

## Coots to Deaton - Keller change of command

Story and photo  
by Eric S. Bartelt

Colonel Michael A. Deaton assumed command of U.S. Army Medical Department Activity at West Point's Keller Army Community Hospital in a ceremony at Trophy Point July 10.

Deaton replaced Col. Norvell V. Coots, who will now take command of Walter Reed Health Care System in Washington D.C., which includes three Army healthcare facilities in the National Capital Area and provides healthcare to more than 150,000 Soldiers and other servicemembers, Family members and retirees.

Major Gen. Carla G. Hawley-Bowland, the commanding general of the North Atlantic Regional Medical Command, was on hand as the reviewing officer and presided over the passing of the guidon to Deaton and bid farewell to Coots.

"(Col. Coots) and (his) staff have performed extremely well in a challenging environment," Hawley-Bowland said. "(He led) this organization in accomplishing the strategic goals of NARMC, the Army Medical Command and

the Army. Healthcare for combat casualties and all those entrusted to our care is first among our strategic objectives.

"On (his) watch, Keller Army Community Hospital was number one in patient satisfaction among medium-sized medical treatment facilities," she added. "And (he) oversaw West Point's implementation of the Army Medical Action Plan by establishing a fully capable Warrior Transition Unit to provide care and support to warriors in transition throughout New York, New Jersey and all of New England. The establishment of a model WTU headquarters and (his) synchronization with installation leadership ensured support services were well in place."

Coots had nothing but great things to say about the organization that weathered many storms through his two-year tenure, but it was his time here that will set the path for the rest of his career.

"This place has been a cross between El Dorado and the Fountain of Youth, for it was here that I was able to reunite that part of me left behind so very long ago forever

frozen in time in cadet grays with that part of West Point that was inculcated in me and formed the very core of my warrior ethos," Coots said, "I leave this place now with a sharpened sense of purpose, a refreshed love of Army and a deepen love of country ... as I bid a fond farewell today, I'm proud of all that we have done as a MEDDAC, as a hospital and, most importantly, as a Family."

Deaton comes to West Point from the Great Plains Regional Medical Command, San Antonio, where he was the Assistant Chief of Staff for Clinical Operations at GPRMC headquarters.

Deaton received his commission as a second lieutenant in 1980 after receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree from Wittenberg University. He later earned a Ph.D. from Vanderbilt University and also earned his medical degree at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Md.

Initially entering active duty service as an Armor officer with the 194th Armor Brigade at Fort

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Colonel Michael A. Deaton receives the guidon of the U.S. Army Medical Department Activity at West Point's Keller Army Community Hospital from Maj. Gen. Carla G. Hawley-Bowland, the commanding general of the North Atlantic Regional Medical Command, in a ceremony at Trophy Point July 10.

## Anti-terrorism exercise July 28-31

Submitted by DPTMS

West Point is conducting its annually required anti-terrorism exercise July 28-31 to assess the installation's antiterrorism plan including the community's awareness and knowledge of anti-terrorism procedures. It also is an effective way to prepare, prevent and respond to a series of potentially hazardous or dangerous incidents on the installation.

"Since early June, members of West Point's anti-terrorism working group and emergency operations center have been working on a scenario that is both realistic and stresses our response to a simulated threat against our installation," said Joe Colombo, Chief of Plans and

Operations for the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security.

The late-July date was selected to allow activities to train realistically while minimizing the impact the exercise would have on the academic schedule and installation activities, he explained further. While the exercise runs Monday through Thursday, most of the activities that the work force and residents will notice are on that Wednesday.

Part of the exercise will test the installation's ability to implement the barrier plan to seal off critical areas in order to defend against a simulated car bomb. To accomplish this critical task, selected parking lots and areas will be blocked off around the installation late in the

afternoon July 29 and will remain blocked July 30.

According to Matt Cassidy, anti-terrorism officer, "It is important for the work force to understand that they must ensure their cars are out of the parking lots no later than 4:30 p.m. July 29 or they may be blocked in."

The parking lots affected are Thayer Roof, Mahan Hall, Lincoln Hall, behind Cullum Hall and the parking lots in front of buildings 621 and 622. Doubleday Lot will be designated for handicapped parking that day. DOL will provide additional shuttle bus services that day.

Also, one of the installation gates may experience additional

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## Residents must sign leases by Aug. 1

Approximately 250 leases still need to be signed. It is imperative that everyone living in Family Housing sign a lease before the Aug. 1 RCI takeover.

If you have not signed your lease, go to the Housing Office in Bldg. 626, first floor and see Kathy from Balfour Beatty Communities. She is there from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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## SAPR-P

The members of the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program are Col. Jeanette McMahon, Shelley Ariosto (Garrison), Dan Toohey (Victim Advocate), Maj. Maria Burger (USCC), Maj. Kim Kawamoto (ODIA) and Maj. Elizabeth Scioletti (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.

## Delivery problems?

**FOR PV HOME DELIVERY PROBLEMS CONTACT CHARLENE MARTIN AT THE P OUGHKEEPSIE JOURNAL AT (845) 437-4730 OR BY E-MAIL AT C M M A R T I N @ P O U G H K E E . G A N N E T T . C O M .**

## Orientation of Newly Assigned Personnel for 2008 Schedule of Events

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
July 28 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.	West Point Fortification Tour	Starting at South Dock
Aug. 1 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.	West Point Fortification Tour	Starting at South Dock
Aug. 6 9 a.m. - noon 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. 3:45 - 4:45 p.m.	Superintendent's Seminar Lunch (on own) Small Group Discussion Question & Answer Period for Title 10 Employees with the Dean	Robinson Auditorium Various locations Thayer Hall Classrooms Thayer Hall Classrooms
6 - 9 p.m. 7 - 8 p.m.	Community/ Wellness Fair Superintendent's and Garrison Commander's Community Welcome	Eisenhower Hall Ballroom Eisenhower Hall Theater
Aug 12 3 - 5 p.m.	Superintendent's Newcomer Reception	Grand Ballroom, West Point Club Quarters 100
3:40 - 5 p.m.	Quarters 100 Tours	

## 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: Medium

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

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## Motorcycle Safety

Since head injury is the leading cause of death in motorcycle crashes, 19 states -- including N.Y., have enacted motorcycle helmet laws, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Twenty-eight states require helmet use for a specific segment of riders, at a minimum, which is usually for riders under 18. Three states do not have helmet laws.

The West Point Safety Office sponsors motorcycle safety classes. The next class is Aug. 8 and 9 from 8 a.m.- 4p.m. at Lot A. Although it is full, there is a wait list and more classes will be scheduled during the year. To register a motorcycle at West Point, you must take this course. Call safety specialist Bob Cohen at the Safety Office at 938-6129 for more information.

## POINTER VIEW

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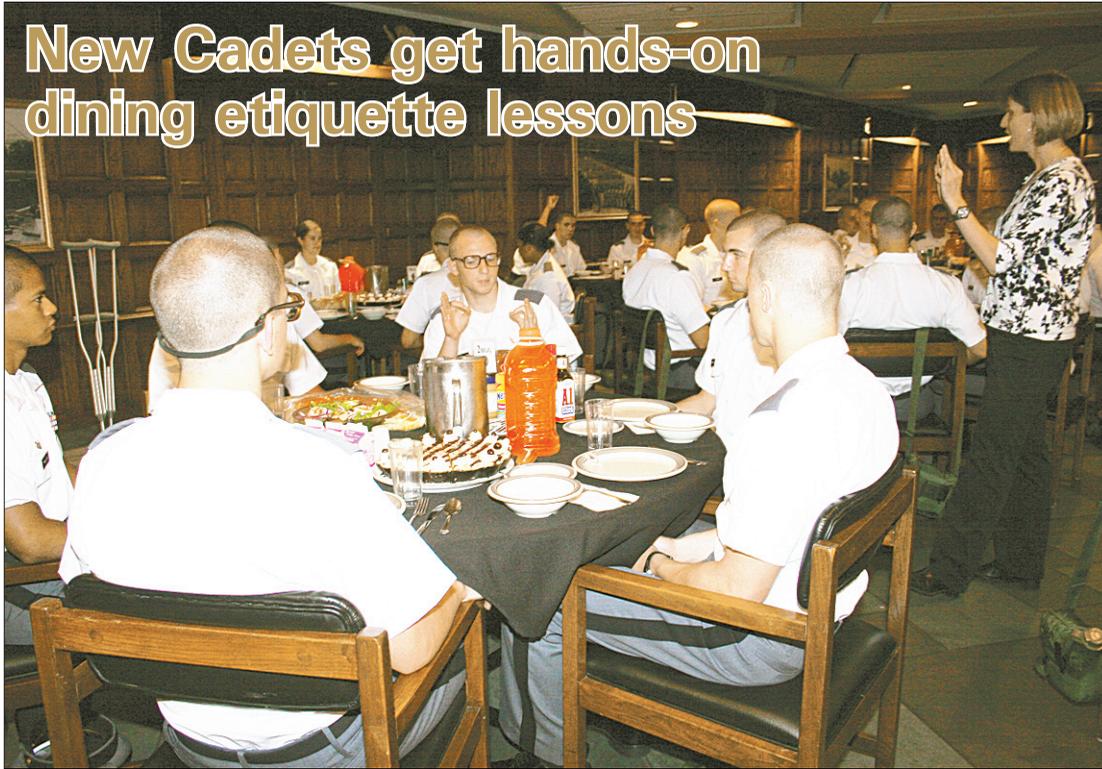
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# Local and National News

## New Cadets get hands-on dining etiquette lessons



## Community Point-of-View

Cadet Hostess Jane Jollota demonstrates the 'b and d' method to determine which drink is theirs when seated at a dinner table to a class of new cadets, who try it out. To do this, hold your hands in front of you with the palms facing each other and make circles using the tips of the thumbs and forefingers. The rest of the fingers on each hand are pointed up. The left hand will form a 'b' and the right will form a 'd,' indicating that the bread plate on the left and the drink on the right are yours. Other topics included in the hands-on class conducted in the Cadet Mess Hall included proper meat cutting etiquette, proper placement of eating utensils on the dinner plate after eating and other topics about proper dining

## Voting Assistance

For 2008 voting assistance questions, call the West Point Voting Assistance NCOIC, Sgt. 1st Class John Castillo at 938-8450.

**VOTE**

## TSP TICKER

JUNE changes (as of 07/16)

C FUND	- 2.58 percent
I FUND	- 5.01 percent
S FUND	- 3.11 percent

## Marine killed in motorcycle accident

Compiled by Kathy Eastwood

a curb.

Michael Hoffman, 33, a Marine stationed at Stewart Airport Guard Base was killed July 12 while he and his passenger Carolyn Spranger, 23, of Milwaukee, Wis., were riding on Hoffman's 2007 Honda motorcycle.

The accident occurred on Perimeter Road near the intersection of World Trade Way, New Windsor N.Y., around 10:23 p.m. Both were thrown from the motorcycle down an embankment after hitting

Spranger was able to call 911 from her cell phone.

Hoffman was pronounced dead at St. Luke's Hospital Newburgh campus. Spranger was admitted and released.

Although the accident is still under investigation, the New Windsor Police said that speed may have been a factor in the accident because of skid marks noted at the scene.

Neither Hoffman or Spranger were wearing helmets.

# DOD sets joint standards for enlistee waivers

By C. Todd Lopez  
Army News Services

WASHINGTON -- The Department of Defense has now set standards for how individual services will offer conduct waivers to those it recruits.

The new policy, announced during a press briefing July 2 at the Pentagon, standardizes how the Army and other services classify offenses, how many offenses a recruit may have committed before requiring a waiver, and in what combination those offenses may have been committed.

"Terms like felony and misdemeanor get confounding. What is a felony in one state is not in another. And what is a misdemeanor is the same thing," said Bill Carr, deputy undersecretary of defense for military personnel policy.

Now the department has classified individual offenses into

four categories. The classification for each of those offenses is based on how "most states" classify the offense. If an offense like grand theft auto is a felony in most states, it would be classified as "major misconduct," Carr said.

"It's not correct to call it a felony, because it is not always a felony," he said. "But because it is a felony in most states, we will call it major misconduct. And that is the most egregious type of transgression that we want to look at."

Other categories include "misconduct," which would be offenses that in most states are classified as misdemeanors; "non-traffic," such as not depositing change at a toll booth; and "traffic offenses."

"There are four groupings the department will recognize in terms of gravity," he said. "Now that we know the terms, how many of them

can you have?"

Some examples of what will require all services to seek waivers:

- One major misconduct requires a waiver
- Two misconducts requires a waiver
- One misconduct, along with four non-traffic offenses, requires a waiver

Carr said services are free to create their own policies that are stricter than what DOD has standardized. He also said the department has found that problems with recruits are more likely to happen with those that have a pattern of minor offenses than with those that have only a single major misconduct offense.

The DOD has also created standard codes that describe the particulars of an offense. Recruiters, he said, would enter those standardized codes on enlistment

records

"With codes we can determine downstream performance and attrition and determine if something is a problem," he said.

The Army's G-1 recently conducted a study of enlistees accessed from FY03-FY06. The study compared 258,270 Soldiers who did not need conduct waivers and 17,961 who did, said Lt. Col. Val Siegfried, the Army G-1 branch chief for enlisted accessions, during an earlier interview.

The study did find differences between the two groups. For instance, the conduct waiver population re-enlisted at a higher rate.

The conduct waiver Soldiers also earned a higher ratio of valorous awards and combat badges -- 13.87 percent compared to 12.73 percent. Additionally, the conduct waiver population included more high-school graduates, higher scores

on the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery and fewer Soldiers scoring in the "Cat 4" range on the ASVAB test.

However, the Army also found that Soldiers who required conduct waivers had higher losses in six of nine "adverse loss categories."

That included a .27-percent loss rate for alcohol rehabilitation failure versus the non-waiver population's loss rate of .12 percent; a misconduct rate of 5.95 percent versus the non-waiver population of 3.55 percent; and a desertion rate of 4.26 percent compared to 3.59 percent.

However, the attrition due to personality disorders, entry-level performance or unsatisfactory performance for Soldiers with waivers was less than their non-waiver counterparts.

In all, the study showed that the differences between Soldiers that came in with conduct waivers and those that did not are negligible -- the Army lost about 2.3 more Soldiers per 100 due to "adverse losses" than it did among the non-waiver population.

"Statistically, it is kind of insignificant," Siegfried said.

## DLIFLC activated new Web site July 1

PRESIDIO OF MONTEREY -- The Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center activated its new Language Materials Distribution System Web site July 1, which makes hundreds of language survival kits and other materials available free of charge to deploying servicemembers.

To view the shopping cart, go to the DLIFLC Web site at [https://](https://lmds.dliflc.edu)

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The site offers Language Survival Kits, which are pocket-sized booklets with audio CDs, in over 30 languages, ranging in topics from public affairs, cordon and search to medical terminology.

DLIFLC also offers new Headstart language DVD programs that use cutting-edge technology and computer animation to teach 80

hours of self-paced lessons.

They are designed to teach survival phrases in Iraqi Arabic and Afghan Dari and Pashto.

Language materials can be viewed, downloaded and ordered at [www.dliflc.edu](http://www.dliflc.edu) under the **Products** tab.

You must register and receive a DLIFLC account approval before placing your order.

Some products are not available for download to the general public.

The point of contact for additional information about the Web site is Maj. Scott Swanson at (831) 242-5376 or via e-mail at [scott.t.swanson@us.army.mil](mailto:scott.t.swanson@us.army.mil).

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measures that could cause temporary traffic delays or stoppages at that gate. The other two gates will not be affected.

During the exercise, community residents and the work force may notice first responders reacting to simulated events. These responses may include the use of protective equipment and the display of

weapons. Their reactions to situations are important for the exercise participants, since their ability to respond to these events is assessed.

"This exercise is an evolution in the way we have conducted exercises before," Colombo explained. "The free-play nature of the exercise will make it difficult

to pinpoint when specific events occur, but they inject the realism needed to provide the level of training that provides results."

# Aptitude test helps students find strengths

By Meghan Vittrup  
American Forces  
Press Service

WASHINGTON -- High school can be a challenging and sometimes daunting time for many teenagers who find themselves trapped between childhood and adulthood.

But a program that uses the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery could help teens find their strengths and help them set goals for their future.

The Defense Department created the ASVAB Career Exploration Program as a tool to help students figure out their strengths and better understand themselves while also

motivating them and helping them plan their future.

The ASVAB program provides tools, including the test battery and interest inventory developed by the Defense Department, to help high school and post-secondary students across the nation learn more about career exploration and planning, according to the program's Web site.

The ASVAB consists of eight tests that measure strengths in mathematics and in verbal, science and technical skills. The results of the interest inventory and the academic and vocational parts of the test will help students identify suitable career options and identify their strengths, officials said.

Many students, families and school administrators think the ASVAB is a test for students interested only in military careers, but that's not the case, a Pentagon official said.

"Parents as well as many teachers misunderstand the program and think that it's only focused on the military, when, in fact, it isn't," said Jane Arabian, assistant director for enlistment standards for the undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness. "The

ASVAB Career Exploration Program links to something called 'O-net,' which is sponsored by the Department of Labor, and it has all sorts of information about occupations and careers.

"It would be wonderful if parents had a better sense of what the ASVAB Career Exploration Program has to offer," she added.

Although the ASVAB does have the ability to help students interested in pursuing military careers, it is not a strictly military test, and taking the test does not mean a student will be enlisting or pursuing a military career, Arabian said. The ASVAB test and Career Exploration Program are independent of Junior ROTC and ROTC programs found in many schools, she noted.

She also pointed out that although recruiters use the ASVAB, they do not administer the test. In fact, she said, officials try to keep recruiters away from the test as much as possible.

"We try to keep recruiters at arm's length from the test, because we are very careful about compromising the contents of the ASVAB," Arabian said. "The primary proctor for the test is a contracted person that we provide from the office of personnel management."

When a student takes it, the results are not automatically sent to a military recruiter, Arabian said, although sending the scores to a

recruiter is an option the student can choose.

"The Career Exploration Program is a step removed from the actual recruit program," Arabian explained.

According to the ASVAB program Web site, last year about 14,000 schools administered the ASVAB test, and about 600,000 students took the test.

Only about 9 percent of the students who take the test decide to enlist in the military based upon their ASVAB scores, Arabian said.

"The vast majority of students who participate have no intention of going into the military," she said. "Approximately two-thirds of students who participate in the program will say that they are going to college, or they're going to a junior college or vocational program; the military is not in their plans, necessarily."

The ASVAB program Web site says two-thirds of the students who participated in the ASVAB program found it to be useful, helping them find career options they had not considered.

"This program will offer something to every student," Arabian said. "I think it will help the student identify the skills they need to improve in high school, depending on what they elect to do after they graduate, but it's really designed to be a useful program for students of all skill levels."

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Knox, Ky., he later went on to medical school. Once he completed medical school, he trained in Family Medicine and has since served in jobs from staff physician to Deputy Commander for Clinical Services.

One of his biggest accomplishments came in 2003 when assigned to the Department of the Army staff and was in charge of Medical Holdover, which was the precursor to today's Warrior Transition Unit program.

He will now continue that direction at West Point since he will serve as the academy surgeon and will command the operations of KACH along with medical facilities at Picatinny Arsenal, N.J., Tobyhanna Army Depot, Pa.; and Natick, Mass. Additionally, he will oversee the Warrior Transition Units at West Point and Fort Dix, N.J.

"We have challenges in front of us, to be sure, such as the continuing evolution of the Warrior Transition program and our pending inspection by the Joint Commission for the Accreditation of Hospital Organizations," Deaton explained. "But that's OK we'll get there. We'll continue the successes of Van Coots, Pete Torok, Brian Allgood and all the great commanders who preceded them. Col. Coots did a great job (before me), and I'm inheriting some superb organizations."

Deaton and his family are excited to be at West Point as Deaton looks forward to servicing the Soldiers and the community.

"You will hear me say, quite frequently, that people matter and that people are important and that they are our most valuable human resource," Deaton remarked at the change of command ceremony. "We need to be there for them, especially at the crucial moments in their lives.

"If you believe and live the Army values, it is a pretty easy concept to grasp," he added. "It's been especially easy for me to embrace that notion because it's also a long standing family value of mine."

Deaton's wife, Sandy, is an emergency room nurse. They have two children, Christi and Sean. He also has a recent addition to the family with his grandson, John Michael.

## Community Features and Photos

# Heat illnesses top threat to Soldier Health

By Mary Katherine Murphy  
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Heat-related illnesses are some of the biggest problems that Soldiers face during training. In 2007, there were 329 cases of heat stroke and 1,853 cases of heat exhaustion among active-duty, non-deployed servicemembers, according to the Armed Forces Health Surveillance Center.

Soldiers and leaders must take appropriate precautions and be on the lookout for warnings.

The key to preventing heat illness is to be well informed and observant of others when in hot and humid environments.

“Despite the fact that heat injuries can develop into life-threatening conditions, with appropriate training and vigilance on the part of the leadership and individual Soldiers, heat injuries can be prevented,” said Col. David Mukai, an occupational medicine physician at the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine.

**Heat-related conditions:**

**Heat rash** is a skin irritation caused by excessive sweating. It contributes to decreased evaporative cooling. It can be avoided by keeping

skin clean/dry and wearing loose fitted clothing.

**Heat cramps** are muscle pains or spasms that happen especially during heavy exercise. They can be avoided by staying hydrated, eating properly to keep electrolytes balanced and being acclimated to the environment.

**Heat exhaustion** is a potentially serious illness that is caused by working too hard in hot weather. Symptoms include heavy sweating, rapid breathing, mild confusion, not being coordinated and a fast or weak pulse. It can be avoided by using appropriate work/rest cycles, keeping hydrated and being acclimated to the environment.

Treatment for heat exhaustion includes removing the affected Soldier from training and allowing rest in shade. The Soldier should loosen clothing and take sips of water or a sports drink. Heat exhaustion can become heat stroke.

**Heatstroke** is a life-threatening illness caused by overexertion in hot weather. The body temperature may rise above 106° F in minutes. Symptoms look like heat exhaustion and include hot skin with or without sweating; rapid, strong pulse; and dizziness. Symptoms may progress to seizures or severe delirium. Heatstroke can be avoided by using work/rest cycles and staying

hydrated (drinking water before feeling thirsty). Treatment for heatstroke includes all treatments for heat exhaustion along with cooling the person’s body down as quickly as possible. This is done by using ice sheets (cloth dipped or kept in ice water) placed directly on the skin.

“While heat exhaustion is the more common heat illness and is not associated with injury to the internal organs, heatstroke is a genuine medical emergency and can produce catastrophic multi-organ damage,” according to Mukai.

Emergency personnel should be called immediately if symptoms --

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also including confusion or loss of consciousness, frequent vomiting, shortness of breath or trouble breathing -- occur.

## What Soldiers should know

Prior heat injuries increase the likelihood of heat illness in the future. Drinking alcohol causes dehydration and makes Soldiers susceptible to heat illness.

Any kind of skin problem, such as heat rash, sun burn or poison ivy, causes sweat glands not to work properly, which can contribute to heat illness by hindering evaporative cooling. Soldiers that are over the age of 40 carry a higher risk.

As well, certain medications can disrupt the body's heat regulation mechanism. Medications such as antihistamines, decongestants, blood pressure medications, diuretics, beta blockers and supplements made with ephedra may predispose Soldiers to heat injuries.

Soldiers should drink water frequently, but not exceed 1-½ quarts per hour or 12 quarts per day. Overhydration, a life-threatening condition, can occur by drinking too much water and not eating enough to replace salts.

Symptoms of overhydration

mimic those of heatstroke. Another sign of overhydration can occur if a Soldier has been drinking consistently and vomits after drinking water. Enforce battle-buddy checks; be aware of each other's eating, drinking and frequency of urination.

"Urine color can indicate if you need to drink more water," said Shawn Bowman, chief of CHPPM's health information operations division. "Urine color should be between light yellow and clear."

Bowman's staff has developed a poster and a tip card to help Soldiers prevent heat-related illness.

"These items were developed in response to feedback from troops in Iraq and Afghanistan," he said. "They help to prevent heat-related illness by determining hydration status simply by observing urine color." (The card and poster can be ordered from the CHPPM Web site, [http://chppm-www.apgea.army.mil/hio\\_public/orders.aspx](http://chppm-www.apgea.army.mil/hio_public/orders.aspx).)

## What leaders should know

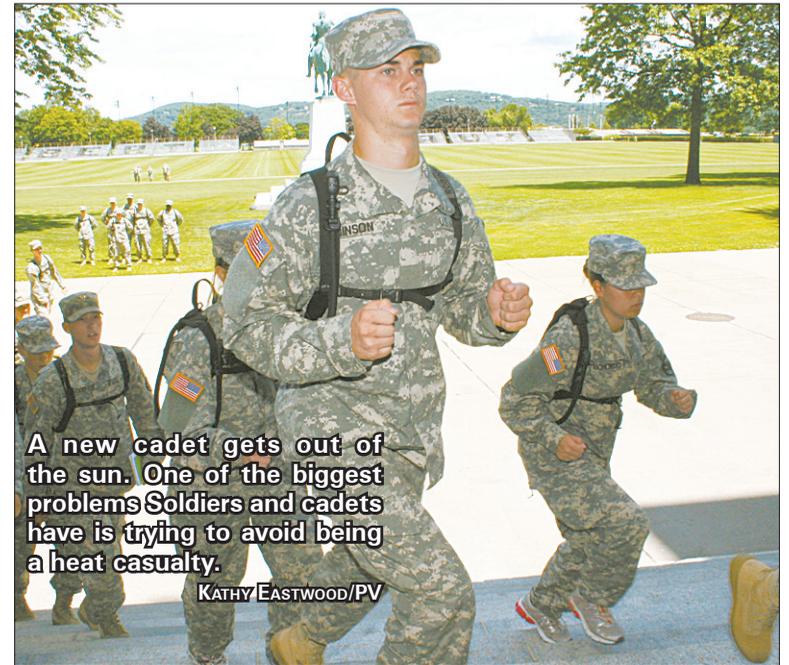
Heat stress is cumulative. Soldiers are at a greater risk of falling victim to heat stress if they have experienced high levels of heat for several days, said

Thomas McNeil, a food safety and environmental health expert at CHPPM. Heat acclimatization is key to a successful mission in a hot environment. Leaders should have their Soldiers gradually increase time and exertion level over a two-week period.

Leaders should always do a daily heat assessment. In this assessment the leader takes into consideration the heat category for the last several days. If Soldiers were subject to high temperatures the day before, they are more likely to become sick even in the presence of lower temperatures.

Leaders also must remember that Soldiers have individual risk factors that can make them more susceptible. Soldiers who are not physically fit, have a high body-mass index, have not completed acclimatization or have minor illnesses are more susceptible to heat illness.

Leaders have the ability to prevent heat illness before it happens by keeping a close watch on Soldiers. At no time should milder heat illnesses become heatstroke. This can be ensured by leaders who anticipate problems and plan for active and rapid care. Leaders



**A new cadet gets out of the sun. One of the biggest problems Soldiers and cadets have is trying to avoid being a heat casualty.**

KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

must familiarize themselves with policies and the signs of heat casualties. They can find helpful information on the CHPPM Web site at <http://chppm-www.apgea.army.mil/heat/>.

Heat illnesses are also a risk in some deployed environments.

"In the current warfare that we are involved with, it is important to be able to prevent heat injuries and keep the Soldiers well hydrated and active without jeopardizing the mission or causing undue injuries," McNeil pointed out.

There were fewer hospitalizations of both heatstroke

and heat exhaustion in 2007, according to the Armed Forces Health Surveillance Center.

"This shows that the Army program of training and the doctrine have worked very well for the individual Soldier," McNeil said.

This decrease can continue if Soldiers and leaders continue to use prevention techniques and safety measures.

For additional information, review "Heat Stress Control and Heat Casualty Management," <http://chppm-www.apgea.army.mil/documents/TBMEDS/tbmed507.pdf>.



# Cadet Field Training

Task Force 4-31 guides Yearlings through summer

Yearlings practice firing dummy and live M203 grenades under the supervision of Soldiers from 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment at Range 8 during Cadet Field Training July 2.

Story and photos by  
Spc. Vincent Fusco  
PAO

During the month of July, cadet yearlings hit the dirt and started their summer field training under the mentorship of Soldiers from the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division.

Earlier this month, Soldiers from the 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment began teaching yearlings map reading and orientation as well as how to operate weapons systems such as the M240B and M249 machine guns, M203 grenade launcher, AT-4 weapon and M18A1 Claymore mines.

The "Polar Bears," fresh from their redeployment from Iraq last November, took the training as an opportunity to not only teach combat skills to the cadets, but to practice their mentorship skills as well.

The training saw some young officers returning to their familiar stomping grounds.

Second Lt. Matthew Boise, a USMA Class of 2007 graduate

from Westmoreland, N.Y., is the 1st Platoon leader in Charlie Company, 4-31st Inf.

He was with his platoon for only a few months following graduation, officer basic classes and Ranger school when he found the mentorship of Soldiers from the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division.

This time, however, he is on the opposite end of the teaching process as he nominates his squad leaders and Soldiers to take charge and teach vital combat skills to cadets.

"It's really familiar, but it's funny being on the other side of things," Boise said. "You definitely remember your first two summers here. You take in a lot from your summer training."

Aside from teaching technical and tactical knowledge, the training gives the yearlings exposure to Soldiers and team leaders with battlefield experience in a one-on-one educational setting. The classes also give the young instructors a chance to hone their leadership and teaching skills.

"It's a great opportunity to train

our Soldiers and team leaders as they rise through the ranks," Boise said.

Boise encourages his underclassmen to use any available time to talk with his Soldiers, such as Spc. Daniel Mitchell, an infantryman with 1st Plt., Charlie Co., 4-31st Inf., who taught the cadets how to operate the AT-4.

"(The cadets ask) mostly about Iraq, and how things are in the Army," Mitchell said.

Specialist Jonan Tiarks, an infantryman with Alpha Co., 4-31st Inf., instructed the yearlings on how to shoot azimuths and was impressed by their attention to the material.

"The cadets have been outstandingly receptive," Tiarks said. "We were once that new person, now they're the new people (learning from our experiences)."

Private Michael Klipp, an infantryman with Alpha Co., 4-31st Inf., saw the classes as a chance to teach familiar material to future leaders, who will need those skills on the battlefield.

"We go over stuff like this every

day, and we want to pass it on to them," Klipp said. "(In combat), you can't really tell them what to do. You need to teach them now while they're young."

As a new officer, Boise found that he too was learning from his Soldiers and noncommissioned officers as they developed their classes and presented the material to the yearlings.

"It's been just a complete team effort between me and my NCOs," Boise said. "They really took the initiative in preparing the classes and showing (the cadets) what they know."

The Polar Bears have a unique opportunity this summer to share combat skills and personal experience with the yearlings and to prepare them for leading Soldiers on the battlefield.

"It's a unique experience," Tiarks said. "These guys are the future leaders in the War on Terror."

"I think it's cool that West Point looks for people with knowledge who have been to Iraq to teach," Mitchell said. "I enjoy it."



Yearling Spencer Feliciano-Lyons shoots an azimuth during Cadet Field Training at the Nuclear, Biological and Chemical training site July 2. Soldiers from 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division are here providing training following the brigade's return from Iraq last November.



Specialist Jesse Rodriguez, kneeling, of Charlie Company, 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment, shows yearlings how to properly load and fire an M240B machine gun at Range 5 during Cadet Field Training July 2.



Yearling Joseph Bonnema (above) practices how to safely operate an AT-4 weapon near Range 7 during Cadet Field Training July 2.



Specialist Daniel Mitchell, left (in photo to the left), of Charlie Company, 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment, teaches a group of yearlings how to safely operate an AT-4 weapon near Range 7 during Cadet Field Training July 2. Task Force 4-31, which arrived at West Point June 3, will remain at West Point, living at Camp Natural Bridge, until cadet training is complete in mid-August.

## What's Happening

### Summer Playground Fun

Bring your children and join others for playground fun Wednesdays from 9:30-11 a.m.

Everyone is welcome.

Please bring water and sun block for your child.

We'll be at the following playgrounds on the stated dates:

**Wednesday** Lee Road

**July 30** Stony I

**Aug. 6** West Point Elementary

In case of inclement weather, playgroup is cancelled.

### West Point Women's Club Play Days

The WPWC Moms & Tots Summer Play Day will meet from 9:30-11 a.m. on the dates and locations listed below:

**Thursday** WPES Playground

**Aug 14** Stony II Playground

Come join us for some summer fun.

For more information, please contact Shanna or Andrea via e-mail at [usmamomsandtots@hotmail.com](mailto:usmamomsandtots@hotmail.com).

### Cornwall area food co-op

A group seeking to open a food cooperative in the greater Cornwall area is hosting the Local Harvest Farm stand Sunday.

It will offer fresh fruits and vegetables and baked goods from a variety of regional producers from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will be located at the Hudson Highlands Nature Museum's Outdoor Discovery Center on Route 9W in Cornwall (just south of the Angola Rd. exit).

The event will also offer the

public an opportunity to learn more about efforts underway to launch a food co-op in the greater Cornwall area and to support those efforts through the purchase of the latest seasonal produce from local farms.

For more information on the farm stand, co-op or survey, contact Stella Quinn at [stellquinn@yahoo.com](mailto:stellquinn@yahoo.com) or at (845) 541-3460 or go to their Web site at [www.cornwallfoodcoop.com](http://www.cornwallfoodcoop.com).

### Highland Falls Farmers Market

The Vision-sponsored Farmers Market in Highland Falls, located in the Municipal Parking Lot across from Sacred Heart Church on Main Street, is every Sunday through Oct. 26 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

## Keller Corner

### Blood Drive Kick-Off

The Kick-Off Campaign Meeting is July 25 from 2-4:30 p.m. in the Army Education Center, Bldg. 683, Classroom #10, for the upcoming American Red Cross Blood Services Program Blood Drive scheduled for Aug. 25-28.

Appointed key personnel from each activity need to attend this meeting. Please provide the names of those attending to Mary Mandia at 938-2583 (BLUD) or via e-mail at [mary.mandia@amedd.army.mil](mailto:mary.mandia@amedd.army.mil) on or before July 25.

### Childbirth Preparation Classes

Childbirth Preparation Classes (four-week series) start July 29 and will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the hospital 2nd floor classroom. If you are expecting a baby before mid-October, sign up now. Call OBU at 938-3210 with questions or to register.

### Make the most of your appointments ...

Arrange your priorities -

Make the most of your time. If you have several things to talk about, let the provider know that at the beginning of your visit. Concentrate on those questions which are most important to you.

**If it's an embarrassing issue to you** - Sometimes it's hard to talk about certain subjects. But don't wait until the end of the visit to finally get up the nerve to discuss them. No matter how embarrassing your problem, you're not the first person in the world to have it.

**Give the provider relevant information** - Be prepared. You will probably be asked about your symptoms, medical history or things that may have caused your problem. This could include things you ate, strenuous or unusual exercise, places you have traveled or medications you've been taking.

**TIP:** Write down your problem, your symptoms, where it hurts, how it hurts, when it hurts and other information at home when it's fresh on your mind. Also write out your questions and uncertainties from your last visit.

### Interested in Girl Scouting?

Contact Deanna Grande, West Point Girl Scouts Registrar at 446-5140 or [jgrande@hvc.rr.com](mailto:jgrande@hvc.rr.com).

### Eisenhower Hall's Fall season

Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons	Sept. 14	5 p.m.
Marina Arsenijevic	Sept. 25	7:30 p.m.
Paul Rodriguez	Sept. 26	8 p.m.
Altar Boyz	Oct. 4	8 p.m.
Monty Python's Spamalot	Oct. 18	8 p.m.
Nunsense	Oct. 26	3 p.m.
Moscow Ballet's Nutcracker	Nov. 22	2 p.m.
Amy Grant & Vince Gill	Dec. 6	8 p.m.

For more information and ticket ordering, go to

[www.ikehall.com](http://www.ikehall.com).

The West Point Band presents

### Music Under the Stars

Jazz Knights with vocalist Joe Francis: "Glenn Miller Tribute," Sunday, July 20, 7:30 p.m. Inclement site: Eisenhower Hall

Concert Band: "Family Excursions," Sunday, July 27, 6:30 p.m.

Concert Band featuring NY Philharmonic principal trumpet Philip Smith: "A Walk in the Park," Sunday, August 3, 7:30 p.m. Inclement site: Eisenhower Hall

### Trophy Point Amphitheatre

Free and Open to the Public

845-938-2617

[www.westpoint.edu/band](http://www.westpoint.edu/band)

# DPW NOTES

## Tour of West Point from the Hudson

All community members are invited to join DPW and Dr. Steve Grove, retired USMA Historian, for our annual guided tour of West Point from the Hudson River Aug. 9 from 1:30-4:30 p.m. departing from South Dock.

The event is free but reservations are required. Plan now for an enjoyable, entertaining, yet educational afternoon, for family and friends.

Guests may bring food and beverages on board with them, as no other refreshments will be available.

For reservations, contact Kevin Kirkpatrick, Environmental Management Division, 938-5175.

## Water quality report

The water quality report is published to educate our consumers about what is in their drinking water. It is also intended to raise awareness of the sources of our drinking water and the importance of preventive measures such as source protection.

West Point's potable water supply is tested on a daily basis and continuously meets all state and federal health standards without violation. The report describes the water sources, treatment methods, recent system improvements and discloses any detected contaminants discovered during routine testing.

The full report is available in

hard copy at the Environmental Management Division, Bldg. 667 and the Housing Division, Bldg. 626. It is also available online at [www.usma.edu/dhpw](http://www.usma.edu/dhpw). To access the report from this location, click on 'Announcements.'

For more information, call the USMA Environmental Management Division at 938-8000.

## Avoiding wildlife encounters

The West Point Cantonment area is "visited" by many wild life species on a regular basis. Recently, residents have reported the sighting of bears, coyotes, skunks and, of course, lots of deer. While these wild creatures are amazing to look at they can also be frightening and dangerous if startled or harassed.

So, what can residents do to discourage wildlife/human encounters?

1. Keep the lids of all garbage cans tightly closed and keep them in the garage or locked area until pick-up day. Spray them lightly with ammonia (bears hate the smell, as do raccoons, skunks and opossums). Meat scraps, grease, sweets and dirty baby diapers are all smells in trash that can attract bears (dirty baby diapers are the second biggest attractor after bird feeders). Also, thoroughly clean and scrub your trash and recycle containers periodically.

2. Keep bird feeders empty from April through October (most birds do not require additional food at this time, as there is plenty of wild food

available). The biggest problem caused by bears in southeastern N.Y. and N.J., is raiding bird feeders and eating the birdseed.

3. If you feed your pets outside, do not leave the food out overnight. This will also cut down on any problems caused by raccoons, skunks, opossums and rats.

4. If you have a barbecue grill, do not leave the greasy grill sitting overnight after you are done grilling. Instead, turn the gas grill to "high" and let it cook for 15 minutes to burn off all of the grease. For charcoal grills, once the grill cools down, scrub it clean with soap and water.

5. Finally, do not put out food to attract bears. It is a violation of N.Y. laws to feed bears and your

neighbors may not appreciate it. And, it encourages bears to not be afraid of people, which can lead to more serious problems

If you should see a bear or coyote, what should you do?

First, remain calm and enjoy the sight. Do not approach the animal or attempt to touch or feed it. Report all sightings to the Natural Resources Branch at 938-3857 or e-mail at [james.beemer@usma.army.mil](mailto:james.beemer@usma.army.mil). If the bear or any wildlife animal is trapped, cornered or up a tree, call the MP desk (938-3333), which will notify the appropriate agency personnel.

For more information on black bears, call the USMA Natural Resources Manager Biologist at 938-3857 or e-mail

at [james.beemer@usma.army.mil](mailto:james.beemer@usma.army.mil). Information is also posted on the DPW-EMD Web site and on the electronic bulletin boards under OFFICIAL ACADEMY AREA and also under ACTIVITIES/ EVENTS.

## Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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

## NOW SHOWING

in the movie theater  
at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752

**Friday** -- **Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**

**Saturday** -- **Iron Man, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**

**July 25** -- **You Don't Mess with the Zohan, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**

**July 26** -- **Get Smart, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**

THE THEATER SCHEDULE CAN ALSO BE FOUND AT [WWW.AAFES.COM](http://WWW.AAFES.COM)

# FMWR Blurbs

## Fitness Center

The annual Bike Rodeo returns to the PX parking lot Aug. 2 at 10 a.m.

It is open to kids ages 5-12 who reside at West Point, the Town of Highlands or whose parent is a DOD employee.

Learn bike safety and test your skills on the proficiency course.

To become a Bike Rodeo volunteer, call 938-3655.

## BOSS Car Wash

BOSS will host a car wash Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the PX parking lot.

For info, call 938-6497.

## Ballroom Dancing

There will be ballroom dancing at the West Point Club Sunday from noon to 4 p.m.

Come dance the afternoon away in the Grand Ballroom.

A summer luncheon buffet and cash bar will be available.

For more info, call 938-5120.

## ITR Trip

Take a trip with ITR to Saratoga Raceway Thursday.

The van leaves West Point at 9 a.m. and leaves Saratoga Raceway 6 p.m.

Enjoy thoroughbred racing at this most historic venue.

Call 938-3601 for info.

## West Point Hunting Club

The West Point Hunting Club will hold its first meeting of the 2008-09 academic year July 29 at Buffalo Soldier Pavilion from noon to 1:15 p.m.

All members of the West Point Community are invited to attend.

This meeting will be to elect club officers and get the club up and running.

For more information, contact Raymond Parrot at 938-3773 or Master Sgt. Edwin Gargas at 938-2883.

## BOSS Aloha Cruise

Join BOSS for their "Aloha Cruise" on the West Point Ferry Boat Aug. 9, boarding at 5:30 p.m. at South Dock.

This event is open to the entire West Point community over 18 years of age - bring valid ID.

For tickets and information, call 938-6497.

## Sealed Bid Sale

FMWR Services Division is holding a sealed bid sale on a 2005 Ford 19-passenger bus with only 4,000 miles, which can be viewed Monday through Thursday.

Bids must be submitted by 3 p.m. Thursday.

Call 938-8188 for info.

## Army Family Team Building

Volunteers are needed for the Army Family Team Building program.

Opportunities are available for AFTB instructors and master trainers. Call 938-3773 for info.

## Fitness instructors needed

Les Mills Body Combat instructors are needed.

Call the FMWR Fitness Center for more info and certification dates, 938-6490.

## Childcare Co-op

The childcare co-op at the FMWR Fitness Center is open Monday-Friday from 8:45-11:15 a.m. in accordance with the West Point Elementary School calendar to parents with FMWR Fitness Center and CDC/YS privileges.

You must complete a brief VCCUS Training administered by the CDC and children must be registered with CDC/YS.

For info, call 446-5140.

## 2008 Soldier Show

The 2008 Army Soldier Show, taking place at Ike Hall Oct. 19, is looking for local talent to perform on stage during the finale.

You must be active duty to be eligible.

Deadline for the competition entry is Sept. 15.

Contact Sheryle Miller at 938-6497 for additional information.

## Crandall Pool

The FMWR community swim program at Crandall Pool will

be cancelled through July 25 to accommodate ODIA summer camps.

## Fishing restrictions

There will be fishing restrictions due to cadet summer training.

Check for details online at [westpointmwr.com](http://westpointmwr.com).

## Swimming

Both Delafield and Round Pond swim areas are open daily for the summer, weather permitting.

Hours of operation for Delafield are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more info, call 938-5158.

Round Pond beach hours are noon to 6 p.m. For more info, call 938-2503.

Punch cards are available for purchase at ITR, Bldg. 695, and Delafield Pond, but are not sold at Round Pond.

## Operation Purple Healing Adventure

Operation Purple Healing Adventure is Aug. 18-22 at Camp Ascca, Ala., promising a week of fun family-centered activities for individuals, as well as couples seminars and activities.

Participation is limited to servicemembers who have been wounded in support of the GWOT and have been recovering for at least one year.

Applications are available online at [www.nmfa.org](http://www.nmfa.org).

## WEST POINT SCHOOLS Registration Open now

Parents may register their school age children Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon at the West Point Elementary or West Point Middle schools. Pre-K students must be four years of age by Oct. 31 and kindergarteners must be five years of age by Oct. 31 to register for school.

Please have the following documents:

- **CERTIFIED** Birth Certificate
- **CHILD'S** Social Security Card
- **MOST CURRENT** military orders of the sponsor
- **CURRENT** housing letter
- **COPY OF THE FIRST PAGE** of RCI Lease Agreement once it is signed

- **IMMUNIZATION** record

If you have copies of your child's school records or last progress report/report card, please bring them for review.

For additional information, please call 938-3827 or 938-2923 and speak to the school registrar.

## SUMMARY COURT MARTIAL OFFICER

Major Greg Frey, Special Assistant to the Superintendent, has been appointed Summary Court Martial Officer to collect, inventory and process the personal effects of Sgt. Johan Bastardo, a member of the U.S. Military Academy's staff who died June 30. Accordingly, if you are aware of any debts owed to or by Sgt Bastardo, please contact Maj. Frey as soon as possible at 845-938-0418 or [Gregory.frey@usma.edu](mailto:Gregory.frey@usma.edu).

**Command  
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**July 18-25**

Friday & Monday - July 25  
8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch  
1 p.m. Army Newswatch  
6 p.m. Army Newswatch

# Ike Hall's Upcoming Season

By Rich Storey  
DCA

West Point's Eisenhower Hall Theatre announces its exciting upcoming 2008-2009 season. The shows begin Sept. 14 with the American pop-music icon, Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons.

According to theatre director Gary Keegan, the Eisenhower Hall Theatre, or Ike Hall as it is affectionately known, has enjoyed more than three decades serving West Point and the Hudson Valley. "Our mission clearly states that we present a varied slate of top-quality, affordable shows," Keegan said.

"As the individual charged with booking performers, I'm constantly on the lookout for great acts. One of my most frequently asked questions is 'Why are performers scheduled on this date or at that time?' The answer is complex," Keegan continued. "It includes where and when the show is being routed, the cost to present the show, the availability on our busy West Point calendar, and the suitability and marketability of the performance.

"We think this coming season promises to be the best in many years," Keegan added. "It includes Paul Rodriguez, the original 'Latin King of Comedy,' Sally Struthers in *Nunsense* and the outrageous new musical smash hit, Monty Python's, *Spamalot*. Holiday time performances consist of the Moscow Ballet's Great Russian *Nutcracker*, featuring a 50-member all-star Russian cast, and Christmas with Amy Grant and Vince Gill. Additionally, we plan presentations of *Jesus Christ Superstar*, the first collaboration between Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber and the new irresistible musical, *Hairspray*.

"This year we provide two ways to subscribe -- the Marquee Series, which gives the best value with all 11 shows or our four-show Broadway Series," Keegan explained.

"Either way, I'm sure you will see that this season, there's truly a lot to like at Ike, 'America's Theatre.' Log on to [ikehall.com](http://ikehall.com) or visit our Box Office for details," Keegan concluded.

## Project Discovery at West Point schools

Story by Kathy Eastwood

The West Point schools held their summer enrichment program, Project Discovery, June 16 through July 11.

The enrichment program began with elementary school principal Shawne Cryderman welcoming the students while dressed as William Shakespeare.

"It included a variety of speakers focusing on special talents," said elementary teacher Joanne Woodworth. "Deb Menkens, an elementary art specialist, shared her passion for art with the students and Ronnie Coffey, our middle school teacher, shared her experiences writing locally about our area. We also had talented violinist and viola player Noreika Herdon share her love of music with the classes."

Maj. Ian McCulloh and his wife also shared their African and Egyptian experiences, while the Parent Teacher Organization sponsored a trip to the Storm King Art Center so the students could view the sculptures, take a tour conducted by the docents and take a tram throughout the park.

Yauslin Trejo and Trenton Davis  
worktogether on a project.

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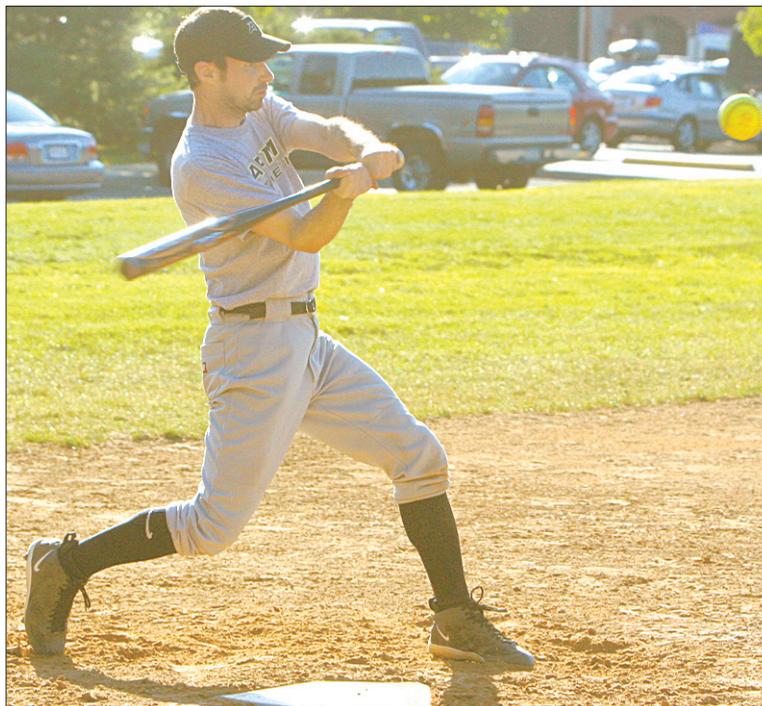
# Army and Community Sports

## DPW, Math continue to lead IM Softball Divisions



Chemistry and Life Sciences pitcher Tom Spudich rips a two-run triple in the first inning to get his team rolling toward a victory. Spudich held History to only five runs as CLS won the game 11-5 Tuesday.

History third baseman Keith Walters (front) tags third as umpire Gary Falk calls the runner out, and then Walters threw to first base to complete the double play. History (10-4) would go on to lose the game 11-5 to CLS (4-12) Tuesday at Field #1 of the FMWR H Lot Athletic Complex. PHOTOS BY ERIC S. BARTELT/PV



Office of the Directorate of Intercollegiate Athletics second baseman John Sedgwick knocks a single during an 11-run second inning that helped ODIA beat DOIM 25-2 Tuesday.

### Post Intramural Softball

NORTH DIVISION	W - L
1. DPW	15 - 1
2. Stewart Marines	14 - 2
3. ODIA	12 - 4
4. MEDDAC	9 - 7
5. MPs	8 - 8
6. USMA Band	7 - 9
7. DOIM	4 - 12
8. WTU	3 - 13
9. 411th ENG	0 - 16

**\*As of Wednesday's softball games**

**The North and South IM Softball Division Playoff begins Tuesday**

SOUTH DIVISION	W - L
1. Math	15 - 0
2. History	11 - 4
3. Dean/DOL	11 - 5
4. DPE/EECS	10 - 7
5. DMI	9 - 7
6. DAD	8 - 7
7. Engineers	5 - 11
8. BTD	4 - 12
8. CLS	4 - 12
10. Soc. Science	1 - 13

# AAC earns six CoSIDA publication awards

WEST POINT, N.Y. -- The Army Athletic Communications staff was among the most decorated last week in Tampa, Fla., when the department was honored with six publication awards at the annual conference of the College Sports Information Directors of America.

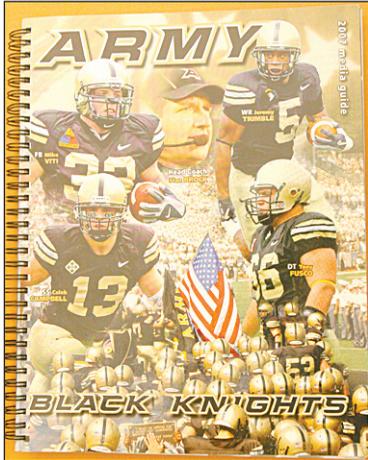
Five media guides were voted in the top-three in District I while the football guide was among the nation's top 15. The Army staff was recognized as one of the top 20 most-honored offices among the 330 NCAA Division I institutions.

CoSIDA presents awards for media guides, posters and yearbooks in all three NCAA

classifications. Each category has a separate content coordinator.

Media guides for women's soccer and women's basketball were recognized as best in district while women's volleyball and baseball were second and men's basketball third. In addition, the 208-page football media guide was judged 14th best in the nation.

Senior Associate Athletic Director Bob Beretta oversees the athletic communications department. The staff consists of Brian Gunning, Annie Holliday, Tracy Nelson, Mady Salvani, Tim Volkmann and Ryan Yanoshak.



The Army Football Media Guide was among the top 15 in the nation as it ranked 14th best in collegiate football media guides. The award was given out during the College Sports Information Directors of America conference last week. Army Athletic Communications also received awards in five other sports to include baseball, women's soccer, basketball and volleyball and men's basketball.

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# Army-Navy lacrosse games to be played in Baltimore

By Tim Volkmann  
Athletic Communications

WEST POINT, N.Y. -- The annual Army-Navy lacrosse rivalry will be taken to a new level for the next two years.

M&T Bank Stadium, home of the NFL's Baltimore Ravens, will be the site of the 2009 and 2010 service academy showdowns in conjunction with the Inside Lacrosse "Day of Rivals," which will also feature games between national powerhouses Johns Hopkins and Maryland.

The 87th meeting between the two teams will take place April 11, with a time to be determined, while the 2008 national runner-up Blue Jays will take on the Terrapins for the 104th time in their storied histories that same day.

"We are ecstatic to bring the greatest rivalry in lacrosse to a big-time stage at M&T Bank Stadium," said Black Knight head coach Joe Alberici. "This will provide an outstanding experience for our players, alumni and everyone

connected to Army lacrosse. To share that stage with another great rivalry game in Johns Hopkins-Maryland adds to the excitement for all of the participants and fans."

Next spring will mark only the second time the two teams have ever played at a neutral site. The 2006 Patriot League Tournament Championship game, hosted by Colgate, was the only other time the teams have faced each other away from either West Point or Annapolis since they first met in 1924. The Midshipmen won that game, 8-5.

"We are also pleased to be involved with Inside Lacrosse and the Baltimore Ravens in planning this event," Alberici continued. "With their combined experience, we are confident that everything will come together in the manner that these two rivalries deserve."

Two years ago, in an attempt to create other lacrosse events during the regular season that attract the same buzz among lacrosse fans as the season-ending Final

Four weekend, Inside Lacrosse started the Konica-Minolta Face-Off Classic that pitted perennial national powers Johns Hopkins, Princeton, Syracuse and Virginia against each other in a season-opening tournament in Baltimore.

This year, in addition to Johns Hopkins and Princeton, Duke will square off with Maryland during the opening weekend of the 2009 season.

With the addition of the "Day of Rivals," Inside Lacrosse intends to attract greater national interest for the sport by placing the spotlight directly on these events.

Bob Carpenter, publisher of Inside Lacrosse Magazine said, "Inside Lacrosse is proud to bring these two events to fans and we are continually exploring opportunities for similar events. In our minds, attending events such as these, more than anything, is what keeps a young player banging that ball against the wall through the offseason."

Army broke a 13-game, 11-year skid against Navy this past year



Senior attack Jason Peyer scored a goal in last season's 9-6 victory over the Midshipmen. This coming season, Peyer and his teammates will meet Navy in Baltimore.

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with a 9-6 upset of the sixth-ranked Mids in Michie Stadium April 12 en route to a 9-6 record and a No. 19 ranking in the final national polls.

Navy leads the all-time series with a 56-27-3 mark.

The Army-Navy football game was played in Baltimore seven times during its 108-years, including the 2007 game that was hosted by M&T Bank Stadium in front of a sold-out crowd of 76,610.