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Army launches Wounded Soldier and Family Hotline

WASHINGTON -- [Army News Service] -- At the direction of the Acting Secretary of the Army and Chief of Staff, Army, the Army opened its newly created Wounded Soldier and Family Hotline Monday.

The purpose of the hotline's call center is twofold: to offer wounded and injured Soldiers and family members a way to seek help to resolve medical issues and to provide an information channel of Soldier medically related issues directly to senior Army leadership so they can improve how the Army serves the medical needs of our Soldiers' and their families.

"We designed this call center to be able to collectively hear what the Soldiers say about their health care issues, so as issues are raised, we can identify systemic faults or problematic areas and senior leaders can better allocate resources," said Maj. Gen. Sean J. Byrne, Commanding General, U.S. Army Human Resources Command. "It's all about serving our wounded and injured Soldiers and their families. If we can find a way to improve our system, we will. It's that simple."

Many wounded and injured Soldiers who have supported the Global War on Terrorism, as well as their families, are enduring hardships in navigating through our

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medical care system, Byrne said.

"Our Army is committed to providing outstanding medical care for the men and women who have volunteered to serve this great nation," Byrne observed. "But recent events [at Walter Reed Army Medical Center] made it clear the Army needs to revise how it meets the needs of our wounded and injured Soldiers and their families. In certain cases, the Soldiers' chain of command could have done a better job in helping to resolve medically-related issues."

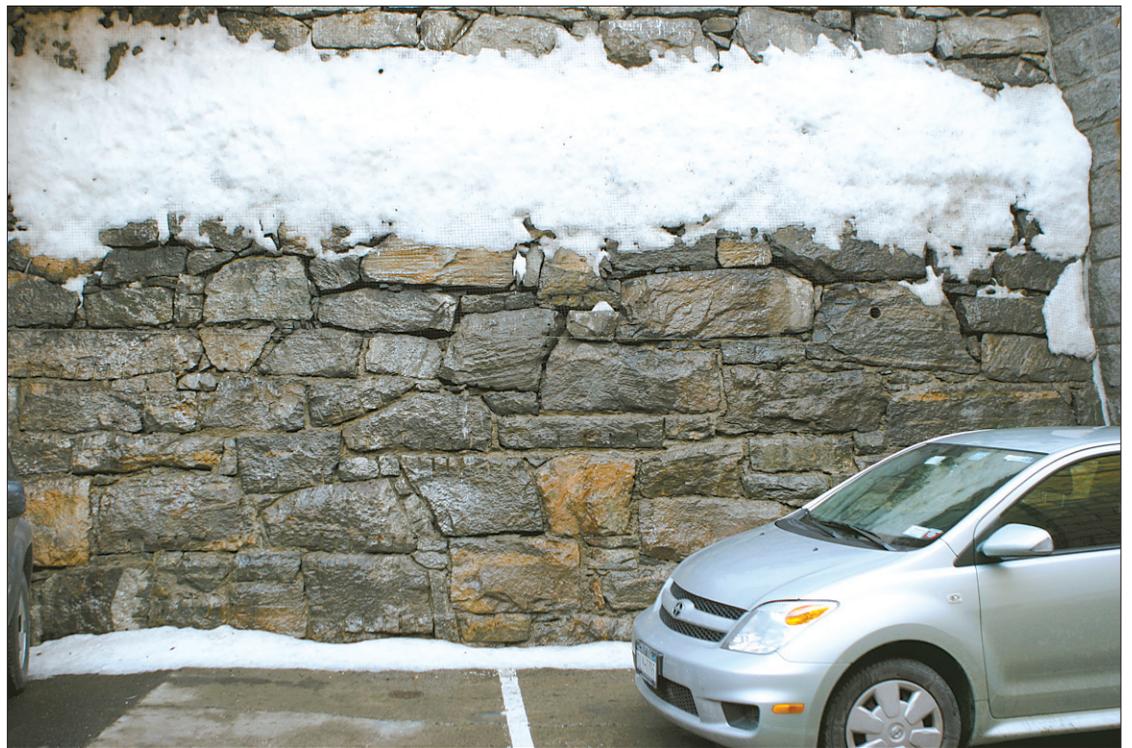
Leaders in Soldiers' chains of command also need to know that this call center exists and that it has not been created to circumvent the chain of command.

"In this particularly challenging time, as our senior Army leadership looks [for] ways to improve services to wounded and injured Soldiers and their families, this is another step in the direction of improvement, Byrne added. "Our wounded and injured Soldiers and their families expect and deserve the very best care and leadership from our Army."

The "Wounded Soldier and Family Hotline" can be reached from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, at [800] 984-8523.

As additional personnel are trained to receive calls and refer them to the proper organization or agency for resolution, the hotline hours of operation will expand to 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The call center is under the command of the U.S. Army's Human Resources Command.



Late season storm brings snow and ice danger

The current warm-up after a significant ice and snow storm March 16 is causing ice and snow on the buildings and walls around West Point to melt leading to hazardous conditions around post. [Above] Snow looms over a parked car behind the West Point Club. The West Point Safety Office asks everyone to be on the look out for overhead ice.

KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

\$2K referral bonus extended to civilians

By Army News Service
Heike Hasenauer

WASHINGTON [Army News Service]-- The Army has expanded its \$2K Referral Bonus program to include civilian employees, making it possible for them to earn \$2,000 while helping the Army boost enlistments.

Until March 15, the recruiting incentive -- known as the "\$2K Referral Bonus" program for the regular Army and Army Reserve and "Every Soldier is a Recruiter" in the National Guard -- applied only to Soldiers and Army retirees who referred applicants who enlist, complete basic training and graduate from advanced individual training.

The bonus for referring a prospective applicant who has never served in the armed forces originated in January 2006 with a

\$1,000 bonus.

It was doubled in November 2006.

Under the newly expanded program, a Department of the Army civilian who refers a prospective recruit before the applicant meets with a recruiter is eligible for the award.

Restrictions preclude the referral of an immediate family member [including an adopted or step-child].

Additionally, the referral must be made via the following Web sites, respectively, for active-duty Army prospective recruits and Army National Guard prospective recruits: <https://www.usarec.army.mil/smart/> or www.1800goguard.com/esar.

Referrals for the regular Army and Army Reserve may also be made by calling U.S. Army Recruiting Command's toll-free

number: [800] 223-3735.

Referrals to the National Guard may be made by calling the Guard's toll-free number: [866] 566-2472.

"As the Army Civilian Creed notes, Army civilians are dedicated members of the Army team. They support the mission and they provide stability and continuity during war and peace," said Lt. Gen. Michael Rochelle, the Army's deputy chief of staff for personnel. "I know they are directing deserving youth to recruiters now. This will not only encourage them, but also reward them for their service."

For more information about the referral program, visit <https://www.usarec.army.mil/smart/> or call [800] 223-3735, extension 6-0473.

[Editor's Note: Hasenauer is the senior editor for "Soldiers" magazine.]

Starting a McGruff Safehouse Program at West Point

Commentary by
Staff Sgt. Peter Thens
DES

A few years ago I was teaching Drug Abuse Resistance Education to kindergarten through 12th grade. One question I asked during the class that always received the same answer, whether it was from a young child or young adolescent was, "If you were in trouble or someone was chasing you on post

and you felt scared and threatened, do you feel that anyone living on post would drop everything to help you?" The overall answer was a resounding "Yes."

So now let me pose this question to all residents living here at West Point "If a child were in trouble, being bullied by other children or chased by some adult, would you open your door to help that child?"

In neighborhoods off military installations there is a definite need for someone to "advertise" their home as being a safe place from harm. In cooperation with local law enforcement agencies, those people willing to provide a safe house for children in immediate peril have volunteered to join the McGruff Safehouse™ Program.

Of course the first question in everyone's mind would be "what am I expected to do?" According to the National McGruff Safehouse™ rules:

McGruff houses DO:

- Call the appropriate authorities if a child is lost or has a medical emergency
- Reassure the child if he or she is frightened
- Report crimes and suspicious activities [to include descriptions of vehicles or possible 'suspects' when possible]

They DON'T:

- Provide first aid [except in

life-threatening situations]

- Administer medications
- Supervise the neighborhood
- Enforce laws

Volunteers also do not act as a guard or escort service, provide toilet facilities, provide a place to "warm-up" or "cool-down," provide food or beverages or guarantee safety beyond providing what is listed above.

Remember my earlier story about my DARE classes? If a child were to come to my door, in distress and apparent need of assistance,

I would assist that child without hesitation. I would like to think that I would do this not because I have been a Military Policeman for most of my adult life, but because someone's child was in need of help.

Why have McGruff Safehouses at West Point?

McGruff the Crime Dog is recognized by 99 percent of children in the U.S. as someone they can trust.

Prior to designating a house as a McGruff Safehouse, law

enforcement agencies will carefully screen the volunteers. At West Point, this will be done by Department of Emergency Services.

This assists the community in uniting under a common program to help protect children and make standards consistent nationwide.

Now the last question to be answered is how do you become a McGruff Safehouse volunteer? Fill out an application, which can be obtained at the MP Station. Every person in your house over 18 years old must pass a background check.

As a community, we can visibly show the kids what they already have guessed, there are many "safehouses" on West Point.

For more information contact the Provost Marshals' Physical Security Office, Thens at 938-5207; Tom Slater at x4585 or Chris Shaw at x2042.



Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

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

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Difficulty: Hard

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

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SARP INFO

The members of the Sexual Assault Response and Prevention Team are Col. Jeanette McMahon, Shelley Ariosto [Garrison], Maj. Samantha Ross [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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Local and National News

DMI's Maxwell earns leadership award

Story and photo by
Eric S. Bartelt
Sports Editor

For 20 years now, the Gen. Douglas MacArthur Foundation in Norfolk, Va., in coordination with the Department of the Army, has been recognizing company grade officers who demonstrate the ideals for which MacArthur stood for -- Duty, Honor, Country.

The award that promotes and sustains effective junior officer leadership in the Army will be given to 28 awardees, which includes officers and warrant officers from the active Army, Army National Guard and the U.S. Army Reserve.

Capt. James D. [Dave] Maxwell, Department of Military Instruction MS 303 [Combined Arms Warfare II] course director and Officer-in-Charge of the Cavalry Scout Club here, is one of the 28 awardees that will receive a 15-pound bronze bust of MacArthur and a commendation memorandum from the Army Chief of Staff at an awards ceremony to be held May 16 at the Pentagon Courtyard in Washington, D.C.

Maxwell has personified MacArthur's ideals throughout his career as an Armor officer. He joined the military in Oct. 1991 as an enlisted Soldier and in less than three years went to the U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School and later to West Point, where he graduated in 1998.

Before returning to West Point to his current position, he commanded B Company, 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment out of Fort Hood, Texas, during a deployment, from March 2004 to March 2005 to Iraq, and then went to New Orleans in support of post-Hurricane Katrina operations.

Maxwell is very humbled by this honor and was surprised that he would be given the award during this past calendar year.

"I figured they would pick company commanders and those guys who are in Iraq and Afghanistan," Maxwell said. "Those guys [during 2006] probably deserved it more than I do because they were out there leading Soldiers."

Maxwell has led Soldiers into combat and now he uses his real world combat experience in the classroom, as a technical and tactical expert, to develop cadets into the next generation of Army leaders.

"What has driven me here with



The Department of Military Instruction's Capt. Dave Maxwell in with a display for the Cavalry Scout Club.

my interaction with the Cavalry Scout Club and as a military science instructor is my audience isn't three platoon leaders and a company XO," Maxwell explained, "it's 106 cadets every semester that I teach in MS 303 and 301, and it's the 50 cadets who come out to the field training exercises with the Cav Club. I have the ability now to affect a battalion's worth of future platoon leaders and that's what it's all about."

He credits receiving the MacArthur Award to the people who gave him the opportunities to shine -- from former MS chief Lt. Col. Todd Messitt and former Cavalry Scout Club OIC Maj. Paul Hayes to current MS deputy director Lt. Col. Ronald J. Bashista.

"[Lt. Col. Bashista's] constant mentoring and everything else he does for me helped me earn the award," Maxwell stated. "It was an easy award for me to get because I have 50 great cadets that I work with on the weekends with the Cavalry Club."

Bashista is pleased that Maxwell's talents and abilities were recognized by the selection committee. He stated that Maxwell is representative of the other 76 officers and NCOs in DMI and their commitment to the mission of preparing the cadets for the challenges of combat service that they will face in the future.

"It's gratifying to see Capt. Maxwell recognized for his contributions to the development of future officers," Bashista said. "Whether as tank company commander in Iraq, a Military Science instructor here in DMI or the countless off-duty hours he spends working with the Cavalry Scout Club, Capt. Maxwell has dedicated himself to training and leading Soldiers -- he spares nothing toward preparing them for

the challenges they will face."

He epitomizes the concepts of 'Duty, Honor and Country' that the MacArthur Award seeks to recognize," Bashista said. "He is simply a stellar officer."

In receiving the award, Maxwell hopes the selection committee saw a person who is focused on preparing the cadets that leave West Point to become lieutenants

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Charges preferred against cadet

WEST POINT, N.Y. -- Charges were preferred Monday against Cadet 4th Class Timothy A. Turner, E Company, 2nd Regiment for a drug-related offense.

Turner was charged with one violation of Article 112a [Wrongful Use of a Controlled Substance-cocaine] of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. The charge carries a maximum punishment of dismissal from the Army, total forfeiture of pay and allowances and confinement for five years.

Turner will continue his regular duties and is not in pretrial confinement. The cadet is presumed innocent until proven guilty in trial by court-martial. Cadets, like other members of the military, are subject to military law contained in the UCMJ, a federal statute.

The preferring of charges

against a service member is the first step in the court-martial process. The next step is a pretrial investigation pursuant to Article 32, which is similar to a civilian grand jury. The Article 32 pretrial investigation hearing, however, provides greater procedural rights for the defendant: the right to be present during the public hearing, the right to present evidence, the right to cross-examine witnesses and the right to have a defense lawyer.

The pretrial investigation will be conducted by a military officer at West Point. The evidence obtained and his or her recommendation will be provided to a senior military officer who may then dispose of the case or recommend a trial by court-martial to the Superintendent, the senior officer at West Point.

Army replaces FormFlow with PureEdge program

By Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

As part of the Forms Content Management Program, the Army Publishing Directorate has selected PureEdge Viewer as a replacement for FormFlow Filler and is now the Army standard for electronic forms software, according to Information Management Supervisor and Document Chief at the Directorate of Information Management, Maria Brown.

The U.S. Military Academy transitioned to PureEdge in October when DOIM 'pushed' the software to all of the academy's computers, Brown explained.

Microsoft Word Forms in public

folders will not be converted into PureEdge at this time and will remain in public folders. Forms used in Public Folders will be phased out once PureEdge integrates forms into their software.

"The difference between PureEdge and FormFlow is with PureEdge you are able to run a spell check, e-mail with a click of a button and information you enter into an e-form is kept together in one place," Brown said. "It is easy to manage your forms from wherever you are. Unlike FormFlow, the data placed into an e-Form is saved with the form itself, rather than saved as a 'record' in a database."

APD has not yet converted

all forms from FormFlow to the PureEdge library, but forms are available for a limited time at **APD.army.mil** or **USAPA.army.mil**. Many DD forms are available, but conversions of remaining forms are on-going.

FormFlow is still available for use, but will be phased out over time until the Army forms have been converted over. No specific date has been set for the completion of the phase out.

No training is necessary to use the software, but training will be available if a form needs to be converted to PureEdge, according to DOIM Document Management Assistant Caroline Knecht.

"PureEdge forms can be

downloaded from AKO or the above Web sites," Brown said. "The PureEdge Viewer program and user's manual can be downloaded from the Army Small Computer Web site at **https://ascp.monmouth.army.mil/scp/nocoast/pure_edge.jsp**.

To download the program and manual, people need to log in with their AKO account. The ApproveIt software, which is a companion software that allows a digital signature, can also be downloaded from the site."

PureEdge is newer software than FormFlow and is very user-friendly, especially because original documents can be sent back and forth via e-mail.

Those that use PureEdge have the ability now to use one form, such as a leave request, digitally sign it, send it to a boss or supervisor, who approves or denies it and sends it back to the original requester. Digital signatures can not be altered and forms can be done online or offline by completing the form on electronic media, such as a CD, print it and deliver it to the processing center as a hardcopy.

As soon as the 'My Forms' portal is available on AKO, the entire library of PureEdge forms will be moved to 'My Forms.' FormFlow and FormFlow 99 will eventually be removed from the online forms libraries, Brown said.

DODEA customer satisfaction survey results announced

Submitted by WPS

ARLINGTON, Va. -- The Department of Defense Education Activity announced the results of its 2006-2007 Customer Satisfaction Survey March 15.

The survey, administered every other year to parents, students in grades 4-12 and teachers, provides DODEA with valuable information about the quality of education it provides and areas needing improvement.

More than 63,000 people responded to the survey from Nov. 1 through Feb. 28.

Total overall response rates for the 2006-2007 CSS were 40 percent higher than when the survey was administered in 2004-2005. While teachers account for the most significant rise in response rates, a similar increase occurred in the student population responses.

"We are extremely pleased with the increased response rate across the respondent categories," said Dr. Janet Rope, DODEA's Administrator, System Accountability and Research. "The high response rate will provide our schools with valuable information about their programs and will be

critical to us in improving the quality of education we provide to students of Department of Defense families."

Questions posed in the survey related to school issues such as curriculum, instruction, standards, assessment, technology, partnerships and student support.

They were developed through a review process of various groups, including Department of Defense Dependent Schools and Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools teachers' unions, DODEA Teachers of the year, superintendents, principals,

students and DODEA Headquarters Education Directorate staff members.

Some questions were adapted from the Phi Delta Kappa/Gallup Poll of the Public's Attitudes Toward the Public Schools with additional DODEA-specific questions.

The survey was available to respondents online and, where Internet access was not available, electronic versions of the surveys were available for printing and submission.

Selected survey questions were rated on a "letter grade" scale, with "A" being the highest rating on the scale and "Fail" being the lowest rating.

In general, 74 percent of DODEA parents rated their schools quite favorably and also rated public schools in general more favorably than parents who responded to the [2006 PDK/Gallup Poll].

Two of DODEA's main goals outlined in its 2006-2011 Community Strategic Plan are for all students to meet or exceed challenging standards as well as form stronger partnerships between parents, the schools and communities. In this regard, 75 percent of DODEA parents gave the school system an "A" or "B" rating in meeting or exceeding challenging standards while 68 percent of them felt partnerships are strong.

DODEA faces unique circumstances that many of its counterparts in civilian communities do not face. One of these circumstances is the transitory nature of its population, with many students transitioning between schools every two to three years due to the mobility of their military

sponsors. Parents, teachers and students rated DODEA schools high on their ability to welcome new students into the schools.

Student achievement and achievement testing are topics on the minds of parents, students and teachers everywhere and DODEA is no exception. In the 2006 PDK/Gallup survey, 37 percent of parents reported there was about the right amount of achievement testing in their school.

In response to this question, 59 percent of DODEA parents felt there was about the right amount of testing in DODEA schools.

DODEA teachers were split on whether there is too much emphasis or about the right amount of emphasis on achievement testing in DODEA schools.

The survey indicated a need for improvement in the area of high school counseling services. Only 58 percent of students in grades 9-12 gave their high school counseling services an "A" or "B" and parent response was exactly the same.

Survey results will help DODEA plan for the future. In the opinion of respondents, DODEA should continue to focus on capital and fixed resources, continue to attract high quality educators and continue the high level of parental involvement in its schools.

A complete wrap-up of the CSS results is available on the DODEA Web site, **www.dodea.edu**. DODEA will use the information derived from the surveys to improve planning efforts at all levels throughout the organization.

DODEA will administer the next CSS beginning in November 2008.

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and to lead Soldiers in turbulent environments in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"I lost a Soldier in combat. I stood there and watched Soldiers wash blood out of HMMWVs and put Soldiers in body bags. Whatever I can do so that [the cadets] don't have to experience that, is what I'm trying to do here," Maxwell said. "As a leader, you carry that with you the rest of your life and it's something that I don't want other officers to have to carry.

"You want leaders on the ground who are trained, confident, proficient and can lead when RPGs start whizzing across HMMWV hoods and people are getting shot at," he added.

His cadets in the Cavalry Scout Club have done great things these past two semesters to include performing a live

fire exercise using M998s with M240Bs mounted on M7 pedestals, which, according to Maxwell, is the first group of cadets ever to perform that task. They have also performed cache search operations, small scale raids, executed a Light Scout Gunnery Table VI with a Mark 19 and a .50-Cal. at Fort Drum, N.Y., and built and manned a Forward Operating Base.

"The missions we do [during their field problems] are so similar [to real world applications] that if a cadet wants to train up and he or she shows up, then I'll train him or her," Maxwell explained. "I'm proud to be associated with [these cadets]."

Maxwell is honored to be associated with a leader who had a lot of tenacity and the willingness to do much for his country. He finds it compelling to also be associated with the officers who have received

this award over the past 20 years.

"It's remarkable, because I looked at the Web site and they have a list of alumni who have received the award," Maxwell said. "It was neat to find out the battalion XO [John Tien, USMA '87] I worked for at Fort Irwin was a recipient and the battalion XO [Dave Seigel, USMA '89] I worked for as a company commander in Iraq was also a recipient.

"It's interesting to look at that list to see guys who mentored me when I was a younger junior officer -- these were guys I looked up to," he added. "The great thing is to not only be associated with Gen. MacArthur, but all the other award recipients and great officers who have gotten this award and have fought our Nation's wars."

C5 required June 1

FORT LEAVENWORTH, Kan. [Army News Service] -- The Captains' Career Common Core Course will become required for graduation from all branch Captain's Career Courses beginning June 1.

The C5 provides a series of critical skills grounded in leadership, communication, composite risk management, critical reasoning/thinking and developing a positive command climate.

The skills are intended to better prepare officers for their next 10 years of service and the change is in keeping with the Army Chief of Staff's vision to continue transformation of the Army Officer Education System.

The instruction is in a Web-based interactive multimedia format that facilitates self-paced study. Although completion of the C5 is not a requirement to attend the Captains' Career Course, Soldiers may complete the training before beginning the career course.

"This gives students a good basis for the beginning of the

CCC and relieves them of the requirement while they are at the resident phase," said Lt. Col. Shawn M. Maxwell, C5 coordinator at the Center for Army Leadership, Professional Military Education Division.

The curriculum supports preparation of company-grade officers for company command, as well as battalion- and brigade-level staff positions in combined, joint and multinational environments. It provides first lieutenants and captains with a common foundation of operational and leadership instruction tied to the officer's specific career field, branch and functional area needs, Maxwell said.

First lieutenants and captains may enroll in the C5 via the Army Training Requirements and Resources System. Eligible officers should contact their career manager to determine specific branch requirements. More information is available at the Center for Army Leadership's Army Knowledge Online Web site.



March is Red Cross Month

Highland Falls and West Point officials, West Point Garrison Commander Col. Brian Crawford, left, Village of Highland Falls Mayor Joe D'Onofrio, local Red Cross Director Michelle Strom and Town Supervisor Inga Quaintance, kick off Red Cross Month March 2. March has been recognized nationally as Red Cross month since 1943. Red Cross classes are ongoing. Call Strom at 938-4100 for more information.

KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

KACH orthopedics helps wounded warriors regain functionality

By Jim Fox
Assistant Editor

As of Monday and stretching back to the beginning of 2003 Keller Army Community Hospital's Orthopedic Department has performed 1,424 surgery cases. Here at West Point the majority of those are sports injuries to cadets, which make up the majority of the community here.

But 150 of those cases were actually Global War on Terrorism casualties who were stabilized after their injuries and eventually treated here as part of their road to recovery.

"We have seen a steady increase lately," said Lt. Col. Thomas M. DeBerardino, KACH's director of the John A. Feagin, Jr. West Point Sports Medicine Fellowship. "It's almost one a week now."

DeBerardino, a U.S. Military Academy 1985 graduate, is the eighth of 17 graduates from the Fellowship program since its inception in 1988. The Sports Medicine Fellowship trains doctors to treat orthopedic injuries.

He said the orthopedic surgeons, including department chief Col. Joachim Tenuta, Maj. Brett Freedman [currently deployed to Iraq], Maj. Brett Owens [the current orthopedic sports fellow], along with Physician Assistant Capt. Mark Walther [who is deploying to Iraq next month] and PA Maj. Sean Hermick, help GWOT wounded regain functionality in their injured limbs.

The staff sees referrals from the Department of Defense from all over the world, but mostly from up and down the eastern seaboard of the U.S., namely Fort Drum, N.Y., Fort Bragg, N.C., and Walter

Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. But sometimes they have casualties sent to them straight from Landstuhl Army Regional Medical Center in Germany.

DeBerardino said that sometimes it works out that GWOT wounded can be sent to West Point for orthopedic surgery and then on to their home station for rehabilitation.

"We try not to keep them here any longer than we have to," he said. "Usually, no more than a week."

The logistical effort is balanced by the KACH Orthopedic staff. A key element in all of these surgeries is that they rely on graft donations.

"When we have the donations confirmed we then contact the patient to arrange for them to travel to West Point," said Orthopedic R.N./Case Manager Claudette Tombrello.

For example, if the donation is received on a Sunday, Tombrello would arrange for the patient to arrive at KACH on Monday for pre-operative procedures. The surgery would normally be slated for Tuesday. Then, after two days of post-operative physical therapy, the patient could be on their way home Friday.

Fort Drum's Spc. John Blakeslee has visited West Point for surgery and physical therapy checkups seven times since he was wounded in Taji, Iraq more than two years ago.

DeBerardino performed the most recent surgery, a posterior



cruciate ligament reconstruction, on Blakeslee's injured right knee March 1. The former member of the 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment, 10th Mtn. Div. [Light] was wounded while performing traffic control point checks on the night of Sept. 8, 2004, when the HMMWV Blakeslee was driving was hit by five Improvised Explosive Devices, wounding him and four other Soldiers in a massive explosion that tore off the front of their vehicle up to the windshield and left a 10-foot deep, 10-foot by 15-foot crater in the road.

Blakeslee was stabilized in Baghdad and then sent on to WRAMC, which had him back in Fort Drum by Oct. 1, 2004. From there he was eventually referred to West Point when his doctor there knew the reconstructive aspect of the surgery was outside his expertise.

Blakeslee has been back and forth to West Point since Sept. 2005 alternating between surgeries and rehab.

"I have 107 degrees of range of motion now in the knee," Blakeslee, 24, of Little Falls, N.Y., said. Full knee flexion is 135 degrees -- think of a baseball catcher squatting behind home plate.

DeBerardino said Blakeslee's

case was classic.

"He lost half his knee. We were waiting for a year for the fresh osteochondral graft, which is a solid mass graft [of bone and cartilage to form a] custom patch [to reconstruct the knee]," DeBerardino said.

Prior to the March 1 surgery, Blakeslee, a former infantryman, had recovered past the point of crutches and a cane to being able to walk on a treadmill and ride a stationary bike. The recovering wounded warrior said he hopes this was his last surgery.

"My doctors [at Fort Drum] said I was way ahead of schedule," he said Tuesday. Blakeslee, a medical hold at Fort Drum, has been working at the Guthrie Troop Medical Clinic there as a physical therapy specialist for more than two years since his return from Iraq. Because of this work, he knows that the next six to nine months of rehab will include months of extensive pool work that will eventually lead to weight training as his new knee regains its strength.

After completing his rehab, Blakeslee hopes to reclassify as an Army physical therapy technician. His work and experience in and with the medical field over the past two years have helped him come to

that decision.

"Ever since I was referred to West Point," Blakeslee said, "Lt. Col. DeBerardino has been one of the best doctors I've dealt with. He would always show me, by drawing or showing me pictures, exactly what he would do. All of their doctors, nurses and physical therapists were very nice and really helpful.

"They made sure I knew what I could and couldn't do PT-wise before I went back to Fort Drum," he said. Whether the injury is sustained on the 'fields of friendly strife' here at the academy or on distant soil, KACH's orthopedic staff will try to restore the functionality back to any injured limb.

"All the other treatments [done before GWOT casualties arrive at West Point] make what we do viable," DeBerardino said. "We make it functional. We are the finishers."

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Women's History Month: Generations of women moving history forward

Story and photo by
Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

Women have a long and varied history in the military, from dressing like men in the revolutionary and civil wars to fighting along with their male counterparts, to enlisting into the Women's Army Corps during World War II. In 1978, the WAC's were integrated into the regular Army and women were fully admitted to the U.S. Military Academy to train as officers in 1976.

The theme of this year's Women's History Month is "Generations of Women Moving History Forward."

The USMA Class of 2007 has 147 female cadets that will put the total of women graduates since the class of 1980 at 3,099, said Senior Programmer at the Office of Policy, Plans and Analysis here, Shirley Sabel.

Colonel Laureen Barone, a Regimental Tactical officer from 2003-2006, and now the Chief of Military Science in the Department of Military Instruction here, is a 1983 USMA graduate.

"My father, who was an infantry lieutenant, first told me in 1977 that West Point [had] opened up for women," she said. "My mother was an Army nurse so, after thinking about it for a while, I decided it

might be an interesting challenge. I was recruited through basketball."

Barone didn't know at the time that she would be starting a family tradition. Her daughter, Kathleen LeForte, is a sophomore here as is her son, Jason LeForte.

LeForte said she decided in her senior year in high school that she wanted to go to West Point.

"I visited a lot of colleges and felt they were more into having a good time than applied study," she said. "When I visited West Point, I didn't see that. I saw West Point as more serious and disciplined than the other colleges and my brother told me I was crazy if I didn't go."

Mom, however, wasn't too sure. "I wasn't too happy at the time," Barone said. "I thought she would have a hard time, especially during her plebe year. I found it to be very challenging and being new to the Army, I had to figure out if this is what I really wanted to do."

LeForte said she finds the most challenging aspect of West Point is learning to deal with different personalities and dealing with personal conflicts, yet she has the desire to face another challenge once she graduates.

"I want to be an Army doctor and go into the Medical Corps," she said. "If I am unable to get into medical school, then I would go into military intelligence."

Although many military

academies are dealing with attitudes that can be negative about the idea of women in the military, Barone and LeForte said they haven't felt anything like that.

"I've never come across sexual harassment or negativity as far as I can see," Barone said. "If anyone had ideas like that, I never knew it. But if I did, I would [have] let them know in no uncertain terms that I don't appreciate it. I work in the DMI. I think that is a big test and I haven't sensed any resentment at all here."

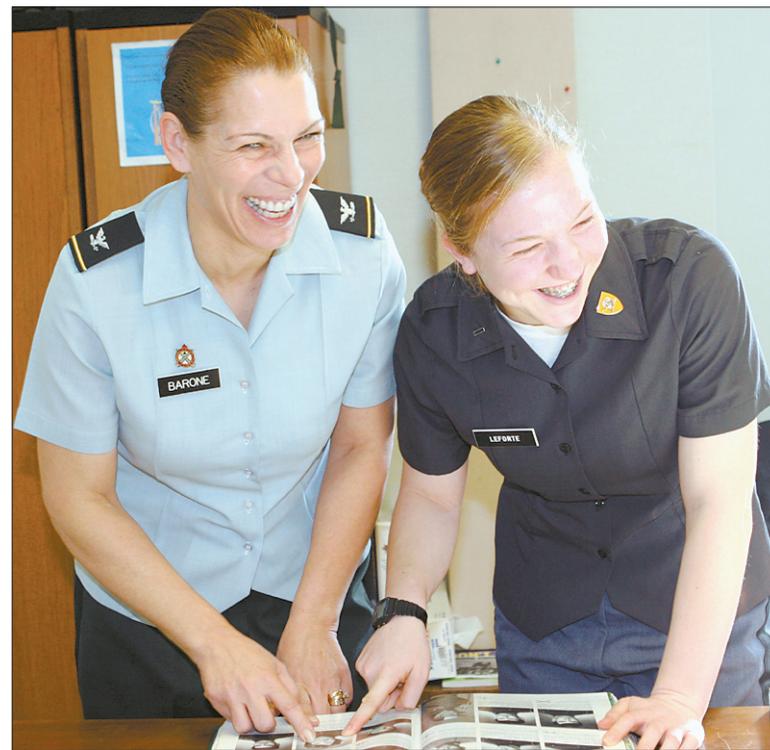
"My husband, Joe LeForte, is a nurse and that is generally thought of as a woman's job," Barone added. "So negative attitudes are not necessarily toward one particular gender."

Although LeForte has not experienced overt resentment, she has at times sensed it.

"I am a team leader for male cadets," she said. "I sometimes feel that they might think 'why am I learning from a girl,' but nothing has ever been said to me."

Though women have been and are in combat zones serving as military police and other combat support and in combat service support roles in Iraq and Afghanistan, they are still prohibited from branching infantry and some other combat arms branches.

"The bottom line," Barone said, "is that everybody is a Soldier."



Col. Laureen Barone, USMA 1983, shows her daughter Cadet 3rd Class Kathleen LeForte her firstie year Howitzer photo.

I don't think we should look at it as a gender issue, but rather look at it as being able to meet standards. There are some women who can't keep up just as there are some men that can't keep up. I'm happy in my role in combat services [Ordnance Corps] in the Army. If I'm not getting ammo supplies to the field, nobody is shooting."

LeForte sees an increasing role for women in the military.

"I view the MPs as a kind of infantry, as they do the same thing as the infantry does," she said. "We are out there with the guys in the heat of battle. Women could have some problems out in the field, but every branch has a vital role in the Army and that is what is important."

Cadet Debate Team on a roll -- heading to Nationals

Story and photos by
Maj. Joe Scrocca
Debate Team OIC

After finishing seventh in the nation last year, the Army Debate Team set a goal to finish in the top five in the nation during the 2006-2007 season, a feat not met by the team in at least a decade.

The Army Debate Team has 10 two-person teams which compete in three divisions of cross-examination debate. *Novice* is for debaters that did not compete in high school; *JV* is for debaters who have one year or more of competitive debate experience and *Open* is the varsity division.

The topic of debate changes each year. This year's topic is: Resolved: The United States Supreme Court should overrule one or more of the following decisions -- Planned Parenthood v. Casey [dealing with rules on abortion],

Ex parte Quirin [dealing with the suspension of writs of habeus-corpus], U.S. v. Morrison [dealing with the Violence Against Women Act] or Milliken v. Bradley [dealing with school segregation].

After winning four championships in its first 12 regular season tournaments, and garnering more than 30 individual speaking awards, the team, led by Cadet 1st Class Patrick Linford, held a tenuous hold on fourth in the nation with teams like Harvard and Wake Forest tight on its heals.

However, at the Northeast Regional Championships held at Marist College during the last weekend in February, the team decisively clinched its spot with an unprecedented sweep of both the Novice and JV Championships, a feat never before accomplished by the Army team.

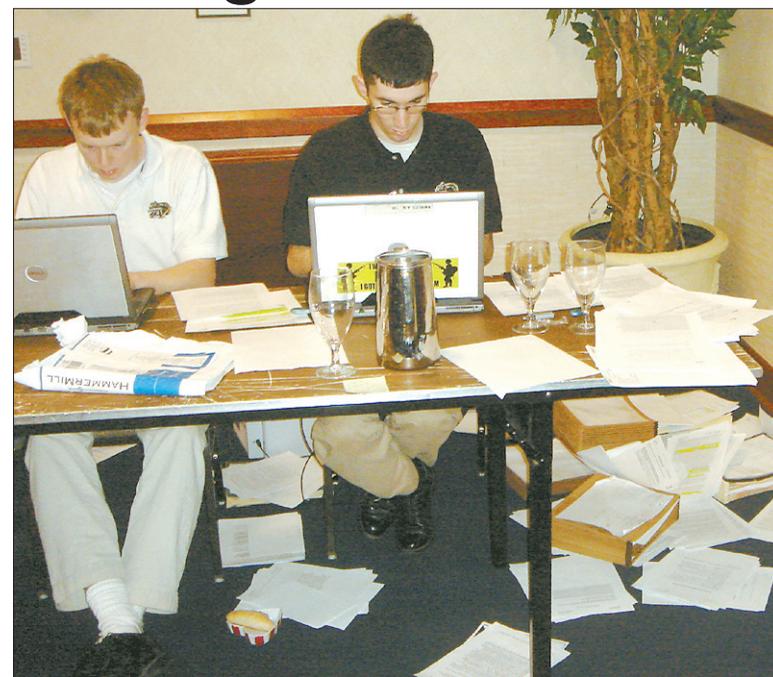
In addition to two championships, during one of the

most stellar Open performances in recent history, Cadets 1st Class Colby Horowitz and Casey Keyes won nine ballots to finish fourth in the region and secure a rare invitation for USMA to the elite National Debate Tournament.

Originally founded at USMA in 1947 and held here at West Point for its first 20 years, the NDT is an elite invitational tournament that pits the top 78 teams in the nation against each other for the national title. In addition to the NDT bid, Keyes finished second in ballots for the coveted Michael K. Davis award that honors the top Varsity debater in the region.

Collectively, the Army Debate Team also won the Regional Sweepstakes and was named top team in the region for the 2006-2007 season. Coach Christy Webster was also named to be a judge for the final round of Cross Examination Debate Association Nationals, which is the national open championship -- as opposed to the NDT, which is an invitational.

Following its stellar performance at the Regional Championships, the team moved on to the National Novice and JV Championship Tournament at West Virginia University during the first weekend of March, where the team won the National Novice Championship for



Cadets 4th Class Joe Langella and Tony Rowles prepare their rebuttal March 5 during the Novice National Championships at West Virginia University.

the first time in recent memory.

The team of Cadets 4th Class Tony Rowles and Joe Langella went 6-1 in preliminary debates before steamrolling the competition on the way to the Novice National Championship.

Also in the novice division, Cadets 4th Class Derek Jerke and Steve Griffiths went 4-3 in preliminaries as did Cadets 2nd Class Steve Warner and Redion Qirjazi in the JV division, with both progressing to the Octafinals.

Individual speaking awards were garnered by Warner, 15th best JV speaker in the country and Rowles, eighth best novice speaker

in the country.

In addition to the national championship, each of the team's coaches -- Joe Patrice, Kathryn Rubino and Christy Webster -- were honored as three of the top 10 most preferred JV/Novice judges in the country.

Webster was declared the most preferred judge in the nation based on the rankings of the more than 100 competing teams.

The Army Debate Team moves on to the National Open Championships in Oklahoma this weekend and the National Debate Tournament in Dallas next week.



Members of the Army Debate Team at West Virginia.



Qatari FAEP

Cadets 3rd Class Cale Genenbacher, Josh Halu [above with camel] and Matthew Hughes, all Arabic majors, spent their spring break at the Ahmed Bin Mohammed Military College, going to class and training with Qatari cadets as part of the Foreign Academy Exchange Program. They also toured around the country, rode camels, drove through the desert and sand dunes and learned about the Arabic culture and Islam extensively through the cadets and Qataris that they met. Their counterparts will come to West Point in April.

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MARCH/APRIL MWR COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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USO Dinner & Show, 5:30-9pm, WP Club

BGCA Web Design, 2:15pm, YC

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Waiting Families Support Group, 5-7pm, ACS, Held @ Bldg. 500

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Tour NYC, 9am-5pm, ITR
Open Skate, 3:30-5pm, Tate Rink

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Wee Ones Play Group, 9:30-11am, ACS
Harry Houdini Magic Video, 2:15pm, YC (grades 6-12)



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Pro Shop Opens for Merchandise & Pass Sales, 9am-5:30pm, WP Golf (Mar 27-31)



BGCA Cards to the Troops, 3-4pm, YC (grades 6-12)

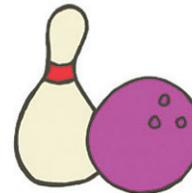
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Overseas Briefing, Korea, 9:30am, Germany, 10:30am, ACS

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BOWLING REOPENS
The fun begins at 4pm - Free food and bowling all night!!



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Annual Wine & Beer Tasting, 6-9pm, WP Club

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Pure Energy Step, 8am, Spinning, 10am, Every Saturday at the MWR Fitness Center



APRIL 1

Golf Course Opens for the Season, 6:30am to Dusk
Round Pond Opens for the Season, 8am-4:30pm
Bull Pond Lottery Begins, 8am thru April 7
Opening Day of Trout Season, Dawn



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Mixed Leagues, 6-10pm, WP Bowl
Registration for Army 10 Miler in DC Begins, 938-6497
Spring Sports Registration Begins, YC, 5pm

3



Spring Story Hour, 10am & 1:30pm, Post Library
Create Your Own Banner, 2:15pm, YC

4

Bronx Zoo/NY Botanical Garden, 9am-3:30pm, ITR
Newcomers Welcome Brief, 9:30am, Re-Entry Workshop, 10:30am, AFTB Level II, 5:30pm, ACS



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Create a Newsletter, 2:15pm, YC
Spinning, 5:40am, Cardio Blast, 5pm, Thursdays at the MWR Fitness Center

6

Tour Lower Manhattan, 9-3:30pm, ITR
Galactic Bowling, 5-11pm, WP Bowl (Friday Nights)
Shrimp Fest, 6-9pm, WP Club



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Bull Pond Lottery, 8am, Bonneville Cabin, Round Pond
NY International Car Show, 10am-5pm, ITR
Galactic Bowling, 5-11pm, WP Bowl (Saturday Nights)

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- Friday -- Dreamgirls, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday -- Breach, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday -- Letters From Iwo Jima, R, 9:30 p.m.
- March 30 -- Bridge to Terabithia, PG, 7:30 p.m.
- March 30 -- Daddy's Little Girls, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.
- March 31 -- Norbit, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
- March 31 -- Hannibal Rising, R, 9:30 p.m.

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

Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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

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March is National Nutrition Month: 100 percent Fad Free

By Lt. Col. Will Wheeler
Tripler Army Medical Center,
Hawaii

A fad can be defined as a fashion that becomes popular in a culture relatively quickly, yet loses popularity dramatically over time. In my youth I thought pet rocks, long hair and a brand of shirt whose trademark was a logo displaying two feet were things that would be around forever. It was not to be. Two went the way of many fads while my long hair was victim to a barber during basic training.

What does all of this have to do with practicing sound food choices for lifelong health? Well March is National Nutrition Month® and this year's theme is "100 percent Fad Free."

Although some fads may end up as just topics of conversation in later years, diet fads can hinder us

or prevent us from achieving our overall fitness goals.

The American Dietetic Association Web site <http://www.eatright.org> lists some fad diets from the past that may sound funny today but at one time were the craze. One promoted chewing food 32 times before swallowing, another promoted cabbage soup and, of course, there is the low-carbohydrate diet that has popped up numerous times [in various forms] since it was first introduced in 1825.

Rather than list the common attributes of a fad diet, I would like to focus on what seems to stand the test of time and may guide us all toward habits that will help us be as healthy as we can be. The National Weight Control Registry was developed to identify and investigate the characteristics of individuals who have succeeded

at long-term weight loss. These individuals have practiced habits that have helped them keep the weight off. Their daily practices can help all of us.

What all of these individuals had in common was a diet that can be characterized as low in calories, low in fat and high in carbohydrates. They also ate several times throughout the day, monitored their body weight and exercised regularly.

A good resource for assessing your diet in comparison to sound diet practices is the Food Guide Pyramid at <http://www.mypyramid.gov>.

The recommendations based on gender, age and activity level give most of us prudent guidelines on



the number of servings we should consume from each of the food groups daily. Each food group also comes with suggestions on choosing foods to keep the calories and fat low and the carbohydrates at recommended levels.

The participants averaged 4.9 meals or snacks per day. Skipping meals or going long periods of time without eating is not beneficial, whether you want to lose weight or maintain your weight. It takes planning but the benefits of several small feedings throughout the day are better for cognitive and physical performance. Having fresh fruit and vegetables on hand is well worth the effort.

Self-monitoring of your fitness goals allows you to see where you are at and what may or may not be working. The majority of people in the NWCR monitored body weight. That's a good thing to do; but you may also want to keep track of the number of times you exercise per week, the number of fruit and vegetables you consume per day or how many glasses of water you consume.

Once you set a goal, you'll want to be able to assess how well you are doing.

As for exercise, 91 percent of the individuals surveyed engaged in regular activity. For many that meant exercising one hour per day.

Recommendations will vary based on your goals, but consistency and choosing something that you enjoy are the keys to any exercise program.

I hope the above recommendations are helpful although you may never find them on the cover of a magazine where fads are commonly found. I believe they will continue to prove themselves over time.

As for me, I haven't missed my pet rock, I am happy with the shirts I have now and my hair will only grow long in some places on my head; but my commitment to healthy eating and regular exercise remains strong.

Enjoy National Nutrition Month®, "100 percent Fad Free!"

[Editor's Note: Wheeler is a registered dietitian and the chief of the Nutrition Division at Tripler Army Medical Center.]

Pneumonia vaccine available at Retiree Open House April 21

Submitted by West Point
Public Health Nursing

The Pneumococcal Vaccine may be obtained at the Keller Army Community Hospital's Immunization Clinic.

The clinic is located on the first floor. Its hours are 8 to 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday and from 1 to 4 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday [Closed Thursday Afternoons].

Additionally, for retirees and all eligible health care beneficiaries ages 65 and older, the staff of USA MEDDAC West Point is pleased to announce that the vaccine will be offered at this year's Retiree Open House, April 21, in Eisenhower Hall Ballroom from 7:45 to 11 a.m.

Why get vaccinated?

The pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine [PPV] protects against 23 types of pneumococcal bacteria and keeps you from getting a severe illness. Pneumococcal disease kills more

people in the United States each year than all other vaccine preventable diseases combined. Most healthy adults who get the vaccine develop protection from most or all of these types within two to three weeks of getting the shot.

Who should receive the vaccine?

All adults 65 years of age or older should get the vaccine and usually one dose of PPV is all that is needed. However, under some circumstances a second dose may be given for those people ages 65 and older who got their first dose when they were under 65, if five or more years have passed since that dose.

A second dose is also recommended for people who:

- have a damaged spleen or no spleen
- have sickle-cell disease
- have HIV infection or AIDS
- have cancer, leukemia, lymphoma and multiple myeloma
- have kidney failure
- have nephrotic syndrome

■ have had an organ or bone marrow transplant

■ are taking medication that lowers immunity

For further information about the pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine, please call the USA MEDDAC West Point's Preventive Medicine Service at [845] 938-2676 or go online to the Center of Disease Control and Preventive Medicine at: <http://www.cdc.gov/nip/publications/VIS/vis-ppv.pdf>.

Command Channel 8/23

March 23 - March 30

Friday

8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch

1 p.m. Army Newswatch

1:30 p.m. 2007 Brigade

Boxing Open

6 p.m. Army Newswatch

6:30 p.m. 2007 Brigade

Boxing Open

Monday -March 30

8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch

1 p.m. Army Newswatch

6 p.m. Army Newswatch

Fraud, Waste & Abuse Hotline

To report suspected Fraud, Waste and Abuse, call the Internal Review & Audit Compliance [IRAC] Office Hotline. Reports are confidential and callers do not have to identify themselves, but if they provide names, they can remain anonymous. To report suspected abuse of equipment/supplies accountability, travel/pay and cash accountability, call extension 938-8082. Please provide all pertinent information.

MWR Blurbs

BOSS poker tournament

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers is sponsoring a poker tournament, for entertainment purposes only, tonight from 6:30 to 11 p.m. at Buffalo Soldier Pavilion.

The event is free and open to the West Point community.

Reservations are encouraged. Call 938-8063 or 938-6497 for more info.

West Point Club

BOSS Night Out is at the WPC Wed. from 5 to 8 p.m. featuring an all you can eat pasta buffet. Cash bar available.

For more info., call 938-6497.

Shrimp Fest is April 6 from 6 to 9 p.m. Call 938-5120 for more info.

Volunteer Recognition Ceremony

The annual West Point Volunteer Recognition Ceremony will be April 23 from 11:40 a.m. to 1:40 p.m. in the West Point Club Grand Ballroom.

To prepare for this event, Army Community Service is asking each organization/individual volunteers to provide the following:

- Names of your organization's volunteers in alphabetical order.

- The total number of volunteer

hours your organization has for the year. [ACS no longer asks for each individual's total volunteer hours. They only need one number for your whole organization.] The volunteer year is from April 2006 through March 2007.

- Pictures of your volunteers in action for the slide show presentation.

E-mail Galatea.Badger@usma.edu your response and your pictures by March 30.

Army Teen Panel

Teens ... want to make new friends, travel and learn new things? We have just the opportunity for you. The Installation Management Command Northeast Region is now interviewing potential applications for Army Teen Panel.

We are looking for military teens between the ages of 13-17, who are interested in being a voice for other teens, traveling, making new friends, communicating new ideas, developing leadership skills and making a difference in the community.

To make a difference, contact Renee Podolec at [757] 788-5270 or renee.podolec2@us.army.mil.

Employment Readiness Resource Center now open

The Army Community Service/ Employment Readiness Program Employment Readiness Resource Center is open for business in Bldg. 622.

ERP Resources 101 is the last Wed. of each month from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the ACS Training

Room, Bldg. 622.

For more info., call 938-5658.

Golf Pro Shop

The Golf Pro Shop is open for merchandise and pass sales until Saturday and from Tuesday to March 31 from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The course opens April 1, weather permitting.

For more info., call 938-2435.

Round Pond opens April 1

Round Pond will open for the season April 1 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



March Black & Gold Awardees

The March Black and Gold Awardees were honored March 8. They are [left to right] Keith Lewis, Karen Govern [front of Lewis] Ginger Hopkins, [front], Sgt. Jennifer Vosyka [back], Vera Colpo, [front], Nils Anderson, Eileen Parnell [front of Anderson], Col. Darrall Henderson [back], Julie Horton, front, Maj. Travis Lindberg [back], Shelly Abram and Valrie Stoneman.

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What's Happening

OHS play

O'Neill High School will present the play 'Fiddler on the Roof' tonight at 7:30 p.m., Sat. at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m.

Brigade Run Saturday

The U.S. Corps of Cadets will be conducting a Brigade Run Saturday from 6:10 to approximately 7:25 a.m. beginning at Doubleday parking lot.

The route will take them along Cullum Rd. - Washington Rd. - K-Lot - Buckner Loop - Lee Rd. - Bowman Loop - Lee Rd. - Washington Rd. - Cullum Rd. finishing at Thayer Extension.

Vehicles should be aware of this route and not cut through, pass or interfere with the run formation. Plan accordingly. The speed limit while driving around Soldiers or cadets in the road remains 10 mph.

WPS PTO Book Fair

West Point Elementary and Middle Schools' PTO Scholastic Book Fair is Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The family events are Wednesday starting with Sunrise Shopping from 7 to 8 a.m. and then Family Night from 6 to 8 p.m.

All Book Fair events take place in the WPS New Gym Lobby.

The West Point community is invited to attend.

Operation Wounded Heroes

Operation Wounded Heroes will be collecting donated telephone calling cards and backpacks to send to wounded veterans at Walter Reed Army Medical Center during the month of April at the Village Hall in Highland Falls.

For more info., call 446-3400.

WPWC

The WPWC Gift Shoppe, located next to the MWR Fitness Center, is open on the Web at www.shopthepoint.com and is open Wed. from 10 a.m. until noon.

The shoppe is always open by appointment by contacting Julie at 446-2950.

Moms and Tots is going to Discover Theater at Eisenhower Hall Thursday. The production will feature Jungle Book and Cinderella Kids.

For more information, e-mail westpointmoms@hotmail.com.

The West Point Experience will be touring the Chapels of West Point Tuesday. They will meet at the Old Cadet Chapel inside the cemetery at 9 a.m.

Pajama Bingo will be held Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the West Point Club. R.S.V.P. by Tues. to Lori at 446-4053 or e-mail wpwcreserve@hotmail.com.

Women's History Month luncheon March 28

The Women's History Month Committee and the West Point Equal Employment Office will host a luncheon with guest Brig. Gen. Anne F. MacDonald [USMA '80] Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. in the West Point Club ballroom.

Tickets can be purchased by contacting committee members at either 938-2621/3475/5550/4265 or 7586.

Young Life Run-N-Gun

The March 31 event is for all 9-12 grade students.

It starts at 12:30 p.m. at Arvin Gym for a sports tournament then moves to the Palisades Mall for various events like laser tag, a movie, dinner and on to the rockin' Young Club in Conn.

The group will return to Arvin Gym by 11 p.m. that evening.

For more info., contact Chaplain Nate Cox, director of Young Life at 938-5386 or go to www.oneill.younglife.com.

DUSA job opening

The West Point Chapter of the Daughters of the U.S. Army is hiring a Business Manager for its gift shop in the West Point Museum.

Apply by April 1. Call [845] 446-1290 for more info.

Diversity Leadership Workshop

The Association of Graduates invites the West Point community to its 2007 Diversity Leadership Workshop April 12 to 14 at Thayer Hall and the Thayer Hotel.

Featured speakers will include Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness David R.S. Chu, Price M. Cobbs, Harry Edwards, Alma Morales Riojas, AOG Chairman Lt. Gen. [Ret.] Ted Stroup and USMA Superintendent Lt. Gen. Buster Hagenbeck.

The Honorable Alfonso Jackson, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, will be the keynote dinner speaker.

For more info call AOG's Bridget Suarez at 446-1512 or go to <http://www.aogusma.org/as/dlw/2007/2007DLW.htm>.

Yard Sale April 14

At Your Leisure

The West Point Spring Yard Sale will be April 14. The time and rain date had not yet been decided at press time.

Looking for a few committed mayors!

The Community Mayors Election will be held in April.

The Garrison Command is looking for individuals interested in volunteering for the Mayors Program. The goal of the program is to improve community relations, expedite the problem solving process and to generate interest, pride and satisfaction among residents.

Mayors serve as liaisons between their community and the Garrison Command. As a Mayor, you would be expected to assist in identifying, assessing and resolving community issues and concerns.

Duties of Mayors include, but are not limited to: 75 percent

attendance at monthly Community Action Council meetings, act as a focus of communications within the housing area and support residents in accomplishing housing area initiated projects.

If you would like to volunteer please contact Spc. Tanya Davila at 938-2319, or e-mail her at: tanya.davila@usma.edu or contact your current community mayors on how to get your name on the ballots.

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Red Cross classes

To register for any of the classes below, go to www.nyredcross.org or call 800-514-5103.

Babysitter's training

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

Sat. and April 7, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Life Guard Training Course

April 1, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

CPR Child and Infant

March 31, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

AER campaign ends April 6

The Army Emergency Relief Campaign, which began earlier this month, ends April 6. Contact your local liaison for more information.

Army and Community Sports

Hockey comes close, loses AHA Final

By Eric Melanson
Army Athletic
Communications

ROCHESTER, N.Y. -- The Army hockey team lost to Air Force, 6-1, Saturday in the Atlantic Hockey Championships at Blue Cross Arena in Rochester, N.Y.

The Falcons used four third period goals to claim the AHA title and deny the Black Knights an opportunity to play in the NCAA Tournament.

The Black Knights finished the season 19-12-5, their best record since the 1996-97 team went 19-13-2.

Their 15 conference wins during the regular season were the most in academy history. Army's two playoff wins were the most in one tournament and led them to its first-ever appearance in a conference tournament championship game.

"Obviously, these were not the results we were hoping for," commented Army head coach Brian Riley. "Air Force is a really good team and they'll serve as a good representative for the league. Whoever draws them in the first round is going to have their hands full.

"When I look back on this season it will be with a smile on

my face and one full of special memories," Riley added. "I'm just thankful that these guys took me along for the ride and I'm honored to have had the opportunity to be their coach."

Air Force [18-15-5, 13-10-5 AHA] cracked the scoreboard with a goal 4:26 into the second period. Mark Phillipich, with assists from Andrew Ramsey and Eric Ehn [a Hobey Baker finalist], took a shot from the point that ricocheted off an Army defender and went past goalie Josh Kassel.

The Falcons extended the lead less than five minutes later with a power play goal from Ramsey. Michael Mayra sent the puck behind the net for Phillipich. Phillipich then found Ramsey in front for the goal.

Josh Frider added two insurance goals in the third to push the difference to 4-0. Brian Reese passed the puck along the boards to Frider who beat the Army defense and went in all alone and snapped a wrist shot past Kassel for his first marker. He scored his second goal when he knocked in a loose puck in front of the net.

Army cut into the lead with a power play goal from sophomore defenseman Tim Manthey. Freshman forward Owen Meyer



Army hockey junior defenseman Chris Colvin [left], junior forwards Bryce Hollweg and Ken Rowe celebrate the team's Atlantic Hockey Association opening round victory over Bentley March 10. Hollweg would go on to be named to the AHA All-Tournament team as he finished with two goals and two assists in three games.

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stole the puck from an Air Force defender and passed it to Manthey on the point. Manthey then turned and blasted a shot past Falcons

goalie Andrew Volkening for his fourth goal of the playoffs.

The Falcons responded with two more goals to finish the game. Josh Schaffer made the score 5-1, and then Ramsey added his second tally of the night for the final 6-1 score.

Manthey and junior forward Bryce Hollweg were each named to the All-Tournament team following the game.

Manthey finished the

tournament with four goals and one assist, while Hollweg had two goals and two assists.

Army goalie Josh Kassel, who finished the night with 33 saves, capped his sophomore season with a 2.31 goals against average, a number that ranks fifth in the academy's single season record book. He also posted the third best save percentage [.914], the fifth most wins [18], and the sixth most saves [806].



Freshman forward Owen Meyer and junior forward Luke Flicek screen Bentley goaltender Ray Jean on sophomore defenseman Tim Manthey's first period goal during Army's 6-2 win over the Falcons March 10. Army would go on to beat Connecticut 3-1 and then lose to Air Force 6-1 in the AHA Championships Saturday in Rochester, N.Y.

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Sophomore defenseman Tim Manthey scored Army's only goal against Air Force Saturday. Manthey was named to the AHA All-Tournament team as he scored four goals and added an assist in three games.

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Lacrosse improves to 5-1, faces Air Force Sat.

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WEST POINT, N.Y. -- The Army lacrosse team rallied from a two-goal deficit and beat Lehigh, 7-6, Tuesday night in a Patriot League contest at Michie Stadium.

Lehigh led 5-3 early in the third quarter but senior midfielder Ryan Chase scored twice, including the game-winner, to help the Black Knights improve to 5-1 overall and 3-0 in conference play.

Sophomore attack Brooks Korvin had his second two-goal, two-assist contest of the season, Chase had two goals and junior midfielder Justin Bokmeyer had a goal and two assists to help Army win its second one-goal game of the season.

Army, ranked 8th in the coaches' poll and 13th in the media poll, has not played since losing to Cornell March 10 and trailed until Chase scored off a Bokmeyer assist with 8:12 remaining in the contest.

"I told the kids I was proud

of them," Army head coach Joe Alberici said. "I don't feel we played our best lacrosse of the season, but we played some of our toughest at the end of the game. After being down 18-12 in ground balls, we made it 19-8 in the second half. We outshot them 17-7 in the second half. Our guys battled through and found a way to win. There were some frustrating things for us but we were able to work through it and come out with the victory."

Sophomore midfielder Alex Rhoads had a goal and assist, his first points of the season, and sophomore attack Jason Peyer added a goal as the Black Knights improved to 17-2 all-time against Lehigh and helped avenge an 8-7 Lehigh win a year ago.

Army junior goalie Adam Fullerton faced 20 shots and was credited with nine saves, two of them coming in the final quarter when Lehigh did not score.

David Gaunt scored three goals for Lehigh, which fell to 2-4 overall and 1-2 in Patriot League

play. Goalie Eric Spirko made 11 saves.

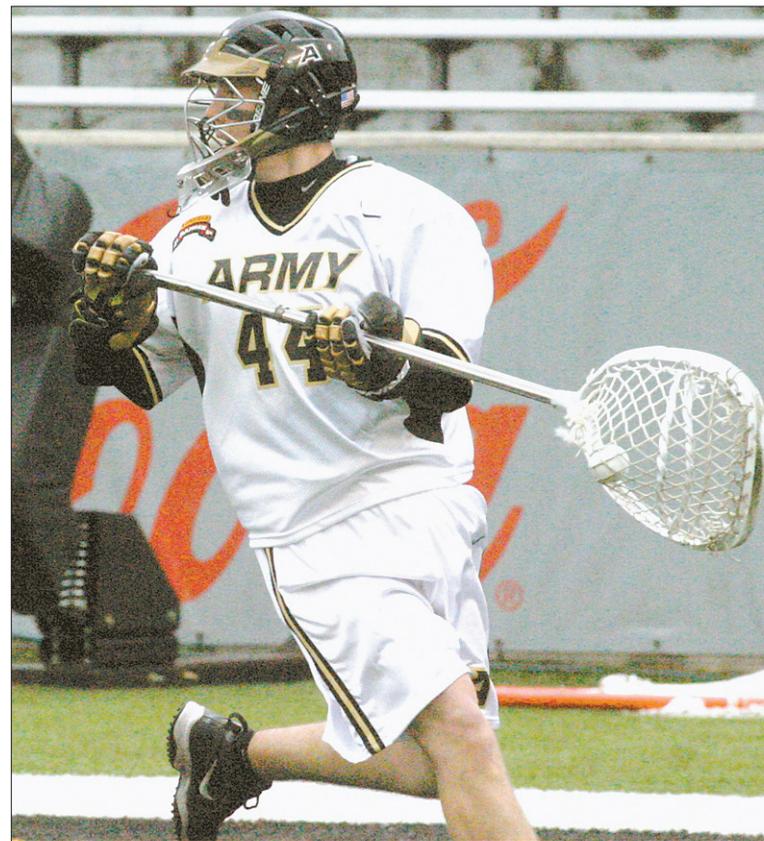
Bokmeyer scored his team-leading 10th goal of the season with three minutes left in the first quarter off a Korvin pass to tie the game at one. Stephen Martin put Lehigh back up by a goal but Rhoads answered off Korvin's second assist to tie the game with 13 minutes left in the first half.

Korvin scored his first goal four minutes later but Gaunt scored twice, with four minutes left in the first half and 28 seconds into the third quarter, for a 5-3 Lehigh lead.

Chase got the Black Knights within one at the 8:40 mark, converting a Bokmeyer pass. Alex Hooff then scored an unassisted goal to give the Mountain Hawks a 6-4 advantage with 1:09 left in the third quarter.

Korvin, off junior defenseman Ryan McClure's feed, closed the gap just nine seconds later. Peyer scored his sixth goal of the season with seven seconds left in the quarter, off of Rhoads' assist, to knot the game at six.

"Brooks is a guy who played midfield for us last year and is a very athletic kid," Alberici said. "He is a guy that as we go along in the season will continue to make more and more plays as he gains more experience. Two goals and



Junior goaltender Adam Fullerton faced 20 shots and was credited with nine saves versus Lehigh. He gave up no goals in the fourth quarter.

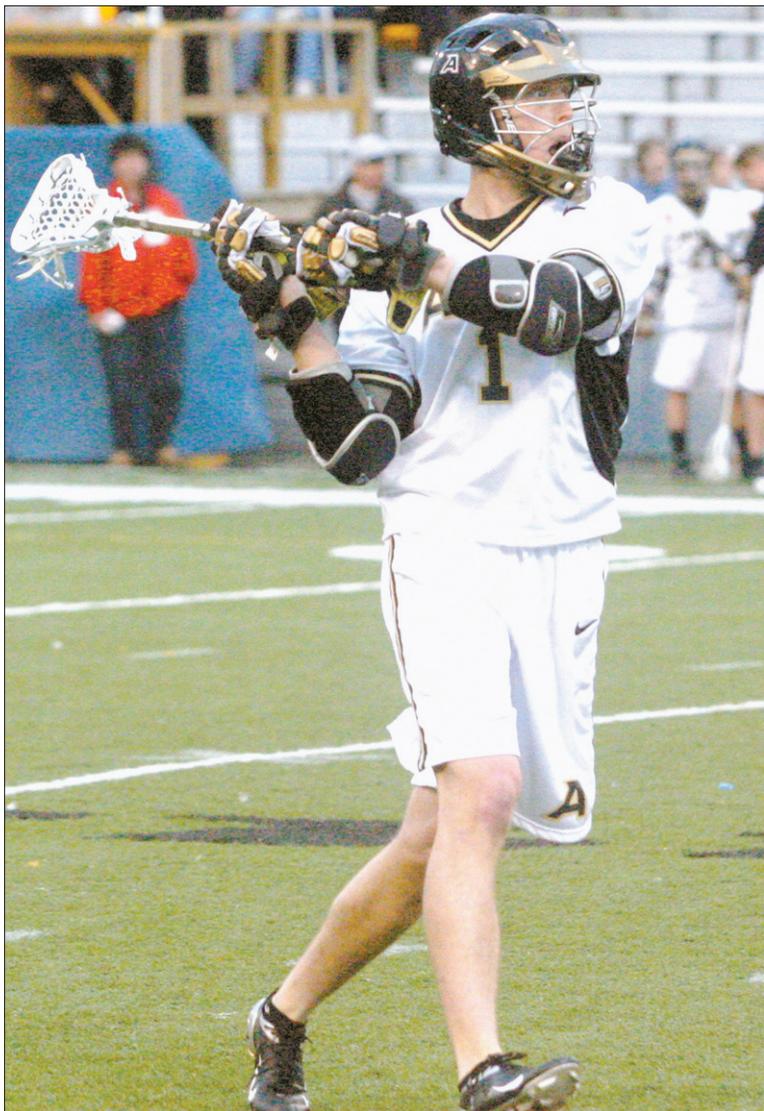
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two assists, plus five ground balls, is a real good day for him."

Chase then slammed home the game-winner with 8:12 remaining in the game. Fullerton, and a stifling defense, made the lead stand up and

keep Army unbeaten in conference play.

Army, in the midst of a three-game home stretch, will host Service Academy rival Air Force, Saturday at noon at Michie Stadium.



Senior midfielder Ryan Chase scored twice, including the game-winner, against Lehigh Tuesday in a 7-6 win at Michie Stadium.

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Women Ruggers prepare for Nationals, finish second at Champaign Tourney

**By Maj. Evan Wollen
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The Women's Army Rugby team traveled to San Diego from March 9-14 to compete in the Champaign Classic Rugby tournament.

The tournament was the second competition for the team in the spring semester and is a key step in preparing for the national tournament in April. Last year, Army beat Chico State [Calif.] in the finals of the same tournament.

Army competed in the first

game of the tournament Mar. 10 against Utah Valley State. It was a poorly played game for Army, but the team buckled down to win 19-0 in the 40-minute game.

Adapting to the 80-degree weather was a challenge for Army, as it was 4 degrees when Army left West Point. But, despite the warm weather, Army pulled out its second win of the day later in the afternoon against #2 Chico State 17-5.

Sunday saw Army matched up against Texas A&M, coached by Will Riddle [USMA'99]. It was an exciting and free-flowing game.

Army pulled ahead early and for good as they won 15-12.

WAR matched up against Chico State in the final again.

Army made some lineup changes, starting only two seniors. It was a learning experience for the younger cadets. Down 12-7 at the half, Army was unable to contain the Chico backs in the second half, and Army lost 27-7 finishing second in the tournament.

Army's A-side enjoys a week off before hosting UMass March 31.

Army hosts the National Collegiate Boxing Association East Coast Regional Championships today through Sunday on the fourth floor basketball courts at Arvin Gymnasium. Today's bouts will begin at 7 p.m.