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Vice Chief of Staff designates West Point as Center of Excellence

By Maj. Tom Bryant
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The U.S. Military Academy's designation as the Army Center of Excellence for the Professional Military Ethic expanded West Point's role as the premier leader development institution in America.

The Center is an Army Chief of Staff initiative to formalize education programs aimed at bolstering the moral and ethical foundations of military service. Once fully operational, the center will reach across commands, the Army schools system and field forces to capture existing expertise and make available a variety of training resources.

General Richard Cody, Vice Chief of Staff of the Army, announced the new designation during remarks to the Academy's alumni association meeting here Aug. 17.

"To me, the Professional Military Ethic is our 'moral compass' that guides leaders to choose the harder right over the easier wrong," Cody told the crowd of approximately 230 alumni, staff and faculty, cadets and guests.

"You can see why the mission of West Point and the purpose of this Center of Excellence are so vital to the Nation ... West Point is uniquely qualified to help the Army grow leaders with the Professional Military Ethic. Eighty percent of West Point instructors are combat veterans who combine theory with their own personal experience as they educate cadets and serve as role models," he further explained.

Earlier in the day, Cody spoke to the Corps of Cadets and told them, "You are the morale compass and strength of this Nation. You are the promise that no matter what the disaster, no matter the conflict, no matter the [war]... that this institution will not bend, this Army

will not bow and this Nation will never break."

Lt. Gen. Buster Hagenbeck, West Point Superintendent, noted the Academy is uniquely suited for this critical function.

"West Point has been the wellspring of Soldier values for more than 200 years," Hagenbeck said. "This center will directly impact the development -- Army-wide -- of Soldiers and leaders of character who can meet the morally

ambiguous challenges of the current security environment."

Lt. Col. Pat Sullivan, Deputy Director of West Point's ethics center, explained what the professional military ethic means and how the new designation is simply an expansion of a role the academy has been filling for some time.

"Our professional military ethic is the system of moral standards and principles that define our

commitment to the Nation. It's articulated through Army values, the Warrior Ethos, the NCO Creed, the Soldiers Creed, our oath of enlistment and oath of office -- those norms and beliefs that guide our service and keep us on azimuth," Sullivan said.

"West Point has provided training packages to Army units, ROTC detachments and civilian entities for years. We've hosted

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Academy mentioned in 2008 "top colleges" guides

Compiled by Irene Brown
Chief, Command Information

The U.S. Military Academy made the top 20 in numerous rankings in the Princeton Review's 2008 edition college guidebook "The Best 366 Colleges."

"All of the colleges in this book are academically outstanding,"

said Robert Franek, editorial director with New York City-based Princeton Review.

West Point ranked in the top 20 in 11 categories including eighth for "best classroom experience," sixth for "class discussions encouraged," ninth for "professors make themselves accessible" and third for "more to do on campus."

The academy also made the list in U.S. News and World Report's "top colleges." This year's guide ranked USMA 22nd among liberal arts colleges in the United States.

For more on the Princeton Review go to <http://www.princetonreview.com/college/research/rankings/rankings.asp>.

For more on the U.S. News and World Report rankings go to http://colleges.usnews.rankingsandreviews.com/rankindex_brief.php.



General Richard Cody [second from right] tells members of the U.S. Corps of Cadets Brigade Staff, Cadets First Class Jarod Taylor, Aaron Folsom, Maryalice Pass and Jason Crabtree, a story about his cadet days Aug. 17 during his visit to West Point where he later designated the academy the Army Center of Excellence for the Professional Military Ethic. ERIC S. BARTELT/PV

2005 grad killed by IED, small arms fire

Compiled by Jim Fox
Assistant Editor

The Department of Defense announced the death of a Soldier Monday who was supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

First Lt. Jonathan W. Edds, 24, of White Pigeon, Mich., graduated from the U.S. Military Academy in 2005. He died Aug. 17 in Baghdad, Iraq, of wounds suffered when insurgents attacked his vehicle using an improvised explosive device and small arms fire.

Edds was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, 3rd

Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Benning, Ga.

He had served as a Scout Platoon Leader since his deployment in March 2007.

He is survived by his wife, Laura Edds, of Fort Benning, Ga., parents Barry and Julie Edds of White Pigeon, Mich., brothers Capt. Joel Edds of Fort Drum, N.Y., [USMA 2004] and Cadet 1st Class Josh Edds and grandparents George and Dixie Musloff of White Pigeon.

Services will be held at the Cadet Chapel Monday at 1:30 p.m. Please be seated by 1:15 p.m.

Graveside services will follow at the West Point Cemetery.



First Lt. Jonathan W. Edds

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The importance of Security education, training and awareness

**Commentary by
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Chief, WP Installation
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The West Point Installation Security Office is responsible for obvious actions, such as processing security clearance applications, transferring clearance information for personnel visiting other organizations and inspecting departments that handle classified materials. They also promote Security Education, Training and Awareness [SETA].

At IMPACT 2007, an annual conference for security professionals from industry and government across the United States reviews the latest information regarding personnel, information and industrial security. The common theme was that the most cost-effective way to mitigate the threat to classified materials was to develop a robust SETA program.

With this message firmly in my mind, I am determined to expand the SETA program for the U.S. Military Academy and West Point community.

What current SETA products does West Point have? The most comprehensive tool is the WP ISO's internal Web site [www-internal.usma.edu/security/indexinternal.html], which offers information on all disciplines of intelligence-related security, such as personnel, information, industrial and SETA. This Web site is only accessible to personnel networked to West Point.

The information available on the site is For Official Use Only and is detailed. Under SETA, various training is offered such as Antiterrorism Level I, Security Clearance 101, Operations Security, Human Rights training [required for official travel to many South American countries], SAEDA and Security Awareness.

Another available SETA product

is the mandatory country-specific briefs we give to all personnel prior to foreign travel. These briefs offer the latest information to the traveler about criminal and terrorist threats and even natural disaster threats. They are updated quarterly. There are currently 132 country briefs available. These briefs are developed as personnel traveled to specific locations.

Each department/organization has a designated Department Security Manager and the WP ISO conducts annual training for them. This four hours of block gives departments their own Subject Matter Experts. With the development of the WP ISO Web site, personnel are now able to look up guidance on their own, but the Department Security Manager is a good source when planning certain events like a classified brief, a trip section to an organization that requires personnel to be cleared to at least the Secret level or official

foreign travel.

The WP ISO SETA program will be offering new products this year. We are preparing department-specific briefs to address the needs of each academic and USCC group.

These briefs are not mandatory training, but give the WP ISO the opportunity to address our customers on what they have needed from us in the past and to inform the new personnel about what we are responsible for. We brief the security clearance process, transferring security clearances for trip sections/staff rides and discuss the current foreign travel process for both leave and official travel. As mandatory training has been hitting personnel heavily, we are scheduling these briefs as the departments are able to accommodate them.

The U. S. Corps of Cadets Brigade Tactical Department gave permission for the WPISO to contact cadets in S1, S2 and S3 positions to

brief these same issues.

We hope to educate the cadets who are in these positions to be aware of these issues and educate the Corps of Cadets from within.

This article is probably the best example of a low-cost measure to promote SETA. By writing an article to inform the West Point community of the importance of SETA and promoting the available products, I hope to educate and enhance the awareness of security.

In closing, please visit the WP Installation Security Web site. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us and we will do our best to assist. As stated, you are all our customers -- cadets, staff and faculty, military and civilians.

SAPR-P

The members of the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program are Col. Jeanette McMahon, Shelley Ariosto [Garrison], Maj. Maria Burger [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.

Labor Day safety tips for a safe holiday weekend

**Commentary by
Safety Office
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Labor Day commemorates the accomplishments of all American workers whose labors have made our nation great. It also marks the

end of summer and the start of a new school year.

But this holiday also has one of the highest casualty rates. So please take cautionary measures in all holiday activities next weekend.

Below are some safety tips you should remember and take before

doing any activities this holiday:

- Current laws require motor vehicle operators and bicyclists to exercise great care to avoid striking pedestrians. Pedestrians are supposed to walk on the sidewalk.

If a sidewalk is not an option, walk on the side of the road facing traffic and watch out for vehicles making right-hand turns.

Remember that pedestrians in a crosswalk or entering a crosswalk always have the right of way and drivers are required to yield to a

pedestrian in a crosswalk. Period. End of discussion.

- If you will be outside, use sunscreen or keep your body parts covered, as sunburn is a frequent cause of heat injury. Repeated exposures can lead to skin cancers later. Sunburn is a concern, even on cloudy days.

- Always swim with a buddy; do not mix alcohol and swimming/boating; gradually wade into cold water; and swim/boat only in

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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

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Local and National News

Army to purge RESUMIX system beginning April 1, 2008

By Irene Brown
Chief, Command Information

Army civilian personnel officials announced last week that they will begin purging the Resumix Automation Tool April 1, 2008. The storage capacity has

been strained and is slowing the program's performance, officials said. The strain has also negatively impacted ANSWER, the Army's electronic job notification system.

Carol McQuinn, West Point's director of civilian personnel, said

with this much notice, employees can ensure their resumes' stay in the system.

"This advance notification is an opportunity for everyone to review and update their resumes before purging begins," she said.

Officials said they will dump

resumes for all applicants, including Army employees, if records indicate it has been more than one year since the applicant submitted the resume or self-nominated his or herself for an Army job vacancy.

"Applicants whose resumes we purge can resubmit them at any

time, thus ensuring another period of active consideration," officials added.

For more information on Resumix and the Army's resume retention policy, go to the Army's CPOL Web site at www.cpol.army.mil.

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the National Conference on Ethics in America for more than 20 years. The Center of Excellence formalizes that function and will broaden the outreach -- and audience -- that we serve," Sullivan said.

The Center of Excellence for the Professional Military Ethic will provide the Army a range of leader development resources. In addition to the courseware for formal military ethics already available, plans include development of standing teams to meet requests for information and training as

well as scholarly research and publications addressing Army values and ethics.

The existing Center for Company Level Leadership will offer practical exercises for junior leader development through its online repository.

West Point will continue hosting conferences, seminars and forums to strengthen the consortium of qualified professionals and institutions and sustain the dialogue on subjects pertinent to military leadership.

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authorized areas. Check the depth of the body of water; look for any underwater obstructions before diving; never dive in water less than five feet deep and never dive in an above-ground pool. NEVER EVER leave a child unattended in and around water.

■ If you are on the road this holiday, be as good a driver as you think you are. Don't begin a trip without resting, take breaks every two hours on long trips and make sure all passengers wear their seatbelts. If your plans

include alcohol consumption, be responsible. Do not drink and drive. Designate non-drinking responsibilities to specific individuals.

We hope you will make sound decisions and carry out safe procedures every time you get into any vehicle. Remember, the probability of making it home safe is MUCH greater if you wear your seatbelt.

The least predictable pedestrians, as well as the hardest to see, are children. So take extra

care, especially in housing areas, near schools, childcare centers, etc. Also remember, a child can drown in as little as one inch of water in the same time it takes to answer the doorbell or phone.

We must stress the importance of avoiding complacency in dealing with known hazards and get smart on identifying new ones.

The USAG West Point Safety Office wishes you a safe holiday weekend and if you should have any safety concerns please contact us at 938-3717.

Delivery problems?

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

NSPS officials announce release of enhanced performance appraisal tool

WASHINGTON [NSPS release] -- National Security Personnel System officials announced Aug. 17 that they have released a new version of the Performance Appraisal Application.

Managers [higher-level reviewers], supervisors [rating officials] and employees use the PAA to work on performance plans, document work performance and interim reviews and assign ratings. The PAA also provides an online venue where supervisors and employees can regularly exchange information about work performance, job objectives and work plans.

"Based on important feedback from PAA users, we made enhancements to the tool to make it more user friendly," officials said.

PAA Version 2.0 -- now available via *My Biz* or *My Workplace* in the Defense Civilian Personnel System -- offers several new features.

An online help feature [**Need help?**] built into Version 2.0 provides navigational assistance. A series of quick guides provides additional help and is available electronically within the PAA Version 2.0. The guides provide step-by-step instruction for performing specific tasks. They are conveniently organized by user group and topic.

PAA Version 2.0 also offers improved printing capabilities for employees and pay pool managers. Now, employees can print specific sections of the performance plan or the entire plan. Pay Pool Managers can print performance plans for the entire pay pool.

Easy-to-understand screens, buttons, links and terminology help make PAA Version 2.0 friendlier. The additional space for entering job objectives and assessments -- and additional fields for recommended shares and payout distribution -- facilitate the input of information. Character counters have been added beneath certain data input fields [e.g., employee self-assessments] to help users keep track of space.

"PAA Version 2.0 also lets employees access the tool and work on performance plans prior to NSPS conversion," officials added. "This feature helps employees prepare for NSPS and become familiar with the required tools for fulfilling responsibilities in the performance management process."

Government charge card -- EAGLS access

Many government travel charge card holders do not know that access to their accounts is available on line through the Bank of America EAGLS® function. Cardholders can register for EAGLS® access at https://www.gcsuthd.bankofamerica.com/EAGLS_selfregistration/selfReg.aspx.

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Online access also lets cardholders perform card receipt verification for a new travel card, create a customized PIN (if cash access is allowed) and order a sales draft[s].

Ring Weekend, Buffalo Soldier events may cause traffic issues

Submitted by the
Force Protection Office
DPTMS

Ring Weekend events

In support of the Class of 2008 Ring Weekend events, Aug. 24-25, the following measures are in effect

Aug. 24 [Ring Ceremony]

MPs will block traffic in the Trophy Point area at the intersection of Washington and Stony Lonesome Roads, the intersection of Howard and Ruger Roads, the intersection of Brewerton and Parke Roads [vicinity of Arvin CPDC] and by the entrance to Clinton Lot beginning at 4:35 p.m.

Traffic in the area will remain blocked until the completion of the ceremony.

Those with vehicles parked in the Clinton, Doubleday and surrounding lots can depart by exiting south on Cullum Road past the cadet library.

There will be no authorized vehicle parking on Jefferson Road and the Thayer Road extension after 4 p.m. Vehicles parked on these roads are subject to being towed.

[Aug. 25] Class of 2008 Banquet and Formal

The Cullum Road area in front of the Commandant's quarters is subject to brief closures after 7:45 p.m. to support pedestrians crossing at that intersection.

There is no parking on

Jefferson Road.

Buffalo Soldier Ceremony

September 2 from 11:45 a.m. until approximately 12:50 p.m., MPs will block Mills Road at the

intersections of Thayer and Wilson Roads to all vehicles.

Vehicles parked behind quarters 25 through 34 must use Kinsley Hill Road.

Vehicles traveling South on

Mills Road must use Wilson Road to exit the installation.

Vehicles may still use the Buffalo Soldier Lot to exit the installation; however, MPs will stop ALL vehicles during the

playing of Taps.

There will be 100 reserved ceremony parking spaces in the Buffalo Soldier Lot.

For more information contact DPTMS' Joe Senger at 938-8859.

Two USMA professors receive HENAAC luminary awards

By **Kathy Eastwood**
Staff Writer

Lieutenant Colonel Fernando Maymi, an assistant professor in the Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Department, and Maj. Melinda Zapata Kalainoff, Assistant Professor in the Chemistry and Life Sciences Department here, are among 28 honorees, nine from the Department of Defense, selected to receive the 2007 Hispanic Engineer National Achievement Award Corporation Luminary Award.

Luminaries represent top Hispanic professionals in engineering, science and technology. HENAAC is recognizing them for their significant contributions to the Hispanic technical community.

The organization believes these individuals will “continue to carry the torch at their respective organizations and inspire future generations to pursue careers in technology.”

Each year HENAAC presents awards to military personnel for their contributions in technical and professional achievement as well as recognizing their contributions to the Hispanic community, according to the HENAAC Web site.

Maymi, who is taking courses in computer science, computer engineering and biology as part of his Ph.D. studies in Puerto Rico, said he knew that Col. Eugene Ressler, deputy department head of EE&CS, had submitted his name for the award.

“I knew that [Col.] Ressler

was putting together a nomination packet for me, but I had no idea how far it would get,” Maymi said. “I have to say I was surprised and a bit humbled since I don’t really stand out that much in a department full of talented and hard-working professionals. I’m proud to receive the award on behalf of the entire team.”

Ressler said he is extremely happy and proud that Maymi received the award.

“He has done some world-class engineering,” he said. “He is a first-rate teacher and role model to the cadets. All of us in the department couldn’t be happier.”

Maymi said the best part of his work here is the people.

“It’s great when a cadet, after struggling with a concept in one of

my classes, suddenly understands it or the peer who’ll walk up to me in the hallway and ask if he can help me out. It’s an amazing group of people with whom I’ve had the honor of working who make it all worthwhile.”

Kalainoff said she wasn’t aware the award existed until her boss, Col. Russell Lachance; Academy Professor of C&LS, put together a nomination packet.

“It is very gratifying to be well thought of by your co-workers and colleagues,” she said.

Lachance said Kalainoff has devoted herself to cadet development on and off campus.

“Melinda has been an incredible role model for not only the Hispanic community, but for all Soldiers and cadets she has led,” Lachance

said.

Kalainoff will be heading to Fort Hood, Texas, for three years working as a research analyst.

“I will be going to Fort Hood after I complete three months of schooling that all majors need to take,” she said. “After Fort Hood, I will be working on my Ph.D. either in chemistry or chemical engineering and then, hopefully, come back to USMA.”

Kalainoff said she enjoys teaching and always had a knack for chemistry, but really enjoyed the challenges of math.

“I would hope that a cadet would want to reach his or her full potential,” she said. “So why not go for the challenge and get a well-rounded education? This field is very flexible.”

Kalainoff also said she doesn’t sugar coat this extremely difficult field and those who stay in, are motivated.

“This is a fairly new major here,” she said. “I see an increase in cadets taking chemical engineering or math as a major every year.”

Maymi and Kalainoff will be among those honored from DOD at a luncheon held during the 19th Annual HENAAC Conference, Oct. 11 through 13 in San Diego.

Officials to beef up TSP against market fluctuations

WASHINGTON [Govexec.com] -- The current system that processes transactions under the Thrift Savings Plan is capable of handling increased activity from market fluctuations, but will need to be updated, TSP officials said Monday.

At a monthly Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board meeting, officials overseeing the 401[k]-style retirement plan said that increased volatility in the markets last week led to increased transfers out of the plan’s three equity funds -- the common stocks [C], small-

and mid-sized companies [S] and international [I] funds. TSP Chief Investment Officer Tracey Ray said the movement generated \$9.5 million in trading costs Aug. 16 alone.

Plan officials said they launched a comprehensive review of the processing system in March, following a market plunge that caused about 10 percent of I Fund investors to make changes.

Executive Director Gregory Long said that analysis and a separate review conducted by IBM found the current mainframe

adequate to handle influx of transactions. But he added that officials are developing a detailed budget plan to update the system and ensure preparedness for major market movements.

“It’s not only how we plan for daily events but also for macro events,” Long said. “We have put a lot of thought into our budget in planning for those particular events.”

TSP officials said in April that the transaction processing system normally operates at about three-fifths of its capacity.

Should the market fall significantly, the system could be turned on to full capacity, allowing it to handle four-to-five times the volume of transactions. Any that exceeded that amount could be delayed.

Long said officials will unveil the budget plan, review fiscal 2007 expenditures and discuss approved fiscal 2008 funding at next month’s meeting.

“It’s a very tough time to be an investor,” FRTIB Chairman Andrew Saul said. “We don’t control the markets, but we do have to make sure the participants’ money is being handled well and that they have confidence in what we’re doing.”

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Cadet parachute team 'jumps' into Panama

By Lt. Col. Kevin Huggins
EE&CS

This summer, cadets from the U.S. Military Academy Parachute Team visited Panama June 29 through July 8 for an Advanced Individual Academic Development that combined cultural and regional education with sports parachute training.

Sponsored by the International Academic Affairs Division of the Dean's office, the team had a two-fold mission for their 10-day trip: to improve their cultural awareness, regional expertise and language skills; and to execute airborne operations with the Panamanian Air Force.

Airborne operations with the Panamanian Air Force

With extensive support from the Defense Attaché Office of the U.S. Embassy in Panama, the Panamanian Air Force -- known as the Servicio Aereo Nacional -- provided aircraft for the USMA Parachute Team.

Maj. Jose Bracero [USMA '92], the U.S. Army Attaché in Panama and a former DFL instructor, was instrumental in coordinating with the many Panamanian government institutions to help the cadets achieve their goals.

Each morning the team flew and jumped at Howard International airport, a former U.S. Air Force base, located adjacent to the Pacific-side mouth of the Panama Canal. Performing airborne operations is a complicated and dangerous task even in a familiar environment. Add a foreign culture, new aircraft and an unfamiliar drop zone and freefall operations are even more challenging.

Fortunately, the USMAPT coaches were more than up to the task. Master Sgt. Brian Davis, the Airborne Detachment Sergeant, and Head Coach Staff Sgt. Jeffery Graham both have extensive experience with conducting military freefall operations and have chalked up thousands of jumps between them.

The primary challenge was language. The USMAPT had only one fluent Spanish speaker and most of the SAN crew spoke very little English. Nevertheless, the coaches conducted productive training for both pilots and parachutists.

"Overall the operations went very well. Although the communication

barrier slowed us down ... we were able to conduct some very effective training," Graham noted. The team safely executed 141 jumps during their stay -- a testament to the professionalism of both the USMAPT and the SAN crews.

On lifts to altitudes topping 13,000 feet, team members were able to enjoy breathtaking views of the Panama Canal, coastline and the Panama City skyline.

Cadet 2nd Class Brian Donnelly said, "We started [our] jump run over the Pacific Ocean, exited [the aircraft] over the jungle, enjoyed a great view of Panama City and the Canal from the air and landed right next to where the plane picked us up. It was really one of the best jumping experiences of my life."

Cadets practiced relative work [where a group of four cadets would exit the aircraft at 13,500 feet and execute multiple formations as a team prior to deploying their canopies] and accuracy landings -- skills that are used in their competitions.

Improve cultural awareness and regional expertise

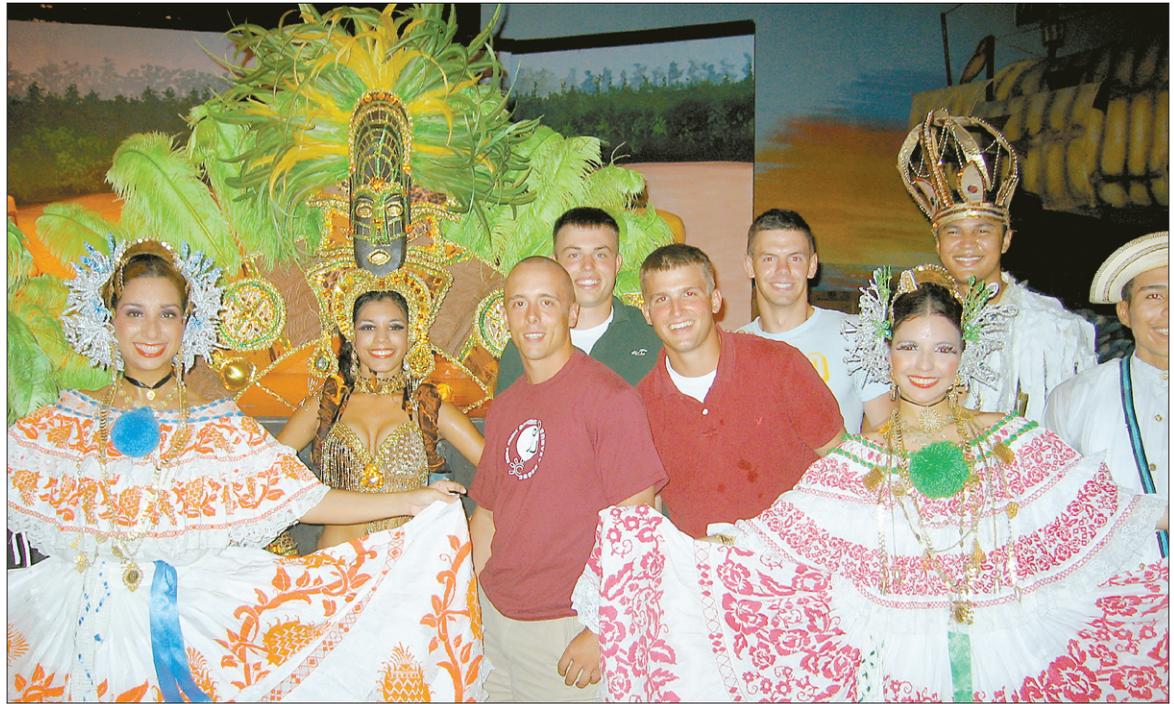
To accomplish the second part of the mission, the USMAPT consulted with the History Department. Lt. Col. Kevin Farrell, the Military History Program Director, along with Maj. Franz Rademacher and Maj. John Hawkins, provided guidance on how to conduct a staff ride of the Panamanian capital.

Two months prior to the trip, each cadet was assigned a site in Panama to investigate. They researched their topic and provided an initial briefing at the end of the spring semester. In Panama, as the team visited each culturally significant location, the responsible cadet filled the role of 'tour guide' for the day.

These early assignments provided a much more active learning experience and gave the cadets a more profound understanding of the places and historical conditions.

"It is one thing to read about these places in books or on the Internet and another to actually visit them," Cadet 2nd Class Hunter Thornal said.

Cadets visited many sites throughout their stay in Panama. One stop included Punta Culebra, a Smithsonian Institute site focused on studying the coastal marine biology of Panama. Cadets also



Cadets 2nd Class Brian Donnelly [left], Phillip Divinski, Hunter Thornal and Zachery Willey with native Panamanian dancers in traditional Panamanian outfits.

PHOTO BY CARMEN HUGGINS

"I have never experienced another culture the way I did on this AIAD. I have become very familiar with [this] culture and have been inspired to learn another language In short, my eyes were opened to a whole new world,"

Cadet 2nd Class
Zachery Willey

discussed Operation Just Cause [the military incursion to oust dictator Manuel Noriega] from Ancon Hill which has a panoramic view of Panama City. In addition, the team visited the Miraflores Locks at the Panama Canal, and Panama's important banking district that has banks from just about every country in the world.

One particularly memorable outing was to the Emberá Indian village located on the Chagres River, accessible only by boat. After receiving their pre-brief from a fellow cadet on the boat ride there, the team was treated to a tour of the village. The visit also included a discussion of the indigenous community's history and culture, a typical lunch consisting of freshly caught fish and plantains; and native dances in which team members were invited to participate.

After the village tour, the team

went to a remote island in Gatun Lake [the man-made lake that acts as the water source for the Panama Canal] where swift monkeys came into the boat and ate grapes and oranges out of everyone's hands.

While visiting various sites helped improve the cadets' cultural awareness, the key to appreciating any culture is spending time with the people.

The cadets had a unique opportunity to spend time with both civilians and members of the Panamanian armed forces. Most evenings were shared with students from the Technical University of Panama [the same students who visited the EE&CS department in the spring to work on an IT project with cadets].

Through extensive discussions and various social activities, cadets learned first-hand about life as a young person in Panama.

"[The Panamanian students] seemed very proud of their Panamanian identity They were very friendly, elegant and efficient in a way different from Americans" Cadet 2nd Class Zachary Willey said.

Cadet 1st Class Trevor Corrigan commented, "I was [very] impressed by the kindness and generosity of the Panamanians In the short time we had there, I grew deeply attached to the country and its people"

In addition, cadets interacted daily with various Panamanian

military forces. Willey recalled that "it was very exciting working with foreign forces and seeing the ways in which they conducted training. They were very professional and worked hard to support us." Through these relationships, cadets gained a greater appreciation of the Panamanian culture and the Panamanian military.

Since Spanish is Panama's official language, prior to departing for Panama the parachute team was required to work on basic language skills via the Rosetta Stone application on AKO. And through their countless daily contacts with the local populations, the team had numerous opportunities to exercise their language skills. After the 10-day visit, they were inspired to learn more.

"I have never experienced another culture the way I did on this AIAD. I have become very familiar with [this] culture and have been inspired to learn another language In short, my eyes were opened to a whole new world," Willey said.

This developmental trip marked the first time that the USMAPT had jumped on international soil or from a foreign military aircraft.

The SAN leadership said this was the first time that they had provided support for freefall operations to a U.S. military unit. Although this trip included many firsts, everyone involved hopes that this will not be the last encounter.

Cadet focuses on counter IED technology over summer

Story and photo by
Lt. Col. John Graham
BS&L

This summer, Cadet 2nd Class Don Mateer volunteered to knock out one Department of Physical Education class during summer school to make up for a class he missed due to injury last year. What he didn't plan on was spending his last week in summer school tackling the Improvised Explosive Device problem for the Army.

Mateer's work bridged work in three USMA departments: Behavioral Science & Leadership, Electrical Engineering & Computer Science and Systems Engineering.

"My DPE class met in the afternoons and I managed to finish a week early," Mateer said. "That gave me mornings and a whole week to work on something else. Since I am an Engineering Psychology major, I stopped in the lab to see if there was something for me to do."

The Engineering Psychology Laboratory did have an immediate need for his know how.

"Two of our graduated cadets, 2nd Lts. Dan Strathman and Brett Stroney, did some extensive experimentation on a new counter-IED technology, called ANCILE, which is currently under development by Lt. Col. Fernando Maymi in the USMA Information Technology Operations Center," Mateer explained. "As often happens with an experiment, as many new questions were generated as were answered. However, the graduating lieutenants had to leave West Point to prepare for platoon command."

Strathman and Stroney were specifically looking at three different individual Soldier alerting techniques. Their experiment compared how Soldiers, in a combat situation, react to a visual alert [light] versus an auditory alert [sound] versus a tactile alert [vibration].

The two found that there are some tough tradeoffs in selecting an alerting mechanism. Visual alerts always got the Soldiers' attention, but took focus away from the combat situation. Auditory alerts worked well, but they had to be so loud to overcome background noise that they damaged human hearing. Tactile alerts use a human sense that is not normally taxed, but the vibration is often ignored or missed in intense situations.

One new option generated by the experiment was to combine alerting systems. Mateer stepped in to address this new idea.

"I did not have time to run new experiments, so I looked for reports from previous research that was similar enough to use," he said.

By working with the USMA library staff, Mateer found other researchers who had worked on alerting techniques for firemen, police and other high-risk professions.

"The consensus across most of the research was to avoid visual alerts as they were too distracting," he added.

That left an alert that consisted of a vibration coupled with an auditory signal.

"Interestingly, many people have figured this out with their cell phones and have them set to both 'buzz' and ring for an incoming call," Mateer said.

To determine the best type of alert, Mateer turned to how the device should feel and look. The original research team had not addressed what form the alerting system should take. With a physical prototype, he could take the device into simulations for testing.

While Mateer provided the energy and drive to get the project done, many departments contributed to his success. The Armament Research, Development and Engineering Center, under the project management of John James, Ph.D., is funding the ANCILE project at USMA and Maxim Srebrennik from SE stepped in with extensive rapid prototyping experience.

Working with BS&L's Lt. Col. James Merlo, Mateer developed a box-like device that could strap to a Soldier's forearm.

"That placed the tactile vibration on the forearm and the auditory signal no further than the length of an arm," Mateer explained.

Merlo, a Ph.D. student preparing

for the Engineering Psychology faculty, was at West Point working on other research.

"My research is in scalable [or miniaturizing] displays for mobile Soldiers. This project has a lot to do with making a lot of information fit onto a small device. Don knew what he wanted to do. I just filled in where he does not yet have the expertise or knowledge," Merlo stated.

With assistance from Srebrennik, Mateer designed the device on the computer screen and then 'printed' out the prototype using a special 3D printer. The device doesn't actually work, but it is the right size and shape with all of the buttons in the right place so it gives a visual representation of how it will fit into the Soldiers' battle routine.

Srebrennik is an expert on a unique capability in SE -- 3D printing, which is a method of converting a virtual 3-D model into a physical object. Layers of a fine powder [plaster and resins] are selectively bonded by "printing" a water-based adhesive from the inkjet print head in the shape of each cross-section as determined by a computer-aided design file. Because the design starts out as a file that can fit into an e-mail, some organizations are able to "3-D fax" to 3-D printers around the world at locations so leaders and engineers have a clearer idea of what they are supposed to build or, in the case of IEDs, look for.

As Lt. Col. Brian Sperling, Deputy Director of the Systems Engineering Operations Research Center, pointed out, "We and Engineering Psychology have natural points of integration. However, this is the first project where a cadet project served as the interdisciplinary project lead."

"In three days and with support from three USMA departments, I went from research, to concept, to design and finally a model I can

mount on my arm," Mateer said.

"After I took some leave, I brought the model to Fort Hood for [Cadet Troop Leader Training] to see if it would work. I showed it

to experienced combat leaders and got their input. I plan to redesign and reprint the prototype based on what I learned and use this as my semester project," he added.



Cadet 2nd Class Don Mateer wears the ANCILE mock-up in combat gear. The mockup allows scientists and Soldiers to test for size, weight and operational interference before the final product is produced.

Cadets gain technical experience at Sandia labs

By Jacqueline Cieslak
Sandia Lab News

When U.S. Military Academy Cadet 1st Class Brian Czarnecki graduates next spring, he'll be commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army and will attend school to become an armor officer, but that doesn't mean he'll be done with science.

Czarnecki is one of four cadets, three from USMA and one from the U.S. Air Force Academy, who interned at Sandia National Laboratories this summer.

The nation's military academies and Sandia have worked together in the past to provide experience for interested cadets, but before this summer it hadn't been done in many years, according to Lt. Col. Rick Yaw. Yaw, who taught at West Point prior to working at Sandia, helped facilitate internships for the cadets.

"These students often grow up into national leaders, either in the Defense Department or in science and technology," Yaw said. "It's in the Labs' best interest to educate them on what we do to contribute to defense technologies and it's in their best interest to know what Labs science can do for them as defense leaders."

Cadets 1st Class James Johnson and Czarnecki, along with Air Force Cadet 1st Class Austin Bergstrom worked at Sandia/New Mexico, while Cadet 1st Class

Korey Cook worked at Sandia/California. All four spent one week in May and four weeks in June at the Labs before heading off to do military training for the rest of the summer.

"We expected to be treated like tourists," Johnson said. But he and Czarnecki, both nuclear engineering majors, found that to be far from the case while working for Sandian Thomas Haill on ALEGRA code simulations.

"They treated us really well and they showed a lot of interest in developing us," Czarnecki said. "[Haill] really dove deep into the physics and made sure we understood everything."

Haill, who has worked with both undergraduate and graduate students at the Labs before, said the two cadets far exceeded his expectations based on his previous work with undergraduate interns.

"These two cadets were very bright students," he said. "They caught on extremely well to the concepts I was trying to teach them. It's a testimony to both of these individuals and the education and training they had at West Point." Like Yaw, Haill said this is an opportunity for Sandia to maintain its positive relationship with the military.

The cadets say their personal experiences this summer will translate into their military training, both during the

remainder of the summer and in the following years.

"It's not necessarily that what we do at Sandia will directly affect our training, but it will enhance our ability to think critically as officers," Czarnecki said.

Johnson agrees, "the military in general is becoming more technically advanced and the skills we learned here help us see the importance of technology in our

future roles as officers."

All three Sandia/New Mexico cadets say they may consider coming back to Sandia later on in their careers. After graduation and more Army schooling, Johnson will become an infantry platoon leader.

For now, the cadets plan to focus on their training and education as they enter their senior year. They recalled a quote from ancient Greek

historian Thucydides that they felt was particularly applicable this summer: The nation that makes a great distinction between its scholars and its warriors will have its thinking done by cowards and its fighting done by fools.

With continuing positive interactions between the military academies and the national labs, that scene is likely something we'll never witness, Yaw said.



Blood Drive

Technician John Guldner from the New York Blood Center prepares the arm of Cadet 3rd Class Chance McCraw for a blood donation here at Eisenhower Hall Tuesday. The annual four-day West Point blood drive began Monday and ended Thursday. Blood collected at West Point and other NYBC drives is used in more than 200 area hospitals throughout the New York/New Jersey metro-area and Walter Reed Medical Center in Washington D.C.

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Community Leisure

Patriot Bowl information

**Army vs. Akron
in Cleveland
Sept. 1, at 7 p.m.,
Cleveland Browns Stadium**

August 31 events:

Lieutenant Gen. Buster Hagenbeck, Superintendent, U.S. Military Academy, will speak at The City Club of Cleveland at noon.

Tickets are available through The City Club of Cleveland at [888] 223-6786 or [216] 621-0082.

Special Discount Offer: Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum ...

In celebration of the inaugural FirstMerit Patriot Bowl, the Rock Hall is excited to offer \$5 off adult admission when you show your FirstMerit Patriot Bowl ticket at the box office. Offer valid from Aug. 31 to Sept. 2, 2007.

For more information, including hours and exhibit information, visit www.rockhall.com.

Special Performances by the U.S. Military Academy's Jazz Knights Little Big Band:

Concert begins at 2 p.m., on the Main Stage of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and is FREE to the public. After the performance, display your West Point pride by showing a special sign, T-shirt or other West Point paraphernalia and receive \$5 off a Rock Hall Adult Admission ticket!

September 1 events

Enjoy another performance by the Jazz Knights Little Big Band OUTSIDE on Key Plaza at 10:15 a.m. This performance is free to the public.

FirstMerit Patriot Bowl Tailgate Party presented by Team Wendy Mall C -- Downtown Cleveland from 1 to 6 p.m.

- Mall C open to the public
- Food & Beverage [No outside food/beverage permitted inside tailgate. You must be 21 years old to purchase and consume alcoholic beverages.]
- Interactive activities for people of all ages
- Appearances by the Army Rabble Rousers and the Akron Marching Band and Cheerleaders
- Live music performance by the Jazz Knights Little Big Band

Schedule of Events:

- 1 p.m. Tailgate Opens
- 2 p.m. Jazz Knights Little Big Band Performs
- 3 p.m. Private VIP Tailgate Opens
- 4:30 p.m. Pep Rally
- 6 p.m. Tailgate Closes

Private VIP Tailgate

Sponsored by the West Point Society of Cleveland, the Northeast Ohio West Point Parents Club and the University of Akron Department of Athletics.

How To Purchase Tickets

■ For tickets to The West Point Society of Cleveland and the Northeast Ohio West Point Parents Club Private VIP Tailgate:

Register at www.aogusma.org/secure/as/tailgate/ArmyVSAkron/

Or call Maryellen Picciuto at the West Point AOG @ [845] 446-1569.

What's Happening

Army Appreciation Day

The 3rd Army Appreciation Day will be held at the Hannibal Mule Statue in Highland Falls Sat. from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to introduce members of the Junior Black Knights, the O'Neill High School Football team and members of the Army football team.

The Cadet Spirit Band and Rabble Rousers will also be in attendance. The public is welcome.

Women's Equality Day

The West Point EO Office, USCC EO/Respect Office and AAFES will be sponsoring a free matinee movie event for Women's Equality Day.

The summer 2007 release "Gracie" will be free for Soldiers, Cadets, Civilians and Family members at 2 p.m. Sunday in Arnold Auditorium/Mahan Hall.

CAC meeting Monday

The next Community Action Council meeting is Monday at 9:30 a.m., at the Jewish Chapel.

The community is welcome to attend.

PFCU Taylor Hall branch open

The Pentagon Federal Credit Union branch located in Taylor Hall has resumed its normal academic year hours, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Flying Circus of Physics

The West Point community is invited to attend The Flying Circus of Physics Wed. in Thayer Hall's Robinson Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

The lecture is mandatory for all cadets enrolled in PH201/PH251.

Be seated by 7:25 p.m.

Girl Scout registration

West Point Girl Scout registration and re-registration is currently on going.

For more info., call Deanna at 446-5140.

Crandall Pool closed

Crandall Pool in the Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center is closed until Sept. 5. Delafield and Round Ponds are open. Call 938-5158 for more info.

First WPS Board Meeting

The first West Point Schools School Board Meeting will be Sept. 4 at 4:30 p.m., in the WP Middle School Conference Room.

The meeting is open to the public.

Running School

Former Olympic marathoner Jeff Galloway will visit West Point Sept. 4-6.

The public is invited to attend an evening lecture on running and lifelong fitness Sept. 5 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., in Thayer Hall, Room 144.

Galloway will also hold an

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outdoor running school Sept. 6 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., at Shea Stadium.

2007 Engineering Expo

The USMA Engineering Departments are hosting the 2007 Engineering Expo Sept. 7 from 6 to 9 p.m., in Eisenhower Hall's Crest Hall and Promenade levels.

The event is a forum that allows cadets and local high school students the opportunity to interact with professors, cadets and industry professionals on a wide variety of engineering topics.

The event is free, open to the public and will feature an informal pizza dinner.

WP Protestant Sunday School

The West Point Protestant Sunday School is a community-wide chapel program and is a well-established ministry to our community.

The cadets lead the Sunday School classes ranging from Pre-K to Senior High.

We also offer three adult/cadet classes taught by members or chaplains from our chapel congregations. All classes take place on the third floor of Thayer Hall [Hudson River side] from 9 to 10 a.m., beginning Sept. 9.

Register your families at your chapel or for more info contact Chaplain Paige K. Heard, 938-3412, or paige.heard@usma.edu.

PWOC

PWOC is a local chapter of Protestant Women of The Chapel-USA. Our purpose is to support the work of the West Point Chapels by uniting all women in the community through Bible Study, fellowship, prayer and outreach opportunities.

OPEN HOUSE: Wed. from 8:45 to 11 a.m., and Thurs. from 7 to 9 p.m.

KICK OFF: Aug. 22 at 8:45 to 11 a.m. and Aug. 23 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Attend one of the open houses at the Post chapel to register.

Catholic religious education

If you are new to West Point or an old-timer who has not yet registered or re-registered your children for Catholic religious education, please do so today.

Registration forms can be found in the Rectory of Most Holy Trinity, in the rear of the Chapel and in the Religious Education Office located in the Cloister room of the Chapel.

Opening day is Sept. 9. MHT offers religious education classes for children four years old through adult. Classes K-Adult are held Sunday mornings on the 3rd floor

of Thayer Hall and the four-year-old class is held in the Cloister room of the Chapel.

For more info., contact Cindy Ragsdale, 938-8761, Cynthia.ragsdale@usma.edu.

Retirement seminars

Seats are still available for the CSRS and FERS retirement seminars scheduled for Sept. 19 in the Bldg. 626 training room on the second floor.

The CSRS seminar is from 8 to 11 a.m.

The FERS seminar is from 1 to 4 p.m.

The seminars are free.

Employees who wish to attend should submit a USMA 24-30 to CPAC.

The form can be faxed to [845] 938-2363.

For more information, call CPAC's Kathleen Ridgeway at [845] 938-3704.

NOW SHOWING

in the movie theater at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752

Friday -- Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday -- Ratatouille, G, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday -- Transformers, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.

Aug. 31 -- Transformers, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 1 -- Hairspray, PG, 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 1 -- Live Free or Die Hard, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.

Sept. 7 -- No Reservations, PG, 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 8 -- Underdog, PG, 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 8 -- Bourne Ultimatum, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.

Sept. 14 -- Bourne Ultimatum, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

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

**U. S. Military Academy Band
West Point, New York**

Music Under the Stars

Jazz Knights with guest trombonist *Steve Wiest*, August 26, 7:30 p.m. (Inclement site Eisenhower Hall).

Hellcats and Concert Band, *1812 Overture Concert* with Fireworks, Cannon and special guest *George Dvorsky*, Sept. 1 (Rain date Sept. 2), 7:30 p.m.

Trophy Point Amphitheatre

Free and Open to the Public
See schedule at www.usma.edu/band or call 845-938-2617

DPW Notes

Lee Road paving

Lee Road is being repaved. The construction is expected to continue until approximately Oct. 30.

Work includes the replacement of curbs and selected sections of the sidewalk, replacement of asphalt driveway aprons, catch basins and the road.

During the construction, parking on Lee Road will be limited during duty hours. Travel along Lee Road will be slow and controlled by flagman as required. Drivers should proceed at a slow rate of speed while in the construction zone.

Due to uneven pavement in the area, walkers and joggers should use special care along Lee Road or avoid the area entirely. Use particular care during hours when lighting is limited.

All personnel should expect construction activity and delays in the area. For more information, contact Richard Lark, 938-6787.

Housing maintenance backlog

During USMA's prime personnel turnover season, DPWers are working overtime to ensure that incoming residents receive quality quarters. During the period mid-May through mid-September, approximately one-third of the housing inventory [about 350 quarters] gets new residents.

Each of those quarters needs standard preventive maintenance, plus repairs to correct any defects. Because of this workload requirement, we must change the average turnaround time on service orders.

Emergencies will continue to be responded to within 24 hours. Those service orders that are not emergencies, but are considered urgent in nature, will be handled as soon as possible.

All other service orders will be handled only on a time-available basis. This will likely increase the time between reporting a routine repair or service and someone responding to it. The backlog could be as much as 90 days.

DPW is committed to speedy, quality customer service and will get to your service order as soon as possible in keeping with summer maintenance requirements and resources. Remember to get a service order number when calling the service desk.

It is your receipt that the order

has been received and is in the system. Your patience during this peak season is appreciated. Questions or special concerns should be addressed to DPW Customer Relations at 938-4407.

Mechanical rooms

Residents are reminded not to store personal property in mechanical rooms. Mechanical rooms are not intended to be used for storage. Storage of cardboard boxes, old paint and other household products produces a fire hazard when placed near furnaces or hot water heaters.

Residents must remove all personal property from mechanical rooms. Additionally, DPW mechanics need ready access to the equipment in the room. This need is particularly important during the winter heating season and, although cold weather seems far away, it is really only 90 days away.

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

Notification of DPW activities

Whenever possible, DPW will notify members of the USMA community of pending utility outages and other DPW information. Due to emergency situations or manpower shortages, the delivery of a written notice to each resident and public building occupant is, at times, not possible, nor timely.

Whether a pre-planned activity or an emergency situation, where prior notification can not be made, DPW will always attempt to contact the Community Mayor and/or Area Coordinator and Building Commandants on issues involving their areas.

We rely on Building

Commandants to notify affected activities within their building and Area Coordinators/Mayors to help notify their residents.

Therefore, it would be to your advantage that if asked by your Community Mayor and/or Area Coordinator to provide a home e-mail address that you consider doing so.

In addition, we use all public media available within time constraints to distribute a public information notice.

All community members are urged to regularly check e-mail bulletin boards, the DPW Web Page, Channel 23, the *Pointer View*® and the Daily Bulletin for messages that pertain to them.

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

Command Channel 8/23

Aug. 24 - 31

FRIDAY

8:30 A.M. ARMY NEWSWATCH
1 P.M. ARMY NEWSWATCH
6 P.M. ARMY NEWSWATCH

MONDAY - AUG. 31

8:30 A.M. ARMY NEWSWATCH
1 P.M. ARMY NEWSWATCH
6 P.M. ARMY NEWSWATCH

Eisenhower Hall Theatre

SINBAD -- SEPT. 15
[CHANGE]

LA BOHÈME
WASHINGTON NATIONAL OPERA
SIMULCAST [NO ADMISSION CHARGE!]
SEPT. 23

THE GREAT CHINA ACROBATS
SEPT. 30

AL JARREAU -- NOV. 3

ANNIE -- DEC. 8

THE VANGUARD JAZZ ORCHESTRA
JAN. 12, 2008

SOPIA FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA
MARTIN PANTELEEV, CONDUCTOR
TERRENCE WILSON, PIANO
FEB. 3

MY SINATRA
THE SONGS AND THE STORIES
STARRING CARY HOFFMAN
MARCH 1

THE PRODUCERS -- APRIL 5

BALLET HISPANICO -- APRIL 12

RING OF FIRE -- APRIL 20

For more info., go to www.ikehall.com.



Military Conservation award

Tom Healy, Acting Regional director of the Northeast division of the Fish and Wildlife Service Military Conservation [left], Col. Daniel Bruno, Garrison Commander, Dave Tilton, U.S. Fish and Wildlife project leader, Jim Beemer, West Point Natural Resources Manager, Jennifer Butkus, Chief of Environmental Services and Frank Hammond, forester here, receive the Military Conservation Partner Award certificate Aug. 13. This award recognizes installations that have made significant natural resource conservation achievements through cooperative work with the FWS and others.

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Keller Corner

MASCAL exercise

On Thursday, from approximately 1 to 5 p.m., expect to see ambulances, fire trucks and helicopters moving around West Point between Stony Lonesome Fire Station, Michie Stadium and Keller Hospital.

This movement will be in support of a Mass Casualty training exercise.

During this timeframe no roads will be closed, but you may experience minor traffic delays on Stony Lonesome and Washington roads.

Please stay clear of Michie Stadium and Keller Army Community Hospital to avoid helicopter landing and take-off operations.

KACH closures

All outpatient clinics, laboratory, pharmacy and radiology will be closed Thursday and Sept. 3.

The hospital is open Aug. 31.

The emergency room will remain open.

Refractive Surgery Seminar

Are you interested in Laser Vision Correction? Come to the next Refractive Surgery Seminar Sept. 4 at 7:30 p.m., in Robinson Auditorium.

The seminar is open to Cadets [Cows and Firsties] and Active Duty Soldiers.

If you have any questions, call the Ophthalmology Clinic at 938-2207.

Childbirth preparation classes

[Four-week series] Tuesdays 6 to 8 p.m., starting Sept. 4 and Oct. 30 in KACH's second floor classroom.

Call OBU at 938-3210 to register.

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

At Your Leisure

MWR Blurbs

USMA 5k/10k Kids Fun Run

The 2007 USMA 5k/10k and Kids Fun Run is Saturday.

The 5k begins at 8 a.m. The 10k begins at 8:30 a.m., and the Kids 1k Fun Run begins at 8:45 a.m.

Football child care

The Child Development Center will be providing child care for all home football games.

For more information, call 938-4798.

Child care deadlines are:

Game	Deadline
Sept. 8	Wed.
Sept. 29	Sept. 19
Oct. 6	Sept. 26
Nov. 9	Oct. 31
Nov. 17	Nov. 7

Secrets to resume success

A Secrets to Resume Success class will be offered Sept. 11, from 10 to 11 a.m., in the ACS Training Room [Building 622].

Learn hints and tips on putting together a winning resume for a government job or civilian employment.

Registration required by Sept 7. For more info., call [845] 248-4719.

ITR trips

Join ITR for a trip to New York City to see the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island Sept. 7.

Trip leaves WP at 9 a.m. and returns at 4 p.m.

Join ITR for a trip to the Bronx Zoo or New York Botanical Gardens Sept. 12.

Free admission to both venues. Leave WP at 9 a.m. and return at 3:30 p.m.

Call 938-3601 for more info.

No Mother is Perfect

A No Mother is Perfect class will be offered Sept. 11, from 2 to 3 p.m. in the ACS Training Room [Building 622].

Appreciating your mothering style and making the most of it begins with self-knowledge.

Registration required. For more info., call [845] 248-4719.

Financial readiness training for first-term Soldiers

A financial readiness training class for first-term Soldiers is being offered Sept. 12, from 8:30 a.m. to noon. More classes held Oct. 10 and Nov. 14.

All classes held in the ACS classroom [Bldg 622].

Registration required at least one week prior to class date by calling 938-5653/4621.

Reintegration and Reunion Workshop

There will be a Reintegration and Reunion Workshop Sept. 20, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Jewish Chapel for Soldiers and Families of Soldiers who will return from deployment soon or have recently returned.

Lunch and child care will be provided. Call ACS' Galatea Badger at 938-5654 to sign up.

ACSD

The Annual Army Family Action Plan Conference is scheduled for Oct. 23-24 at the West Point Club.

The Teen AFAP Conference

will be held Oct. 20 at the Youth Center.

AFAP offers an opportunity to speak out and provide ideas on how to improve the well-being of the Total Army Family.

AFAP Planning Committee seeks individuals interested in serving as delegates, facilitators, recorders and issue support staff.

Call 938-4621 or stop by the ACS Center, Bldg. 622 to become involved.

Youth Services

Come join West Point Child and Youth Services for a day of family fun Sept. 15, from noon to 4 p.m. at Bldg. 500.

We will be celebrating Boys and Girls Clubs Day for Kids. Ice

cream, games, design T-shirts and more.

For more info., call 938-8899.

West Point Club

Family Style Italian Dining, Sept. 7, 5 to 9 p.m.

Fine Italian cuisine for the entire family!

For info. and reservations, call 446-5504.

Ballroom dancing classes

The MWR Fitness Center is hosting a series of six weekly ballroom dancing classes starting Sept. 12.

Join acclaimed dance tutor Joe Maraday for each one-hour class, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., at Cullum Hall [Bldg. 605].

For more info., call 938-6490.

Army and Community Sports

WEST POINT TRIATHLON DRAWS SLEW OF ATHLETES

By Maj. Tom Bryant
PAO XO

One hundred, forty-eight thousand, four hundred seventeen miles. In less than three hours.

That was the combined distance swum, biked and run by the competitors in the 22nd Annual West Point Triathlon Sunday at Camp Buckner.

Cadets, West Point community members and endurance racing enthusiasts from the region -- a total of 771 athletes -- gathered for the event Sunday morning to test their stamina in what is considered one of the premier sprint triathlons in the area.

"There is no better challenge than the triathlon to develop the

warrior ethos," said Lt. Col. Pat Sullivan, West Point's triathlon team coach and deputy director of the academy's Simon Center for the Professional Military Ethic. "It's about going beyond your limits and pushing yourself to the next level."

The race consisted of three events: an 800-meter swim, a 25-kilometer bicycle ride and a five-kilometer run. The swim took place in Lake Popolopen, with the biking and running events taking place in the vicinity of Camp Buckner.

Junior Nick Vandam, a 20-year-old Minneapolis native and triathlon team member who's beginning his third year at West Point, won the overall event with a time of 1:01:44.

"This is one of the most important races because we're playing on our home court," Vandam said. Vandam was the race leader after the swimming event and never surrendered the top spot.

Sophomore Ashley Morgan, the top women's finisher with a time of 1:09:35, said the support of her fellow racers and the spectators lining the course was a key motivator during the race.

"Everyone was yelling 'Go Army' all over the course -- I'm not even tired," Morgan said.

Morgan and Vandam, along with Senior Nicholas Dason, Junior Nicholas Sterghos and Sophomore Bryan Lagasse, will compete in the Triathlon World Championships during Labor Day weekend in Hamburg, Germany. Vandam, who placed third in the 2006 world championships, said Sunday's event was a "tune-up" for the world championships.

According to Sullivan, the West Point Triathlon is one of the region's most popular events and the race field reached maximum capacity in May. Sullivan said contestants from outside the West Point community are drawn to the race for two reasons -- the people and the setting.

"It's a great family environment, a big community event and people like to interact with the cadets," Sullivan said. "And you can't find a more scenic venue."

Both Sullivan and Lt. Col. Ralph Vargas, the race director, commended the efforts of the cadets who organized and ran the event.

Cadet volunteers, many from the triathlon, cycling, marathon and swimming teams, were responsible



Junior Nick Vandam, an Army Triathlon member, finished first overall with a time of 1:01:44.

for every aspect of the race.

Plebe Brendan Fox, an 18-year-old from Plymouth, Ind., was concerned that his inability to train would hamper his performance.

"I did plenty of running during Beast, so I'm ready for that part," said Fox as he arranged his equipment in the transition area prior to the race start. "I just saw my bike last night for the first time in seven weeks, so I have no idea how that will go."

Fox, whose goal was to place in the top 14 male cadets and earn a spot on the Army Triathlon team, finished sixth and achieved his goal.

Asked about his performance after the race as well as during his last six weeks in Cadet Basic Training, Fox, slightly winded and dripping with sweat, echoed the sentiment of many competitors.

"I just can't see myself anywhere else."



Sophomore Ashley Morgan gets her bicycle set for the biking portion of the West Point Triathlon. She was the top women's finisher with a time of 1:09:35. PHOTO BY SGT. 1ST CLASS ROGER JONES/PAO

Wounded Vet conquers W.P. Triathlon

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To most endurance athletes, the goal of each race is to overcome personal limits -- physical and mental -- to achieve peak performance. One competitor in Sunday's West Point Triathlon has overcome more than most.

Sergeant Sebastian Cila, a 34-year-old Long Island native and infantryman in the New York National Guard's 1st Battalion, 69th

Infantry Regiment, was severely wounded in an IED attack July 4, 2005, just outside the Green Zone in Baghdad.

He was evacuated to Walter Reed Army Medical Center where he underwent more than 40 surgeries during his recovery.

Cila was sponsored by the Army Triathlon Team and a \$1,000 donation was made to the Wounded Warrior program during Sunday's post-race awards ceremony.

The race is Cila's first triathlon

and his goal was to "just get through it." He is incorporating endurance racing into his recovery regimen.

After completing the event in a respectable 1:30:00, Cila said the toughest part of the race was the cycling.

"I was surprised a little by the hills," he said.

Asked about his future in triathlon competition, Cila didn't hesitate.

"Ironman '08 -- that's the goal," he said.

QUARTERBACK LUNCHEONS

Army Football Quarterback Luncheons begin Thursday at the West Point Club at noon. Each luncheon is a pep rally before that week's game and will involve a Q & A with Coach Stan Brock and comments from players.

The lunch menu offers a choice of the Salad Bar or Sandwich Bar, and you can also get a hot entree, soup, chips, coffee, tea and cookies.

For reservations for your department or group, call 938-5120 or 446-5504.

The food lines will open at 11:30 a.m., with the luncheon activities beginning at noon. All luncheons will take place Thursdays, except for Nov. 7 before the Nov. 9, a Friday night, Rutgers game.

Army offense: expect the unexpected in 2007

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Summer practices and scrimmages can be times where a football player can put a strangle hold on a starting position. This summer, Army football has two important position battles going on at key spots within the offense.

As the 2007 college football season draws near with one week to go before Army takes the field Sept. 1 at Cleveland Browns Stadium against Akron, the quarterback and running back positions have fierce competition among those vying for the starting spots.

With any team coming off a 3-9 record that has a new head coach and a new offensive coordinator, there's bound to be changes made to improve the quality of the on-field product.

One of Army's strongest position clashes is at quarterback where senior David Pevoto and sophomore Carson Williams are both trying to impress head coach Stan Brock and offensive coordinator Tim Walsh.

Pevoto began last season as the starter and started eight games before conceding his spot to Williams for the final four weeks. Pevoto finished last year with a 54.9 completion percentage, six touchdowns and 14 interceptions.

Under the guidance of Walsh, Pevoto has had a strong summer camp thus far and has shown flashes of brilliance during the first two Army summer scrimmages. Pevoto completed 28 of 39 passes for 274 yards through the first two scrimmages and settled in nicely within the new offensive system.

"We put in some new concepts to the offense and it took a little while to get it during the spring," Pevoto said. "But now I think all the quarterbacks feel confident [within the system], especially me."

Walsh's West Coast-style offense is looked at as a boon for the quarterbacks, according to Pevoto, because it doesn't shackle them as the offense has in the previous couple of seasons.

"There are things that I can do whenever we're going to run the ball that I can [audible out of an intended play]. That gives me a

little more freedom at the line of scrimmage. I like that," Pevoto explained. "I believe we're going to have a good year. We have a lot of experience on the coaching staff that will help us."

The wealth of experience that Walsh brings with his 14 years of head coaching at Division I-AA Portland State can be a difference maker down the road, especially since the continuity of the team is intact.

Army returns senior wide receiver Jeremy Trimble, who finished last year with 52 receptions. Trimble is one of the prime pieces of a successful offensive puzzle. Despite some of the philosophical changes on offense, the return of key personnel, which wasn't the case last year, does help in the flow of the offense as a whole.

"It's good to have guys back that you're used to," Pevoto said. "[With] Trimble and most of the other receivers, we have our timing down already. Any route they run, I'm used to their speed and I can put the ball where it needs to be put. It really helps out when you have 10 other guys out there on the same page."

Williams performance has also been positive during camp. He completed 15 of 22 passes for 90 yards and believes the team has more weapons than last year. For Williams, it's just a matter of gaining maturity after taking some lumps late last season against teams like Notre Dame and Navy.

"I feel a lot more comfortable," Williams said. "I feel more confident and relaxed and not nearly as stressed. I was thinking just a few days ago that this training camp has actually been fun, whereas last year I was very nervous, didn't know what was going on, was cramming plays and messing up a lot."

"But this year I've found myself having more fun. When you have fun, you compete better," Williams added, "and that's what it's supposed to be like."

Brock thinks Williams has shown much improvement during the spring and the summer. He sees him as a very mature young man who will only get better after enduring the gauntlet he ran during his freshman year.

"Carson was thrown to the wolves last year and sometimes the wolves will eat you up or sometimes you can fight them off. I think he did a good job fighting them off,"



Senior quarterback David Pevoto has shined during Army's first two scrimmages in preparation for the fall football schedule by completing 28 of 39 passes for 274 yards.



Senior co-captain wide receiver Jeremy Trimble finished last season with 52 receptions. Currently ranked third and fourth in receptions [114] and receiving yardage [1,418], respectively, in the Army record books, Trimble is within a reasonable distance to pass both marks this season.

Brock stated. "He learned from a lot of things last year. He played Notre Dame in front of 80,000, he played the Army-Navy game in front of a great crowd, so he's had some experiences that are hard to get [as a freshman] and he got them. ... It was an expensive lesson he had to learn, but he's got a good year of learning."

Experience can only be bought by playing time and two players that may experience growth this year, much like Williams did last year, are sophomore wideout Damion Hunter and freshman running back Patrick Mealy.

"I've been impressed with Pat Mealy. I think he's doing a good job coming out of our prep school program," Brock said. "Hunter, who is a sophomore who had some playing time last year, will be a bigger part of our offense this year. It's all because of maturity with him ... and [on the field] maturity doesn't all come in the first couple of weeks of practice, but it comes as the season progresses."

Mealy will most likely find himself waiting his turn in the pecking order as part of the team's

running back rotation because of juniors Wesley McMahan and Tony Dace and sophomore Tony Moore.

McMahan lead the team in rushing last season with 654 yards, while Dace had only 30 yards. Moore added 399 yards and a team-leading six touchdowns [five came on the ground]. Brock understands that, much like the quarterback position, last year was a growth year at running back because none of the guys who played were beyond their sophomore year.

"Tony Moore played a lot last year. He was a freshman tailback and that's not an easy task within any offensive system," Brock said. "[All of our running backs] have another year under their belts and they are more confident and understand the system and what we're trying to do. That's where the success will come from."

The offensive line should be a strength this season as all five projected starters did start at least one game last year. They will be an integral part of the success of

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Staff and Faculty Bowling Signups

The renovated MWR Bowling Center will conduct the 2007 Staff and Faculty Bowling League.

Department or unit teams wishing to do so can enter by e-mailing Graig Arms, Bowling Center manager, at Graig.Arms@usma.edu or calling him at 938-2140.

The League will play every Tuesday, games starting at 6:30 p.m., from Sept. 11 through Dec. 11 and then Jan. 15 through Feb. 26. It'll be a duration of 21 weeks. There is a small fee of \$6 per person to cover lane fee costs. Shoe rentals, if needed, are for free.

The League will be handicapped. Deadlines for team entries is Sept. 4.

Intramural Flag Football Signups

The MWR sports office will conduct the 2007 Staff and Faculty Flag Football league beginning Sept. 5 with a slate of exhibition scrimmages at Buffalo Soldier Field at 6 p.m.

Regular season games will begin Sept. 10.

The league is open to all USMA departments and units, as well as, the Stewart Marines and Air Guard Unit.

Contact Jim McGuinness at 938-3066 or e-mail him at Jim.McGuinness@usma.edu by COB Thursday to sign-up.

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the passing game and the running game, but another key figure in both of those aspects will be the blocking abilities of fullback Mike Viti.

Viti, who is the unquestioned leader and spirit of the offense, returns for his senior year as one of the team's captains and has a willingness to put his body on the line to get his team to a winning level. Viti, who has experienced only nine wins in three years, sees the change in the coaching staff as a great benefit to the offense.

"The offense, during every practice throughout the summer, has made big plays. That's one thing we need to build on," Viti said. "You're not going to have sustained drives all game long, so you need a couple of game breakers. We've had plays where our receivers weren't touched going into the end zone. I think that's one of the big things we've been keying on for this fall."

The best guys to tell you about the improvements on the offense are the defensive players who practice against them every day. Senior safety Caleb Campbell and senior linebacker Charlie Rockwood both have seen great differences already in practice.

"The offense is moving the ball well [in the scrimmages] and spreading out more," Campbell said. "I talked to Viti and he told me some things are going to happen that never happened here before. I love to be on the field, but if the offense is on the field more and it means putting up points, then that's great -- it's all about winning."

Rockwood added, "I remember

spring ball two years ago and it was almost a joke -- reading the offense. ... I don't want to go into play calling, but we knew what was coming all the time ... Now, anything can come from a spread-out offense. It has not only helped our offense, but it's helped our defense because it gets us ready for anything by spreading the field and [making] misdirections. It makes our entire team better."