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Brokaw to receive Thayer Award

Compiled by Jim Fox
Editor

The Association of Graduates of the U.S. Military Academy will present this year's Sylvanus Thayer Award Thursday to news correspondent Thomas J. Brokaw.

AOG officials will present the award to Brokaw during a dinner ceremony in Washington Hall. The Corps of Cadets will conduct a review in his honor at 5 p.m. on the Plain before the presentation. The review is open to the public.

The award ceremony can be seen live on the West Point command channel (8/23) beginning at 6 p.m.

Brokaw has been an icon at NBC News since 1966 when he joined the network as its California correspondent.

In 1971, he became the White House correspondent until taking over as the host of the *Today* Show in 1976. Brokaw hosted the *Today* Show for five years until he became co-anchor of NBC's *Nightly News* with Roger Mudd, eventually becoming the show's sole anchor and managing editor in 1983, a title he held until 2004.

Brokaw has received scores of prestigious awards and honors, including numerous Emmy Awards; two Peabody Awards; induction into the Television Academy Hall of Fame; election to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and

is the author of several books.

Parking for the workforce will be allowed in the central post area throughout the day to include Clinton lot. However, members of the workforce who don't plan on attending the ceremony should try to leave Clinton lot by 4:45 p.m. Vehicles parked in the vicinity of Clinton lot or other lots around Trophy Point will be free to exit during the ceremony, but must depart south toward the Cadet Library.

Military Police will establish traffic control points in the following areas starting at 4:30 p.m.: Cullum Road (near the Thayer roof entrance) and the intersection of Washington and Ruger roads

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Tom Brokaw
FRANK DEMARO/PAO



Another new beginning

Col. Debra Lewis, USMA 1980, the district commander with the Army Corps of Engineers, and Sheik O'rhaman Hama Raheem, an Iraqi councilman, celebrate the opening of a new women's center in Assyria Aug. 18. The Corps helped construct the center which will provide women with vocational training.

PHOTO BY PETTY OFFICER 2ND CLASS ELI J. MEDELLIN

West Point changes transportation policy

By Irene Brown
Chief, Command Information

"Get on the bus, Gus!"

That will be one of the options starting Oct. 1 for community members needing to get to an airport for official travel.

"The Chief of Staff will sign a policy memo next week that will prohibit using government vehicles for airport drop-offs and pick-ups," said John Mandia, West Point's logistics director.

Army regulations have always prohibited the use of government vehicles for that purpose, unless the installation was so isolated there were no alternatives. That isn't the case here, Mandia said.

"Things have changed drastically in the last decade and community members now have numerous choices for airport

transportation," he explained.

The surrounding areas offer some good car services and shuttle buses. Travelers can also drive their own vehicles to the airport, pay for parking and get reimbursed later. DOL is working with AAFES to provide another choice as well, Mandia added.

"AAFES is negotiating a rental car contract, where the contractor will keep a number of cars here on post that people can rent and drop-off at the airport," he said.

Sherri Samudio is coordinating that contract for AAFES and said she hopes to have the contract awarded by next month.

"We are working on the contract now and hope to have it awarded and open for business sometime in October," she said.

The companies AAFES is negotiating with, she said, agreed

to waive the drop-off fees at local airports such as Newark, JFK and LaGuardia. However, the contract does limit some of the choices.

"The company that eventually gets the contract is the one people will have to rent from at the airport if they want to drop the car off here," she explained.

The Army regulation was only one reason to change the policy, Mandia said, there's also some cost savings.

"For now, the only savings will come from returning the vehicles we don't need to GSA," he explained. "That's because, for the next two years, we will be distributing the actual money saved among the activities here."

Mandia said that will ease the burden of those activities having to initially cover the cost of the transportation. However, he added,

even that will eventually change.

"In FY2009, the savings, roughly \$300,000, will go back into the installation," Mandia said. "That gives the agencies here two years to increase their TDY budgets to absorb the extra costs."

This policy change benefits everyone, said Col. Brian Crawford, West Point's garrison commander.

"This initiative is a win-win situation for travelers and taxpayers," he said. "It gives official travelers more choices and allows them to tailor their pick-up times instead of waiting around for other passengers. Plus it will cost less than our current system, which benefits the taxpayers."

"A policy change that creates a system with better service, more choices, and less cost is something we should all strive to find in these days of fiscal crunch," he added.

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A force of good comes out of the horror of 9/11

**Commentary by
Donald H. Rumsfeld
Special to American Forces
Press Service**

WASHINGTON -- We remember where we were that day.

At 9:38 a.m., the entire Pentagon shook. I went outside and saw the horrific face of war in the 21st century. Those present could feel the heat of the flames and smell the burning jet fuel -- all that remained of American Airlines flight 77.

Destruction surrounded us: smoldering rubble, twisted steel, victims in agony.

Last week, President Bush greeted the families of Sept. 11 victims in the East Room of the White House and told them about the efforts to bring to justice those who attacked our nation -- and those who supported them. He said, "The families of those murdered that day have waited patiently for justice. ... They should have to wait no longer."

The president then announced that 14 high-level terrorists, including the man referred to as the mastermind of the attacks, had been transferred to the Department of Defense and incarcerated at Guantanamo Bay. There they will be treated humanely -- though their victims were not -- and, if and when the necessary legislation is passed by Congress, prosecuted for their crimes, in accordance with law.

President Bush has reminded us

that this enemy is still seeking new ways to attack us. He told us about captured terrorists who provided key information about planned attacks on buildings here in the U.S., and about al-Qaida's efforts to obtain biological weapons. Information the interrogators received from these terrorists has led to the capture of other terrorists, who have in turn led us to still more.

Yet, even with these victories in the war, President Bush reminded us that it is important to understand the nature of this enemy and what it is seeking to do. The extremist movement that threatens us is not a reactionary force -- it actively looks for opportunities to acquire new and deadlier weapons, to destabilize governments, and to create discord among our allies and within our own country.

This enemy has made its immediate strategy clear in public announcements and in captured documents: to undermine the Coalition effort in Iraq, drive our forces out, and then use that nation as a base from which to destabilize the surrounding nations. They seek to extend a hoped-for victory in Iraq to a broad part of the Middle East and even parts of Europe and Asia -- to restore an ancient caliphate.

Iraq is the linchpin in their effort. Osama bin Laden calls Iraq the "epicenter" of this war, and he believes that "America is prepared to wage easy wars, but not prepared

to fight long and bitter wars." When Gen. Abizaid, commander of Central Command, was asked what effect pulling out of Iraq would have, he said the extremists would become "emboldened, empowered, more aggressive." They will turn whatever part of Iraq they can control into a safe haven for terrorists, just as Afghanistan was before Sept. 11. They likely will attract still more recruits, inspired by their "victory" over the West.

To stop them in Iraq, our country has sent our finest young people -- all volunteers -- to help the Iraqis defeat the terrorists seeking to control the region.

And while our military tactics, techniques, and procedures have adapted as the enemy has changed its tactics, the guiding principle of the overall military strategy remains constant -- namely, to empower the Iraqi people to defend, govern, and rebuild their own country. Extremists know that war and anarchy are their friends -- peace and order are their enemies.

There are many challenges ahead in this young century: Among others, Iran's nuclear aspirations, North Korea and the proliferation of dangerous weapons and the need to build on recent progress in missile defense.

All this while fighting a war in the media on a global stage. As I recently mentioned in remarks to the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, everyone is watching: the enemies, their supporters, their potential supporters, our allies and our potential allies. In this very public battle for hearts and minds, we must be as confident in the rightness of our cause as the enemy is in its evil purpose. We cannot allow the world to forget that America, though imperfect, is a force for good in the world.

[*Editor's Note:* This article first appeared in the Wall Street Journal on Sept. 11, 2006.]

Always Remember, Never Surrender

Editor's note: The following letter was sent to Cadets First Class Marjana and Heba Mair and their classmates by Aaron Mair as a reflection and remembrance of Sept. 11, 2001. He graciously consented to have it published in the post newspaper.

Time does fly by, but I'm not sure if it heals all wounds.

Like all of you, I remember distinctly the morning five years ago and pretty much all that I was doing when news came in about the Towers.

At 11 a.m., my father called me at my office, which was quite unusual. I thought my mother, who was quite ill, had taken a turn for the worst. My head was flooded with many emotions and I knew that my father's call would be traumatic on top of the horror unfolding before our nation's eyes.

When my dad, choked with

emotion, said "my God son, she's dead," my heart sank. I remember comforting him, telling him I was on my way and asking if my sister's were with him. When he realized I was talking about my mother, dad quickly apologized and said "No son; it is your cousin Linda."

Linda was my first cousin and one of my father's oldest brother's six children. She was born into a close family with a strong military tradition, but she took the path of civilian service and worked at Marsh & McClellan financial services company on the 100th floor of the World Trade Center's North Tower.

The single mother of a precocious seven-year-old named Isa Setsu Martin, Linda gave Isa her middle name in honor of her Japanese grandmother Setsu. Isa is now being raised by my cousin Yvonne (Linda's oldest sister).

I know that the Sept. 11 tragedy touched many of you in direct or abstract ways, but I wanted you to know that it touched our family deeply. We were honored to see many of our kin and youth moved to service by these tragic events and pray that God protect them in this commitment.

Our family was deeply touched to see that the senior class ring of the Class of 2007 bears the inscription of "Always Remember, Never Surrender" on a crest with images of the World Trade Center and Pentagon.

Sometimes symbols can be quite abstract, but for our family the loss that this symbol stands for is quite real. As a father, serviceman, and friend I just want to say thank you to you kids at the academy in loving memory of our family, friends, and countrymen lost five years ago.

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: Easy

See Solution on Page 12

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Local and National News

Former commandant Davison buried today

Compiled by Irene Brown
Chief, Command Information

Graveside services will be held today, 1:30 p.m., at the West Point Cemetery, for U.S. Military Academy Class of 1939 graduate, retired Gen. Michael Shannon Davison. Davison died Sept. 7 of natural causes.

Military Police members here will reroute traffic around a portion of Washington Road between Buckner Hill Road and the entrance to the cemetery causing some traffic delays in that area.

West Point community members are invited to attend the ceremony.

Davison served as commandant

here from 1963 to 1965. During his tenure, he made many changes to the West Point experience including greater responsibility for upperclassmen, an improved physical education program, and increased emphasis on leadership training.

His Army career included a tour of duty with the 45th Infantry Division in Italy during some of the most intense and bitter fighting of World War II. He commanded the 1st Battalion, 179th Infantry Regiment there through the fighting of the Italian campaign and landing in southern France. He was wounded twice and awarded both the Silver Star for gallantry in action and the Bronze Star Medal with V device.

His last assignment was in 1971 as Commander in Chief, U.S. Army Europe, and concurrently as Commander, Central Army Group, NATO.

Following his retirement from the Army in 1975, Davison served in several positions including president of the USO, vice chairman of the Army and Air Force Mutual Aid Association, and a member of the International Security Council advisory board.

Davison became president of the Association of Graduates, USMA, in 1983 and served for six years, longer than any other elected president. According to AOG, he was directly responsible for a major expansion in private funds raised

for the benefit of the academy and for a four-fold increase in the number of active West Point Societies.

His decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters; the Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster; the Silver Star; the Bronze Star with V for Valor and oak leaf cluster; the Air Medal with eight oak leaf clusters; the Purple Heart with oak leaf cluster; the French Legion of Honor; the French Croix de Guerre;

the German Grand Cross of Merit; the Bavarian Grand Cross of Merit; and the Royal Order of the King of Thailand, Knight First Class. He holds an honorary degree of Doctor of Law from the University of Maryland and is an honorary citizen of Meximieux, France.

Davison is survived by his wife, Helen Davison; sons Michael S. Davison, Jr. and Donald Davison and stepdaughters Penni Wells, Pamela Palerzzi and Sarah Devlin.

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.

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(near the commandant's quarters.)

Military Police will stop all traffic from entering the Trophy Point area at these blocking positions beginning at approximately 4:50 p.m.

For more information on force protection issues contact Joe Senger at 938-8859.

The Thayer Award, set up in honor of Col. Sylvanus Thayer, "Father of the Military Academy," is presented to an outstanding citizen whose service and accomplishments in the national interest exemplify the Military Academy motto, "Duty, Honor, Country."

Past recipients of the Thayer Award include: Dwight D. Eisenhower, Douglas MacArthur,

Bob Hope, Neil Armstrong, George Bush, Barbara Jordan, Walter Cronkite, Colin Powell, Henry Kissinger and Sandra Day O'Connor.

Defense spending bill clears the Senate

By Megan Scully
Congress Daily

The Senate voted unanimously Sept. 7 to approve the fiscal 2007 Defense appropriations bill, wrapping up debate on a \$469.7 billion measure that provided Democrats a strong election-year platform from which to hammer Republicans on the increasingly unpopular Iraq war. The vote was 98-0.

Indeed, the Pentagon's full menu of high-priced weapons systems, which typically dominate the discussion on the annual spending bill, took a back seat this week to often-heated debate over what Democrats billed as the White House's foreign policy missteps.

With just weeks to go before

the election, Democrats sought to use this week's floor debate to show their commitment to winning the war against al-Qaida while accusing the Bush administration of diverting attention and resources to wage war in Iraq.

On the afternoon of Sept. 7, Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., succeeded in passing his amendment to add \$700 million to funding for the U.S. military's counter narcotics efforts in Afghanistan.

And Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., worked with Defense Appropriations Subcommittee Chairman Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, to gain GOP support for an amendment that would require the Pentagon to send Congress a contingency plan to protect military and other personnel in Iraq should sectarian violence continue to

escalate.

But even though Boxer and Stevens put partisanship aside to work out the language, she nonetheless used the brief debate on her amendment to chide the administration for its failure to develop a post-war plan in Iraq. "That's not a plan," Boxer said. "That's an admission of no plan."

The Senate also unanimously approved an amendment offered by Sen. Jack Reed, D-R.I., that would boost emergency wartime accounts by \$65.4 million to pay for additional Predator unmanned aerial vehicles. Lawmakers also approved by voice vote an amendment by Sen. Jeff Bingaman, D-N.M., to add \$275 million to accounts in the Interior and Agriculture departments to combat forest fires.

House and Senate appropriators will now negotiate differences in their versions of the Defense spending bills, in the hopes of completing conference negotiations before the Oct. 1 start of the new fiscal year.

Both chambers have stripped billions of dollars from Pentagon accounts to pay for increased domestic spending -- \$4 billion in the House and \$9 billion in the Senate. But the White House has threatened to veto any Defense bill that contains cuts greater than those proposed by the House, clearly complicating the task ahead for conferees.

Meanwhile, the House and Senate Armed Services Committees moved ahead with efforts to resolve their competing fiscal 2007 defense authorization bills, as the four

Republican and Democratic committee leaders met behind closed doors.

The House formally appointed conferees for the authorization bill Sept. 7, signaling that conference discussions, which have been under way informally since the Senate passed its bill in June, are winding down.

Indeed, congressional aides said conferees were scheduled to hold an official meeting early this week, and possibly file the conference report later in the week. Aides said most of the issues have been resolved during informal talks, though some differences remain, including lingering disagreements between the two chambers over the cost of TRICARE prescription co-payments.

TRICARE patients can get second opinion

WASHINGTON (TRICARE Release) -- It's an "iffy" question -- under what circumstances should patients seek second opinions?

At last, there are some definite guidelines to that sometimes difficult question.

In a new brochure, the U.S. Department of Health and Human

Services' Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality encourages patients facing non-emergency surgery to do their homework about the procedure, facility and surgical team, and to get a second opinion.

The brochure "Having Surgery? What You Need to Know" emphasizes the importance of patients and

their families asking questions about recommended non-emergency surgery so they can understand what will be done and why.

Recommended questions include:

- Why do I need an operation?
- Would you explain the

operation you are recommending?

- Are there any alternatives to surgery?

- How long will it take me to recover?

- What are the hazards of not having this surgery?

- What are the benefits and risks of having this surgery?

- Where can I get a second opinion?

TRICARE beneficiaries, except active-duty service members, are entitled to request a second opinion from another specialist. An active-duty member must make a second opinion request through their

command. Unlike TRICARE Standard beneficiaries, Prime beneficiaries must first obtain a referral from their primary care manager and an authorization from TRICARE.

Obtaining a specialist's services without the proper referral and authorization makes a Prime beneficiary responsible for higher, out-of-pocket costs under the point of service option.

The "Having Surgery? What You Need to Know" brochure is available on the AHRQ Web site at www.ahrq.gov/consumer/surgery/surgery.htm, or by calling (800) 621-4111.

Grad part of NASA undersea training

Submitted by NASA
Public Affairs

NASA's third mission this year to an undersea laboratory off the Florida coast begins when four astronauts splash down Saturday.

Veteran space flyer astronaut Sandra H. Magnus will lead the crew on a seven-day undersea mission from then until Sept. 22 onboard the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Aquarius underwater laboratory.

Army Lt. Col. Timothy L. Kopra, (USMA 1985), Army Col. Timothy J. Creamer and Air Force Maj. Robert L. Behnken round out the astronaut crew. Roger Garcia and Larry Ward of the University of North Carolina at Wilmington will provide engineering support inside the habitat.

All four astronauts are training for possible assignment to missions to the International Space Station.

During the NASA Extreme Environment Mission Operations (NEEMO) 11, astronauts will imitate moonwalks, testing concepts for mobility using various spacesuit configurations

and weights to simulate lunar gravity.

Techniques for communication, navigation, geological sample retrieval, construction and using remote-controlled robots on the moon's surface also will be tested.

"We continue to press the limits of our imaginations as we test operational concepts that may be used when we return to the moon," said NEEMO 11 Mission Director Marc Reagan. "Building on the NEEMO 9 and 10 missions, we will explore new challenges and learn to overcome the inherent difficulties of living and working on the moon. These results will allow our designers and engineers to improve designs of habitats, robots and spacesuits."

Aquarius is owned and funded by NOAA and operated by the University of North Carolina at Wilmington's Undersea Research Center. The center is part of NOAA's Undersea Research Program. Aquarius hosts teams of scientists on research missions, usually 10 days long, to study science and management issues on its surrounding coral reef

ecosystems.

Aquarius is a 45-foot-long, 13-foot-diameter complex three miles off Key Largo in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary. The laboratory rests 62 feet beneath the surface. A shore-based mission control center in Florida monitors the habitat and crew.

The NEEMO 11 work will be monitored at NASA's Johnson Space Center's Exploration Planning Operations Center, Houston. This is the last NEEMO mission this year. More are planned in 2007.

Kopra was selected as an astronaut in 2000 and is assigned to the Space Station Operations Branch of the Astronaut Office. He was born in Austin, Texas. He also holds a master's in aerospace engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology.



Lt. Col.
Tim Kopra

NASA PHOTO

New documents outline detention, interrogation policies

By Donna Miles
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON -- A new policy directive and field manual released Sept. 6 establish crystal-clear guidelines on U.S. military detention and interrogation policies and further the Defense Department's longstanding policy of humane treatment for all detainees, defense officials told Pentagon reporters Sept. 6.

DOD released two new documents Wednesday: DOD Directive 2310.01E, which provides overarching guidance on DOD's detainee operations worldwide and Army Field Manual 2-22.3, which lays out specific guidelines for those directly involved in detention and interrogation efforts.

The new DOD directive, "The Department of Defense Detainee Program," describes core policies critical to ensuring detainees are treated humanely and within the law, regardless of whether they're involved in a traditional or nontraditional conflict such as the war on terror, explained Cully Stimson, deputy assistant secretary of defense for detainee affairs.

Also, for the first time in DOD history, the directorate provides a minimum standard in how all detainees in DOD custody are treated, regardless of their status, he said. That includes the extension of Geneva Conventions protections

to unconventional forces that don't qualify as enemy prisoners of war as defined by the Geneva Conventions.

"It sets out policy guidance for all DOD detention operations that is necessary and appropriate to ensure the safe, secure and humane detention of any combatants, both lawful and unlawful, regardless of the nature of the conflict," Stimson said. "The standard of humane treatment articulated in this directive reflects U.S. law and policy and provides detainees protections that reflect our values as Americans."

In addition to providing a single, humane standard for all detainees, the new directive explicitly prohibits specific activities that violate these standards, including cruel, inhumane or degrading treatment, torture, mutilation, execution without a trial by a proper authority, threats or acts of violence and sensory deprivation.

It also reinforces the requirement to account for detainees and requires anyone involved in or aware of detainee operations to report suspected or alleged violations, Stimson said.

Army Lt. Gen. John Kimmons, the Army's deputy chief of staff for intelligence, said the directive and updated Army field manual, "Human Intelligence Collector Operations," give practical guidance to those involved in

detainee operations, as well as more than 500 interrogators deployed around the world.

The new field manual is broader in scope than the 1992 manual it replaces and incorporates "hard-won wartime lessons learned since 9/11" in user-friendly language, he said.

"We have used straightforward language in the field manual for use by Soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines. It is not written for lawyers," he said.

The field manual lays out 19 acceptable interrogation approaches, most taken directly from the previous manual. Two additional approaches, based on battlefield lessons learned, authorize use of the so-called "Mutt and Jeff" or "good cop-bad cop" technique or allow interrogations to portray themselves as "someone other than an American interrogator," Kimmons said.

An additional new approach -- one allowed only when dealing with unlawful enemy combatants and with strict authorizations, guidelines and oversight -- allows interrogators to physically separate detainees. "This allows interrogators

to keep unlawful enemy combatants apart from each other ... so they can't coordinate their stories and so we can compare answers to questions that interrogators have posed," Kimmons explained. "It's the same reason that police keep murder suspects separated while they are questioning them."

The new field manual is unclassified, so it can be shared with coalition partners and is completely transparent to scrutiny, he said.

Stimson said the new directive consolidates lessons learned in the global war on terror and incorporate key policy changes recommended in the 12 major investigations conducted during the past two years. "In fact, by publishing this document and the Army field manual, we will have addressed over 95 percent of the recommendations from those 12 major investigations since (the) Abu Ghraib (prison scandal)," he said.

The new directive and field manual were reviewed extensively within DOD, where it was endorsed by every combatant commander, the service secretaries and chiefs,

the Joint Staff and service general counsels, as well as within the Justice Department.

"This directive ... represents the culmination of over a year of discussion and debate within the department and the U.S. government in developing a solid foundation upon which to build future detention operations policy," Stimson said. "It represents the concerted effort of many people in the United States government and the various components of the Defense Department."

The revision "took time, and it took time because it was important to get it right," he said. "And we did get it right."

**West Point
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DOD reviews military awards

WASHINGTON (Military Times) -- The Defense Department has launched a review of the rules governing all military awards to make sure they keep pace with the changing face of warfare.

The six-month effort, launched in late August, will lead to changes in the Military Manual of Decorations and Awards, David Chu, under secretary for Defense Personnel Readiness at DOD, wrote in an Aug. 25 memo to the service secretaries and the joint staff.

"Our goal is to ensure our policies are consistent with the evolving nature of warfare; yet at the same time, we will address specific concerns you have raised with regard to newer awards tied to the Global War on Terror and to inconsistencies in policy or procedure that require improvement," Chu's memo stated.

The review will look at everything from how different services interpret the meaning of

the "V" device on medals to the guidelines for awarding the Purple Heart.

"The Army uses the 'V' device on Bronze Star to show valor. The Air Force and Navy use the 'V' as a combat distinction device," said Bill Carr, deputy Defense under secretary for military personnel policy.

"It should mean the same thing. If a military member wears something on their chest, the remainder of their comrades expect it to mean the same thing."

The review will also study whether the rules for valor awards apply to military personnel who may one day risk their lives to prevent something like a weapons-of-mass destruction attack in New York or London.

"When it comes to valor awards, we must review boundaries that might extend far beyond a particular combat zone, yet involve direct threats to American lives," Chu said.

Passports needed to re-enter U.S. from neighbors coming in '07, '08

WASHINGTON (Military Report) -- By Jan. 1, 2008, the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 will require travelers to and from the Caribbean, Bermuda, Panama, Mexico and Canada to have a passport or other secure, accepted document to enter or re-enter the United States.

The U.S. Department of State is proposing to complete this in phases following a proposal, which will be published in the Federal

Register in the near future.

In the proposed implementation plan, the initiative will be rolled out in phases, providing as much advance notice as possible to the affected public to enable them to meet the terms of the new guidelines. The proposed timeline will be:

■ Jan. 8, 2007 -- Requirement applied to all air and sea travel to or from Canada, Mexico, Central and South America, the Caribbean

and Bermuda.

■ Jan. 1, 2008 -- Requirement extended to all land border crossings as well as air and sea travel.

This is a change from prior travel requirements and will affect all U.S. citizens entering the United States from countries within the Western Hemisphere who don't have valid passports.

For more information about passports, go to www.travel.state.gov/passport.

Community Features and Photos

Semester abroad immerses cadets in foreign cultures

By Eric S. Bartelt
Assistant Editor

Vast opportunities are given to cadets during their 47-month trek through the U.S. Military Academy, and some of those cadets get to challenge their intellect and personal skills by participating in the Semester Abroad Program.

Immersing themselves in language and cultural awareness and developing a regional expertise over a four-to-five month period, 32 cadets this semester are enjoying the rewards of their hard work as they are going to military and civilian universities in eight countries around the world.

Since 1992, when the Department of Foreign Languages broadened the immersion experience for cadets by instituting the semester abroad for cadets to study French at St. Cyr in France, the program has expanded to seven language majors to include Arabic, Chinese, Russian, German, Portuguese and Spanish.

For the cadets to take part in the program they must excel academically, physically, and militarily as demonstrated this semester with the 32 cadets averaging a 3.47 cumulative grade

point average. However, the most important aspect is for the cadets to express themselves proficiently in the language that they will use at a university overseas.

“Language ability is a key component because the student is taking classes in (that country’s) language whether it’s Arabic, Russian or Portuguese,” said Capt. Daniel Dorado, DFL Arabic instructor. “They have to be proficient at the language in order to survive at the collegiate level.”

According to Dorado, the Semester Abroad Program is the running phase of the language training at West Point. Cadets, through their first couple of years, will get chances to participate in the Foreign Academy Exchange Program, the crawl phase, where they can apply basic language skills abroad for about 10 days and then the Academic Individual Advanced Development, the walk phase, which allows them in the intermediate phase to expand their language skills during a three-to-six week trip.

All this experience that the cadets are drawing from supports the goals of the Department of Defense in “creating foundational language and regional area expertise.”

“It’s important for the Army to have that resource to draw from once these cadets graduate,” Dorado said, “and depend on officers who have the language, cultural knowledge, and the foundation for regional expertise.”

Dorado, a 1997 USMA graduate, believes this is a great program and wishes it was available on a bigger scale when he was a cadet. At one time, only a handful of cadets were able to go, but next semester as many as 60 cadets will get a chance

to go to foreign universities.

“This is actually the first semester that every language that we teach at West Point has cadets abroad for a semester,” Dorado explained. “When I was a cadet, we had only one AIAD during the summer (for Arabic language cadets) and that was to Tunisia, but now we have AIADs that send cadets to Egypt, Bahrain and Syria and there are so many more opportunities with the semester abroad.

“It’s a chance for the cadets to go outside the classroom and use the language in its authentic setting and face the obstacles (encountered) when communicating with other people in their native tongue,” he added.

Dorado traveled to Jordan for 10 days as a cadet as a part of FAEP and then traveled to Jordan again as well as Syria during graduate school. This past summer he spent two weeks in Morocco, which is where six cadets are currently going to school at the Al-Akhawayn University.

Dorado understands what these cadets face from his experiences and getting immersed in those countries will only help with their confidence as the years go on. According to Dorado, Cadet 1st Class Erik Munn described the feeling of traveling cross-country in Morocco by train and taxi as rewarding because he was responsible for getting from point A to point B in the target language.

“Personally, it’s an exciting feeling to know that you can talk to other people and survive and minimize the culture shock that someone might feel if they don’t speak the foreign language,” Dorado said. “Once you have a



From left to right Cadets 1st Class Erik Munn, Tyler Parten, Ty Padilla and Daniel Fisher at Roman ruins in Volubilis, Morocco Aug. 23.

PHOTO PROVIDED

grasp on the language, you can have an immediate rapport with whoever you’re talking to.

“My native language is English, but knowing Arabic has made me think differently and it’s introduced me to a whole other world,” he added.

Semester abroad isn’t just narrowly focused on language majors as all cadets can participate, or at the very least apply to be in the program. The only qualifications needed are cadets must be in their third year or the first semester of their firstie year, they must be proficient in the language to succeed and high on the order of merit list. From Dorado’s experiences with these cadets he knows they are a highly-driven bunch who can handle anything that comes their way.

“All these cadets who are abroad are motivated individuals

and find their particular language and region interesting, which is why they chose their major,” Dorado stated. “These are above average cadets who aren’t going to just stand by and take notes while things happen around them. They want to be actively involved in speaking with these people and negotiating meaning while trying to solve problems.”

Currently, there are 23 cadets on the OML who take Arabic vying for an opportunity to spend a semester abroad. However, no matter what the cadet’s language is or what country they are looking to spend four months in, it’s important for them to get that chance to expand their abilities in that foreign language.

“Any cadet who wants to go abroad that has language ability,” Dorado said, “the door is wide open to him or her.”

Engineering Expo draws more than 650

Story and photos by
Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

The fourth annual engineering expo was held here at Eisenhower Hall Sept. 8 sponsored by West Point and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

"We had roughly 650 cadets and civilians at the expo this year," said Maj. Wesley Williamson, an instructor in the chemical and mechanical engineering department. "I was happy to be able to showcase all the engineering courses we have here. There was one new display on 'in sharing', which is engineering psychology at the event as well."

There were representatives from the Society of Women Engineers, Institute of Electrical Engineers, National Society of Black Engineers, regional and West Point student chapters.

"This event offers opportunities

for cadets and community members to get acquainted with all the different aspects of engineering that are open to them," said Maj. Chad Jagmin, an instructor of systems engineering here. "The West Point community and high school students are all invited to attend. It helps to promote interest in engineering as a career and in math and science. Each engineering program at West Point was represented along with chemical engineering and biological sciences."

Displays included state of the art weapons, robots, biological and chemical protective gear and children having fun doing chemical experiments.

"I really enjoy science," said Michael Willis, an eighth grade student at the West Point Middle School here. "My mom is a science teacher, so I guess it's natural."

The expo is also something of a recruiting effort that gets cadets interested in engineering.



Major Stephen Gauthier, a systems engineering instructor here, speaks to cadets about the many different engineering tracks they can chose from Engineering Expo, Sept. 8.

"The sophomores will be selecting a major soon," said Maj. Stephen Gauthier, a systems engineering instructor here. "I'm basically recruiting and letting

them know that there are all sorts of tracks they can take by taking engineering classes. I think I have convinced one, but I don't know about the others."

Cadet Scoutmaster's Council fills leadership role

By Lt. Col. John Graham
Scoutmaster Council

While many in the Corps took advantage of quiet time in the barracks to catch up on rest and academics Aug. 25 to 27, seven members of the USMA Scoutmaster's Council headed to Camp Buckner as USMA ambassadors for a major area Scouting Event.

Lead by Cadet 2nd Class Matt Heid; Cadets 3rd Class Jeff Bordenave, Matt Devers, Gib Coyle and Brian Kent, as well as Cadets 4th Class Jason D'elosua and Tom Duchaine tapped their Boy Scout experiences and cadet training to support the Northeast District 2C's annual Order of the Arrow Conclave.

The Order of the Arrow is the Boy Scouts of America's honor society.

The OA exists to recognize those campers -- Scouts and Scouters -- who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and, by such recognition, it causes other campers to conduct themselves in such manner as to warrant recognition.

OA scouts can be identified by a distinctive arrow sash added to their normal scout uniform. District Conclaves are held to train the trainers that will lead their troops back at their respective home stations.

The OA Conclave proved an

excellent opportunity for the Corps of Cadets to serve as role models to rising young leaders of character.

Not surprisingly, the scouting organization and USMA share many of the same ideals of leader and character development. In fact, more than 400 members of each entering USMA class are scouting participants.

As a result, the Scoutmaster's Council is the largest co-ed club under the Director of Cadet Activities.

The seven were 'giants' in the eyes and minds of the youth that came to the OA Conclave. The boy scouts went to great lengths to get a cadet of their own to sit with them and tell the stories that are so unique to cadet life.

Further, the Boy Scout leaders listened to the cadet's advice and experiences with OA districts in Texas, California and around the country. As Club President Cadet 1st Class Josh Jones pointed out, the cadet's experiences turn a district event into a national event.

The conclave is not all classroom instruction. The cadets added a few challenges to the weekend with a trip through the Anzio Obstacle Course, pugil stick training, and a tour of the Cadet Area. A few even worked in the mess hall helping with preparation and serving to the more than 200 attendees.

All of the seven commented that the tour from Sedgwick's Monument to the Great Chain

and the Cadet Mess Hall was the best time of the weekend. When you provide a tour and look at the wonderment in other's eyes, you are reminded of the heritage West Point represents for America.

In their role as ambassadors, the cadets passed out Commemorative West Point banners and pennants to the scouts and their family members. The Black Knight stickers were

probably the most coveted item in the cadet goodie bags.

However, uniform parts were also at a premium, with scouts begging for a piece of class brass or a set of airborne wings.

A few of the older scouts even collected a complete admissions packet as they sought to follow in the footsteps of their new role-models.

Cadet Ivanov and Carducci's excellent adventure

By Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

First class cadets Ilya Ivanov and Donald Carducci evidently didn't think the challenges of their years at the U.S. Military Academy were enough for them.

While most cadets look forward to taking it easy during the summer break, Ivanov and Carducci decided to climb Mount McKinley to the summit of Denali in Alaska with no guide, one two-way radio with a lot of static, and a Global Positioning System.

"We are best friends and roommates," Carducci said. "We have done everything together as cadets and just decided to do something different on summer break. We did it just for the challenge and to test ourselves."

Mount McKinley (Denali) is the highest mountain in North America and is perhaps the coldest mountain in the world outside of Antarctica, according to <http://7summits.com/denali/denali.php>. Denali is the original Native American name of Mount McKinley before it was changed in honor of President William McKinley after his assassination. The climbing season runs from mid-April until mid-July. On average during the past few years, roughly 1,000 climbers attempt the summit per season with 50 percent making it to the summit.

"The trip was physically and

"We were able to see for hundreds of miles in any direction and could see the Alaskan Plain 18,000 feet below,"

**Cadet 1st Class
Ilya Ivanov**

mentally challenging," Ivanov said. "We had to carry 50-pound packs and pull 70 pounds of sled up steep slopes. Some hauls were as long as 12 hours straight of hard work while battling icy winds and heavy snowfalls."

The cadets started planning the trip in March and gave themselves three weeks to accomplish the expedition, allowing for bad weather.

"We started our ascent on June 2 and reached the summit on June 17, so we were a little ahead of schedule," Carducci said. "We did need to stay in our tent for days to wait out a storm, but the constant daylight did help us with our climb."

Other challenges the two faced are common everyday tasks we all take for granted.

"We had to cook in our tent with enough ventilation to allow the smoke to escape, we couldn't take our gloves off and heeding the 'call of nature' was a challenge," Carducci said.



Cadets 1st Class Ilya Ivanov, left, and Donald Carducci atop Mount McKinley, Alaska, June 17. The pair climbed the more than 20,000-foot peak during their down time this summer before returning to the academy for summer training.

PHOTOS PROVIDED BY CADET 1ST CLASS DONALD CARDUCCI

While climbing, the cadets met many international groups and aided a group of Spaniards, who were lost, by using their GPS.

"We felt like heroes because we were able to help," Carducci added.

The most memorable moment for Ivanov was reaching the summit.

"It took us five-and-a-half hours to reach the top of Mount McKinley

from the 17,500 foot high camp," he said. "Once we got to the top, the weather cleared up and the sun came out. We were able to see for hundreds of miles in any direction and could see the Alaskan Plain 18,000 feet below."

Ivanov said he was amused at the airplanes he saw flying around with tourists on board checking out the summit.

"We thought it was kind of funny since we were right there and had the 'front row' seat to the

whole experience, while people chose an easier route by paying a few hundred dollars to fly around the summit and snap a few photos on the way," he said.

This isn't the first mountain Carducci and Ivanov have climbed, nor will it be their last. During the winter break last year, the two climbed Mount Aconcagua in Argentina, South America's highest summit and there are tentative plans to climb Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania sometime next year.



Carducci, left, and Ivanov near the top of Mount McKinley June 17. The cadet roommates have now climbed two of the seven tallest mountains in the world. During the 2005 winter break they conquered South America's highest summit, Mount Aconcagua, in Argentina.

Ceremony honors those lost on 9/11

By Eric S. Bartelt
Assistant Editor

A bell rings four times. Once each to signal the crash of a plane or the fall of a tower.

For the nearly 6,000 people in attendance at Ground Zero Monday, the bells signified each moment of the life-changing events of Sept. 11, 2001.

As they read the names of more than 3,000 souls lost at the World Trade Center site that day, the participants stood in silent, tearful reflection of the chaos, destruction and horror of the worst terror attack in U.S. history.

Paul Rader, a DOIM information assurance specialist here, traveled to the Ground Zero ceremony with his brother-in-law, Charlie Piper, an ex-fire chief with the Dan Leghorn Fire Company in Newburgh, N.Y. They were on their way to pay their respects to the 343 firemen who lost their lives on 9/11.

Rader, a volunteer fireman for 23 years, currently volunteers with the Middlehope Fire Company. He received credentials through the New York City's mayor's office to attend Monday's ceremony and it marked the first time he's been at Ground Zero in more than five years.

"It blew me away because it's not just a matter of going down to Ground Zero," Rader said, "but it's about being among the families and going down into the pit."

A year before 9/11, Rader was working as an Information Technology headhunter for Kelly IT and he did business on the 64th floor of the World Trade Center. Now, he said, he found himself standing with firemen and victims' family members in all that was left of the once majestic New York City site.

Rader said he heard heartbreaking stories throughout the day, including one about a kid

wearing a policeman's uniform and kneeling in front of a WTC footprint. That image, he said, appeared on the cover the *New York Daily News*.

"I talked to the kid before we went down [into the pit] and he told me his uncle was a cop and his father is a fireman," Rader said.

The boy said his uncle was among the missing on 9/11 and he came to the site with his father to search for him. He was only 13 at the time, Rader explained.

"The heartbreaking part of it all is that you realize even after five years there's no closure for them," Rader said. "Everybody had a story that day. It was one of the toughest things in my life to stand there for 6 1/2 hours listening to all the names [of those who died]."

Rader said he was particularly moved when family members held up photos of their lost loved ones during the moment of silence.

"The hair stood on the back of my neck once I saw all those pictures, all of a sudden you would see a sea of pictures held up in front of you -- it was absolutely amazing," he explained. "Surreal doesn't even touch it. Just like when we descended down to Ground Zero. The emotion was like a wave crashing upon us and once down there it was heavy with emotion."

His brother-in-law, who lost a friend on 9/11 and Rader talked with many firemen from Staten Island, Queens, and throughout Orange County who were all connected to 9/11. It was truly a cathartic way to deal with the raw emotions of the situation.

"One of the things about being a fireman that has haunted me these last five years was the helplessness I felt because you are trained to help people, to save lives, and try to save houses and building," he said. "But to think these guys had that in their

minds and hearts and rushed into those buildings wanting to save people and it just wasn't meant to be that day ... I needed to be down there and heal a bit."

Now as the fifth anniversary passes it's a matter of what that day still means to him. Does it still mean the same as the events unfolded five years ago?

"I was extremely honored to have been down there with them

and was humbled beyond anything I have ever done," Rader said. "It's one of the hardest things I've ever done in my life; however, it was rewarding and I came away with a different view about a lot of things.

"Life's short, life's precious, kiss your wife on the forehead when you leave home in the morning because you just never know," Rader added.



Paul Rader and Charlie Piper at Ground Zero Monday during Patriot's Day remembrance ceremonies. PHOTOS BY PAUL RADER



Firefighters hold up the tattered flag that flew above the World Trade Center's North Tower Sept. 11, 2001. The flag has been all over the world since then, including with our troops in Afghanistan.



SEPTEMBER 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>15</p> <p>The Bowling Center will be temporarily closed for renovations.</p> <p>We look forward to providing you an improved facility in the near future.</p>			
<p>17 America's Kids Day Celebration, 1300-1600, YC (grades 1-12)</p>		<p>18 Golf Course Closed for Outside Event Tae Kwon Do Beginner & Advanced, 1800, YC (grades 6 & up) BOSS Poker Tournament, 1900, BSP</p>		<p>19</p> <p>Spinning, 0540, Cardio Kickbox, 0900, Cardio Blast & Spinning, 1700, Butts, Guts & More, 1800, Awesome Abs, 19, Every Tuesday at the MWR Fitness Center)</p>		<p>20 Bronx Zoo/Brooklyn Botanic Gardens, 0900-1530, ITR</p> <p>Initial PCS Move, 1330, Checking Accounts, 1445, TAP Workshop, 0830-1630 (day 1) ACS</p>		<p>21 TAP Workshop, 0830-1630 (day 2) Consumer Rights, 0830, Credit, 0945, ACS</p> <p>Quarterback Luncheon, 1130, WP Club</p>	
<p>24 Tour NYC, 0900-1700, ITR Keystone Club Community Pancake Breakfast, 0900-1300, YC</p>		<p>25 Golf Course Closed for Outside Event</p> <p>Tae Kwon Do Beginner & Advanced, 1800, YC (grades 6 & up)</p>		<p>26 Preseparation Briefing, 1400, Waiting Families Support Group, 1900, ACS</p>		<p>27 Overseas Briefing, Korea, 1330, Germany, 1500 ACS</p> <p>Theater Van to Broadway, 1700-2330, ITR Tae Kwon Do Beginner & Advanced, 1800, YC (grades 6 & up)</p>		<p>28 Quarterback Luncheon, 1130, WP Club</p>	
				<p>29</p> <p>Oktoberfest, 1900-2300, WP Club Shawangunk Wine Trail, 1000-1800, ITR</p>		<p>30 Army vs RICE, Auto, Crafts, MWR Fitness Center and Post Library closed all day on home football games.</p>			
				<p>15</p> <p>Firearm Hunter Safety Course, 1800-2200, R Pond (day 1) Membership Appreciation Night, 1630-1900, WP Club</p>		<p>16 Firearm Hunter Safety Course, 0900-1600, R Pond (day 2) The Feast of San Gennaro, 1100-1800, ITR</p>			
				<p>22 TAP Workshop, 0830-1630 (day 3) ACS Mongolian BBQ, 1700-2100, WP Club</p>		<p>23 Defensive Driving, 0800-1500, Register at ITR</p> <p>The Feast of San Gennaro, 1100-1800, ITR</p>			

MWR Blurbs

Child care during home football games

The West Point Child Development Center will be offering child care for Army home football games.

Game	Deadline
Sept. 30	Wednesday
Oct. 7	Sept. 27
Oct. 21	Oct. 11
Nov. 3	Oct. 25

Quarterback luncheon tickets

Quarterback luncheon tickets are on sale at the West Point Club.

For more info., call 938-5120 or 446-5506.

Youth hockey registration

Youth hockey registration is ongoing at Youth Services, Bldg. 500.

For more information, call 938-8896/3550.

Hunting Safety Courses

Outdoor Recreation is offering a pair of two-day Safety Courses.

Both are free and will be held at Bonneville Cabin at Round Pond.

Participants must be over 12 years of age for both courses.

The Hunting Safety Course is today from 6 to 10 p.m. and on Sept. 16 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

A Bow Hunter's Safety Course will be held Sept. 21 from 6 to 10 p.m. and Sept. 22 from 6 to 10 p.m.

Bow Hunter's Safety Course

participants must bring their bows and three arrows on the second day of class.

Participants must have prerequisites from both Hunter's Safety Courses to obtain a hunting license.

Register at the Round Pond office between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. or call 938-2503.

Red Cross training

The American Red Cross is offering a Babysitting Training Course Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

To register call 1-800-514-5103.

BOSS poker tournament

Come help celebrate the one-year anniversary of the monthly BOSS poker tournaments Sept. 22 at 6:30 p.m. at the Buffalo Soldier Pavilion.

First, second, and third place winners from previous tournaments compete for supremacy.

One table will be reserved for regular monthly play.

The event is open to the West Point community.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Jermaine Malone at 938-8063 or Connie Woodley at 938-6497.

Oktoberfest '06

Come join us Sept. 29 from 7 to 11 p.m. for a night of German Food, dancing, and fun at the West

Point Club.

Advanced ticket purchases are recommended.

Tickets will be available at the door.

Call 938-5120 or 446-5504 for further details.

Hiking Trail renovation

Volunteers are needed to help renovate the hiking trail at Round Pond Sept. 30 from 9 to 4:30 p.m.

Refreshments will be served from noon to 1 p.m.

Volunteers may bring a side dish.

To volunteer for this event, call 938-8580/4281 by Sept. 25.

Please provide group name, number of participants, and volunteers hours (half day, full day).

Group or individual volunteers are welcome. Any youth groups

must be adult supervised.

Volksmarch

Volksmarch '06 will be Oct. 1 at Round Pond. Registration is from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with the event ending at 6 p.m.

Hike along a variety of scenic trails from one-to-four miles.

A small fee will be charged to include food. Leashed pets are welcome.

For more information call Round Pond at (845) 938-2503.

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.

Wee Ones play group

Family Advocacy's New Parent Support Program is hosting the Wee Ones Play Morning for infants through three years of age every Monday from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

For more info. call, 938-6497.

Beginning Monday, the Wee Ones play group will meet at the ACS training room, Bldg. 622, instead of the Post Chapel Nursery. Hours remain the same. Call Family Advocacy at 938-3369 for details.

Immunization records must be up-to-date and brought with you to your first visit.

Pet of the Week



The U.S. Military Academy's veterinarian has Elmo, a 15-week-old male orange tabby cat who loves to talk and purr, for adoption. Call the Vet Clinic at 938-3817 for more information.

KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

What's Happening

Constitution Training today

All U.S. Military Academy and West Point Military Reservation military, including cadets and Department of Defense civilian personnel, are required to conduct the 15-minute Web-based Constitution and Citizenship Day training today.

Go to <http://constitutionday.cpms.osd.mil> to complete the training.

Relinquishment of Command

The 78th Division (TS) headquartered in Edison, N.J., will hold a promotion and relinquishment of command ceremony Saturday at Trophy Point at 11 a.m.

Outgoing commander Brig. Gen. (P) William Monk III will be promoted to Major General and then relinquish command to Col. John J. Skoll.

Monk is a USMA 1976 graduate.

The West Point community is invited to attend.

West Point Fall Yard Sale

The Fall Yard Sale is Saturday from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. with a rain date of Oct. 28.

Farmer's Museum

The Orange County Farmer's Museum, located in Montgomery, N.Y., at the intersection of Route 17K and Berea Road, will hold a Garden Tractor Pull Saturday at 2 p.m.

There will also be a chicken BBQ and Tractor Pull Sunday.

Call (845) 457-2959 for more information.

Mine Torne Road closure

Mine Torne Road will be closed Monday through Wednesday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. while the Military Police Company conducts convoy live fire exercises on Mine Torne Road.

Privately Owned Weapons Ranges

Range Control will hold

Privately Owned Weapon ranges at Range 5 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday and Sept. 27; Oct. 12 and 14 and on 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 446-8798 or 446-1099.

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 a day out Sept. 22 at 9:30 a.m. at Jones Farm/Cornwall Park. School aged children are welcome.

R.S.V.P. by Tuesday to 859-4243.

The Book Club meets Sept. 26. Call Kristen at 691-1443 for more info.

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

WPWC will host their Community Welcome and Super Sign-Up Monday from 7 to 9 p.m. at the West Point Club.

There will be door prizes and complimentary hor d'ouvres. Reservations are not required.

Call Heidi at 446-2615 for more information.

The WPWC is putting together a cookbook and is looking for favorite recipes.

They are also looking for one paragraph stories of some of the events we are highlighting in the new cookbook: R-Day, Buckner, Marchback, Ring Weekend, Football/Reunions, Thayer Award, Plebe-Parent Weekend, Branch Night, Army/Navy, 500th Night, 100th Night/Yearling Winter Weekend, spring break, crest unveiling and graduation.

If you have a story you would like to share, we would love to here it.

Mail recipes and/or stories by Oct. 11 to:
West Point Women's Club
P.O. Box 44
West Point, NY, 10996

DUSA

The Daughters of the U.S. Army Continuing Education grants for the fall will be accepted from Sept. 1 until Oct. 15. Call Heidi Robbins at 446-2615.

Family Day

The West Point Alcohol and Drug Control Office wants to remind everyone that Sept. 25 is Family Day.

Family Day is a national promotion of parental involvement to reduce youth and teen substance abuse by engaging in quality family activities.

Since 2001, Family Day has been recognized annually on the fourth Monday in September.

According to the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse, the more often families eat together the less likely youths and teens are to use illegal substances, smoke, and drink.

For more info. about Family Day call ADCO/ASAP at (845) 938-5847.

Tennis leagues, clinics

Lichtenberg Tennis Center has open courts Monday through Fridays from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Call 938-6015 for court rates and to make reservations.

Ladies and Men's leagues are forming.

Ladies Leagues will be on Monday's from 9 to 11 a.m. and on Wednesday's from 7 to 9 p.m.

Call Joanna Sperling at 859-4286 for information on Monday leagues.

Call Ami Chastain at 938-4318 for information on the Wednesday league.

Men's Open Tennis will be held Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. plus one hour of court time Monday through Friday during business hours.

For more information call Army women's tennis coach Paul Peck.

Starting in October instructional clinics will be offered.

Call 938-6015 for more information.

Youth Tennis lessons are also fast approaching for Pee-Wees (4-6 years old) and Beginners (Over 6 years old).

Call Adele Lamar at Youth Services at 938-3727 to sign up.

Red Cross Disaster Training

The American Red Cross and Congresswoman Sue Kelly will host Fast Track Disaster Training Sept. 30 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

To register call (845) 938-4100.

DPW Notes

Sanitary Sewer Repairs

A contract has been awarded to make sanitary sewer repairs at four locations on post.

This project has a relatively small scope of work and therefore impact to the community is expected to be minimal. At each location, the areas of disturbance and/or excavation will be small. The four locations and a brief description of work are as follows:

1) Vicinity of Buffalo Soldier Field and the Thayer Hotel -- replace covers inside existing man holes.

2) Michie Stadium (Gate 1)

-- replace castings over manholes, remove and regrade pavement for proper drainage. Work to be executed between home football games.

3) Vicinity of Grant Hall (Bldg 602) -- install a new manhole next to the building, south of the entrance to the Grant Hall lunch/snack facility.

4) Vicinity of Power Plant (Bldg 604) -- replace manhole in grass area between the Power Plant and Cullum Bridge, next to steam tunnels.

For more info., contact DPW Customer Relations, 938-4407.

NOW SHOWING

in the movie theater at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752

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

Saturday -- **Barnyard, PG, 7:30 p.m.**

Saturday -- **Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.**

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Army and Community Sports

Texas A&M provides grand litmus test for Army

Story and photos by
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Army returns to the field Saturday to face a stout Big 12 Conference opponent in Texas A&M in San Antonio, as a part of the AT&T Corps Classic at the Alamodome.

The Black Knights (1-1) come off a 17-14 overtime victory over Kent State in which senior kicker Austin Miller booted in a 36-yard field goal for the deciding points.

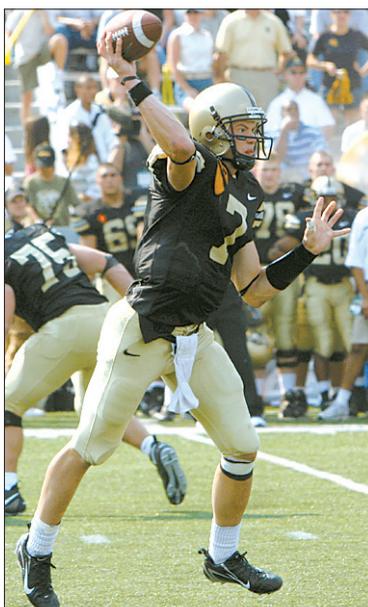
Army now faces Texas A&M (2-0), who has lit up their opponents to the total of 86-10 in the first two games.

One of Army's biggest concerns this weekend will be trying to stop Aggies sophomore running back Jorvorskie Lane. Lane is a monster tailback at 6'0", 274 pounds and may give the Army defense some serious problems.

"He's as big as a house. He's capable of running people over," said Army head coach Bobby Ross. "He's sure the biggest running back that I've ever seen since I've been here at Army. In fact, I can't recall one who's been bigger anywhere I've been, and that includes the National Football League."

Junior starting strong safety Caleb Campbell knows the defense will have their hands full with Lane, who has five touchdowns in two games.

"We're going to have to keep our feet moving when we hit him," Campbell said. "We'll have to make sure we stay low and wrap him up. He's a good player, so it'll be fun to play against him."



Junior quarterback David Pevoto has fought through adversity with back spasms that limited his throwing during practice and a small fracture in his thumb that bothered him against Kent State.

Defensively, Texas A&M brings the 3rd ranked scoring defense and the 8th ranked defense in yardage in the nation.

The team is led by two big 300-plus pound defensive tackles, Red Bryant and Kellen Heard, and junior defensive end Chris Harrington, who leads the Aggies with 3 1/2 sacks.

The Aggies sport a 4-2-5 defense, which will be something that Army hasn't seen since Ross has been here.

"What we've got to do is focus on our preparation," Ross said. "(Texas A&M) presents some real



Freshman running back Tony Moore eludes Kent State senior defensive back Gary Ham Saturday for his second touchdown of the game. Moore will be the team's short yardage runner behind starting running back Wesley McMahan.

problems scheme-wise as well as personnel-wise. We have to be sharp in what we do."

The way the Aggies defense is set up may mean less passing for Army junior quarterback David Pevoto. Pevoto is coming off a tough performance against Kent State, but he has battled through back spasms and a small fracture in his thumb during the past couple of weeks.

"The first ball game he lost his center and left guard and that's tough for a young quarterback," Ross explained. "Last week, he had the thumb injury, which caused him to hand the ball off differently. He's had adversity already and hasn't blinked an eye. He's hung in there pretty darn well (despite the injuries)."

Pevoto is excited to be back in San Antonio where he once attended the Big 12 Championship Game when he was in junior high.

"It's something I've been waiting for all my life," Pevoto said. "We don't get the opportunity to play close to home that often. It'll be great for our friends and family to be able to make it out and show their support."

The big question will be is Army capable of making a game

of it, and will the fact that Air Force almost pulled of an upset of Tennessee last weekend be the team's rallying cry Saturday.

"There are probably a lot of people out there doubting us, so it will be a good chance for us to show people what we're capable of," said senior wide receiver Walter Hill. "Our mentality above all is to win. I expect to win and this game gives us another opportunity to display Army football to the country."

Army may have to lean on their running game, and they did receive a glimpse of a bright future with the play of sophomore running back Wesley McMahan and freshman running back Tony Moore against Kent State.

McMahan ran for 90 yards on 19 carries, while Moore scored the first two touchdowns of his collegiate career and gained 35 yards.

"I was pleased with the performance of Wes McMahan," Ross said. "He did a good job and showed some good speed."

McMahan will continue to be the starter; however, Moore has found his niche with the team as the short-yardage back.

"He's going to stay in that role. He's a very mature freshman," Ross

stated. "Our backs (McMahan and Moore) are very young. They run tough and they don't make mistakes. I'm very pleased to have them and I think they will only get better."

The team's defense had a great game against Kent State as they were stout on a couple of goal line stands. Senior defensive end Cameron Craig continued his strong play by adding another half sack and also making 3 1/2 tackles for losses.

Craig currently has seven tackles for a loss this season. But, more importantly, to him as well as the team was Army's first home opening win since 1996.

"It was huge," Craig said. "It kind of lifts some of the pressure off of our shoulders. (Last week's) game was a test of character and heart, and I think we proved ourselves. I think that's important for the rest of the season."

The game Saturday will be televised by ESPN2 and the kickoff will be at 9:21 p.m.

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



Senior defensive tackle Cameron Craig continued his onslaught against Kent State by making 3 1/2 tackles for a loss. His pressure on quarterback Julian Edelman on this play resulted in an interception by sophomore safety Lowell Garthwaite.

Anderson Rugby Complex begins new Rugby era

Story and photos by
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Saturday begins a new era in Army Rugby history as the ruggers will face Northeastern at 5 p.m. on their new home turf at the Anderson Rugby Complex on Upton Road just north of Shea Stadium and North Athletic Field.

Faced with a nomadic existence for 45 years as practices and games were scrimmed everywhere on West Point, now the team has a place it can call its own.

"In terms of Army Rugby, we feel great because we have a home now," said senior flyhalf Andrew Locke. "In the past, it was always where are we going to be today? Where are we training? Now we have a home to call our own and that's great. The players take pride in what we have now and will take care of it."

Although the Anderson Rugby Complex isn't complete yet, as the building and stadium stands are expected to be finished by December and the grass playing pitch won't be installed until next summer for the fall 2007 schedule. But, for now, the team will practice and play its games on the practice turf, which will be a little different feel for rugby players who usually perform on grass.

"This is the best alternative to

grass and we're happy with it," said Army head rugby coach Richard Pohlidal. "We can now train on the turf when we couldn't in other places due to poor field conditions. The field (should) drain well and it will get plowed after heavy snowfall.

"It will also help us train earlier in the winter time and get us refocused for the spring, which will be much earlier than in the past and change the way we do business," Pohlidal added. "It's a huge asset for us and we are grateful that Lee and Penny Anderson (USMA '61) and all those donors who see value in our program have made sacrificial gifts to give us this facility."

With the team being ranked third in the nation (behind BYU and California) and finishing last season with a 16-1 record, adding an extra month of practice outside because of better field conditions can be enough to take them to the next level, and this is a team that already has five All-Americans.

Seniors prop Sam Ketcham, fullback Brendan McCarthy, hooker Erik Waage, prop Chris Wallgren and Locke all were All-Americans and also played in the Collegiate National All-Star Tournament.

Locke is the team's most experienced rugger as he grew up playing rugby and truly has a knack for the game.

"Having played since the fifth grade, there's a lot of aspects of the game that have become instinctual to me in terms of decision making," said Locke, who as the flyhalf is much like the quarterback of the team.

Locke is co-captain with senior Nate Peper, who plays the 8-man/lock position, and like many members of the team, Peper grew into a rugby player without having any prior experience before West Point.

"I had some guys come to me during Beast Barracks and recruited me from the football team to play rugby," Peper said.

Peper has always felt good about his decision to join rugby because he's gotten better every year due to the coaching of Pohlidal.

"(Pohlidal) has got the best rugby knowledge I've ever seen or heard," Peper said. "He came



Senior co-captain 8-man/lock Nate Peper breaks through a tackle during an Army Rugby practice.

into our program in the middle of our plebe year and he's developed us skill-wise and knowledge-wise. He's really developed our guys

a lot. And, I think those five All-Americans are the quickest learners and the most coachable guys --

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Senior wing Chris Grevious sprints up the pitch with the ball during practice.

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they've absorbed everything coach has taught them."

Army is looking to continue its reign in the Northeast Region Football Union with a team that returns 13 of its 15 starters from a year ago.

Last spring during the Sweet 16, Army blew out Colorado before losing to Utah 8-5 on a dreary, rainy evening at West Point. The close loss to Utah is something that drives the team that has the talent to possibly make the Final Four this year.

"I think we have a lot of potential to win a national championship," Locke said. "I, personally, would like to have the best defense in the country and I think that's the way we can get to the national championship."

Pohlidal sees that talent on a daily basis and believes with the team's experience and depth that it's the prime reason the team will be in a good position to reach the Sweet 16.

"Watching these guys train and seeing their steady progression is promising, we're seeing improvements every day and I think we'll be in good shape," Pohlidal said. "We have a sour taste in our mouths after that narrow loss (to Utah), but we're looking ahead now and we will be better prepared for this season. We are determined to meet our objectives."

In the fall of 2004, Pohlidal started shaping this club team into a "high performance athletic program." He broadened the scope of what it means to be a member of this squad and shaping the Army team in order to keep up with teams from the West -- teams that have full varsity status like BYU and California -- who enjoy the luxuries of arid weather, great training facilities and full-time coaching staffs.

"We have high expectations for our athletes, they are essentially in a varsity athletic program with no extra time to get the job done," Pohlidal said, "and these cadets are under tremendous pressure. These kids put it on the line during their training. Rugby fitness is extremely

demanding as we try to push them to the brink every day and they respond to it ... that's what makes these kids hard, that's what makes them disciplined."

The fitness aspect of the team will only improve as the spring grows nearer as the team will be able to practice outside during the late winter and will also have its own weight facility within the Anderson Rugby Complex. It's big considering that most teams outside of the Northeast begin their seasons in the spring unlike Army who has to try to peak at two different times

of the year during a nine-month span.

"It'll be a huge advantage for us when you're talking about the build up to the peak, it helps us draw it out a little bit and gives us more time," Peper said. "We've got to keep balanced. We get revved up for the Northeast championship, then it's winter, then we have to pick it up again, which is the hardest thing to do because we're going on all cylinders, but then take a break ... it's hard to get it going again. This is a big factor to get us going earlier."



From left to right: Army Rugby All-American seniors Chris Wallgren, Brendan McCarthy, Erik Waage, Andrew Locke and Sam Ketcham. Each of them participated in the Collegiate National All-Star Tournament, which also included senior 8-man Jay Berger and junior scrumhalf Sean Flachs.

HOME SPORTS SCHEDULE

Friday

- Women's Volleyball vs. The Citadel, 6 p.m.
- Women's Soccer vs. Air Force, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday

- Men's Soccer vs. Colgate, 1 p.m.
- Women's Volleyball vs. Radford, 2 p.m.
- Men's Rugby vs. Liberty, 6 p.m.
- Men's Rugby vs. Northeastern, 5 p.m.

Sunday

- Women's Soccer vs. Fairfield, 1:30 p.m.
- Sprint Football vs. Pace JV, 2 p.m.

2006 Staff and Faculty Noontime Frisbee League

Through Tuesday's games

	W - L		W - L
1. Social Science	5 - 0	7. Physics	2 - 3
2. Systems Engineering	4 - 0	8. English	2 - 4
3. C/ME	4 - 1	9. DPE	1 - 3
4. Math	3 - 1	10. DFL/GENE	1 - 4
5. DMI	4 - 2	11. BS&L	0 - 4
6. History	3 - 3	12. EE&CS	0 - 4