seen a climb in fatalities among riders ages 30 to 35 over the last fiscal year.

It is only through our collective involvement as a community that we can reduce the risk of one of our own having a serious or fatal

motorcycle accident. Establishing a motorcycle club as a private organization at West Point is one component of this community's approach.

The Chief of Staff of the Army has asked experienced motorcyclists to mentor new riders and help them develop their riding skills and knowledge. To accomplish this goal the CSA endorsed the U.S. Army Motorcycle Mentorship Program in December 2005.

Our goal is to launch a West

Point Motorcycle Mentorship Program by April 2007 that will foster relationships between riders and create a supportive environment of responsible motorcycle riding, while serving as a force multiplier.

To learn more about the MMP, go to the Combat Readiness Center's MMP Web site <https://crc.army.mil/mmp/index.asp> or contact the USMA Safety Office at 8safe@usma.army.mil or 938-3717.

Deer hunting season opens Saturday at WP

By James Beemer
USMA, Wildlife Biologist

Saturday is the opening day of the 2006 New York State regular deer hunting season (often referred to as the "gun season"). The New York State regular black bear hunting season opens Monday. West Point hunters will be hunting deer and bear for the next three weeks. Most of the hunting activity will occur in the training areas west of Route 9W.

One area east of Rte. 9W will be used by shotgun hunters (see map). Shotgun hunting in Area J3 for deer has been open to USMA hunters for the last 23 years in order to reduce deer concentrations on the Main Post. Several measures are implemented by DPW, MWR and Range Control each year to prevent conflicts between hunters and non-hunters in the J3 Shotgun area.

These measures include:

- Marking the boundary with signs and fluorescent orange flagging.

- Establishing a wooded buffer zone around the area.

- Thoroughly publicizing the program.

- Only permitting access to USMA hunters familiar with the area (either USMA residents or civilian employees and their immediate family members).

- Limiting the number of hunters to seven.

- Prohibiting access to the area by non-hunters until Dec. 19.

- Only permitting hunters to use shotguns and muzzleloaders, which have a short effective firing range (no high-power rifles are allowed).

Jogging, walking, walking your dog and cycling along the Goethals and Patrick Trails and across the ski slope is prohibited during this time period, in accordance with USMA Regulation 215-5.

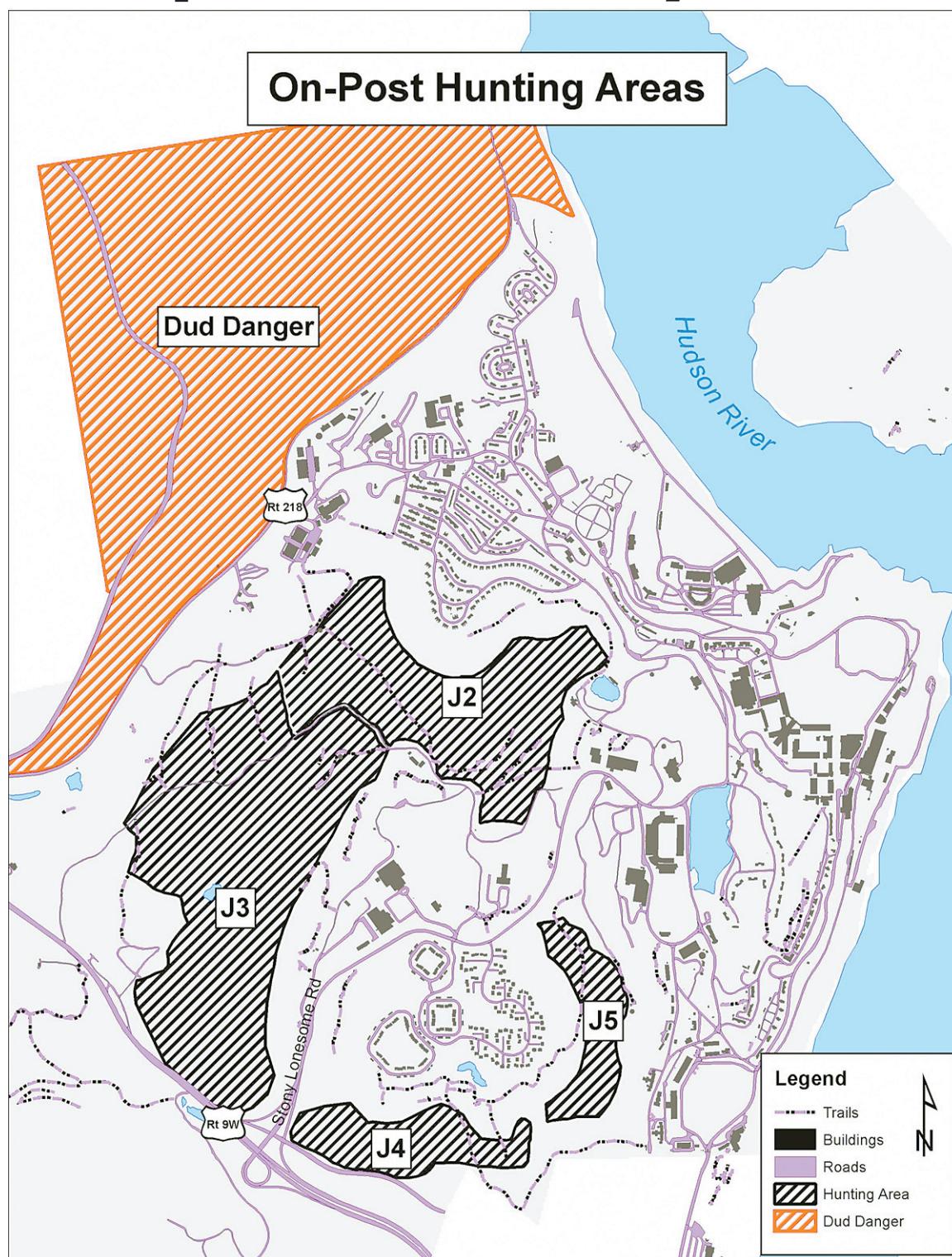
Hunters using the J3 Area or any other authorized USMA Hunting Area must sign in and out daily at the West Point Hunt Control Center located at Camp Buckner. West Point deer hunters are also required to wear at least 400 square inches of fluorescent orange clothing and distinctive identification issued by the Hunt Control Center. Shooting hours are between legal sunrise and legal sunset. No bow or gun may be discharged within 500 feet of an occupied building.

Hunting in Areas J2, J4 and J5 is with bow-and-arrow only. Area J1 and Area G2 are closed to all hunting.

West Point deer hunters can look forward to a successful season. Many large, healthy bucks and does have been seen, an excellent indicator that the herd has been brought into line with the land's ability to support the populations we have. There was another bumper acorn crop this year, so deer weights will be up considerably from last year.

West Point hunters are encouraged to try and fill their antlerless tags in J3 or any one of the bow-only hunting areas on the Main Post (Areas J2, J4, & J5). This will help reduce the problems caused by deer over-browsing gardens, hedges and shrubs as well as reducing potential deer-car collisions. Some additional Deer Management Assistance Permits are also available from the West Point Natural Resources Manager, which allows a hunter to take additional antlerless deer from the Main Post hunting areas.

The big-game hunting program at West Point is one element of the USMA wildlife management plan and one more MWR morale support activity for USMA personnel. Questions regarding J3 shotgun hunting [and hunting in general] may be directed to the Wildlife Biologist at 938-3857 or via e-mail to james.beemer@usma.army.mil.



Delivery problems?

For PV home delivery problems contact Valerie Mullane at the Poughkeepsie Journal at (845) 437-4730 or by e-mail at vmullane@poughkeegannett.com.

Community Leisure



NOVEMBER/DECEMBER MWR COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Visit MWR online at www.usma.edu/mwr

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

ACS, bldg. 622 w 938-4621
 AEC, bldg. 683 w 938-3762
 Arts & 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

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

PLEASE NOTE: For more information, contact the office listed for each activity.



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No Usage Fee at MWR Craft Shop
 with this coupon
 Expires 12/1/06
 Limit 1 per person

Call 938-4812

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Mongolian BBQ, 5pm-9pm, WP Club
 BOSS Poker Party, 7pm, Buffalo Soldier Pavilion



18

Opening Day of Big Game Season, Camp Buckner Hunting Headquarters, 5am-12pm



Activities for Children of Deployed Soldiers, 5pm-7pm, YC, Hosted by ACS

19



Ski, Skate & Hockey Swap, 12pm-8pm, Ski Lodge (day 1)
 Public Skate, 3:30pm-5pm, Staff & Faculty Ice Hockey, 8:45pm-10:15pm, Tate Rink

20

Ski, Skate & Hockey Swap, 12pm-8pm, Ski Lodge (day 2)
 Wee Ones Play Group, 9:30am-11am, ACS



21



Fall Story Hour, 10am & 1:30pm, (ages 3-5) Post Library

22

Theater Matinee & Macy's Balloon Inflation, 11:30am-6:30pm, ITR



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Thanksgiving Day Holiday
 All MWR Activities Closed Except for the WP Club, ITR and Morgan Farm

Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, 6am-12pm, ITR
 WP Club Thanksgiving Day Buffet, Seatings @ 12pm & 1:30pm

24

WP Club Closed, November 24-26



Haggerty Hockey Tournament, 6am-10pm, YC, Held at Tate Rink (day 1)
 SAS Bowling, 1pm-3pm

25

Haggerty Hockey Tournament, 6am-10pm, YC, Held at Tate Rink (day 2)



26



Haggerty Hockey Tournament, 6am-10pm, YC, Held at Tate Rink (day 3)
 Staff & Faculty Ice Hockey, 8:45pm-10:15, Tate Rink

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Interval Training & Ab Lab, 9am, Spinning, 5pm, Belly Dancing Beginner, 6pm, Yoga, 6:15pm, MWR Fitness Center Every Monday
 Wee Ones Play Group, 9:30am-11am, ACS

28

Fall Story Hour, 10am & 1:30pm, (ages 3-5) Post Library



Waiting Families Support Group, 7pm-8pm, ACS

29

Overseas Briefing, Germany, 3pm, Korea, 1:30pm, ACS



30

Last Day of Play at Golf Course

Spinning, 5:40am, Cardio Blast, 5pm, MWR Fitness Center Every Thursday



December 1



Golf End of Season Sale, 9am-5pm, Golf Pro Shop (Dec 1- Dec 20)

2

Talent Show, 6pm-9pm, YC (grades 6-12)



What's Happening

LMHT/MCCW

The Ladies of Most Holy Trinity Book Club will meet in the MHT rectory Nov. 27 from 7 to 9 p.m.

November's selection is "The Confessions of St. Augustine" by Rex Warner. Father Wood, an Augustian, will be the guest speaker.

Call 446-3710 for more info.

Next CAC meeting

The next Community Action Council Meeting is Nov. 27 at 9:30 a.m. in the Jewish Chapel.

The meeting is open to the community.

DUSA job opportunity

The West Point chapter of DUSA is hiring an interim business manager for the Museum and Thayer Hotel Gift Shops. It is a full-time, 40-hour-per-week position.

For more information, call Charlene at 446-1290 or e-mail her at miselijc@hotmail.com.

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 and is open every Wed. from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the shop location.

For more information call 446-2950.

Moms and Tots

Nov. 30 -- Play date at Gillis Field House. Bring your child's favorite bike or ride-on toy.

For more info., call 446-2790 or e-mail westpointmoms@hotmail.com.

There will also be a Book Club meeting on Nov. 30 at 7 p.m.

Contact Kristen at 691-1443 for more info.

The WPWC is looking for volunteers for the upcoming Craft Bazaar Dec. 9 and 10.

Contact Amy at 446-2634. Volunteers get in free.

Craft Fair and Dinner Dance

The Highland Falls Fire Department is 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.

There will also be a Holiday Dinner Dance at the HFFD, Dec. 9 from 6 p.m. to midnight.

For more information, call 446-7136.

Upcoming Red Cross classes

The American Red Cross Life Guard certification course will be offered Sunday and Dec. 3.

Standard First Aid Training is Wednesday 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.

Lay responder First Aid/CPR/AED instructor course

(Prerequisites: FIT and PreCourse Testing) Sunday.

To register go to www.nyredcross.org, or call 1-800-514-5103.

Special Needs Parent Toolkit

Register now to participate in the "Special Needs Parent Toolkit" webinar offered through Military OneSource Dec. 6 at 9 a.m., noon, or 9 p.m.

The DOD toolkit has information needed for families navigating through the maze of medical and special education services, community support, benefits and entitlements.

Register at www.militaryonesource.com.

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.

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 to nominate your spouse, parent, employer [for RC Soldiers] and a veteran today.

Craft Bazaar

The West Point Women's Club will hold their annual Craft Bazaar Dec. 9 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Dec. 10 from noon to 5 p.m. in the Eisenhower Hall Ballroom.

Over 90 vendors will sell their arts and crafts.

Also, the U.S. Military Academy Band will perform their concert "A Hudson Valley Holiday" Dec. 9 at 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 10 at 3 p.m. in the Eisenhower Hall Theater.

Please bring photo ID for entry into West Point.

For more info., go online to www.shopthepoint.com.

Upcoming Red Cross classes

DPW Notes

Self Help center holiday schedule

The DPW Self Help Center (Bldg 695) will be closed from Thurs. until Nov. 25 in celebration of the Thanksgiving Holiday. The Center is normally closed to customers on Sunday and Mondays. It will reopen Nov. 28.

Community members should plan ahead for their Thanksgiving Weekend Self Help needs.

Solid Waste collection for Thanksgiving week

In celebration of the Thanksgiving holiday, no trash will be picked up Thursday.

The pickups normally scheduled for Thursdays will be collected Nov. 24. Trash normally picked up on Fridays will be collected Nov. 25.

For more information, contact Solid Waste Management at 938-4074.

Yard waste collection for Fall Clean up

The DPW Solid Waste Collection contractor will make a special pick up of properly prepared yard waste (leaves in brown bags available at Self Help and branches cut to 4' lengths and bundled) Saturday morning.

Yard waste will also be picked up by the contractor on Wednesday as normally scheduled.

For information, contact DPW Solid Waste Management at 938-4074.

Disconnect your garden hoses

All residents are reminded to disconnect and safely store all garden hoses for the winter season.

Leaving hoses attached, in addition to the possibility of splitting the hoses, can also cause damage to the exterior piping for the faucet.

For information, call DPW Customer Relations at 938-4407.

Snow guides being installed on post

Personnel from DPW Land Maintenance Branch are installing snow guides throughout post.

The snow guides are 48" fluorescent stakes used to mark features of the area so that during snow removal operations, equipment operators are aware of conditions in the area.

The guides mark features such as dangerous spots and dips in surface, fire hydrants, manhole covers and road/sidewalk edges.

They prevent unnecessary turf damage caused when a snowplow leaves paved areas and crosses into a turf area. Additionally, and more importantly, they allow our equipment operators to avoid potentially dangerous areas and increase their safety.

In the past, most of the guides "disappeared" before the first snowfall, probably being removed by residents or children. Not only does the absence of the guides create a safety hazard, they are also very expensive.

Residents are asked not to remove the guides and to instruct children of their importance. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

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

Appliance repair -- New Reporting Procedure

Effective Nov. 1, 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, 938-2316.

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

Your repair request will be assigned a service order number, which should be retained for easier tracking of your request.

The response times for the repair contractor will remain as they are now, so service responsiveness will not change.

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

Snow blower homes needed

DPW and West Point's area coordinators need residents to volunteer to keep a DPW-owned snow blower for the upcoming winter season.

The resident volunteer would be responsible for securing the snow blower and must attend a short operation/safety meeting.

While the snow blowers are for the use of all neighbors, the resident volunteer will also ensure that all who use the snow blower have been briefed on its safe operation.

The snow blowers are to be used to assist the community in snow clean-up of storm drains, fire hydrants and fuel oil fill points.

Area coordinators are responsible for an even distribution of blowers in their areas.

If you are interested in "adopting" a snow blower for the season, contact your Area Coordinator immediately.

Command Channel 8/23

Nov. 17 - Dec. 1

Friday

8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch
1 p.m. Army Newswatch
6 p.m. Army Newswatch

Monday

8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch
12:30 p.m. Army Newswatch
5:30 p.m. Army Newswatch

Tuesday

8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch
1 p.m. Army Newswatch
6 p.m. Army Newswatch

Wednesday

8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch
1 p.m. Army Newswatch
6 p.m. Army Newswatch

Thursday

No programming [Thanksgiving]

Friday

8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch
1 p.m. Army Newswatch
6 p.m. Army Newswatch

Nov. 27

8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch
1 p.m. Army Newswatch
6 p.m. Army Newswatch

Nov. 28

8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch
1 p.m. Army Newswatch
6 p.m. Army Newswatch

Nov. 29

8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch
1 p.m. Army Newswatch
2 p.m. Army-Navy Spirit Videos
4 p.m. Army-Navy Spirit Videos
6 p.m. Army Newswatch

Nov. 30

8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch
9 a.m. Army-Navy Spirit Videos
Noon Army-Navy Spirit Videos
1 p.m. Army Newswatch
1:30 p.m. Army-Navy Spirit Videos
3 p.m. Army-Navy Spirit Videos

Dec. 1

On the hour Army-Navy Spirit Videos from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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

Arvin holiday hours

Wed., 5:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Thurs., CLOSED

Nov. 24, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Nov. 25, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Nov. 26, 9:30 a.m.

to 10 p.m.

NOW SHOWING

in the movie theater at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752

Fri. -- The Guardian, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

Sat. -- The Marine, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

Sat. -- Flyboys, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.

Nov. 23 -- Everyone's Hero, G, 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 24 -- Flicka, PG, 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 25 -- Man of the Year, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 1 -- The Prestige, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 2 -- Everyone's Hero, G, 7:30 p.m.

Starting Jan. 6 there will be a 9:30 p.m. late show on Fridays.

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

MWR Blurbs

Auto Craft Shop

Don't get stuck in the cold -- winterize your car at the MWR Auto Craft Shop. We offer everything your car needs to be ready for winter at affordable prices. Do it yourself or schedule an appointment by calling 938-2074.

Army Education Center

The Army Education Center will be closed Nov. 24.

Craft Shop

The MWR Craft Shop is now accepting orders for the holiday season ... custom framing, engraving, screen printing and more. Choose from a variety of Christmas ornaments and we will personalize them for you.

Place your order three weeks out to ensure you have it in time for the holidays.

For more info., call 938-4812.

Christmas Tree lighting

Spread some holiday cheer at the West Point Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony Dec. 4 at 6 p.m. at Buffalo Soldier Field. Refreshments and visits with Santa inside The Thayer Hotel follow the ceremony.

For more information, call 938-6497.

Golf

Save on holiday shopping at the West Point Golf Course's End of Season Sale, Dec. 1 through 20, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Golf Course Pro Shop.

Great buys on clothing, shoes, clubs, bags and more.

Shop early for the best selection.

Call 938-2435 for more info.

At Your Leisure

Black & Gold award winners



The latest group of West Point Black & Gold volunteer awardees were honored Tuesday for their volunteerism. They are [Front L-R]: Deb Dalton, Col. Donna Brazil, Jennifer Lyle, Command Sgt. Maj. Violet McNeirney and Col. Brian Crawford. [Back]: Col. Tim Trainor, Robert Ryan, Lt. Col. Steven Fleming and David Dominick. A new award for Volunteer of the month was a tie that went to the married couple of Trainor and Brazil. KATHY EASTWOOD/PV



AFAP Symposium

Facilitator Joann Boone and recorder Travis Riley, a human resources specialist from CPAC discuss issues of concern to the community Tues. here at the West Point Club. Issues of concern included medical and dental wait times as well as housing issues. KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

Keller Corner

KACH closure

All outpatient clinics, laboratories, the pharmacy and radiology will be closed Thursday and Nov. 24 for Thanksgiving.

The emergency room will remain open.

Flu shots

Civilian employees can receive flu shots at the Health Benefits Fair Tuesday at the Eisenhower Hall ballroom from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

All eligible beneficiaries and anyone else who has not received a flu shot can receive the vaccine Nov. 27 to 29 at Eisenhower Hall, Bldg. 655, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

Regardless of the location,

all patients must bring a valid military/dependent or civilian identification card in order to receive the flu vaccine.

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.

Blood Drive kick-off meeting

There will be a kick-off campaign meeting Dec. 1 from 2 to 4:30 p.m. in Bldg. 626, training room No. 1, in preparation for the upcoming Army Blood Program's Jan. 8-11, 2007 Blood Drive.

Key personnel from each activity should attend this meeting.

Please provide names of those that will be attending to Mary Mandia at 938-2583 by Nov. 30.

Safety at KACH

For your safety, wheeled sneakers, scooters and skateboards are prohibited at KACH.

The holiday's are coming --Think Green

By Martha Hinote
DPW Customer Relations

That's right. Think 'green' as well as 'white.' The upcoming holidays are an ideal time to give the Earth a break.

Celebrate the holidays with our environment in mind said Jennifer Butkus, Chief, Environmental Management Division, DPW.

"It is important that each individual community member is involved in preserving and protecting our environment. Therefore, we seek every opportunity to educate and inform the USMA community about environmental issues," Butkus said.

With that in mind, this year DPW is encouraging community members to 'recycle, recycle, recycle' this holiday season.

One recycling possibility is your natural Christmas tree. When you have finished with your tree this season, remove all decorations, tinsel and garland and place it next to your solid waste collection point for pick up.

"Our solid waste contractor will pick trees up on three assigned days and transport them to our organic waste storage site at the West Point Transfer Station," said John Dopler, USMA Recycling Coordinator. The scheduled days for pick up are Jan. 3, 10 and 17.

"Trees put out before those days will most likely remain there until the scheduled pick up dates," he added.

Residents are reminded that all trees must be out by Jan. 17. "Even though the contractor will pick up the trees using an 'everyday' refuse truck, they will be recycled and not placed into the landfill," Dopler emphasized. All organic waste collected at West Point is shredded to make mulch for later use on post.

Other "hints" to make your holiday 'green' include:

- Recycle used ribbons, bows and decorative wrappings. If you take care when unwrapping gifts, you can reuse gift wrap at least a second time.

- Reuse old cards as gift tags by cutting out the pictures and using the plain back to write your message.

- Find alternatives to store-bought wrapping paper. Leftover fabric or lightweight wallpaper work well. Wrap home baked goodies in a Christmas dishtowel and use the Sunday comics to wrap a child's gift or the *Pointer View*® for a gift to your favorite cadet.

using the constraints listed above.

- Remember that while you may only have four strings of lights, which don't really use a lot of electricity by themselves, USMA has over 900 housing units, plus hundreds of public buildings and lots of barracks. The cumulative effect is a staggering increase in USMA's energy charges.

- If you are using the holiday period to do some winter cleaning, take advantage of the Drop-'N'-Swap Pilot Program located at the Self Help Center, Bldg 695. If you have excess hazardous materials, including paints, oven cleaners, furniture polish and similar household chemicals that are still in the original container with a readable label, at least half

full and have not yet expired, take them to Self Help rather than throwing them in your household trash.

[Note: This program does not include compressed gas cylinders, used oils, batteries or pesticides.]

We encourage you to consider the gift of the Earth and do your part to conserve our natural resources while in the midst of your holiday celebrations.

Give a healthy and green Earth to your children and grandchildren.

Army and Community Sports

Remembering Maggie Dixon at Classic

Story and photos by
Eric S. Bartelt
Sports Editor

Eight months ago Christl Arena was the scene of the most euphoric celebrations outside of a graduation hat toss in the history of West Point.

That March 8 evening saw hundreds of cadets storm the basketball court in jubilation over the Army women's basketball team's dramatic 69-68 victory against Holy Cross in the Patriot League Tournament Championship game.

Army head coach Maggie Dixon, whose passion for basketball and her team caught the eye of everyone at the U.S. Military Academy, was whisked away on the shoulders of a horde of cadets and into the memories of everyone present on that momentous night.

Fast forward to Sunday and Christl Arena became a different stage. It was still one of celebration for the Patriot League championship banner that was unveiled, but it was also one of remembrance for a coach who in the short span of seven months here changed the lives of many who spent a brief moment in her endearing presence.

With the smiles of remembering the good times came the sorrow and tears of losing a 28-year-old who was lost to heart arrhythmia less than a month after that glorious ride

to the NCAA Tournament.

"It was a very emotional day for everybody here at the academy," said new Army women's head basketball coach Dave Margarity, an assistant under Dixon last year. "Starting with me, I've run the gamut of emotions going back to (April) as we all have and (Sunday) was something we had in the back of our minds and thought about for a long time ... it was a special day."

As his team went on to play seventh-ranked Ohio State in the inaugural Maggie Dixon Classic, he reflected after the game on Dixon's strong personality that led to his return to being a head coach, while helping bring back his passion for the game he loves.

"We had such a Cinderella year (last season) and it was a great ride for me," explained Margarity, who coached NCAA men's basketball for 23 years. "It gave me a complete rejuvenation as a coach, and (before last year) I was disillusioned and was ready to be an administrator. But she brought me back to what I love to do and these kids are so special that I believe there was a reason why I came here in the first place and they're a big part of it."

Much like Margarity, the team was taken with Dixon and her indelible mark will forever be left in their hearts and minds. The team will wear a clover with the initials MD on their shorts this season, but it goes beyond external



University of Pittsburgh's men's head basketball coach and Maggie Dixon's brother, Jamie (front), thanks the crowd and the Army women's basketball team for their support during the time after the death of his sister. Accompanying Jamie during the pre-game ceremony were (from left to right behind Jamie) Maggie's sister, Julie Silva, parents; Jim and Marge; and co-captain from last year's team 2nd Lt. Adrienne Payne.

appearances to know the depth of what she meant to these Army women.

"I think it would be a discredit to her if we didn't try to remember her as much as we can," said junior guard Cara Enright. "The impact she had on us in that short amount of time is something we can't ever forget. She was a great person to everyone who knew her and I think remembering her even in the little ways will help us get through (the pain) and help us play basketball."

Basketball is what brought them all together. For someone like senior guard Jen Hansen, Dixon gave her a chance to play in the NCAA women's basketball tournament, which is something she didn't think was possible before it happened. Then there's Enright, who with the unveiling of the championship banner was reminded about everything Dixon meant to them and the belief she had in them.

"Seeing the banner almost makes it more real," Enright said. "There's a lot that happened after that. We barely had enough time to reflect on anything because something else would happen and seeing that banner reminded me of what we did and Coach Dixon helped us to get there."

"(She believed in us) and we did it," Enright added. "It was

something we achieved and we can keep doing and we have that potential in us."

The team's tears were heightened by remarks during the pre-game ceremony to commemorate the championship banner and Maggie as former ball players, 2nd Lts. Ashley Magnani and Megan Vrabel gave rousing speeches as did University of Pittsburgh's men's head basketball coach and Maggie's brother, Jamie Dixon.

Prior to the pre-game ceremony and women's game Sunday, his No. 5 University of Pittsburgh men's team beat Western Michigan 86-67.

Jamie was accompanied on the court by his parents, Jim and Marge Dixon, and sister, Julie Silva. After the ceremony, Marge wiped away the tears and talked about the full range of emotions that came with a day of remembering her daughter.

"I am proud, happy, sad," Marge said. "West Point has been so fantastic to us and Maggie loved it here so this is all good. I'd like to cry -- I am sad -- but she's enjoying all of this. She is up there saying, 'Don't say too much, Mom. Watch it!'"

"We couldn't be happier, under the circumstances," she added. "We miss her tremendously."

Although Army lost in their game against Ohio State, 77-41, the team took its first step forward

in the grand scheme of things. Without a doubt, everyone is going to miss Maggie, but for those left behind it's about moving on and living ... and remembering.

"It's something we're all dealing with and (Sunday) was a big day for us to take a step forward," Margarity said. "It's something we'll always have to remember and it was a special day. I'm appreciative to everyone who put this together. It is something we'll always cherish."



During a pre-game ceremony prior to the Army-Ohio State game, Army unveiled banners celebrating last year's Patriot League Tournament championship and Maggie Dixon receiving "Coach of the Year" within the Patriot League Conference.



Junior guard Cara Enright led Army with 20 points against seventh-ranked Ohio State Sunday at the Maggie Dixon Classic. Two-time Big Ten Player of the Year senior 6'5" center Jessica Davenport (right) led the Buckeyes with 22 points and 11 rebounds.

Army braces for ND aerial attack

Story and photos by
Eric S. Bartelt
Sports Editor

Notre Dame quarterback Gus Dorais was the first Fighting Irish signal caller to torment Army in the famous 1913 game where he popularized the aerial attack to compliment the running game.

Dorais and end Knute Rockne led the Irish to a 35-13 upset of the heavily-favored Army team that day.

Saturday, 93 years later, Notre Dame is now the heavily-favored squad and there's a good chance that they will torment Army again with their potent passing game.

Fifth-ranked Notre Dame (9-1) is led by senior quarterback and Heisman Trophy Candidate Brady Quinn who is having another outstanding season, having completed over 64 percent of his passes for 2,786 yards, with 29 touchdowns and only four interceptions.

Army head coach Bobby Ross is highly impressed by Quinn and noted that he will probably be the best quarterback he's ever faced as a collegiate coach.

"In Brady Quinn, they have one heck of a quarterback and I don't know that I've ever seen a stronger arm with a quick release than what he's got," Ross said. "Many years ago when I was a special teams coach in the National Football League, I remember we played against Baltimore and they had a guy named Bert Jones and Jones had a gun of an arm.

"And, I [think] I know this kid has an arm just about the same as Jones," Ross added.

Quinn has two outstanding

senior wide receivers, both of whom are projected NFL talent, in Jeff Samardzija and Rhema McKnight.

Samardzija has 55 receptions for 792 yards and nine touchdowns, while his counterpart, McKnight, also has 55 receptions for 726 yards and 12 touchdowns. But, even if the Irish can be stopped through the air they still have a devastating ground game led by junior back Darius Walker.

"They have a great running game to compliment their passing game," Ross explained. "Walker can fly. He has great speed."

Walker has rushed for 921 yards and five touchdowns and is also a dangerous receiving threat out of the backfield as he's added 48 receptions and a touchdown catch.

With the likes of future NFL players in Quinn, Samardzija, McKnight and Walker, the Army defense knows they will have their hands full Saturday.

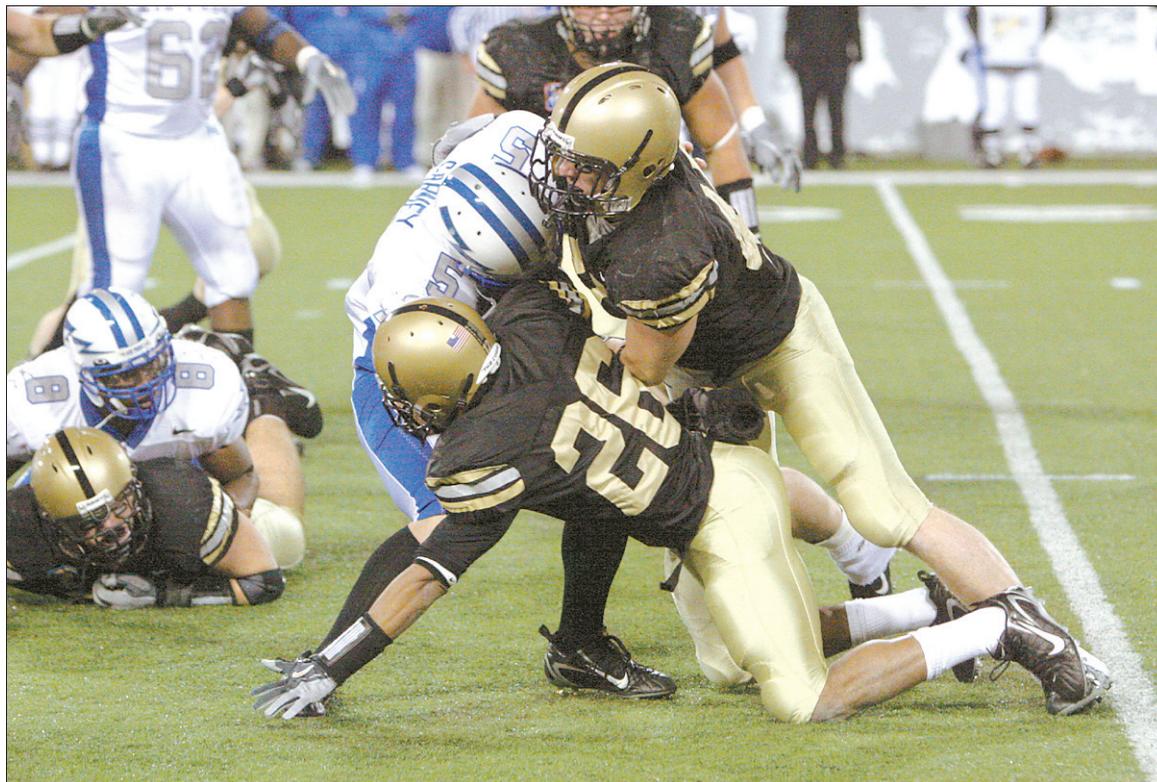
"We have got to play hard and execute," said senior linebacker Cason Shrode. "They're a top-notch offense and we have to come out with our game face on and do what we need to do."

Playing at South Bend, Ind., is going to be big for all the players, but getting the chance to play opposite a possible future NFL star and getting a chance to sack him is top on senior defensive end Cameron Craig's list.

"I get my shot at Brady Quinn," Craig said. "I've got a lot of respect for him and I think he's a great athlete. Notre Dame sets the bar pretty high. I like when the bar is high because it brings out the best athletes in all of us.



Senior wide receiver Walter Hill, much like the other seniors, is looking to go out with a bang and get a victory against the heavily-favored, fifth-ranked Notre Dame Fighting Irish.



Junior linebacker Charlie Rockwood and senior cornerback Sean Grevious (number 26 in front) stop Air Force junior quarterback Shaun Carney in his tracks Nov. 3. Army faces its stiffest challenge of the season Saturday against the potent offense of Notre Dame led by senior quarterback and Heisman Trophy candidate Brady Quinn.

"But, he's going to have his work cut out for him too, because I'm coming after him every play," Craig added. "I'm really looking forward to this opportunity. I'm definitely going to get my hands on him."

Army (3-7) has been struggling hard in recent weeks as they currently are riding a four-game losing streak. The team has become frustrated over the past few weeks, according to Ross, and some players were crying on the sidelines during the devastating 43-7 loss to Air Force Nov. 3.

Ross said the week off helped the team re-examine itself and refocus its game to improve on the field. Although Ross hasn't chosen a starter for this week's game, he said he will probably play both quarterbacks, junior David Pevoto and freshman Carson Williams, during the game.

"Pevoto and Williams have come out during practice the last two weeks and competed hard and that's a good sign," said Ross of the two quarterbacks that have combined for 12 interceptions during the losing streak. "[They both] take the blame for their mistakes, so we assume that and move on ... it's very important to our future."

Ross and some of the players confirmed that the bye week came at a perfect time for the team. It was

a great way to unplug last weekend and then get back to refocus on Monday for the last two games of the season.

"It was great to just get away and relax a little bit and to try to get out of that rut that we found ourselves in," said senior linebacker Barrett Scruggs. "Everyone seemed more focused during [Monday's practice] and ready to go, so the break definitely helped a lot.

"We've been struggling the past few games, but everyone on this team believes we are capable of winning," Scruggs added. "So we're going into this game with the attitude that we have nothing to lose. We're going to go out there and have fun and show everyone we're still a good team. We believe in ourselves, but we need to show others we can still get it done."

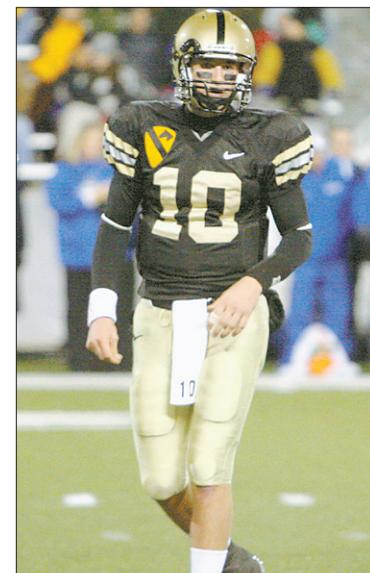
The seniors want to show that they are better than their record indicates and know, despite Notre Dame's extreme talent, they can make a big splash by ruining the Irish's national title hopes.

"It means a lot to try to go out with a bang," said senior wide receiver Walter Hill. "Simply because our season hasn't gone the way we wanted it to so far, but to go out with a bang [with victories against Notre Dame and Navy] would mean a lot to me and all the seniors on the football team."

Saturday's game will be

televised nationally on NBC with the kickoff at 2:43 p.m. and will be announced by Tom Hammond, Pat Haden and Lewis Johnson.

The game can also be heard on the Army Sports Network through affiliates WABC (770-AM, New York), WBNR (1260-AM, Beacon, N.Y.) and WLNA (1420-AM, Peekskill, N.Y.) and on ESPN Radio 1050-AM.



Freshman quarterback Carson Williams struggled in his last game against Air Force. Army head coach Bobby Ross said that Williams and junior quarterback David Pevoto will share QB duties this week against Notre Dame.

USMA Skeet & Trap defeats Navy 454-391

By Col. Leon Robert
Skeet & Trap Team

The U.S. Military Academy Skeet & Trap team finished an outstanding fall season by beating Navy 454-391 Nov. 4-5 at the Scancarello Lodge, Range 10.

The top shooter for West Point was sophomore John Siskey, followed by sophomore Jake Stewart, senior Justin Mishler, sophomore Walter Peeples, and senior team captain Jeff Hathaway.

The record score for each team consisted of the cumulative scores for the top five shooters from each team. The competition consisted of 50 skeet targets, 25 trap targets and 25 five-stand targets for a total of 100 clay "birds" for each shooter. Mishler shot a perfect 25 straight in trap.

The USMA Skeet & Trap Team ended their very successful fall season with a 4-1 record. The USMA team posted wins over the University of Connecticut, Peconic River Sportsman's Club, Mount

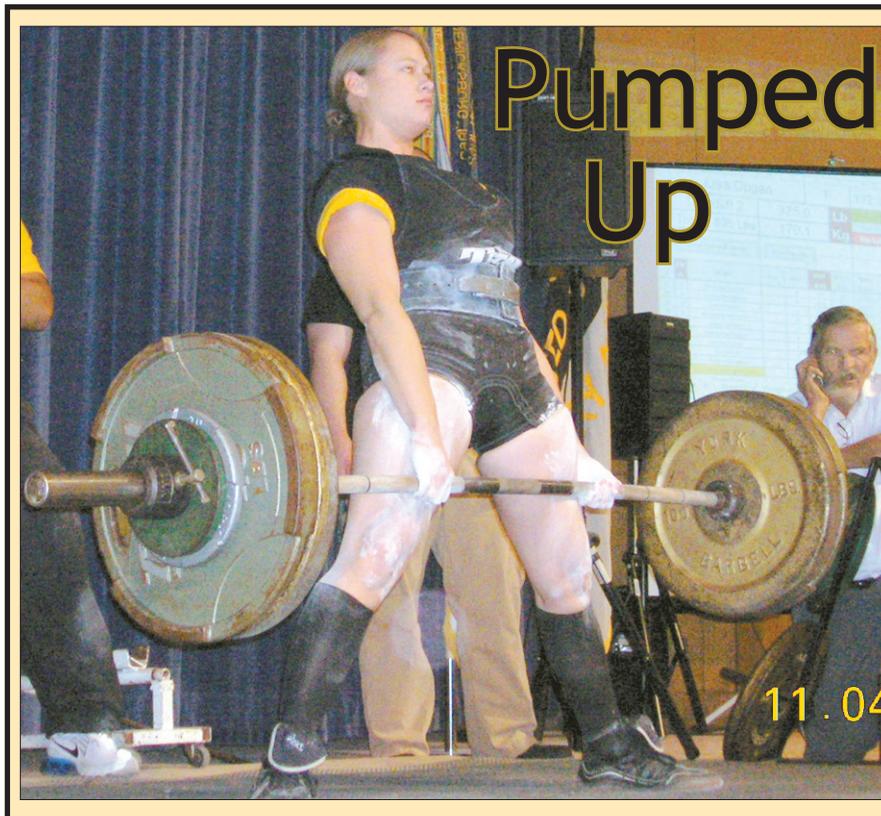


Senior team captain Jeff Hathaway helped USMA Skeet & Trap defeat Navy Nov. 4 at the Scancarello Lodge, Range 10.

PHOTO BY LT. COL. DAN GILEWITCH/G&ENE

Pleasant Sportsman's Club and Navy this fall, with their only loss versus the Weston Gun Club in a Sporting Clays competition.

The team will compete again during the spring season next year, culminating in the National Collegiate Championships held annually in San Antonio late in the semester.



Senior Lisa Dugan (left) deadlifts 375 pounds to set a new collegiate national record in the 132-pound female weight class. Dugan also was the best female pound-for-pound lifter at the Army-Navy Powerlifting Tournament held at Robinson Auditorium Nov. 4. Powerlifting involves three lift exercises: squat, bench press and deadlift. Army defeated Navy in the overall team event for the fourth consecutive year. PHOTO PROVIDED

2006 Ultimate Frisbee Championships

Semi-Finals -- System Engineers 12, Soc. Sci. 4.
Physics 12, English 6.

Championship -- Systems Engineers 15,
Physics 6.

2006 Staff and Faculty Flag Football Championships

Semi-Finals -- MEDDAC 13, Stewart Marines 12.
ODIA 20, MPs Team#2 6.

Championship -- ODIA 35, MEDDAC 12.

WAR takes NERU, goes undefeated at 13-0

By Maj. Evan Wollen
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Top-ranked Women's Army Rugby traveled to Batavia, N.Y., Nov. 11-12 to defend its Northeast Rugby Union championship. Also at stake was a berth in the USA Rugby National Tournament's Round of 16.

First up was #12 ranked Vassar, a team that Army had beaten twice in the preceding four weeks. Vassar couldn't get anything going offensively and Army ran off the field winners, 19-0.

The semi-final win saw Army through to the final against #7 Brown, who were 24-3 winners over #18 Cornell in the other semi-final.

Army defeated Brown 36-5 in the first round of the Beantown Tournament in September, but Brown has improved since.

Army was able to dominate most of the play early in the match

and led 5-0 with about five minutes left in the half. However, a Brown interception led to a breakaway try and potential frustration for Army.

After dominating most of the play, they were now tied. Instead of frustration, the Army team got angry and after stealing the ensuing kickoff, scored a try to make the score 10-5 at halftime.

This momentum carried over to the second half as Army put two tries over the Brown line to win 22-5.

With the win, Army successfully defended their Northeast Championship and earned a place in the USA Rugby National Tournament in April.

The Northeast runner-up also earns a berth in the national tournament. Losing by only 17 points to Army, as opposed to the 19-point loss that Vassar felt, Brown will also make it to the Sweet Sixteen this spring as the number two seed in the Northeast.

Army's win completes the fall season. Undefeated at 13-0, they were 10-0 against teams ranked in the national Top 20. They surrendered only 42 points all season, added a gold star to their jackets, rose to a #1 national ranking and defended it for seven weeks and qualified for nationals.

This weekend, five Army players will attend the U-19 National All-Star Tournament in Nashville, Tenn.



Women's Army Rugby Northeast championship photo.