

October changes (as of 10/25)	
C FUND	+ 3.61 percent
I FUND	+ 3.37 percent
S FUND	+ 4.87 percent



Muslim prayer room dedication

Jewish community chaplain, Maj. Carlos Huerta (left), Imam Salahuddin Muhammad, from Newburgh and the Muslim chaplain for Bard College, and West Point Muslim Imam Asadullah Burgos discuss the new Muslim Prayer Room at the Cadet Interfaith Center in Bldg. 147 here. The Muslim Prayer Room was dedicated Oct. 19 during the last few days of Ramadan. (See story on page 8)

KATHY EASTWOOD/PPV

More choices, more decisions

By Tim Kauffman
Federal Times

Federal employees and retirees have always had a wealth of health insurance options, but choosing among them is getting more complicated as new types of plans and savings opportunities become available.

This year, not only must enrollees decide what medical plan is right for them, they also may elect supplemental dental and vision coverage for the first time. All employees and retirees can choose from among at least 11 fee-for-service medical plans, while most also have access to one or more health maintenance organizations available locally. Additionally, at least six dental plans and six vision plans will be available this year.

Then there are flexible spending accounts, which can save employees hundreds of dollars a year by using pretax dollars to pay for medical or child- and dependent-care expenses.

Many people are so overwhelmed by the sheer volume of choice that they end up doing nothing, said Walt Francis, who's been studying federal health care plans for years and rating the best and worst for the annual "Checkbook" consumer guide.

"People are just much too quick to sit where they are and not explore the alternatives," Francis said.

Enrollees who switch plans can not only save themselves hundreds of dollars a year, but can save the government money in matching contributions as well. For example, an enrollee in the Washington, D.C., area switching to a plan with lower premiums could save the government between \$1,000 and \$2,000 on average a year, Francis explained.

Often the best bargains are so-called consumer-directed options, in which enrollees pay for health care costs out of a fund that's partially paid for by the insurance company.

One type of consumer-directed option pairs a high-deductible plan with a health savings account that enrollees can roll over from year to year, building a nest egg for future medical needs.

Francis says many more people should be enrolling in these consumer-directed options. Premiums for most of these plans are decreasing next year, while the out-of-pocket maximums are comparable to the most popular fee-for-service plans.

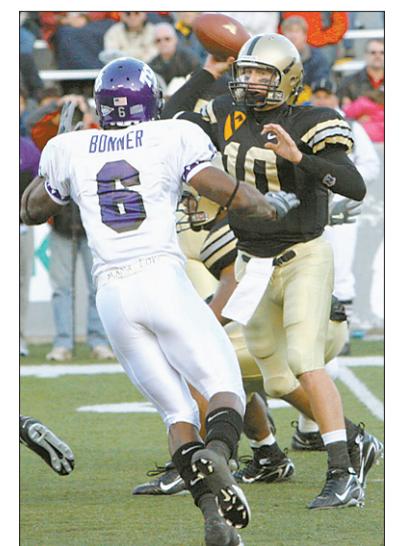
"People have this mistaken idea that you're out of pocket a huge amount of money if you join one of these plans, and that's not true," he said.

Lower premiums aren't always the first thing on enrollees' minds when selecting a health plan, however, said Colleen Murphy, president and chief operating officer of Asparity Decision Solutions, a Raleigh, N.C., company that offers a Web-based tool to help employees select their health insurance.

Most enrollees using Asparity's tool, called PlanSmartChoice, list brand-name prescription drug coverage as the most important

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DOD schools surveys to start Wed.

WASHINGTON (Military Times) -- Students, parents and teachers can participate in surveys starting Wednesday about the quality of education in schools operated by the Defense Department.

Separate surveys will be given to teachers and parents and to students in grades four and five, students in grades six to eight and students in grades nine through 12.

The anonymous Customer Satisfaction Survey will be available online at www.dodea.edu by clicking the "CSS" link.

If home Internet access is a concern, an electronic version on CD-ROM will be available from local schools for printing. Schools will also make Internet access available for the purpose of taking the survey.

The surveys, being conducted Wed. through Feb. 28, are rolled out every two years to gather feedback about the quality of education and areas that may need improvement.

They are used to improve planning efforts at all levels throughout the Department of Defense Education Activity.

As such, the school system's director, Joseph Tafoya, encourages students, parents and teachers to participate.

"A high response rate provides our schools with ... valuable information about their programs and are part of our continual efforts to improve the quality of education provided to DOD dependents," he said in an announcement about the upcoming survey.

Officials said it should take about 20 minutes to complete the survey.



Remember to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed Sat.

Know your telephone service's limitations

**Commentary by Paul Scullion
Director, DOIM**

Recent events involving Voice Over Internet Protocol telephone services and the ability to contact emergency services via 911 raised questions within the West Point community.

As the Director of the Directorate of Information Management, I have access to a great deal of information about this topic. I wanted to share some of it to help increase consumer awareness about some of the issues involved with VoIP systems. This is neither an endorsement nor a criticism of any of the products currently on the market, but rather an attempt to better educate potential users.

The information included here is an extract from a Federal Communications Commission Consumer Advisory on this subject. The complete advisory is available at <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/consumerfacts/voip911.html>. I encourage everyone to thoroughly research any products or services before they buy.

VoIPs and 911 Service

The ability to access emergency services by dialing 911 is a vital component of public safety and emergency preparedness. Recent reports of consumers' inability to access life-saving emergency services while using VoIP services have highlighted a critical public safety gap.

The Federal Communications

Commission has taken steps to close this gap by imposing Enhanced 911 obligations on providers of "interconnected" VoIP services that use the Public Switched Telephone Network, including wireless networks, to originate and terminate calls. E911 systems automatically provide a 911 caller's call back number and, in most cases, location information to emergency service personnel.

Public Safety Challenges

Traditional phone services have generally associated a particular phone number with a fixed address. Portable interconnected VoIP services enable consumers to take their home or business phone service almost anywhere. Because certain interconnected VoIP services can be used from virtually any broadband connection, the location of the caller cannot automatically be determined.

This portability raises a number of challenges for the emergency services community. The FCC has recently taken action to make sure that emergency calls from these VoIP services will get through to the appropriate public safety authorities, but there are certain things consumers need to know.

When you call 911 from a traditional telephone, the call, in most cases, is sent to emergency service providers who are responsible for helping people in a particular geographic area or community. These emergency service providers can often

automatically identify your location and direct the closest emergency personnel to that location. They can also automatically identify your telephone number so they can call you back if you are disconnected.

But some consumers who use interconnected VoIP telephone service have had difficulty or experienced problems accessing 911 services.

Tips for VoIP Subscribers

If you are thinking of subscribing to an interconnected VoIP service, you should:

- Provide your accurate physical address to your interconnected VoIP service provider to ensure that emergency services can be quickly

dispatched to your location.

- Be familiar with your interconnected VoIP service provider's procedures for updating your address. Promptly update address information in the event of a change.

- Have a clear understanding of any limitations of your 911 service.

- Inform children, babysitters and visitors about your interconnected VoIP service and its 911 limitations, if any.

- If the power goes out or your broadband connection is down, be aware that your interconnected VoIP service may also be out. Consider installing a backup power supply, maintaining a traditional

phone line and analog phone or having a fully-charged cellular phone as a backup.

- If you have questions about whether the phone service you are receiving is an interconnected VoIP service, contact your service provider.

For more information about interconnected VoIP and 911 or about VoIP in general, see <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/consumerfacts/voip.html> or www.fcc.gov/cgb/voip911order.pdf.

You can also contact the FCC's Consumer Center at 1-888-CALL-FCC (1-888-225-5322) or a TTY telephone call to 1-888-TELL-FCC (1-888-835-5322).

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- 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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Rules: Fill in the empty cells with the digits 1-9 so that no digit appears twice in the same row, column, or 3-by-3 box.

Difficulty: Medium

See Solution on Page 11

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Local and National News

Details emerge on Pentagon performance management system

By Karen Rutzick
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The Pentagon is beginning to release the nuts and bolts of its new performance management plan, a variation of which may become familiar to all federal employees if the Bush administration has its way.

Last week, Defense officials posted a new user guide for the National Security Personnel System's automated performance evaluation system on the NSPS Web site. NSPS is the Defense Department's answer to what officials see as an outmoded General Schedule pay system. The Homeland Security Department is adopting a similar system, and there is an effort to adopt the concept in all federal agencies.

Job goals, self-evaluations, interim evaluations and final

evaluations, as well as the pay raise Defense employees will receive as a result of the evaluations, all will be entered into the NSPS automated system.

The first 11,000 employees who entered NSPS in April are the only ones with real access to the program, but Pentagon officials are providing Web tutorials to give a taste to the remaining 690,000 or so civilian employees who eventually are scheduled to work under NSPS.

According to the documents, supervisors will develop a performance plan for each employee. Plans must include between three and five job objectives on which employees will be rated at the end of the year.

The objectives should each be about a paragraph long. Here's an example offered by the Pentagon:

"Promotes safety/health in the workplace through awareness and compliance with safety rules and regulations to include Occupations, Safety and Health guidelines. Assists management in its effort to reduce mishaps by 5 percent per year with ultimate goal being zero mishaps. Exhibits safe and responsible behavior in the workplace taking positive action to report or eliminate potential hazards. Complies with requirement to use and wear Personal Protective Equipment for protection and control of identified hazards. One failure to report unsafe acts or conditions or comply with safety rules and regulations during rating period is allowed."

Every goal has to be accompanied by one-to-three "contributing factors." The potential factors are: technical proficiency, critical thinking, cooperation and teamwork, communication, customer focus, resource management and leadership.

At the end of the yearlong

evaluation cycle, supervisors must rate each employee first on the completion of their job objective, using a one-to-five scale. Then, the supervisor decides if contributing factors helped or hurt the goal, can subtract or add one point or keep the rating the same. This adjusted rating is what supervisors will then use to allocate pieces of the pay-raise pie among employees.

Finally, supervisors can choose to weigh some job objectives more than others. Each goal must be

worth at least 10 percent of the total score. All of the goals must add up to 100 percent and must be weighted in 5 percent increments.

After a supervisor creates the initial performance plan, employees can recommend changes. Supervisors must meet with their employees at least once during the year to talk about progress and employees can keep track of accomplishments in the system to boost their chance of receiving a high rating.

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feature. Second is the premiums they pay, followed by the cost of doctors' visits and annual deductibles.

Dental, vision coverage

Federal employees have been clamoring for enhanced dental and vision coverage for years, since the coverage provided under most medical plans is meager at best.

However, it's unclear how valuable the new options being offered this year will be for

enrollees.

Unlike medical insurance, where the government picks up about 71 percent of premiums, enrollees in one of the supplemental dental or vision plans must pay the full premium. In addition, there are significant out-of-pocket costs for many procedures even with the insurance.

Because this is a supplemental benefit, it's likely to attract a disproportionate number of enrollees who intend on using

the services. That will drive up the cost of these plans, said Paul Ginsburg, president of the Center for Studying Health System Change, a nonpartisan policy research group in Washington.

"I would say there's uncertainty as to whether this will prove to be a valuable benefit for federal employees," Ginsburg said.

Many federal employees could get dental and vision insurance with comparable premiums and benefits on their own. A main benefit of the federally sponsored benefits for employees is the ability to pay premiums out of pretax dollars. Retirees don't have the pretax benefit.

However, federal employees already can set aside pretax money in flexible spending accounts to cover these costs, Francis notes. In effect, FSAs provide employees in an average tax bracket with a 33 percent discount on dental and vision procedures.

"If you're already getting a one-third discount, do you really need a dental [or vision] plan? People need to think that through very carefully before they pick a plan," Francis said.



WHAT YOU PAY FOR VISION CARE

The following chart shows how much participants who select a supplemental vision plan can expect to pay for premiums and typical procedures obtained from an in-network provider. The out-of-pocket costs are for participants in the Washington area.

PREMIUMS			
PLAN	SELF	SELF + ONE	FAMILY
Blue Cross High	\$5.01	\$10.01	\$15.02
Blue Cross Standard	\$3.97	\$7.94	\$11.92
Spectera Plus	\$3.41	\$6.65	\$9.91
Spectera Standard	\$2.63	\$5.13	\$7.64
Vision Services Plan High	\$5.40	\$10.81	\$16.21
Vision Services Plan Standard	\$3.82	\$7.65	\$11.47

PROCEDURES		
EYE EXAM	Benefit	You pay
Blue Cross High	Full coverage annually	Nothing
Blue Cross Standard	Full coverage annually	Nothing
VSP High	Plan pays 100% after co-payment	\$10
VSP Standard	Plan pays 100% after co-payment	\$10
Spectera High	Plan pays 100% after co-payment	\$10
Spectera Standard	Plan pays 100% after co-payment	\$10

CONTACT LENSES (ONE-YEAR SUPPLY OF DISPOSABLE LENSES)		
Company	Benefit	You pay
Blue Cross High	Four boxes, roughly a six-month supply	Anything over provided amount
Blue Cross Standard	Four boxes, roughly a six-month supply	Anything over provided amount
VSP High	Plan pays \$150 toward cost of exam and contacts	Anything over provided amount; participant receives 15% off exam from network doctors
VSP Standard	Plan covers \$120 toward cost of exam and contacts	Anything over provided amount; participant receives 15% off exam from network doctors
Spectera High	Four boxes of approved contacts or \$125 toward non-approved contacts	\$10 co-pay, plus cost of contacts over those provided
Spectera Standard	Four boxes of approved contacts or \$125 toward non-approved contacts	\$25 co-pay, plus cost of contacts over those provided

NEW EYEGLASS LENSES		
Company	Benefit	You pay
Blue Cross High	New lenses every year; plan covers glass or plastic lenses and options including tinting and shatter resistance with some conditions	Nothing for features listed; additional costs for extra features
Blue Cross Standard	New lenses every two years; plan covers glass or plastic lenses and options including tinting and shatter resistance with some conditions	Nothing for features listed; additional costs for extra features
VSP High	New lenses every year; plan covers glass or plastic lenses and options including shatter and scratch resistance, anti-reflective coating, tints, UV protection and light sensitivity	Nothing for features listed after exam co-pay; 20% off additional features
VSP Standard	New lenses every year; plan covers glass or plastic lenses and options including shatter and scratch resistance	\$20 co-pay; 20% off additional features
Spectera High	New lenses every year; plan covers glass or plastic lenses and options including shatter and scratch resistance, tinting, and UV coating	\$10 co-pay; 20%-40% off additional features
Spectera Standard	New lenses every year; plan covers glass or plastic lenses and options including shatter and scratch resistance	\$25 co-pay; 20%-40% off additional features

NEW EYEGLASS FRAMES		
Company	Benefit	You pay
Blue Cross High	New frames every year	Nothing for frames in approved collection; participant receives \$130 toward other frames and 20% discount for amount over allowance
Blue Cross Standard	New frames every two years	Nothing for frames in approved collection; participant receives \$130 toward other frames and 20% discount for amount over allowance
VSP High	New frames every year	Anything over \$150 frame allowance; participant receives 20% discount for amount over allowance
VSP Standard	New frames every year	Anything over \$120 frame allowance; participant receives 20% discount for amount over allowance
Spectera High	New frames every year	Anything over \$50 wholesale and \$130 retail allowance
Spectera Standard	New frames every year	Anything over \$50 wholesale and \$130 retail allowance

LASER VISION CORRECTION SURGERY		
Company	Benefit	You pay
Blue Cross High	Plan provides 25% discount off regular fee or 5% off any advertised rate	Discounted charge
Blue Cross Standard	Plan provides 25% discount off regular fee or 5% off any advertised rate	Discounted charge
VSP High	Plan provides 15% discount off regular fee or 5% off any advertised rate	Discounted charge
VSP Standard	Plan provides 15% discount off regular fee or 5% off any advertised rate	Discounted charge
Spectera High	Plan provides 15% discount off regular fee or 5% off any advertised rate	Discounted charge
Spectera Standard	Plan provides 15% discount off regular fee or 5% off any advertised rate	Discounted charge

SOURCE: Federal Times research

GRAPHIC BY CHRIS BROZ

The following chart shows how much participants who select a supplemental dental plan can expect to pay for premiums and typical procedures obtained from an in-network provider. The out-of-pocket costs for procedures are for participants in the Washington area. As a result, two regional plans that aren't available in Washington aren't included.

PREMIUMS			
PLAN	SELF	SELF + ONE	FAMILY
National			
Aetna	\$12.15 - \$16.99	\$24.31 - \$33.97	\$36.46 - \$50.96
GEHA High Option	\$12.74 - \$18.92	\$25.49 - \$37.85	\$38.23 - \$56.77
GEHA Standard Option	\$9.36 - \$13.86	\$18.73 - \$27.72	\$28.09 - \$41.58
MetLife High Option	\$11.97 - \$17.59	\$23.94 - \$35.19	\$35.91 - \$52.78
MetLife Standard Option	\$7.29 - \$10.57	\$14.58 - \$21.14	\$21.88 - \$31.71
United Concordia	\$11.58 - \$17.18	\$23.14 - \$34.34	\$34.72 - \$51.50
Regional			
CompBenefits (Southeast, Mid-Atlantic, Midwest)	\$9.99 - \$14.79	\$19.98 - \$29.58	\$29.97 - \$44.37
GHI (New York and Northern New Jersey)	\$16.44	\$32.88	\$49.31
Triple S (Puerto Rico)	\$4.14	\$8.28	\$10.93

PROCEDURES		
ROUTINE ORAL EXAM WITH COMPLETE SET OF X-RAYS		
Company	Plan pays	You pay
Aetna	100%	Nothing
CompBenefits*	100%	Nothing
GEHA High Option	100%	Nothing
GEHA Standard Option	100% after co-pay	\$10
United Concordia	100%	Nothing
MetLife High Option	100%	Nothing
MetLife Standard Option	100%	Nothing

ONE FILLING		
Company	Plan pays	You pay
Aetna	60%	\$26
CompBenefits*	60%	\$29
GEHA High Option	80%	\$17.40
GEHA Standard Option	55%	\$39.15
United Concordia	80%	\$22
MetLife High Option	70%	\$20
MetLife Standard Option	55%	\$31

ONE ROOT CANAL		
Company	Plan pays	You pay
Aetna	40%	\$418
CompBenefits*	46%	\$328
GEHA High Option	50%	\$218
GEHA Standard Option	45%	\$283.40
United Concordia	80%	\$154.20
MetLife High Option	50%	\$204
MetLife Standard Option	35%	\$265

PORCELAIN CROWN		
Company	Plan pays	You pay
Aetna	40%	\$460
CompBenefits*	46%	\$432
GEHA High Option	50%	\$359
GEHA Standard Option	45%	\$394.90
United Concordia	50%	\$376
MetLife High Option	50%	\$350
MetLife Standard Option	35%	\$455

ONE DENTAL IMPLANT		
Company	Plan pays	You pay
Aetna	Nothing	Negotiated rate; D.C. average is \$2,318
CompBenefits*	Nothing	Full cost
GEHA High Option	Nothing unless pre-approved alternative to single unit bridge	Full cost
GEHA Standard Option	Nothing unless pre-approved alternative to single unit bridge	Full cost
United Concordia	Nothing	Full cost
MetLife High Option	Nothing	\$1,389 (negotiated)
MetLife Standard Option	Nothing	\$1,389 (negotiated)

ONE SET OF BRACES ON ALL TEETH		
Company	Plan pays	You pay
Aetna	30%	\$2,845
CompBenefits*	30%	\$2,829
GEHA High Option	30%	\$2,660
GEHA Standard Option	30%	\$2,660
United Concordia	50%	\$2,750
MetLife High Option	50%	\$2,275
MetLife Standard Option	50%	\$3,050

*Plan members pay fixed co-payment for procedures. Percentage shown for plan share is average following co-payment.

SOURCE: Federal Times research

GRAPHIC BY CHRIS BROZ

MEDICAL PLAN PREMIUM CHANGES

The 2007 biweekly premiums for five of the biggest insurers, which cover nearly three-quarters of employees:

PLANS FOR NONPOSTAL EMPLOYEES

	Increase in employee share of biweekly premium	Employee share of biweekly premium	Percentage change
American Postal Workers Union Health Plan			
High self	\$0.47	\$50.19	0.9%
High family	\$1.45	\$112.48	1.3%
Consumer-driven self	\$0	\$40.89	0%
Consumer-driven family	\$0	\$92.00	0%
Blue Cross Blue Shield Service Benefit Plan			
Standard self	-\$0.77	\$57.30	-1.3%
Standard family	-\$1.29	\$134.30	-1.0%
Basic self	\$0	\$37.99	0%
Basic family	\$0	\$88.99	0%
Government Employees Hospital Association Benefit Plan			
High self	\$0.19	\$94.59	0.2%
High family	\$0.55	\$192.85	0.3%
Standard self	\$0	\$33.28	0%
Standard family	\$0	\$75.62	0%
High-deductible self	\$0	\$43.94	0%
High-deductible family	\$0	\$100.36	0%
Mail Handlers Benefit Plan			
High self	\$15.04	\$172.06	9.5%
High family	\$31.67	\$340.36	10.3%
Standard self	\$2.42	\$48.68	5.2%
Standard family	\$3.10	\$106.39	3.0%
High-deductible self	-\$8.46	\$33.80	-20.0%
High-deductible family	-\$19.16	\$76.60	-20.0%
National Association of Letter Carriers Health Benefit Plan			
High self	\$1.32	\$64.42	2.1%
High family	\$2.83	\$118.97	2.4%

PLANS FOR POSTAL EMPLOYEES

	Increase in employee share of biweekly premium	Employee share of biweekly premium	Percentage change
American Postal Workers Union Health Plan			
High self	-\$0.02	\$24.57	-0.08%
High family	\$0.40	\$54.36	0.7%
Consumer-driven self	\$0	\$18.40	0%
Consumer-driven family	\$0	\$41.40	0%
Blue Cross Blue Shield Service Benefit Plan			
Standard self	-\$1.26	\$31.68	-3.8%
Standard family	-\$2.34	\$76.18	-3.0%
Basic self	\$0	\$17.10	0%
Basic family	\$0	\$40.05	0%
Government Employees Hospital Association Benefit Plan			
High self	-\$0.30	\$68.97	-0.4%
High family	-\$0.50	\$192.85	-0.4%
Standard self	\$0	\$14.97	0%
Standard family	\$0	\$34.03	0%
High-deductible self	\$0	\$19.77	0%
High-deductible family	\$0	\$45.16	0%
Mail Handlers Benefit Plan			
High self	\$14.55	\$146.44	11.0%
High family	\$30.62	\$282.24	12.2%
Standard self	\$2.42	\$23.06	10.8%
Standard family	\$1.40	\$47.88	3.0%
High-deductible self	-\$3.81	\$15.21	-20.0%
High-deductible family	-\$8.62	\$34.47	-20.0%
National Association of Letter Carriers Health Benefit Plan			
High self	\$0.83	\$38.80	2.1%
High family	\$1.78	\$60.85	2.8%

GLOSSARY

High: Plan with higher premiums offering higher level of benefits

Standard: Plan with lower premiums and more restricted benefits

Basic: Plan with low premiums but care limited to in-network providers

High-deductible and consumer-driven: Plans with expense fund and deductible requirements before standard level of benefits begin

SOURCE: Office of Personnel Management

GRAPHIC BY CHRIS BROZ AND LISA ZILKA CHAVEZ

DOD resumes mandatory anthrax vaccinations

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press
Service

WASHINGTON -- The Defense Department will resume mandatory anthrax inoculations for servicemembers and civilians deploying to U.S. Central Command and Korea, DOD officials said Monday.

The six-shot series provides immunity from a deadly disease that has been used as a biological attack agent, said William Winkenwerder, assistant secretary of defense for health affairs.

A small number of servicemembers assigned to homeland defense units will also receive the shots.

David S.C. Chu, undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness, will issue instructions to the services in the next two months.

New museum exhibit opens Nov. 3

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 Nov. 3 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, to present 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. Today, the exhibits of the West Point Museum represent the culmination of more than two centuries of preserving our military heritage for the U.S. Corps of Cadets and the American people.

The West Point Museum is open seven days a week from 10:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. The Museum is closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. For more information, call the Museum at (845) 938-3590.

The program will start soon after.

A court order halted mandatory vaccinations in 2004. In 2005, the order was lifted, and servicemembers deploying to the area or in special units could choose to receive the vaccinations or not. Roughly 50 percent of those deploying did opt for the shots.

"The anthrax vaccine is safe; it is effective for all forms of anthrax spore exposure," Winkenwerder said. "Time and again (this vaccine) has been looked at by experts, ... and each time the conclusion is the vaccine is safe and it is effective."

The assistant secretary said the anthrax threat is still out there. "Our adversaries continue to remind us that they are determined to obtain nuclear, chemical and biological weapons," he said. "We do not yet know who perpetrated the attacks of October 2001." In that incident, letters filled with anthrax spores killed five, sickened 17 and contaminated the Hart Senate Office Building so badly it was months before the building was deemed safe.

It's important to make the

vaccination program mandatory, Winkenwerder said. "There is a signal sent if a program is voluntary that perhaps it is just not that important," he said. "Our actual view is that it is very important. We believe it should be mandatory, because we want to protect every person to the maximum degree possible who might be a target."

While the program is mandatory for those deploying to threat areas, the program will be voluntary for servicemembers and civilians who started their vaccine series but had to stop because of the judge's order. "If they wish to continue with their vaccine series, we will make it available," Winkenwerder said.

Research continues on the anthrax vaccine. The assistant secretary said DOD is looking at studies conducted with the Centers for Disease Control that may allow the department to reduce the number of shots from six to five or even four. "We don't have FDA concurrence or approval for that yet," he said.

There is no shortage of the vaccine, Winkenwerder said.



Get out and vote on Nov. 7

By Sgt 1st Class
Roger Jones
NCOIC, PAO

Soldiers, civilians and U.S. Military Academy cadets will once again have the opportunity to express their voices by voting in the upcoming November elections.

However, while a number of voters have the opportunity to physically vote in their respective states, members of the Army family are not always afforded the same opportunity.

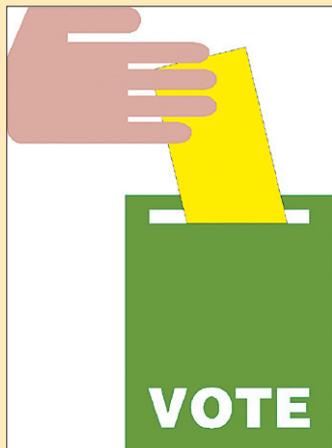
According to West Point Assistant Senior Voting Assistance Officer, Sgt. 1st Class John G. Castillo, they may not be able to vote physically in the state they are afforded the privilege of voting.

"A number of people are voting," Castillo said. "The information is definitely being disseminated. We try to ensure that every Soldier, eligible family member or eligible cadet is notified and afforded the opportunity."

Although contacting and informing eligible voters is going extremely well here, there are a number of other possible concerns that the voting assistance office wants to ensure its voting audience knows.

"It is imperative that everyone understands that in most states, the legal voting residence is where members of the Uniformed Services and their family members have, or have had, physical presence with the intent to remain or return. If they are uncertain as to their current legal residence, a visit to Legal Assistance can quickly clear that up," Castillo said. "Every once in a while, we have a Soldier or cadet who inadvertently votes as a representative of an incorrect state. Again, it is not done purposely, but once that has happened, the voter loses out on a chance to make a difference for that particular election. If the election in their state is close, that one vote could be the difference in terms of who wins the election."

Castillo pointed out that to avoid such mishaps, Soldiers, civilians and cadets should consult their voting assistance officer or



Legal Assistance office. "We also have an internal Web site for voters at <http://www-internal.usma.edu/ag/> that is filled with useful information," Castillo explained. "If prospective voters have questions regarding voting issues, all they have to do is refer to the site, and of course, I am readily available to assist any voters as well."

Though the local site will assist all potential voters, it is imperative that Army leaders and commanders get involved to ensure that their personnel are familiar with and abide by all applicable laws and regulations regarding political participation.

"There are a number of restrictions regarding uniformed personnel when it comes to voting," Castillo said. "Should questions arise, the unit voting assistance representative should be your first stop."

"If the potential voter needs additional information, the USMA internal site offers a wealth of voting information, including phone numbers and e-mail addresses to all of our voting assistance officers," he added. "Additionally, our site is linked to the Human Resources Command voting Web site as well as the Federal Voting Assistance Program Web site. Either of those sites can be very useful."

"We want to ensure that the West Point voting community members have everything needed to exercise their right to vote," Castillo concluded. Castillo is located in Bldg 622, across from Buffalo Soldier Field. His phone number is 938-8450.

Harrison on board as visiting scientist at West Point

By Jackie Bryant
ERDC PAO

Topographic Engineering Center geographer Joseph Harrison, from the Engineer Research and Development Center, began a six-month assignment as a visiting scientist in the academy's Department of Systems Engineering Sept. 5.

ERDC Geotechnical and Structures Laboratory research associate Niki Goerger is serving as a visiting professor in the Defense Modeling and Simulation Office of Systems Engineering.

TEC, based in Alexandria, Va., and is one of seven ERDC labs around the country. According to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the ERDC synergistically addresses research and development in four major areas: Battlespace Environment, Military Engineering, Environmental Quality/Installations and Civil Works/Water Resources through its seven laboratories.

ERDC has a staff of more than 2,000 engineers, scientists and support personnel, with an annual research program of \$700 million.

"ERDC staff visit the academy to pursue activities of mutual interest, such as Goerger's work in DMSO," according to ERDC Senior Research Scientist Paul Mlakar. "We also view the visits as an opportunity to communicate

our role in the Army to the faculty and cadets. The unique and exciting academic environment further presents an opportunity for the professional development of our staff. The decision to send a particular individual is made on a case-by-case basis between the ERDC and USMA leadership."

"This is the first time TEC has been involved in the ongoing visitation program at West Point. In this assignment, I will support the academy's personnel in the Department of Geography and Environmental Engineering and the Geospatial Information Sciences laboratory personnel in their Army geospatial initiatives," Harrison said.

He will also serve as an instructor and action officer, addressing questions pertaining to software usage.

"This assignment will offer TEC scientists and engineers an opportunity to serve as a conduit for information exchange to academy instructors and cadets. They (cadets and staff) can become aware of the geospatial tools and data formats which are presently being used within our organization and across the Department of Defense and realize what systems are envisioned for the future," Harrison said.

He believes this assignment is an opportunity to establish a long-term relationship with the cadets throughout their military career.

Harrison said that by having

a physical presence at West Point, TEC would show cadets in a personal, hands-on manner that various centers of expertise are available to them for support throughout their military careers.

Harrison graduated summa cum laude from Shippensburg University with bachelor's and master's in Geoenvironmental Studies in 1994 and 1995, respectively.

After pursuing doctoral studies in physical geography at Michigan State University and geospatial engineering at George Washington University, he is now a doctoral candidate in earth systems and geo-information sciences at George Mason University.

He received the 1998 TEC Director's Award for Excellence in Operational Support for developing the Urban Tactical Planner, a digital terrain analysis product supporting the planning and execution of tactical urban warfare operations.

Harrison currently serves as a subject matter expert in urban terrain analysis at TEC. He has also participated in the USACE Emerging Leaders and Senior Leaders Programs.



Joe Harrison

VA announces 'Veterans Pride' initiative

WASHINGTON (Army News Service) -- Leaders of major veterans organizations joined Veterans Affairs Secretary R. James Nicholson in Washington, D.C., Oct. 19 in launching an effort to "kindle a new spark of patriotism" by asking men and women who have served in the military to wear their medals on Veterans Day.

"We are announcing a 'Veterans Pride Initiative' to remind Americans of the pride and honor in the hearts of those who have served," Nicholson said at a news conference at VA headquarters. "We expect Americans will see our decorated heroes unite in spirit at ceremonies, in parades and elsewhere as a compelling symbol of courage and sacrifice on Veterans Day, the day we set aside to thank those who served and safeguarded our national security."

The campaign is modeled after a tradition in Australia and New Zealand, countries who honor the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps April 25 each year,

VA officials said. Nicholson said he hopes a U.S. tradition will ensue to emulate this pride in being a veteran and in honoring the nation's veterans.

VA is offering information about the campaign at www.va.gov/veteranspride, where veterans also can obtain information about how

to replace mislaid medals and learn how to confirm the decorations to which they are entitled.



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Community Features and Photos

West Point Halloween happenings

Compiled by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

BOSS Halloween parties

West Point community members ages 18 and up are invited to the BOSS Halloween party tonight at Buffalo Soldier Pavilion. Doors open at 9 p.m.

There will be door prizes and refreshments sponsored by BOSS.

For more information, call Spc. Michael Hunt at 938-4290 or Sgt. Jennifer Vosyka at 938-7535.

BOSS is also sponsoring a Kid's Halloween Fun Fest tonight at Buffalo Soldier Pavilion from 6 to 8 p.m. A safety officer will be present during the event.

Games, movies, refreshments and prizes for the best original costume and scariest costume are part of the festivities. Door prizes will be given out every half hour.

For more information, call Connie Woodley at 938-6497.

WPES Fall Celebration

Elementary School Principal Shawne Cryderman announced the annual Fall Celebration will be held Tuesday and will focus on school improvement goals in reading comprehension across the curriculum. In keeping with the theme of reading, students will be asked to be part of a literature character parade and carry their book with them. As this is an instructional day at WPES, the following guidelines are to be followed:

- Regular class/instruction will take place until 1 p.m. with a modified special schedule.

- The literature character parade will begin at approximately 1:15 p.m. and classroom festivities will



take place following the parade.

- Students may bring their costumes with them in the morning to change into, but may not wear costumes or make-up to school.

- There is a zero-tolerance-for-weapons policy at WPES. No weapons, including toy guns, toy swords, toy knives, etc. may be brought to school for the Fall Celebration. If in doubt, leave the item at home.

- Parents and younger siblings are invited to view the parade from 'the loop' area. Only school-age students and classroom festivities adult helpers are invited to participate in classroom activities after the parade.

AM pre-K students may return to school at 1:15 p.m. to join the parade. They will have had their classroom festivities in the morning.

WPMS

Holidays with religious origins or implications, such as Halloween, Christmas and Chanukah will not be exclusively recognized at the middle school. If one holiday that takes place during a time period is acknowledged, all holidays celebrated in that time period are acknowledged.

Costumes, masks and face painting are not allowed to be worn at the middle school at any time.

For more information, e-mail david.rudy@am.dodea.edu.

Teen Halloween Jam

The annual Youth Center Teen Halloween Jam is at the Victor Constant Ski Lodge Tuesday night from 8 to 10 p.m.

The free event is open to all O'Neill High School students in 9th to 12th grade.

Activities include a DJ and bonfire.

Sign up at the Youth Center, Bldg. 500 or OHS by 2 p.m. Tuesday. Photo ID will be required.

For more information, call Jodi at 938-8899.

Trick or Treating at WP

Trick or treating in the housing areas will be from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Harvest Fest 2006

A Christian alternative to the traditional practice of trick or treat is offered Tuesday at the West Point Elementary School from 6 to 8 p.m. No scary costumes please.

Please donate one bag of candy.

Anyone interested in volunteering can call Pam Dudas at 446-3149.



Community Muslims give thanks for prayer room

Story and photos by
Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

West Point Muslim Imam Asadullah Burgos dedicated a prayer room Oct. 19 at the Cadet Interfaith Center in Bldg. 147 here.

“As Muslims, we are commanded to show kindness to all and to be grateful, because a grateful way wins a lot of hearts,” said Burgos. “This is the month of Ramadan. It is a time of worship and contemplation, a time to strengthen family and community ties and, therefore, is a perfect time to show our appreciation to those who have helped us.”

Imam is an Arabic word meaning honorable leader. Burgos, who is also a transit authority police officer in Beacon, N.Y., has been the West Point imam for 10 years.

The prayer room was named *Masjid As-Saber*, meaning prayer room of the most patient one, and

is located upstairs in the center. Inside, a small carpet is placed in a corner under the *mimbar*, or pulpit, which faces Mecca.

At the entrance to the room is a shoe rack. It is tradition for visitors entering a Muslim prayer room to take off their shoes to show respect in God’s home, Burgos explained.

Another tradition that some Muslim worshipers follow is wearing a *kufi*, or Islamic prayer cap, he added.

According to U.S. Military Academy Chaplain John Cook, the idea for the prayer room was based on need.

“Cadets have always used the facility, but, because it was shared they were not able to fix it up to meet their needs,” said Cook. “Although it is primarily for cadets, the West Point Muslim community is welcome.”

Cook took his idea for helping roughly 30 Muslim cadets to a member of the West point Class of 1954.

“We are delighted to be here. What better place to teach and share each other’s cultures and religions than West Point?”

Imam Asadullah Burgos

“Col. Cook decided the Muslim cadets needed a place to worship last year,” said Lou Gross. “So we took a look at it and got the Department of Public Works involved to paint, built windows and add air conditioning.”

Gross and Herb Lichtenberg (USMA 1955) donated funds to the academy for refurbishing the entire building, including a new roof, as well as assisting with the prayer room. DPW also had to build the actual *mimbar* inside the room, as it was too large to get through the doors.

Among those attending the dedication were the imam of Newburgh and Muslim chaplain at Bard College in Annandale-on-Hudson, N.Y., Salahuddin Muhammad, Highland Falls Mayor Joseph D’Onofrio and USMA Jewish Chaplain Carlos Huerta, who also read from the Quran, a collection of Islamic scriptures.

As part of the dedication, the imam gave plaques to those who assisted in the venture.

USMA Superintendent Lt. Gen. Franklin L. Hagenbeck, Garrison Commander Col. Brian Crawford, Commandant of Cadets Brig. Gen. Robert L. Caslen and Cook received plaques.

Burgos spoke to the crowded room



West Point Muslim Imam Asadullah Burgos speaks to the crowd from the *mimbar*, or pulpit, at the Cadet Interfaith Center here Oct. 19. Burgos gave thanks to community members who helped complete the prayer room.



It is tradition for visitors entering a Muslim prayer room to take off their shoes to show respect in God’s home.

about the importance of being careful about not turning away from God, the importance of achieving balance in one’s life and the misconceptions facing Muslims today.

“We are delighted to be here,” he said. “What better place to teach

and share each other’s cultures and religions than West Point? There are a lot of international people here and yet we have much in common. We are all children of Adam and Eve, of Abraham, of Moses, of Jesus and of Muhammad.”

Teamwork, recycled materials help shape new MWR Fields

Story and photo by
Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

H-lot near the Commissary is now an outdoor sports facility, with

four softball fields, plus nearly five acres that can be used for other sport activities by the West Point community.

The facility also provides room for community soccer and lacrosse



A view from the PX parking lot of one of the four new softball fields for the West Point community.

matches.

The site was dedicated Oct. 19 to the Departments of Public Works and Morale, Welfare and Recreation staffs that worked on the fields.

“MWR lost their fields at Buffalo Soldier Field when the Department of Physical Education lost their space due to the Anderson Rugby Complex construction,” said DPW engineer Matt Talaber. “MWR activities were displaced to H-lot.”

Talaber said the problem with H-lot was it was not in playable condition because the surface was uneven and full of holes.

“The environmental division in DPW saw an opportunity to use excavated rock from the new library site as fill material to level

H-lot,” he said. “So we put a plan together. The rock was trucked to H-lot where it was then crushed into workable size pieces. The top soil was salvaged by the DPW roads-and-grounds crew.”

Once the rock was leveled, new top soil was spread over the entire area plus top soil from Doubleday Field, which was being renovated at the same time, Talaber explained. MWR complemented the entire project by installing baseball backstops.

Talaber said he was very proud of all the work DPW and MWR did to get this project off the ground.

“We utilized DPW’s in-house capabilities. Every division in DPW worked hand-in-hand to build a first class facility for the West Point community,” he said. “The project

is an example of what teamwork can produce and showcases the capability of DPW employees. Using sustainability principles, DPW employees preserved materials for productive use and saved the Army a considerable amount of money.”

Talaber said the Directorate of Logistics’ AKIMA contractor did a great job keeping the equipment running so that the project would be finished in a timely manner.

“It’s great to see this kind of teamwork where everyone pulls together,” said MWR Director Tony Brown. “You will see these fields mature over the years. The next project is to get lights and, down the road, concession stands.”

The MWR Fields are scheduled to open in the spring.

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.

Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week continues through Sunday. Renew your commitment to a healthy and drug-free lifestyle.

For info., call the West Point Alcohol and Drug Counseling Office at 938-5847.

Also, stop by the ADCO booth at the Commissary today and Saturday.

Upcoming museum exhibits

The West Point Museum will host a living history event Saturday featuring uniformed re-enactors, military exhibits and vehicles depicting the American Soldier of the 20th century during regular museum hours, from 10:30 a.m. until 4 p.m.

This is a one-day event with no rain date. It will be cancelled if weather conditions are extreme.

School board meeting

The next West Point School Board meeting is Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. in the Middle School Conference Room, room B-10.

HRC briefings

Representatives from the U.S. Army Human Resources Command will present a briefing to USMA officers on the evolutionary changes to the Officer Personnel Management System.

Briefings will be offered Thursday at 9:45 a.m., 12:45 and 2:50 p.m. in Bartlett Hall, room 211 and Nov. 3 at 9:25 a.m. and 12:25 p.m. in Washington Hall's

room 5006.

For more info., contact Maj. Bill Willis at 938-8448.

Book signing

Wendy Bounds will be signing "Little Chapel on the River," her book set in Garrison, N.Y., Nov. 3 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the U.S. Military Academy Bookstore, located on Thayer Hall's fourth floor.

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. Nov. 3 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 Nov. 3 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 for more information.

Privately Owned Weapon Ranges

Range Control will hold Privately Owned Weapon ranges at Range 5 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Nov. 3 and 9.

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.

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

Moms and Tots will have Fitness-for-Moms training for the MWR gym children's co-op Thursday at the Jewish Chapel from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Childcare will be provided. Please R.S.V.P. to 446-4216.

For more info about Moms and Tots e-mail westpointmoms@hotmail.com or call 446-2790.

Internationally recognized speaker and author, Dan Clark, will be giving an inspirational talk about the special circumstances surrounding being an Army wife Nov. 7 at the West Point Club.

RSVP by Nov. 3 to 446-4053 or e-mail 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 Nov. 4 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 to reserve your seats.

Silent Auction

The 4Paws Humane Society and Fort Montgomery Ladies Fire Auxiliary is holding a Silent Auction Nov. 4 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 Nov. 8 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 Nov. 5, 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.)

Nov. 5 and 9.

Fundamentals of Instructor

Training (FIT)

(A requirement to become a Red Cross instructor.)

Nov. 5.

Lay responder First Aid/CPR/AED instructor course

(prerequisites: FIT and PreCourse Testing)

Nov. 12 and 19.

To register go to 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, 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.

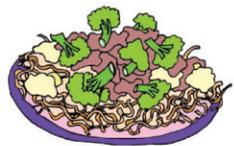
Fort Putnam open

Fort Putnam is open on football Sat.'s from 10:30 a.m. until 4 p.m.



OCTOBER/NOVEMBER MWR COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Visit MWR online at 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 & 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 PLEASE NOTE: For more information, contact the office listed for each activity.</p>				<p>27 Heaven Hill Farm Trip, 10am-2pm, SAS Mongolian BBQ, 6pm-9pm, WP Club</p> 							
<p>29 Tour NYC, 9am-5pm, ITR Butts & Guts, 4:30pm, MWR Fitness Center</p>  <p>Staff & Faculty Ice Hockey, Tate Rink, 8:45pm-10:15pm</p>		<p>30</p>  <p>Wee Ones Play Group, 9:30am-11am, ACS, Multi Purpose Room Create a Calendar in Publisher, 2pm, YC</p>		<p>31</p>  <p>Greenwich Village Halloween Parade, 5pm-11pm, ITR Fall Story Hour, 10am & 1:30pm, (ages 3-5) Post Library Preseparation Briefing, 2pm, ACS</p>		<p>November 1</p>  <p>Re-Entry Workshop, 10:30am, Newcomer's Welcome Brief, 9:30am, ACS Staff & Faculty Ice Hockey, Tate Rink, 9:15pm-10:45pm (Wednesdays in November)</p>		<p>2 Hunting Lottery for Opening Day of Big Game Season, 6pm, Ski Lodge</p>  <p>Overseas Briefing, Germany, 3pm, Korea, 1:30pm, ACS</p>		<p>3 Army vs Air Force, Auto, Crafts, MWR Fitness Center and Post Library close at 4pm</p> 		<p>4 Teen AFAP, 10am-4pm, YC, Hosted by ACS</p>  <p>Historical Literary Cafe, Tavern & Inn Tour in NYC, 11am-6pm, ITR Defensive Driving, 8am-3pm, Register at ITR</p>	
<p>5</p>  <p>Shopping at Canal St. & SOHO in NYC, 10am-5pm, ITR Public Skate, 3:30pm-5pm, Staff & Faculty Ice Hockey, 8:45pm-10:15, Tate Rink Round Pond Closes for the Season</p>		<p>6 Wee Ones Play Group, 9:30am-11am, ACS</p> 		<p>7 Fall Story Hour, 10am & 1:30pm (ages 3-5) Post Library</p>  <p>Spinning, 5:40am, Group Pump, 9am, Cardio Blast, 5pm, MWR Fitness Center</p>		<p>8 Financial Readiness for 1st Term Soldiers, 8:30am, Parent Discussion Group, 11:30am, ACS</p> 		<p>9 Spinning, 5:40am, Interval Training & Ab Lab, 9am, PiYo, 10am, Cardio Blast, 5pm, MWR Fitness Center</p> 		<p>10 Veteran's Day Holiday All MWR activities closed except for Morgan Farm & Golf</p> 		<p>11 Open Recreation, 12pm-5pm, Middle School Thanksgiving Dinner, 6pm-8pm, YC</p> 	

MWR Blurbs

FCC training class

A new Family Child Care provider training class continues through Thursday.

Call the FCC office at 938-3921 to participate.

Morgan Farm

The cadet Equestrian Team will offer free pony rides to families of deployed Soldiers Wednesday and Nov. 8 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

For more info., call 938-3926.

Hunting lottery

Sign-ups are now underway for the hunting lottery for the opening day of big game season. Stop in at Round Pond, or call 938-2503. The lottery will be held Thursday at 6 p.m. at the Ski Slope.

Registrations will be accepted at the Ski Slope that day from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

PX Oriental furniture sale

Korean and Japanese furniture will be on sale until Nov. 11 in the Post Exchange mall.

Ski, skate and hockey swap

The ski, skate and hockey swap at the Victor Constant Ski Slope will be Nov. 19-20 from noon to 8 p.m. Purchase discounted season ski passes and rent seasonal ski equipment.

Call 938-4637 for more information.

AFAP Symposium

The next USMA Army Family Action Plan Symposium is Nov. 14-15 from 7:45 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

The Teen AFAP Symposium will be Nov. 4 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Youth Center.

Volunteers are needed to serve on the planning committee, as delegates, facilitators, recorders, issue support personnel and in the operation center.

Contact the AFAP coordinator at (845) 938-3655 for more information or to sign up.

CVSG

ACS hosts the Combat Veterans Support Group for all service members at West Point who are veterans of Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom.

The group meets on the third Thursday of each month at the ACS, Bldg. 622, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

For more information call Sgt. 1st Class Raymond Persaud at 938-4114 or Capt. Bobby Sidell at 938-3441.

Thanksgiving dinner

Enjoy a sumptuous Thanksgiving dinner and leave the cooking to the West Point Club.

Tickets are on sale for the Thanksgiving Day feast. Call 938-5120 or 446-5504 for more info.

Thanksgiving Day parade

Join ITR for a trip to New York City to see the world famous Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade Nov. 23. For more information, call ITR at 938-3601.

Pet boarding

Morgan Farm is now taking reservations for pet boarding over Thanksgiving or any time this fall. Call 938-3926 for more information.

Radio City Christmas show

Tickets are available for shows on Dec. 5, 12 and 14.

Call ITR at 938-3601 for more information.

Subway delivery

Subway now has lunch delivery. Their normal delivery hours are Monday through Friday from 2 to 7 p.m. anywhere on post.

Lunch delivery hours are Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to noon.

There is a \$15 minimum.

All lunch delivery orders must be called in between 9 and 10:45 a.m.

No deliveries will take place during the lunch rush from noon until 2 p.m.

Weekday delivery will resume at 2 p.m. There is no weekend lunch delivery.

For more info., call Subway at 446-2096.

Ski locker lottery

Applications for the seasonal ski locker rental lottery are now open. Applications are available online only at: www.usma.edu/mwr (keyword: ski).

Winners will be posted on the MWR ski Web site by Nov. 13.

2007 Soldier Show sign ups

Applications are now being accepted for the 2007 Soldier Show. Nominations are open for vocalists, dancers, musicians and speciality acts.

Applicants must be on active duty and deployable worldwide.

All application materials are due to West Point MWR Special Events Coordinator Connie Woodley by Dec. 11. Selected performers will be notified in January 2007.

For more information on application guidelines, call 938-6497.

Command Channel 8/23

Oct. 27 - Nov. 3

Friday

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

Sunday

9:45 a.m. Operation Christmas Child

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

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

Nov. 3

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

Air Force week flyovers

Date	Aircraft	Time (est.)
Mon.	four F-15s	11:57 a.m.
Tues.	C-5	11:57 a.m.
Wed.	KC-135	11:57 a.m.
Thurs.	B-52	11:57 a.m.
Nov. 3	B-2	4:30 - 5 p.m.
	two A-10s	in sequence
	four UH-60s	in sequence
	Jump Team	in sequence

NOW SHOWING

in the movie theater at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752

Fri. -- Gridiron Gang, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
Sat. -- The Covenant, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
Sat. -- The Black Dahlia, R, 9:30 p.m.
Nov. 4 -- Jet Li's Fearless, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 4 -- 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.

Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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

Army and Community Sports

Williams to make first start against Tulane

Story and photos by
Eric S. Bartelt
Sports Editor

Army (3-5) will travel to New Orleans Saturday to face former Conference USA rival Tulane (2-5) as the Black Knights look to halt a season-high two-game losing streak.

The Black Knights will also try to keep their faint hopes alive for a post-season bowl berth.

Army head football coach Bobby Ross will try to ignite his team, which has scored only 38 points in its last three Division I-A ball games, by changing his starter at quarterback.

Enter freshman quarterback Carson Williams who makes his first collegiate start and replaces the recently ineffective junior David Pevoto.

Although Pevoto is expected to get some snaps Saturday, his recent play left Ross with an easy decision to look toward Williams for more positive results. Williams' solid play in relief of Pevoto last Saturday against TCU gave Ross an indication that he was ready for a start.

"Carson Williams came in the second half and did a very fine job for a young quarterback," Ross said. "It didn't surprise me. I've been around him a lot and I know what he's like."

Williams relieved Pevoto and completed 12 of 18 passes for 110 yards, and he also led Army on two touchdown drives.

From his leadership display on the field, Williams has made Ross very confident in his decision to have him start against Tulane.

"He's a very poised youngster and I wouldn't be making this move with him starting if I didn't feel that way," Ross said. "I wouldn't because it would be foolish of me to do that, but I do think he has all of the intangibles that you want at his position to get us through these next four ball games."

"I'm analyzing it from a standpoint of what gives us the best opportunity to win a game right now," Ross added.

Williams said he is nervous as he prepares for his first start, but a lot of what he thought before the TCU game changed once he was out on the field in game-time action.

"The one thing I thought I would have a problem with was adjusting to the speed (of the game)," Williams explained. "When you stand on the sidelines looking at everything, you wonder if you're ever going to get there. But, after the game, I thought it's not as fast as it looks when things start going and you get comfortable. I got into a rhythm."

Williams will also have a familiar pair of hands feeding him the snaps as junior center Trey Miranne replaces senior Pete Bier, who moved over to starting right guard against TCU.

"To be honest with you, I'm the most comfortable with Trey," Williams said. "I think that has a lot to do with him being on the second



Freshman quarterback Carson Williams will make his first start Saturday versus Tulane. He will be joined by junior center Trey Miranne (above holding football), who makes his third start of the season.

team (practicing with me). Every snap I took was from Trey and if I could take a snap from anybody it would be Trey and that's a good thing."

Bier isn't disappointed by the move because it's a move that improves the team in terms of having the best players on the field.

With many injuries along the offensive line, Bier has moved back to his original right guard position which he started at before he was moved to center last season.

"I feel really good," Bier said. "It's taken some time to readjust to it and I've got to focus with some film work and watch myself in practice. I feel confident in myself (that I will succeed)."

Despite a 2-5 record, Tulane will bring a talented squad to the Superdome and a familiar face at quarterback.

Green Wave senior quarterback Lester Ricard has had a strong season by completing 133 of 239 passes for 1,767 yards and 13 touchdowns.

When Army last faced Tulane Nov. 13, 2004, Ricard had a big day, passing for 227 yards with two touchdown passes of 63 and

47 yards.

"I remember (Ricard) well from the Superdome a couple of years ago," Ross said. "Ricard has a gun of an arm, and he's big and strong."

Junior running back Matt Forte had the biggest day two years ago against Army when he ran for 216 yards, caught three passes for 67 yards and scored four touchdowns.

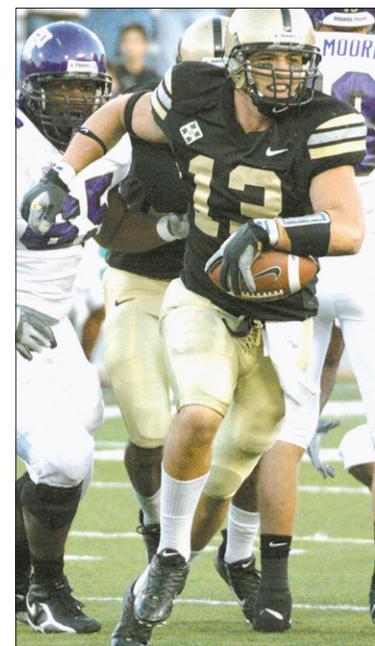
Forte is having a good year this season with 674 rushing yards, while adding 18 receptions for 226 yards and six touchdowns.

With talent brimming on the offensive side of the ball, Army has to put up a tremendous effort defensively to keep Tulane's offense at bay.

"We definitely will have our hands full this week (on defense)," said Army senior linebacker Cason Shrode. "But, for us, it's crunch time now. It's do or die."

Saturday's start time is 2 p.m. and the game is not televised.

But, it can 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.).



Junior safety Caleb Campbell enjoyed a good game against TCU with seven tackles and his first interception of the season. Campbell currently ranks third on the team in tackles with 53, behind only senior linebackers Cason Shrode (65 tackles) and Barrett Scruggs (62). He led the club last year with 97 tackles and five interceptions.



Freshman running back Tony Moore uses his blockers to find his way to the end zone. Moore scored a team-leading fifth rushing touchdown last Saturday against TCU. He has scored six touchdowns total this year.

Army Rugby takes down Harvard 46-15

By Cadet 1st Class
Chris Wallgren
Army Rugby

Men's Army Rugby knocked off a well-equipped Harvard starting XV, 46-15, at the Anderson Rugby Complex Saturday. Harvard brought an international flair as they had six players representing the United Kingdom, Australia, France and Canada.

Saturday's game was the first of the round-robin games that will decide the seeding between the four remaining teams in the Northeast Rugby Federation Union playoffs.

Army, Boston College, Norwich and Harvard are the four teams with the best records that are playing for the NERFU championship and a bid into the National Tournament Sweet Sixteen.

A Side: 46-15

The game was plagued by the high winds that swept in off the Hudson.

The wind often came in strong gusts, which made long passing a liability and gave the high ball extra importance.

Army adjusted well to the wind by making their running lines more precise and slightly tighter as they worked into the wind in the first

Name:	Tries:	Conversions:	Penalty Kicks:	Total Points:
Andrew Locke	1			5
Chris Grevious	1			5
David Lodwick	1			5
Robert Zargan	2	2		14
Brendan McCarthy		2	1	7
Nate Peper	1			5
Chris Bahr	1			5
Total:				46

half.

They got on the board first with a try by senior inside center Chris Bahr.

Soon thereafter, senior wing Chris Grevious finished a nice weak side play that was set up by senior scrumhalf David Lodwick.

Army continued to apply pressure and played very solid rugby. The tight five were extremely dominant in the scrums while junior locks John Breneman and Clint Hail proved to be excellent in the lineouts and were successful in stealing multiple Harvard lineouts.

Before halftime, senior winger Robert Zargan and Lodwick put the ball down for five points. Senior fullback Brendan McCarthy and Zargan converted all first half tries despite the high winds.

The second half showcased

some well developed team play as senior 8-man Nate Peper, senior flyhalf Andrew Locke and Zargan all put the ball down for tries. As the final whistle blew, the scoreboard read Army 46, Harvard 15.

This game is merely the beginning of Army's run to the NERFU championship and the National Championship Series in the spring.

In the other playoff match up, Boston College defeated Norwich by a narrow 15-10 margin.

Army faces off against BC Saturday at 5 p.m. at the Anderson Rugby Complex.

The next month of rugby should be extremely exciting as Army plays for the NERFU championship and faces off against Navy Nov. 18 at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.



Senior flyhalf Andrew Locke continued his stellar play as he put the ball down for a try Saturday against Harvard. Army Rugby plays Boston College this Saturday. ERIC S. BARTELT/PV

WAR dominates Fordham, hosts MET-NY finals

By Cadet 3rd Class
Kelly Ashton
WAR

Traveling for only the second time this season, Women's Army Rugby delivered a swift and decisive victory over the Fordham University Rams this past Sunday. In their last regular season game, WAR won 36-5, remaining undefeated and maintaining their number one ranking in the MET-NY division.

Adjusting to a narrow field, sophomore winger Nicole Meyers put the first try on the board. Senior backs Aimee Feliz, Mary Klavin and Tracey Morel added a try each to the score. Forwards senior MJ Mair and sophomore Alexis McLaughlin fought their way into the try zone for a try each. Klavin also added three conversions to complete the score.

With the win, Women's Army Rugby hosts the MET-NY finals Saturday at Anderson Rugby Complex. The top four teams in the MET-NY division will begin single elimination play at 9:30 a.m.



Senior back Aimee Felix, shown here from a game three seasons ago, continues to provide strong play as she added a try during Saturday's win over Fordham. Army hosts the MET-NY finals Saturday with single elimination play beginning at 9:30 a.m. JIM FOX/PV

Junior Black Knights Youth Football Results

- Mighty Mites (4-2-2) beat Cornwall 3-2. Quarterback Mitchell Morales scored all three touchdowns.
- D1 (4-3) defeated Valley Central 31-13. The game was highlighted by linebacker Sean Brockington's 41-yard interception return for a touchdown.
- D2 (3-5) destroyed Southern Ulster 46-0. They have won three of their last four games.
- The Mighty Mite Junior Black Knights will be hosting the 2nd annual Mighty Mites Invitational at Michie Stadium Sunday. There will be eight teams from around the league that will participate. The Junior Black Knights will play the New Windsor Eagles at 11 a.m. The winner of that game will move onto round two.

West Point Junior Alpine Ski Team holds first meeting

Submitted by WPJAST

The West Point Junior Alpine Ski Team will hold its organizational meeting for the upcoming 2006-07 ski season at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 7, at the West Point Ski Lodge.

Parents of returning and prospective team members are encouraged to attend. At the meeting, an overview of the team's training and racing program will be provided and registration materials will be distributed.

Membership on the team is limited to boys and girls who are 8-to-14 years of age as of Dec. 31 and are authorized to ski at West Point.

Skiers must be able to ski on intermediate terrain, to change the size of their turn shape, to stop on demand and to be mindful of their coaches and fellow skiers. Dues this year are \$85 for the first skier in a family and \$60 for each additional family member.

This winter marks the fourth

year that the team has taken to the slopes at the Victor Constant Ski Area. It grew from about 20 members to 50 skiers last year.

The WPJAST offers youngsters with skiing experience an opportunity to challenge themselves under the close supervision of a well-trained, volunteer coaching staff.

Practices will be on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and Saturday mornings from 9 to 11:30 a.m., starting Jan. 6.

The Club is tentatively planning two home races for Feb. 3 and March 3. Also on the race schedule are two away races in the Catskills -- one at Ski Plattekill, N.Y., and the other at Belleayre Mountain, N.Y.

If you think your kids are up to the challenge of a little controlled speed on the hill this winter, come out Nov. 7 to find out what the WPJAST has to offer. You may also visit our Web site at <http://mysite.verizon.net/vzer0g6a/wpjast/index.html> for more information.

S&F Basketball sign-ups

Sign-ups for Staff and Faculty Basketball run until today.

Play will begin Nov. 6 with a slate of regular season games.

League play will be Monday through Friday at 12:15 and 12:40 p.m.

The season will run from Nov. 6 to Dec. 15 and then starts again Jan. 2 to Mar. 8.

Teams wishing to enter should contact Jim McGuinness at 938-3066 or e-mail him at Jim.McGuinness@usma.edu.



A West Point Junior Alpine skier takes to the Victor Constant Ski Slope last winter.

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