

## Spiral 2.1 folks learn about mock pay pool

By Linda Mastin

Colonel Michael Griggs, USMA Chief Information Officer and National Security Personnel System Spiral 2.1 Pay Pool manager, briefed employees and raters May 15 and 16 about the Mock Pay Pool that he and his panel conducted April 28-30.

After introducing his panel members -- Tom Lainis, Ph.D., Assistant Dean for Resources; Cecilia Solomon, Director of Resource Management; Maj. Susan Sutherland, Deputy Staff Judge Advocate; Lt. Col Todd Messitt, Special Assistant to the Commandant for Honor; Randy Smith, DRM Management Analyst and the Pay Pool Administrator and Carol McQuinn, West Point Civilian Personnel Advisory Center Director -- Griggs reviewed the pool results and other findings.

The group reviewed 20 appraisals from different organizations, occupations and pay bands to prepare USMA for the final Pay Pool Panel in November

2008.

They did find that the results (share allocation and payouts) mirrored those of the rest of the Army. Monetary rewards were split between salary increases (67 percent) and bonuses (33 percent).

Some of the challenges encountered included:

- Too many objectives and/or objectives which were not measurable
- Failure by the rater to discuss the metrics in objectives which were defined as measurable
- Narratives which did not address results
- Rating officials did not agree or disagree with self-assessments
- Too many contributing factors were used and then all were not addressed in the narratives.

Griggs also presented some 'business rules' for employees and raters to follow in NSPS:

- Rating officials should not use more than one contributing factor for each objective and must address it clearly in the narrative
- Employees should have no

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## USMA to honor five Distinguished Grads Tuesday

Compiled by Eric S. Bartelt

The Association of Graduates of the U.S. Military Academy will honor five of its members as "distinguished graduates" Tuesday at 11 a.m. during the alumni exercise and review ceremony on the Plain.

First awarded in 1992, the AOG selection committee picks the awardees from nominations filed by presidents of West Point societies and classes. The committee selected the following alumni as this year's distinguished graduates:

**Wallace H. Nutting, Class of 1950:** In 1951, 2nd Lt. Nutting was assigned to a tank platoon in the 2nd Infantry Division in Korea and subsequently was decorated

with the Silver Star, the Soldier's Medal and was twice wounded in action.

By 1966, Lt. Col. Nutting assumed command of the 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry, 4th Infantry Division at Fort Lewis, Wash. and deployed with it to Vietnam, Nutting was awarded the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star and Air Medal.

Colonel Nutting returned to Vietnam in 1970, as commander of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment and then as Deputy Commander for Operations, First Brigade, 5th Infantry Division. In 1977, Maj. Gen. Nutting went to Germany as commander of the 3rd Armored Division.

With his unprecedented selection as Commander in Chief of the U.S. Readiness Command in 1983, he became the first officer to command two (also U.S. Southern Command) combatant organizations at the same time.

In 1985, Nutting retired with the rank of general, and for the second time was awarded the Defense Distinguished Service Medal.

In 2003, he ran for mayor in Biddeford, Maine. Elected, he ran again two years later.

**Clarence E. McKnight Jr., Class of 1952:** McKnight's military career took him around the world, serving in Korea, France, Germany, India, El Salvador, Panama and Vietnam, as well as in the United

States.

During his career, he was successful at every level of service, from his leadership of a signal platoon during the Korean War to his command of the Army Communications Command. His career culminated with his assignment as the Director of Command, Control and Communications in the Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Upon his retirement from active duty in 1987, Gen. McKnight continued his extensive involvement in national-level telecommunications issues by joining Booz Allen Hamilton, where he worked for 11 years, as

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### Weather live from Trophy Point

WABC Channel 7 meteorologist Bill Evans and his crew did a number of live weather updates early Tuesday morning from West Point. As part of his weeklong series called "One Tank Getaways," Evans (center) interviewed select Academy personnel, to include Public Affairs Office Executive Officer Maj. Tom Bryant, about tourist attractions at West Point.

KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

## Changes in Help for the Fire Families

The West Point Women's Club will now accept **monetary** donations on behalf of the West Point Community designated for the Families affected by the fires of May 8 instead of the Red Cross. The Red Cross has reached the limit of monetary aid it is allowed to give.

Mail donations to:

WPWC  
P.O. Box 44

West Point, NY 10996 and make sure they are made out to *West Point Fire Families*.

The Red Cross will continue to take **gift card** donations for the Families. Please make sure donations are clearly marked for *West Point Fire Families*.

To determine if there are specific items that any of the Families need, contact Chaplain Matthew Pawlikowski at [Matthew.Pawlikowski@usma.edu](mailto:Matthew.Pawlikowski@usma.edu) or 938-3721.

## 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 Lt. Col. Tasha Williams (Dean).

Community members can e-mail McMahon at [Jeanette.McMahon@usma.edu](mailto:Jeanette.McMahon@usma.edu) for advice or to offer any recommendations on the program here.

Cadets can also call the sexual assault support helpline at (845) 591-7215. West Point Soldiers and civilians needing assistance can call (845) 938-3369.

## Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

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

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

Difficulty: Medium

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

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## Letters to the West Point Community

Our West Point friends,

We want to take a moment to thank all of you for your contributions in our time of need. This has been a tough time, especially for our children.

Your visits, calls, e-mails and gifts have made an immeasurable difference in our lives. Though a majority of our material possessions were damaged by smoke and water during the fire, our spirit wasn't. That is because of people like you who rallied to our support.

Even while the houses burned, Garrison HQ, ACS, Housing, Red Cross, Father Matt and the Chapel's office, CYS, and our friends and neighbors worked to have us into a comfy home by 6 p.m. that night. And we can't forget the Fire Fighters for stopping the fire, WPES for caring for our children and Sgt. 1st Class (Carol) Oberwager for welcoming us.

It was a good day to be in the Army. The silver lining during this time is all of the friendships we have made or strengthened.

We whole-heartedly believe that no other organization has people who can come together as quickly and with as much compassion.

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Y'all rock and YOU saved Mother's Day!

Riz, Deb, Jenna, Devan and Brianna (The Shah's)  
Capt. Rizwan Shah  
Eisenhower Leadership Development Program

To everyone who helped:

I would like to sincerely thank each and every one that participated in helping my Family and the other Families that were displaced due to the fire damage.

I would like to say I really appreciate the chain of command for their immediate response.

I would like to applaud the community for coming together with love and support. I don't know if there is a way to repay everyone for your generosity in giving, working overtime, preparing meals and keeping us in your prayers, thoughts and hearts.

My Family has adjusted very well to the circumstances and so many people that I don't even know are responsible for the smiles on our faces.

Thank you,

Spc. Jermaine Bradley and Family  
Chaplain's Assistant, Most Holy Trinity

## POINTER VIEW

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# Local and National News

## Graduation Week 2008 force protection information

WEST POINT, N.Y. -- This information also includes activities not related to force protection measures. They are provided to alert residents and the workforce to events that could potentially restrict traffic on post.

Plan your trips accordingly and allow more time for arrivals and for travel around the post.

West Point personnel planning TDY trips during Graduation Week should not leave their vehicles parked in Clinton, Doubleday and other nearby lots due to parking restrictions in effect during the week.

Doubleday Lot will be reserved for special pass holders ONLY Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 p.m. the night before until the start of the review each day.

### Monday, May 26

The West Point Memorial Day Commemoration Ceremony will take place at Battle Monument at Trophy Point at Noon. Traffic will be re-routed in this area from 11:45 a.m. to approximately 12:30 p.m.

### Tuesday, May 27

In support of the Alumni Wreath Laying Ceremony and Alumni Review, the following are in effect:

Parking for the work force will be allowed in the Central Post Area to include Clinton Lot throughout the day. However, 15 parking slots will be blocked to facilitate bus movement and handicapped parking.

Doubleday Lot will be reserved

parking for special pass holders ONLY until the start of the review.

Traffic control points will be established on Cullum Road, Washington Road, Ruger Road and Parke Road beginning at **10 a.m.** Traffic will be stopped from entering the Thayer Statue area beginning around **10:10 a.m.** until the completion of the wreath laying ceremony. Washington Road will re-open for normal traffic flow at the conclusion of the wreath laying ceremony.

### Thursday, May 29

Stony Lonesome Road will be closed to all vehicle traffic from the intersection with Washington Road (in the vicinity of the Catholic Chapel) to the intersection with Delafield Road near Michie Stadium and Mills Road from Herbert Hall to Stony Lonesome Road from **7:30 a.m. until approximately 8:10 a.m.**

In support of the Superintendent's Awards Review, the following are in effect:

Parking for the workforce will be allowed in the Central Post Area to include Clinton Lot throughout the day. However, 75 parking slots in Clinton Lot will be designated for handicapped parking ONLY. Doubleday Lot will be reserved parking for special pass holders ONLY until the start of the review.

### Friday, May 30

In support of the Graduation Parade, the following are in effect:

Parking for the workforce will be allowed in the Central Post Area. However, Clinton Lot will be designated for handicapped parking ONLY and Doubleday Lot will be reserved parking for special pass holders ONLY until the end of the review.

At the conclusion of the parade, Clinton and Double Day Lots are available for parking until 4:30 p.m., when the lot is again reserved for handicapped parking for the graduation banquet.

### Saturday, May 31

In support of the Graduation Exercise, the following are in effect:

Stony Lonesome Road will be closed from the intersection with Washington Road (in the vicinity of the Catholic Chapel) to the intersection with Delafield Road near Michie Stadium from **7:45 a.m. until approximately 8:30 a.m.**

Thereafter, Stony Lonesome

Road will be open only from the intersection with Washington Road to the intersection with Schofield Place (entrance to Lusk housing area) until the completion of the graduation exercise.

**All roads around Michie Stadium will be blocked to traffic from 6 a.m. until the completion of the graduation exercise, around 11:30 a.m.** Traffic can still use Delafield Road to move from the Central Post Area to the PX/Commissary area.

Because of the heavy traffic expected at Stony Lonesome and Thayer Gates, those wishing to attend the ceremony who live off post, and are authorized to use Washington Gate (with DOD decal and CAC card or military ID card) should do so.

Park in the Old PX/FMWR Fitness Center Lot (K-Lot) and ride the shuttle bus to the Michie Stadium area.

Families and visitors can enter Michie Stadium through security checkpoints established at gates 2, 3, 6 and 6A.

Those entering the stadium will be required to pass through metal magnetic detectors or be searched with a magnetic wand.

Large bags, coolers, backpacks, all beverage containers (glass or plastic) including water bottles and umbrellas will not be allowed into the stadium. Plan accordingly.

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

## TSP TICKER

### MAY changes (as of 05/22)

C FUND	+0.51 percent
I FUND	+1.39 percent
S FUND	+2.07 percent

## HAT TOSS RULES

For children to take part in the Hat Toss event, they must follow the rules below:

- children must be between six and ten years old AND **BETWEEN 42 and 54 INCHES TALL - NO EXCEPTIONS**
- height screening is at Gate 3
- no movement to the north end zone until the message is given on the mini-tron screen
- a parent or guardian must accompany **THEIR ELIGIBLE** children and **REMAIN** on the field.
- only one hat per child. Please be courteous to others.
- cadets have been directed not to place any money in their hats
- **AFTER THE HAT TOSS**, children participating should meet their parents **BEHIND THE PRESS PLATFORM**
- no wall jumping
- **FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS** of the MPs, security personnel, cadets, officers and NCOs

## Post Office offers Graduation Day postmark

By Tom Gaynor  
U.S. Postal Service

The Postal Service is offering a special pictorial USMA Graduation Day Station Postmark at the West Point Post Office starting May 31.

Those who can't get to the Post Office may submit a mail order request. Pictorial postmarks

are available only for the dates indicated, and **requests must be postmarked no later than 30 days following the requested pictorial postmark date.**

All requests must include a stamped envelope or postcard bearing at least the minimum First-Class Mail postage. Items submitted for postmark may not include

postage issued after the date of the requested postmark. Such items will be returned unserved.

Customers wishing to obtain a postmark should affix stamps to any envelope or postcard of their choice, address the envelope or postcard to themselves or others, insert a card of postcard thickness in envelopes for sturdiness, and tuck in the flap.

Place the envelope or postcard in a larger envelope and address it to: PICTORIAL POSTMARK, USMA Graduation Day Station Postmark, Postmaster, West Point, NY 10996 before June 30.

Customers can also send stamped envelopes and postcards without addresses for postmark, as long as they supply a larger envelope with adequate postage and their return address. After applying the pictorial postmark, the Postal Service will return the items (with or without addresses) under addressed protective cover.

## Graduation ON DEMAND

OAKS, Pa. -- Friends and family members unable to attend graduation ceremonies at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, U.S. Naval Academy and the U.S. Air Force Academy can now watch them ON DEMAND thanks to a unique offering from Comcast and the Pentagon Channel.

The two have partnered to bring coverage of this year's graduations to Comcast Digital Cable customers throughout N.J., Del., southeastern and central Pa., Md., Va., and Washington, D.C. via Comcast's Local Video On Demand service.

Each ceremony, available no later than four days following the events, can be viewed through June 14, allowing Digital Cable customers to watch them any time. Like all other Comcast Local Video On Demand programming, the military graduations are free

of charge.

Customers can access "Graduations ON DEMAND" by tuning to Channel 1 on their digital cable lineup or pressing the ON DEMAND button on their remote control, then clicking on the "Get Local" category followed by the "Academy Graduations" folder.

The graduation ceremony schedule is as follows:

- May 23 -- U.S. Naval Academy -- Featured address from Adm. Michael Mullen, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (available by May 27)

- May 28 -- U.S. Air Force Academy -- Featured address from President George W. Bush (available by May 30)

- May 31 -- U.S. Military Academy at West Point -- Featured address from Pete Geren, Secretary of the Army (available by June 3).

### QUICK NEWS NOTES

Major Richard Gash, Dept. of Civil and Mechanical Engineering, was selected to receive the American Society of Civil Engineers 2008 Young Government Civil Engineer of the Year Award, which recognizes distinguished young civil engineers in the public sector who have made outstanding contributions to society and the profession.

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Director of Command, Control, Communications and Intelligence Plans and Programs.

A year later, he became the Chair of the National Advisory Committee of the National Science Center, and in 1992, he co-founded the Community Learning and Information Network.

McKnight continued his service to the nation as a civilian and was instrumental in developing the National Guard's Distributive Training Technology Project, a platform that enables the National Guard and local first-responders to easily coordinate vitally important training and communications.

**John A. Shaud, Class of 1956:** General Shaud elected to serve in the Air Force upon commissioning, beginning his operational career with the 358th Bomb Squadron, flying the Strategic Air Command's first jet bomber, the B-47, at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., and advancing to aircraft commander while still a first lieutenant. In Vietnam as a flight commander with the 12th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, he flew 110 reconnaissance missions in the F-4 fighter, over both South and North Vietnam.

He served in a variety of operational positions in bomber and fighter reconnaissance units, culminating as vice commander and commander of a bomb wing and two air divisions. He was also Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel of the Air Force.

As Chief of Staff of the Supreme Headquarters, Allied Powers Europe from 1988 to 1991, Shaud faced significant challenges, dealing with the sensitive military, political and social situation as the Iron Curtain was dismantled and the Warsaw Pact dissolved.

When Iraq invaded Kuwait, Shaud facilitated the deployment of V Corps and much of VII Corps from Europe to Saudi Arabia.

Since retirement he has served as Director, Air Force Aid Society; Executive Director, Air Force Association; the Hap Arnold Chair of Air and Space Leadership at the Air War College and, most recently, as Director of the Air Force Research Institute.

**James V. Kimsey, Class of 1962:** Upon commissioning, Kimsey joined the 82nd Airborne Division, where, as an infantry company commander, he was first on the ground during the U.S. intervention in the Dominican Republic.

In 1965, he commanded a District Advisory Team at Duc Pho in South Vietnam and worked with various U.S. and international organizations to establish an orphanage at Duc Pho, which he has supported for more than 30 years. He returned to Vietnam in

1968 with Headquarters, Military Assistance Command Vietnam and the Joint Special Operations Center and was promoted to major.

After his military service, he embarked on a successful business career, culminating in 1985 with his transformation of what began as Quantum Computer Services into the widely recognized America Online, Inc.

In 1996, he became AOL Chairman Emeritus and created the Kimsey Foundation, which provides grants that benefit the community and disadvantaged youth in areas from the arts to education.

In 2001, Kimsey was named Chairman of the International Commission of Missing Persons in Bosnia, an organization dedicated to identifying through DNA research the more than 40,000 missing from the conflicts there and during the aftermath of the terrorist attacks on 9/11, he deployed the Commission's DNA experts to assist in the identification of remains found at Ground Zero.

During the Bicentennial Campaign to support "margin of excellence" programs at the academy, Kimsey's 'Leadership Gift' provided one of the key elements that allowed the campaign

to be so successful.

In addition to supporting a new athletic center and training facilities at West Point, Kimsey assisted in the development of the Combating Terrorism Center.

**Dell L. Dailey, Class of 1971:** Dailey was commissioned in the infantry, but over the next 36 years he served at all levels in conventional and special operations units, to include Ranger, Air Assault, Airborne, Mechanized Infantry, Armored Cavalry and Aviation.

General Dailey distinguished himself in campaigns in Operations Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Uphold Democracy, Joint Guardian, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

For three years, Gen. Dailey commanded the Joint Special Operations Command, which became the military hub for all counterterrorism efforts immediately following 9/11 and was responsible for selected tactical special operations in Afghanistan and Iraq leading up to, and during, the introduction of conventional units into those countries.

He directed the creation of a specific campaign strategy that effectively aided in dismantling the Taliban, allowing for the

quick installation of legitimate Afghan leadership and the denial of sanctuary for al-Qaida in Afghanistan. Later, he provided clear direction and leadership that effectively allowed special operations forces to penetrate Iraq, hastening the Iraqi forces' downfall.

After retirement he was selected by Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice as an Ambassador-at-Large as the Coordinator for Counterterrorism for the Department of State. Ambassador Dailey is responsible for taking a leading role in developing coordinated strategies to defeat terrorists abroad and in securing the cooperation of international partners toward that objective.

**(Editor's Note:** Information provided by the West Point Association of Graduates.)

## Delivery problems?

FOR PV HOME DELIVERY PROBLEMS CONTACT CHARLENE MARTIN AT THE POUGHKEEPSIE JOURNAL AT (845) 437-4730 OR BY E-MAIL AT [CMMARTIN@POUGHKEE.GANNETT.COM](mailto:CMMARTIN@POUGHKEE.GANNETT.COM).

## RCI Annual Resident Assessment Survey Reminder

Family housing residents should have received the Dept. of the Army RCI Annual Resident Assessment Survey via e-mail a few weeks ago.

The survey results will affect planning for continued resident satisfaction.

If you haven't completed and returned your survey, please do so. as your feedback is important to us as we transition to private operations under RCI.

Surveys are also available at the RCI Office, Bldg. 2101. Call Eileen Kaczkin at the RCI Office 938-2500 if you have any questions or need a copy sent to you.

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more than four objectives

- Rating official input is required

- Rating officials need to indicate concurrence with the employee's narrative

- Higher level reviewers must closely review the ratings submitted by rating officials

- Rating officials and higher level reviewers must be available for questions during the panel deliberation period of Nov. 17-21

- All involved in the process must meet the deadlines.

Griggs and McQuinn both emphasized the importance of employees and rating officials taking the time to review objectives and contributing factors to ensure the business rules are followed and to meet the timeline above.

Rating officials must also ensure

that employees have approved objectives a minimum of 90 days prior to the end of the rating cycle to participate in the panel process.

In addition, employees who do not have an annual assessment completed by the rating official and higher level reviewer in accordance with the timeframes above will not be rated by the pay pool panel.

Employees not rated in the pay pool process will not be eligible to receive any monetary compensation for their performance in 2008.

For those individuals who have not attended the NSPS courses for employees or supervisors, classes will be scheduled during the summer, the first in July.

Griggs and the rest of the panel encouraged everyone who has not attended the training to do so as soon as a class becomes available, so they are prepared to meet the timelines.

The 2008 timeline for the various tasks for this pay pool is in the table at the below.

<i>Task</i>	<i>Responsible person</i>	<i>Due Date</i>
Self Assessment	Employee	Oct. 9
Rating Official Assessment	Rating Official	Oct. 19
HLR Review	High level reviewer	Nov. 5
Pay Pool Panel	Panel members	Nov. 17-21
Pay out	Pay Pool Manager/CPAC	Jan. 4

**FADED/DAMAGED DECAL NOTICE**

The Directorate of Emergency Services is now issuing Armed Services Traffic Tickets to those motorists who require a new decal because their DOD decal, West Point decal and/or Month/Year are faded or cracked to such a degree that the registration number is unreadable. These tickets are sent through the individual's commander/supervisor for further action. Having a readable decal is a force protection issue.

There are times when a vehicle must be identified and/or moved and the DOD decal can expedite finding the owner. Additionally, the PMO has had difficulty reaching some vehicle owners because their phone numbers or addresses are not accurate in the vehicle registration data base. When changing out decals, please ensure you update your personal information.

To change your decal, go to the vehicle registration window at the Military Police Station, Bldg 616 Swift Road, West Point, Mon: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Tues., Wed. or Fri: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 4 p.m. Bring a copy of your driver's license, DOD ID Card, proof of insurance and vehicle registration.

# Community Features and Photos

## Roughly 80 anglers enjoy annual fishing derby

Story and photo by  
Kathy Eastwood

The annual fishing derby drew roughly 80 people who enjoyed the sunny and cool Saturday at Round Pond hosted by the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation and the West Point Bass Club.

About the same number of people attended the fishing derby last year when it was raining and cold, proving that this is an enjoyable event no matter rain or shine.

"This event has been going on for roughly 25-30 years," said Nils Anderson secretary of the general staff at the U.S. Corps of Cadets and WPBC vice president. "This is a great day for families to get out and enjoy the day."

Anderson said the fishing derby has changed a little since it was associated with the West Point Rod and Gun Club 24 years ago before the WPBC took it over.

"At one time, we used to have clinics, but we saw that the little children tended to get bored. So now we have safety briefings instead of clinics," he said. "Children are anxious to start fishing as soon as they can."

Captain Janis Mikits, instructor in the Dept. of Social Sciences, said he enjoys fishing, but finds that with children along he doesn't have a lot

of time to fish himself.

"I try to get out and fish, but when I take the kids I don't have the time," Mikits said. "I brought my pole just in case."

Mikits said he and his family were looking forward to the fishing derby.

The Gargas family also enjoys fishing whenever they can.

"First one today," said 14-year-old Amanda Gargas as she pulled her fish out of the pond.

Amanda's sister, Emily, caught a bass, but had to throw it back as it is not bass season yet. Emily also took second place in the 9-11 age group for her 1.5-pound fish.

Fish caught can be any weight, but if the anglers want to keep them, the fish must be at least six inches long, according to Peter Spinning, maintenance supervisor and coordinator for outdoor recreation here.

Prizes are awarded according to the weight of the fish caught. Prizes were also awarded to those who picked up the most trash according to weight.

Tyrone Davis received first prize for picking up 10.13 pounds of trash and Michael Menkens received second prize for his 4.3 pounds.

Prizes included boys' and girls' mountain bikes, rod and reel combinations, tackle boxes and minnow buckets and were donated



Master Sgt. Edwin Gargas, USCC Operations NCOIC, helps his daughter Emily take a bass off the hook after she caught it during the fishing derby Saturday at Round Pond. Emily would take second place in the 9-11 age group for her 1.5-pound catch.

by the Daughters of the United States Army, U.S. Family Health, Dick's Sporting Goods, WPBC and FMWR.

First prize winners were William Kaiser with a 1-pound catch in the 5-8 age group, Bryon Swab with

a 1.6-pound fish in the 9-11 age group and Josh McDonald with his 11-ounce fish received first prize in the 12-16 age group.

The grand prize in a raffle drawing was a mountain bike.

Fishing first prize was a full

tackle box, second was a spinning rod and reel combination and third prize was an empty tackle box.

Those who received prizes for trash pick-up got a tackle box for first place and a fishing net for second.

## Capstone: CME cadets rebuild 'lost '50s' stairway

Story and photo by  
Kathy Eastwood

The 'lost '50s' pedestrian stairway behind Scott Barracks, which was destroyed by a large boulder in October 2005, is usable again after being rebuilt by Civil and Mechanical Engineering cadets who used the stairway as their senior capstone project. The stairway is located behind Scott Barracks near the Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center and was often used to get to the Cadet Chapel and parking lots.

The project began when former U.S. Corps of Cadets Command Sgt. Maj. Patrick Laidlaw discussed the prospect of having a cadet team design and build a replacement staircase with Col. Fred Meyer,



Civil and Mechanical Engineering cadets get ready to attach the second stringer to the 'lost '50s' stairway.

Civil Engineering Program Director, according to Maj. Jakob

Bruhl, CME instructor and advisor on the stairway project.

"Firsties Garrett Haddad and James Hankins signed up for the team and developed a couple of different design options, provided a decision briefing to Meyer and Laidlaw in November 2007, finalized the design in December and pitched the design to the director of the Directorate Public Works, Matthew Talaber in January 2008," Bruhl said. "Haddad and Hankins completed the necessary excavation, placed concrete foundations and fitted the steel in place." The project was completed May 10.

"This project was a yearlong project," Haddad said. "During the first semester, we had to create a feasible design that was within our budget and approved and ordered from a supplier."

"The second semester of this project has been the site preparation for putting up the new staircase," he added.

Haddad said he and Hankins chose the stairway project from a list of other capstone projects because they liked the challenge and the wide scope that the project presented.

The cadets worked with Tim Pillsworth, civil engineering project manager for DPW throughout the project.

"The cadets really did great work, better than some contractors I've seen," Pillsworth said. "The project was delayed somewhat due to weather, but the cadets cleared the site of rocks and cobble, poured concrete foundations and carried

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# Safety first: child safety seats checked for proper usage

Story and photo by  
Kathy Eastwood

Police and safety personnel from West Point, Westchester and Rockland counties were at the West Point fire department's Stony Lonesome station May 15 to help inspect child safety seats.

"Last year was the first time West Point did child safety seat inspections," said Robert Cohen, safety specialist at the Safety Office. "At that time, we checked 51 seats and found four that were defective or not used properly."

This year 60 seats were checked and two were found to be okay. Thirty-four were reinstalled, recalled or fitted to the child using the seat and 24 needed to be replaced due to recalls or because the seats were too old.

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's injury center, nearly half the children ages 14 years and younger who were killed in motor vehicle accidents in 2005 were unrestrained.

The purpose of child safety seat inspection is to improve awareness of the importance of safety when traveling with children.

Sergeant Robert Ruggiero of

Orangetown, N.Y., in Rockland County said they give the safety seat a thorough check.

"We check to see if the belts are tight enough, if there are any recalls, if the seat is being used properly and if the seat is new or old," he said. "It is not recommended to use the child safety seat for more than six years."

Community members were given a new safety seat if the seat was defective or recalled or were given instructions on the proper use of the safety seats if the seat was found to be used incorrectly.

The CDC and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration recommends the following safety precautions:

- Choose a safety seat that is age and size appropriate and fits in the car
- Learn how to install the seat properly by reading the instructions
- Children under the age of one or under 20 pounds should be placed in a rear-facing safety seat
- Seat all children under the age of 12 in the back seat and be sure they are restrained
- Children should start using a booster seat when they grow out

of the child safety seats, generally after they weigh more than 40 pounds

• Never place a child in a safety seat in the front seat if it will be facing the air bag system

The New York State **SafeNY.com** Web site also does not recommend buying child safety seats at thrift shops or using ones that have been passed down from child to child because the seat may have parts missing, have been recalled or have cracks and other defects not immediately visible by the naked eye.

For more information on child safety seats go to the Web sites [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov) or [www.nhtsa.gov](http://www.nhtsa.gov), or call the Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236.



Tom Wanamaker from the Orangetown Police Dept. checks how two-year-old Elizabeth Barry fits into her safety seat.

# Two Local Troops participate at W.P. Camporee

Compiled by  
Firstie Caroline Odell  
S7 Scoutmasters Council

For the first time ever, both the West Point Boy Scout and Girl Scout Troops participated in the West Point Camporee at Lake Frederick May 9-11.

The two troops were among 142 Scout Troops from across the nation to come to West Point.

Troops came from as far away as Fla., Maine, Mich., and Texas to join the more than 3,200 Boy, Girl and Venture Scouts in a weekend of challenges and competition.

According to Lt. Col. John Graham, Officer-in-Charge, "These scouting organizations and the U.S. Military Academy share many of the same ideals of leader and character development."

This is evident in each incoming USMA class -- approximately 40 percent of the new cadets are Boy and Girl Scout participants.

"The Camporee also serves as a leadership laboratory for the cadets," Graham added. "You can imagine the coordination required to organize a three-day event on the open fields of the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation's Lake Frederick complex."

The West Point Boy Scouts took on the Lightfighter Challenge this year.

To achieve "lightfighter" status, the entire organization had to hike in to camp from Camp Natural Bridge and live entirely out of their rucksacks.

"Bull Hill was pretty challenging, but our crew hung

**STAIRWAY, cont. from page 7**

and attached 200-250 pound stringers or railings in rebuilding the stairway."

Pillsworth provided his time and expertise as Haddad and Hankins developed design concepts, created final designs, coordinated logistics and performed site layout tasks preparing for the construction, according to Bruhl.

"This project was a huge challenge in many respects," said Col. Stephen Ressler, Professor and Head of the Department of CME. "Its success is a testament to the cadets' engineering know-how, resourcefulness and commitment to serving the community."

together and finished just before the trail closed due to flooding," Scout Eric Olson said. The crew ended up bedding down as two inches of rain turned the campsite into a muddy mire.

Incredibly, the weather turned to bright and sunny as competitions began on Saturday morning.

The competitions included fire-starting, rope-bridge crossing, map-skills and camouflage to allow troops to show off their skills. Points were awarded in each category, with the overall best troop determined by score.

The West Point Girl Scouts emerged as a top finisher in the Drill and Ceremony Category. They beat out more than 100 other troops with their ability to conduct a military drill style parade on the Lake Frederick parade grounds.

In addition to the competitions, the camporee had many static displays brought by clubs from across the academy. The Skydiving Club, Fencing Club, Fishing Club, and Paintball Clubs, to name a few, came out and met with the scouts and provided hands-on opportunities for the scouts.

By far the most impressive opportunity came from the Social Science Department's America's Army Experience.

A huge simulation environment in a quarter-acre tent let the scouts experience a humanitarian

mission.

Each participant was given a critique of their performance by one of many combat veterans operating the site.

According to Firstie Ted Halinski, Camporee Cadet-in-Charge "The Scoutmaster's Council strives to keep variety in the camporee by bringing in new ideas every year that allow the scouts to interact. It is as much about coming to West Point as it is about meeting other junior leaders from across the nation".

Since its inception, the camporee has been a celebration of the ties between USMA cadets and their scout troops.

Cadet sponsorship is the most heavily weighted criteria in the invitation list. Almost 100 of this year's troops have a direct relationship with a cadet.

The cadet sponsors give their time planning and executing the camporee as an opportunity to thank the scout troop that nurtured and developed their desire to serve this country and live the scouting life.

"It is an incredible experience to give something back to the scouting organization that provided such a great start for me," said Plebe Mike Duffy, West Point Troop sponsor

Cow Adam Larson, Camporee Operations Officer, said, "This was an incredibly difficult event to put



**Yearling Drew Deuger guides a Wis. Boy Scout across the One Rope Bridge at the West Point Camporee.** YEARLING NATE SHEEHAN

on. I am very proud of how this participating USMA agencies. Next year will be even better."

# Graduation Week Schedules and Events

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
<b>SUNDAY</b>		
1 - 6 p.m.	Alumni Class Registrations (Class of '53, 1 p.m.), Others (3 p.m.)	Class Hotels
3 - 4 p.m.	Band Concert/A.F. Day Salute	Eisenhower Hall Theatre
5 p.m.	Alumni Social Activities	Various Locations
<b>MONDAY</b>		
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Alumni Headquarters Open	Herbert Hall
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Alumni Luncheons and Meetings	Various Locations
1:30 - 2:30 p.m.	Superintendent Speaks to Alumni	Eisenhower Hall Theatre
3:30 - 4 p.m.	Alumni Organ Recital	Cadet Chapel
<b>TUESDAY</b>		
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Alumni Headquarters Open	Herbert Hall
10:05 a.m.	Assembly for Alumni Exercises	Thayer Walk
10:20 a.m.	Alumni March to Thayer Statue	Diagonal Walk
10:35 a.m.	Alumni Exercises	Thayer Statue
11 a.m.	Alumni Review & Distinguished Graduate Award Presentation	The Plain
12:15 - 1:15 p.m.	Alumni Luncheon & Superintendent's Address	Cadet Mess
2:30 - 3:30 p.m.	Commandant's Award Ceremony	Crest Hall, Eisenhower Hall
6 p.m.	Alumni Dinners or Picnics	Class Sites
7:30 p.m.	Cadet Glee Club Concert	Eisenhower Hall Theatre
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>		
8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Assoc. of Graduates Open	Herbert Hall
1 - 6 p.m.	Cadet Club Open Houses	Various Locations
1 - 2:30 p.m.	Superintendent's Reception 1st Regiment	Superintendent's Garden Quarters 100
1 - 4 p.m.	Academic Awards Ceremonies	Various Locations
3 - 4:30 p.m.	Superintendent's Reception 2nd Regiment	Superintendent's Garden Quarters 100
5 - 7 p.m.	Gospel Choir Concert	Arnold Aud., Mahan Hall
8 - 9 p.m.	Combined Choirs Concert	Cadet Chapel

**PLACES OF INTEREST:**

Visitors Center and Gift Shop:  
 Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.  
 Sat. (May 31), 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
 West Point Museum:  
 Mon.-Thurs., 9:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.  
 Fri.-Sun., 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
 AOG Gift Shop:  
 Mon.-Fri., 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
 Sat. (May 31), 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
 Fort Putnam:  
 Mon.-Sun., 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
 Constitution Island:  
 Wed.-Thur., 1 to 5:30 p.m.

**SECURITY ISSUES:**

West Point is operating under a heightened security posture. All visitors must enter through Thayer Gate or Stony Lonesome Gate only and should expect minor delays. Visitors should use the shuttle buses from the lettered lots (A-F) throughout the week. Everyone over age 16 must have valid photo ID in their possession at all times. All vehicles may be searched.

**GRADUATION DAY:**

Everyone must pass through metal detectors. The following items are not allowed: large bags, backpacks, coolers, umbrellas and all beverage containers (glass or plastic). Arrive early to avoid delays at the gates.

<b>THURSDAY</b>		
10:50 - 11 a.m.	Cadet Drill Team Performance	The Plain
11 a.m.	Superintendent's Awards Review	The Plain
	<i>Inclement weather site</i>	<i>Robinson Auditorium, Thayer Hall</i>
Following Review	Cadet Parachute Team demo	The Plain
1 - 2:30 p.m.	Superintendent's Reception 3rd Regiment	Superintendent's Garden Quarters 100
1- 4 p.m.	Academic Awards Ceremonies	Various locations
3 - 4:30 p.m.	Superintendent's Reception 4th Regiment	Superintendent's Garden Quarters 100
7 p.m.	Catholic Baccalaureate Mass	Most Holy Trinity Chapel
	Protestant Baccalaureate Service	Cadet Chapel
	Jewish Baccalaureate Service	Jewish Chapel
	Eastern Orthodox Service	St. Martin's Chapel
<b>FRIDAY</b>		
10:30 a.m.	Graduation Parade	The Plain
2 - 2:45 p.m.	Awards Convocation	Eisenhower Hall Theatre
7 - 8:30 p.m.	Graduation Banquet	Cadet Mess
8:30 p.m. - 1 a.m.	Graduation Hop	Eisenhower Hall
<b>SATURDAY</b>		
7 a.m.	Shuttle buses begin running to Stadium	Parking lots
7 a.m.	Gates Open to public	Michie Stadium
9:40 a.m.	Entrance of the Class of 2008	Michie Stadium
10 a.m.	Graduation Exercises	Michie Stadium
After Graduation	Bar Pinning Ceremonies	Check with your cadet

- Park in designated lots (A-F, Buffalo Soldier Field) only. Visitors are encouraged to use shuttle.
- Cadets are limited to three guests in the Cadet Mess for the graduation banquet.
- The graduation exercise will be conducted in Michie Stadium except in the case of severe weather. The severe weather site is Eisenhower Hall. Seating is limited. Tickets required.
- Reserved seating for the May 31 graduation ceremony is available by ticket only through members of the Class of 2008. Tickets for general public seating can be obtained at Michie Stadium, from 7 to 10 a.m. at Gates 1, 3 and 6. Tickets are free.
- **Bar pinning shuttles** start immediately after Graduation and run until 4 p.m. Depart Thayer Extension (behind Superintendent's Review Box) with continuous shuttle movement to parking lots: BSF, H-Lot (Commissary), K-Lot (Old PX) and Target Field. These shuttles will travel to the Central Post area and back to the parking areas.
- The West Point Ferry to Garrison, N.Y. will run continuously from South Dock from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on May 31.

**No tours during Grad Week after Memorial Day**

West Point will not have tours of the academy grounds Tuesday through May 31. The Visitors Center information desk, West Point Gift Shop and the West Point Museum will be open to the public. On Memorial Day, May 26, tours will start at 9:45 a.m. The last tour will leave the visitors center at 3:30 p.m. Valid photo ID is required for all adults ages 16 and older wishing to take the guided tour of the academy.

**GRAD WEEK SHUTTLE SERVICE**

Special graduation week shuttle service will provide transportation between lettered lots and all major West Point areas. This service will augment the daily shuttles and run Wed. and Thurs., 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Friday, 8 a.m. to 1:30 a.m. **Minutes After the Hour**

A Lot [pick up and drop off inside the lot]	0	30
Hollender Center	1	31
Herbert Hall	2	32
Buffalo Soldier Field	3	33
Visitor's Center/ Pershing Center	5	35
Thayer Hotel	7	37
Thayer/Mills intersection	8	38
Mahan Hall	9	39
West Point Club	10	40
Eisenhower Hall	12	42
K-Lot [Old PX]	14	44
H-Lot [Commissary/PX]	29	59

*Note: Additional stops will be added Thursday evening to support the Baccalaureate Chapel Services.*

**SUPERINTENDENT'S RECEPTION** -- A special shuttle will run between A-Lot and the Superintendent's Garden Reception, Wed. and Thurs., noon to 6 p.m.

**CONSTITUTION ISLAND** -- A special shuttle between Arvin (in front) and South Dock will run Wed. and Thur. between Noon to 6 p.m. for boat service to Constitution Island and return.

**GRADUATION PARADE** -- A special shuttle will provide direct service Friday, starting at 8:30 a.m., between A-Lot and The Plain.

**GRADUATION BANQUET** -- A special shuttle starting at 5:30 p.m., Friday, will run between A-Lot and the Graduation Banquet/Hop.

**GRADUATION DAY** -- Special shuttles will provide direct service between the parking areas and the stadium, Sat., 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**GRAD WEEK PARKING**

EVENT	GENERAL	HANDICAPPED
<b>TUESDAY</b>		
Alumni events		Clinton Lot
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>		
Reception 1st & 2nd Reg.	A-C Lots	Arvin PDC
<b>THURSDAY</b>		
Supe's Award Review	A-C Lots	Clinton Lot
Reception 3rd & 4th Reg	A-C Lots	Arvin PDC
<b>BACCALAUREATE</b>		
Most Holy Trinity	A-C Lots	Chapel Lot
Jewish Chapel	A-C Lots	Chapel Lot
Cadet Chapel	A-C Lots	Chapel Lot
<b>FRIDAY</b>		
Graduation Parade	A-C Lots	Clinton Lot
Awards Convocation	A-C Lots	Eisenhower Hall
Graduation Banquet	A-C Lots	Clinton Lot
<b>SATURDAY</b>		
Graduation	A-F Lots/BSF	A & B Lots

**SHUTTLE BUS SCHEDULES**

Monday through Friday

**NORTHBOUND SHUTTLE**

First bus-6:15 a.m., Last at 4:45 p.m.

Pickup Area Min. After Hour

Pershing Center/Spellman	15	45
Thayer Hotel [exit ramp]	17	47
Mills/Thayer Road	18	48
Thayer/Cullum Road	19	49
Mahan Hall Tunnel	20	50
Library Corner	21	51
Thayer Statue	22	52
Bldg. 667A	23	53
Bldg. 681	24	54
Washington/Buckner	26	56
Keller Hospital	29	59
Post Laundry	30	60
Motor Pool	31	01
Child Development Center	45	15

**SOUTHBOUND SHUTTLE**

First bus-6:15 a.m., Last at 4:45 p.m.

Pickup Area Min. After Hour

Child Development Center	15	45
Motor Pool/Rest Stop	29	59
Post Laundry	30	60
Keller Hospital	31	01
Washington/Buckner	34	04
Bldg. 681	35	05
Bldg. 667A	36	06
Thayer Statue	37	07
Library Corner	38	08
Mahan Hall Tunnel	39	09
Thayer/Cullum Road	40	10
Buffalo Soldier Field	41	11
Bldg. 622/626	42	12
Pershing Center/Spellman	45	15

**PLEASE NOTE: BUS DRIVERS WILL STOP TO PICK-UP AND DISCHARGE RIDERS AT OTHER SAFE LOCATIONS WHEN SIGNALLED.**

## FMWR Blurbs

### CDC part-day preschool enrollment for 2008-09

CDC part-day preschool enrollment for the 2008-09 academic year will be held on the following dates at 8 a.m. at the CDC:

Military Families: Friday  
DOD Civilians: Tues. through May 30

For more info, call 938-3921.

### Army Ten-Miler sponsorship

The Army Ten-Miler Race is in Washington D.C., Oct. 5.

FMWR is sponsoring four Active Duty runners to represent West Point.

Qualification requirements and application are online at [westpointmwr.com](http://westpointmwr.com).

The application deadline is July 15. For info, call 938-6497.

### Golf Scramble

West Point Golf Course's Annual Spring Scramble is June 7. Register now through June 5 and is open to all players.

For info, call 938-2435.

### Boss Activities

The BOSS car wash is June 7 at the PX from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Come out and support your local BOSS program.

Donations will be accepted.

Join BOSS for Commissary Awareness Day at West Point Commissary June 5 at 3:30 p.m.

Get acquainted with your local Commissary with a tour around the facility and compete for giveaways.

This is open to the entire West Point community.

For more info on these or any BOSS programs, call 938-6497.

### Army Arts and Crafts Contest

Submit original artwork to the FMWR Craft Shop through June 30 to enter the 2008 contest.

There are 11 categories and it is open to all experience levels.

For full contest details, go to [westpointmwr.com](http://westpointmwr.com) or call 938-4812.

### Defensive Driving

The next Defensive Driving Class will be held June 14 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Bldg. 622 (ACS).

Register at ITR by calling 938-2401/3601.

### West Point Post Library

The West Point Post Library is hosting its "Read 'Round the World'" summer reading program from June 23 through July 31.

It is free and open to all West Point community children ages 3-12.

Register at the Post Library from June 9-20, or call 938-2974.

### Medical Transcription seminar

ACS is hosting a seminar titled "Mission Medical Transcription: A career that moves with you," June 27 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the ACS Training Room.

This is a new training opportunity for spouses and Family members at West Point.

The presenter is Lois Drabick, Supervisor, Medical Typing at St. Luke's Cornwall Hospital.

Contact ACS at 938-4621 to register or get more information.

### Father's Day at WP Club

Treat dad to a Father's Day Champagne Brunch at the West Point Club June 15. Seatings are at 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. in the Pierce Dining Room. For more info, call 938-5120.

### AFAP issues

AFAP issues, success stories and their status can be viewed on the ACS tab of the FMWR Web site at [www.westpointmwr.com/afap.htm](http://www.westpointmwr.com/afap.htm) or if you have questions about a particular issue, contact Jen Pagio, Installation Volunteer and AFAP Coordinator, at 938-3655.

### Strong Bonds Retreat



Thirty-six couples with a total of 106 children attended the first West Point sponsored Strong Bonds retreat held in the Poconos, Pa. Strong Bonds is an effort by the Army to enhance Families which in turn enhances Soldier readiness and is sponsored by the Chaplain Corps throughout the Army. Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Daniel Wackerhagen facilitated this retreat in conjunction with ACS. Another retreat is planned in the future.

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## Know Someone With Deployment Stress? ACS Can Help!

- Deployment Cycle Info & Assistance Training
- Financial Readiness
- Waiting Families Support Group
- Discounts at FMWR Activities
- Complimentary Childcare
- Morale Calls & Video Teleconferencing
- Life Skills Classes on Parenting, Communication & Anger Management
- ACS staff can connect you with Community Health, Social Work Services, Army Substance Abuse Programs & Chaplain Corps

For full details, go to [westpointmwr.com](http://westpointmwr.com) or call 938-5654



# What's Happening

## Memorial Day Ceremony

The U.S. Army Garrison West Point is hosting a Memorial Day ceremony Monday at noon at Battle Monument at Trophy Point.

The event will include a wreath laying and 21-gun salute and is open to the public.

Traffic may be delayed on Cullum Road during the event, so plan accordingly.

## Book Signing

Well-known author Jeff Shaara will sign his new release *The Steel Wave*, a World War II novel, Thursday from 10 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. The USMA Bookstore is located in Thayer Hall on the 4th Floor.

## Hosts needed for international cadets June 25-30

International cadets arrive June 25 to complete additional inprocessing and overcome the effect of long distance travel.

They arrive in the afternoon and will be taken to their sponsors' homes for the evening.

June 26 and 27 the sponsors bring them to Bldg. 606 at 7:30 a.m. to complete their initial inprocessing and will need a ride

## U. S. Military Academy Band Guest Artist Series

presents

## USMA Alumni & Armed Forces Day Concert

featuring Irish tenor

John McDermott



**May 25th**  
**3:00 p.m.**

## Eisenhower Hall Theatre

Irish tenor John McDermott will sing *Danny Boy*, *Battle Hymn* and many others. Also on the program is the world premiere of Dwayne Milburn's *Standard of Leadership*, a piece commissioned in honor of the USMA Class of 1958.

Free and Open to the Public

845-938-2617

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

back to the sponsor's home to spend the evening at around 3 p.m..

June 28 they participate in an organized activity and need to be dropped off at the Superintendent's Review box on the Plain. June 29 they will have the entire day with the sponsor family.

June 30, R-Day, they need to be dropped off at Eisenhower Hall at 6 a.m.

If you are interested in hosting one of these international cadets, contact Maj. Ryan McBride of Admissions at [michael.mcbride@usma.edu](mailto:michael.mcbride@usma.edu) or at 938-5726.

## DeRussy Road/Bldg. 720 Parking Lot Closure

De Russy Road and the 720 Parking Lot is closed to all traffic to support the renovations for Bldg. 606.

The closure will last for the duration of the renovations (approximately January 2010).

The POC for the project is Randy McMurtrie, 938-5440.

## Role playing volunteers needed

Twenty-five volunteer community members are needed to be casualty role-players for an installation mass casualty exercise starting at Gillis Field House June 19 from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

There will also be a walk-through for all participants at GFH June 17 at 5 p.m.

For more information or if you

are interested in participating in the exercise, contact Henry Cervantes, DPTMS at 938-4509 or e-mail [henry.cervantes@usma.edu](mailto:henry.cervantes@usma.edu).

## Mandatory Training

The following classes are part of the Department of the Army Annual Training for all DA civilians.

If you have not been to these classes in FY08, you need to attend one of these sessions.

- Sexual Assault Prevention and Responsibility Program and Violence in the Workplace - Robinson Auditorium, June 3 from 10-11:15 a.m. and June 4 from 6-7:15 p.m.

- Ethics - Robinson Auditorium, June 10 from 9-10 a.m. and June 16 from 6-7 p.m.

- EEO/TPOSH - Robinson Auditorium, June 12 from 10-11:30 a.m. and 6-7:30 p.m.

- Suicide Prevention - Robinson Auditorium, June 16 from 10:30-11 a.m.

## 10 percent Discount

Ashley Furniture in Middletown offers a 10 percent military discount on all purchases all the time. Just show is a valid military ID to qualify.

## Name the Gift Shop Winner

Colonel William Suchan, Dept. of Engineering and Computer Science won the "Name the Gift Shop" contest with his entry "Black Knight Outfitter."

# Look Twice - Save a Life

By Paul Angresano  
Director, Road Knights of West Point

May brings with it the smells of fresh-cut grass, flowers, oil and gas as motorcyclists prepare for riding season. May is also the 20th anniversary of National Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. The entire West Point community needs to be aware of motorcyclists who share the roads and highways to reduce motorcycle-related crashes, injuries and fatalities.

Military motorcyclists are part of the West Point community and, at a minimum, must attend a Motorcycle Safety Foundation Basic Rider Course prior to operating their motorcycle and to being issued their DOD sticker for on-post registration.

A 2006 study from the University of Southern California revealed 92 percent of motorcyclists involved in accidents did not have formal motorcycle rider training.

It also revealed approximately three-fourths of motorcycle accidents involved in a collision

with another vehicle, usually a passenger automobile.

Intersections are the most likely place for motorcycle accidents, with the vehicle violating the motorcycle right-of-way, and often violating traffic controls.

For all military personnel and DOD civilians, the Basic Rider Course is offered at no charge on the following dates -- June 14 and 15, July 12 and 13 and August 9 and 10.

Sign up electronically at [http://www-internal.usma.edu/safety/safety\\_training.htm](http://www-internal.usma.edu/safety/safety_training.htm) or contact the safety office at 938-3717.

The Road Knights of West Point have conducted several safety-oriented activities this season to include a motorcycle de-winterization clinic, safety inspection and Bike Blessing/Hudson Valley ride, to name a few.

For more information about the Road Knights of West Point motorcycle association, contact Paul Angresano, Director, at 242-0290 or via e-mail at [pangresano@vnus.com](mailto:pangresano@vnus.com).

## NOW SHOWING in the movie theater at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752

Friday -- Stop Loss, R, 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday -- Prom Night, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

May 30 -- The Forbidden Kingdom, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.  
May 31 -- CLOSED

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

# Keller Corner

## KACH Closures

All Outpatient Clinics Laboratory, Pharmacy and Radiology will be CLOSED on Monday (Memorial Day) and June 19 (MASCAL Exercise). The Emergency Room will remain open.

## New Hours for Appointment Center

Call the Appointment Center, 938-7992, from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Appointments are also available 24/7 at [www.tricareonline.com](http://www.tricareonline.com).

Call Referral Assistance, 938-5373, from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## Childbirth Preparation Classes

Class Series - Tuesday, June 3, 10 and 17. Classes are held at Keller Hospital in the 2nd Floor Classroom. Call OBU at 938-3210 to register.

## School and Sports Physicals

The Primary Care Department is now offering school and sports physicals.

Beat the summer rush -- get your child's school and sports physical now. If you are moving, it is better to wait until you get to your next assignment.

The physical exam must be

within one calendar year to be acceptable. If the physical expires prior to the beginning of another sport, a new exam is required.

This is also the time to review your child's immunizations and to prepare additional documentation for the administration of medications during school hours or emergency instructions for children with known allergies.

Obtain the necessary forms from the appropriate school nurse and bring them to your child's appointment. Call 938-7992 or 800-552-2907 to request an appointment for a school or sports physical.



## Fort Putnam gets repairs and facelift

The gundecks at Fort Putnam were recently repaired by the Directorate of Public Works carpenter shop as part of the major restorations to the site. Last year, a civilian contractor repaired the roof of the McLean Historical Museum building (background) and the DPW electrical shop refurbished the interior lights and switches. It will be open Monday through June 1 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

SPC. VINCENT FUSCO/PAO

## Command Channel 8/23

May 23-31

### Friday - May 30

8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch  
1 p.m. Army Newswatch  
6 p.m. Army Newswatch

### May 30

8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch  
1 p.m. Army Newswatch  
6 p.m. Graduation Banquet (Live)

### May 31

9:40 a.m. Class of 2008 Graduation (Live)

## Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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

# Army and Community Sports

## Mickowski, Curran finish high at ECAC/IC4As

By Jon Holtz  
Athletic Communications

PRINCETON, N.J. -- Firstie John Mickowski placed fifth in the finals of the 800-meter run Sunday to lead the Army track and field team on the final day of the IC4A and ECAC Championships at William Weaver Stadium on the grounds of Princeton University.

Mickowski, who posted an NCAA Regional qualifying time in the preliminary round of the 800-meter run Saturday, placed fifth in the finals with a time of 1:50.96.

His time was the second-best of his career and his fifth-place finish was the top finish for any Army athlete over the course of the three-day meet.

Cow Archie Smith and Plebe Alfred McDaniel narrowly missed qualifying for the finals in the triple jump with Smith leaping 14.83 meters for 10th place and McDaniel landing a jump of 14.77 meters, placing 11th.

Yearling Joe Nemeth was the only other individual competitor for the Army men Sunday.

Nemeth dealt with difficult throwing conditions due to the rain

and narrowly missed the finals of the event with a throw of 15.36 meters, finishing 12th.

Mickowski, Smith, McDaniel and Nemeth are all qualified to compete in the NCAA East Regional Championships May 30 and 31.

Just two women competed in the ECAC meet Sunday for the Black Knights with Cow Geryah White leading the way with a 16th place finish in the shot put with a throw of 12.90 meters.

Firstie Janelle Jones competed in the triple jump Sunday, but fouled all attempts.

Both White and Jones are qualified to compete in the NCAA East Regional Championships.

Mickowski posted the ninth-fastest 800 meters in Army history and an NCAA Regional qualifier to lead the Black Knights on the second day of competition at the 2008 ECAC and IC4A Championships Saturday.

Mickowski dropped down to the 800-meter run in preparation for running the 1,500 meters at the NCAA East Regional Championships.

He proved his versatility by posting the fourth-fastest time of the day and winning his heat with a personal best performance of 1:50.23.

McDaniel and Cow Robert Stovall each posted sub 10.90-second performances in the 100 meters Saturday with McDaniel at 10.82 and Stovall at 10.84. The final qualifying position for the finals was 10.71 seconds.

McDaniel also posted a 12th place finish in the long jump with a leap of 7.06 meters.

Cow Meghan Curran ran the fifth fastest 10,000 meters in Army women's history May 16 at the opening night of the 2008 ECAC Championships.

Firstie Brandon Lewis sat seventh in the decathlon after the first five events on the first day of the 2008 IC4A Championships.

Weather conditions contributed heavily to the quality of performances throughout the first day of competition as rain poured down all afternoon and into the night.

"It's a little disappointing," said assistant Army track and field coach Laura Kirchner. "Guys



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like Brandon are here just trying to get an outstanding mark and these conditions have been extremely tough to work with."

Heavy rains pooled standing water along the inside lanes of the track and in the shot put circle and the high jump was moved indoors due to the extreme weather conditions.

"Megan ran a great race considering the conditions," Kirchner remarked.

Curran clocked a personal best by more than 25 seconds and the fifth-fastest time in Army history with a time of 36:44.12, placing her ninth overall.

Lewis, who entered the meet looking to improve on his personal best and NCAA provisional qualifying mark of 6,927 points, sat seventh in the 23-man field with

a score of 3,430 points after the first five events of the competition.

The senior captain opened the day with a time of 11.58 seconds in the 100-meter dash to score 736 points. Lewis next picked up 702 points with a leap of 6.52 meters in the long jump and 619 points with a toss of 12.20 meters in the shot put.

He then earned 661 points after a clearance of 1.84 meters in the high jump and picked up 712 points with a time of 52.30 seconds in the 400-meter dash.

Lewis finished outside the top 18 finishers after the final day.

The Black Knights will send a select group of qualified athletes to the NCAA East Regional Championships at Florida State University in Tallahassee, Fla., May 30 and 31.



**Cow Meghan Curran ran the fifth fastest 10,000 meters in Army history May 16 at the ECAC Championships. Her personal-best time of 36:44.12 placed her ninth overall at the ECACs at Princeton University.**

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## Abalo currently sixth at U.S. Olympic Trials

COLUMBUS, Ga. -- Firstie Chris Abalo is currently in sixth place following the second day of the three-day Men's 3-Position (Smallbore) competition Monday at the 2008 U.S. Olympic Team Trials being held at Ft. Benning's International Shooting Complex -- home of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit.

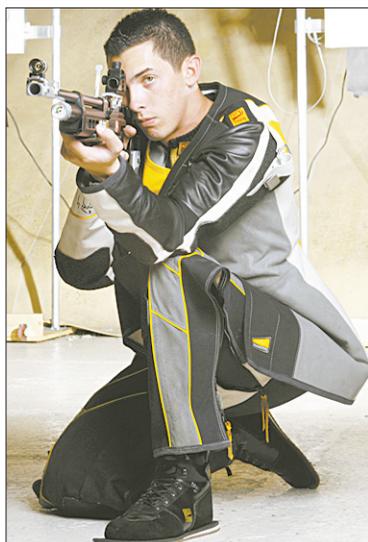
The eight-time All-American (smallbore/air rifle) was in second place following the first day of the Trials with a 1261.0 composite, 9/10s of a point ahead of third-place Maj. Mike Anti, a two-time Olympian and 2004 silver medalist.

First-day leader and two-time Olympian Sgt. 1st Class Jason Parker has a comfortable 20-point lead over fellow U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit member Hank Gray.

Parker shows a 2546.6 composite, Gray has a 2526.5 mark with Anti close behind at 2524.3.

Abalo, who recorded an 1163 the first day to qualify for the finals, where he fired a 98.0, did not fare as well the second day.

He just missed qualifying for



**Firstie Chris Abalo**

PHOTO BY JON MALINOWSKI/G&ENE

the top eight for the shoot-off after placing 10th with an 1160, to show a 2421.0 two-day composite.

Abalo fired his best score of 592 in smallbore prone the first day. He followed with a 590 and 591 to place 15th with a 1773.

Only one U.S. Olympic team spot is available in smallbore rifle for Men's Prone and Men's 3-Position.

# Showman finishes 4th at Cycling Championships

Story and photo by  
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Cycling OIC

The West Point Army Cycling team placed 8th overall out of more than 40 competitive schools at the Division II National Collegiate Road Cycling Championships held May 9-11 at Fort Collins, Colo.

The gusty conditions and selective course did not prevent Firstie Ben Showman from a heroic solo break away attempt spending the entire last 30 miles of this grueling 60-mile road race alone.

Showman went on to build a two-minute lead requiring the combined efforts of teams from multiple schools to reel him in the

final minutes of the race. Showman still hung on to finish in fourth place.

Showman returned the next day to again motor the winning break away; finishing sixth. His efforts for the weekend not only gained the respect of many of his professional competitors, but earned him a fourth place overall ranking.



Firstie Ben Showman finished fourth overall at the Division II NCAA Cycling Championships.

# **JBK Football, cheerleading registration held June 1**

**By Ben Liotta  
JBK Football President**

The Junior Black Knights of the Town of Highlands/West Point Youth Football League will be offering cheerleading for the first time for the 2008 season. The cheerleading program is for children ages 5-13.

Registration for cheerleaders and football players who missed the last registration date will be held on the same date, June 1 from 1-6 p.m.

Registration will be held at JBK's home field, Shea Stadium, at West Point.

New players need to bring a copy of their birth certificate to registration, and a 2008 dated physical is needed by July 21.

Parents who have questions regarding football can call Ben Liotta at 859-4577.

Parents with questions regarding cheerleading can call JBK Cheer Director, Linda Green, at 446-5615.