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West Point hosted 10th Diversity Conference



Superintendent Lt. Gen. Buster Hagenbeck thanks Gen. Kip Ward, commander of U.S. Africa Command, after his luncheon speech during the 10th annual Diversity Leadership Conference Friday.

Story and photo by Eric S. Bartelt
Assistant Editor

Diversity can be thought of as a commitment to open-mindedness, and West Point and the Army have been on the leading edge—embracing men and women of all walks of life for years.

The U.S. Military Academy and the West Point Association of Graduates hosted its 10th annual Diversity Leadership Conference April 2-4 with this year's theme, "Building a

INSIDE



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Culture of Diversity and Inclusion."

The focus of this year's conference centered on the principles, practices and accomplishments of successful diversity and inclusion efforts in the private sector, government and academia. It was a unique opportunity for the sharing of innovations and ideas between military and corporate diversity leaders.

Panel discussions included presentations by service academy cadets/midshipmen, military and corporate leaders talking about the relevance of diversity and its importance now and in the future.

During the April 3 luncheon, Dr. Andre Sayles (USMA class of 1973 and retired brigadier general), Diversity Leadership Council chair, and Brig. Gen. Belinda Pinckney, Army Diversity Office chief, presented the Army's Policy on Diversity.

Pinckney spoke on behalf of Army Secretary Pete Geren, who was unable to attend, about what diversity means to the Army.

"Diversity makes us better and more equipped to meet the challenges and threats of the 21st Century," Pinckney said. "Diversity is an enabler. It enables us to benefit from a pool of different skills and move beyond preconceived notions to look at new procedures, processes, methods and structures.

"It enables us to recognize different opportunities, views, cultures, and with it, we recognize we're all components of America's society and the world, at large," she added.

Pinckney's remarks through Geren's words focused on the Army being a national leader in embracing the strength of diversity and, with that, improving the work environment.

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Firsties Pulaski and Sessions earn East-West Fellowships

By Jim Fox
Directorate of Communications



Pulaski

They are the 37th and 38th cadets to earn East-West fellowships since the U.S. Military Academy began competing in 1991.

Pulaski, 26, was born in Los Angeles, but grew up in Singapore.

The Chinese language major plans on studying political science with a certificate in security studies at Hawaii.

The USMA class of 2009 president and future military intelligence officer enjoys swimming and running.

The former five-year enlisted Solider said he looks forward to the excellent opportunity to pursue his education "in the increasingly complex dynamic of Asia and the West."

Pulaski sees his educational development at Manoa as "an important part of any Army

officer's career.

"Being afforded the chance to pursue my master's degree will pay large dividends later in my career and life," he added.

Sessions, 22, of Wortham, Texas, said "winning an East-West Fellowship is both the accomplishment of an important personal and professional goal and an ideal beginning to my Army career."

The Chinese language major plans on pursuing a master's degree in Asian studies.

"The diverse environment and content of my studies at the East-West Center and the University of Hawaii will greatly enhance my ability to appreciate and understand foreign cultures as well as work and learn in multicultural environments—critical skills in current and future Army operations," the future engineer officer said.

Sessions

According to the center's Web site, it "is an education and research organization established by the U.S. Congress in 1960 to strengthen relations and understanding among the peoples and nations of Asia, the Pacific and the United States."



Neither rain, nor sleet nor ... fog could stop 4th Reg. from Sandhurst training

Cadets from the eight company teams in 4th Regiment practiced firing at Range 5 March 26 in preparation for the Sandhurst Competition that takes place April 18. Each cadet company has a team and competes against teams from eight ROTC units, two teams from the British Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst and one team each from the U.S. Air Force Academy, the U.S. Naval Academy, the National Military Academy of Afghanistan, the Escuela Militar Chile (Chilean military academy) and the Royal Military College of Canada throughout the West Point reservation. Most of the events are open to the public. Check the Pointer View for information about bus routes, visitor information booth locations and maps for spectators.

ALEC LAZORE/DPTMS

Larceny prevention is everyone's job

**Commentary by
Maj. Derrick Stanton
Deputy Provost Marshall**

Members of the West Point community are vulnerable to the same crimes encountered by residents of any small town in the United States.

Theft of personal property has recently become a problem on post, as it is on most installations around the country.

Even with Military Police and a security staff as good as ours, it is difficult to ensure everyone walking around post has a right to be here.

Our on-post housing and workplaces are easy targets if we do not take active measures against theft. Below are some steps recommended by the Directorate of Emergency Services to help make residences and workplaces safer places.

- Secure your residence whenever you are not at home. This is probably the single most important housing security step to take even if you're gone only for a minute.

Unfortunately, there are some residents who can testify their residences were entered and property was stolen when they were out for just a few minutes.

Keep small valuables where they are not visible or easily accessible by reaching inside doors or windows.

Avoid leaving spare keys outside your residence. Give them to a trusted neighbor and ensure that you get them back before clearing housing.

- Don't prop open or unlock building doors. Every building on West Point has designated entry and exit points.

Sometimes employees prop open doors or leave them unlocked for their personal convenience so that they do not have to walk as far when coming from a smoke break or running a short errand. This is even more common during cold weather months.

The problem with this practice is decisions made by a person's convenience end up affecting the safety level and security for all employees in the building. Use only approved doors for entry and exit.

- Question strangers in your housing area and workplace. Do not hesitate to ask who they are visiting or if you can help them. If the person does not have a legitimate purpose for being there, he/she should be asked to leave.

Salespeople are not permitted to go door-to-door in any of the housing areas on post. If

you are approached while in your residence by a solicitor, notify Balfour Beatty at 446-6407. If you have any doubts about the legitimacy of any other person you see at home or work, call the Military Police Desk at 938-3333 and alert them. Be prepared to describe the person as specifically as possible and where you last saw him or her.

- Limit valuables in your workplace. Personal property should never be left unattended.

Take these items with you or secure them before leaving. Do not keep large amounts of cash in your office, and never leave cash or jewelry in plain sight. Most crimes are crimes of opportunity. Leaving valuables in plain sight simply provides a criminal an opportunity to commit a crime.

Also, keep track of your blank checks. Never leave them in an unsecured location. The theft of a single check can go undetected until your next bank statement reveals a forgery.

- Always lock your vehicle, even if you are only going to be gone for a short time. When possible, park your car in a well-lit, public area.

Avoid leaving your vehicle unattended when warming it up during cold weather

months. Never leave property in your car in plain view. Take it with you, or put it in the trunk or glove compartment. Remove stereo and electronic equipment, such as GPS systems, from the car when possible, and never hide spare keys on the outside of your vehicle.

- Make sure your bike is locked to one of the many bicycle stands on post and not to trees, lamp poles or other unauthorized places. Do not leave your bicycle unmoved overnight or for extended periods of time. Always secure your bicycle with a hardened lock and park it where you can keep an eye on it.

- Report all thefts or losses immediately. If was stolen, report the loss as soon as you are aware of it by contacting the DES, which is available 24 hours a day.

Security and safety is a communal issue. We all need to be looking out for each other.

Don't wait until you experience a loss of personal property. It is discouraging to see people lose valuable property or have personal possessions stolen because appropriate precautions were not taken.

Do what you can to prevent thefts in your residence or work place.

Help make West Point a more pleasant and safe environment in which to live and work.

April is Alcohol Awareness Month

Submitted by Alcohol and Drug Control Office

In the United States, as many as 14 million adults are chronic, heavy drinkers who abuse alcohol or are alcohol dependent.

Heavy drinking might lead to alcohol dependency, the most severe alcohol disorder. Tolerance and withdrawal are the two major physical signs associated with dependency.

According to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, heavy drinking is defined as consuming more than

four drinks a day or more than 14 drinks a week for healthy men younger than 65 or consuming more than three drinks a day or more than 12 drinks a week for healthy women younger than 65 or healthy men older than 65.

Common warning signs of alcoholism include drinking alone, making excuses for drinking or finding excuses to drink, daily or frequent drinking needed to feel normal or to function, inability to reduce or stop alcohol intake, violent episodes associated with drinking, drinking secretly, becoming angry

when confronted about drinking, poorer eating habits, failure to care for physical appearance and trembling in the morning.

If you have a problem with alcohol or suspect someone else has a problem, contact the Alcohol and Drug Control Office at 938-2462, the Army Substance Abuse Program at 938-7691 or the Employee Assistance Program at 938-5847.

More information can be found at www.militaryhealth.org or at the ADCO internal Web page at <http://www-internal.usma.edu/ADCO/index.asp>.

**Volunteer Speakers
needed for
Memorial Day events**

Local communities are starting to make their Memorial Day plans now and speakers are needed. Volunteers should contact Dave Brzywczy at 938-3614 or via e-mail at David.Brzywczy@usma.edu. A basic speech, which can be tailored for personal use, will be provided by Department of the Army.

Remember, the AER Campaign runs through May 1

Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

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Rules: Fill in the empty cells with the digits 1-9 so that no digit appears twice in the same row, column, or 3-by-3 box.

Difficulty: Easy

SHARP

The members of the Sexual Harrassment/Assault Response and Prevention program are Col. Jeanette McMahon, Shelley Ariosto (Garrison), Dan Toohey (Victim Advocate), Maj. Maria Burger (USCC), Capt. Vanara Nevels (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 also can call the sexual assault support helpline at (845) 591-7215. West Point Soldiers and civilians needing assistance can call (845) 938-3369.

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Cadets take on cancer

By Master Sgt. Dean Welch
Directorate of Communications

It is a friendship forged like many throughout the Corps of Cadets.

Two individuals assigned to the same platoon during Beast. They transition from civilian to U.S. Military Academy plebes together, getting to know one another by sharing stories and experiences throughout that first summer here.

The friendship builds over the course of that first year and through the second. Academically they work together to ensure each one succeeds. They head to the gym to lift weights.

Into their third year at West Point the two young men discuss their plans for the future. One wants to be an armor officer, the other an infantryman.

Then in October 2008, just a couple of months into their cow year, the friendship takes a hit. One of the men is diagnosed with cancer, and for the first time, the other finds himself at West Point without his best friend.

"It was definitely tough," Cow Matt Cherry said. "With this (his friend's diagnosis) nobody expected it at all."

Although unexpected, the reality is that cancer strikes at an alarmingly high rate.

The cadet is just one of nearly 1.5 million cancer cases the American Cancer Society estimates occurred in 2008.

To help raise awareness and money for the fight against cancer, the Corps of Cadets is organizing the first Cadet Relay for Life May 2.

Firstie Lowell Garthwaite, co-chairman of the Cadet Relay for Life, said a goal was to have anywhere from 500-800 cadets participate. With almost 900 cadets signed up already, he now hopes that teams from academic departments and the local community will support the cause.

"Cancer affects everyone, and each of us has our own reasons for participating in the Cadet Relay for Life," Garthwaite said.

Many of the participants can write about their reasons for participating on the Cadet Relay for Life Web site at http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?pg=entry&fr_id=19436.

Cherry, an Arabic and French major, is organizing the company E-4 effort with his friend's situation in mind.

"I don't think I am doing it because of him, but with him in mind," the future infantry officer said. "My company needed somebody to volunteer to help organize the event,"

Cherry's company, as of Monday, is just over 30 percent of achieving its fundraising goal. Some teams have surpassed their goal, while others are in the same range as the Leicester, Mass., native's team.

Cherry says his friend, who is on medical leave from USMA, has successfully battled his cancer into remission. The cadet plans to return to the academy and take his place in the class of 2011.

The Cadet Relay for Life, which takes place at Highland Falls Middle School, requires each team to have one person on the school's track running or walking from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Organizers on the event Web page, say the day is "to remember those who we have lost to cancer, to celebrate life and those who have survived, and to fight back against a disease that, on average, kills more than 1,500 people every day."

People who want to support, join or donate to the Cadet Relay for Life can visit the event Web site.

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She said the nation models integration and that the Army is, "building a strong foundation with the intent to invest in talent and to value and develop Soldiers and civilians who enhance our capabilities and who are prepared for the complexities of leadership and global engagement.

"The wealth of diverse backgrounds among our Soldiers and civilians enhances our abilities to operate effectively in different parts of the world," she added. "The Army recognizes that it must rely on a dynamic force with (endless) talent, multicultural knowledge and skills necessary to accomplish the mission."

The guest speaker for the luncheon was Gen. Kip Ward, commander of U.S. Africa Command and an energetic speaker on the importance of diversity in his life.

A son of a World War II Army combat engineer sergeant who served in a segregated military, Ward spoke about diversity being more than a "check in the box."

"Why is it in our best interest to do our best in promoting (diversity) and give the sort of opportunities and things that cause every one of our citizens (whether they are) black, white, Asian, Hispanic, Native American, male or female to be offered and afforded the opportunity to be ... all that they can be," Ward said. "That is important to our nation."

The message he wanted to pass on to the audience is that the Army or any institution must pay attention to diversity at its highest levels because if they don't do it there, no one else will.

A graduate of Morgan State University in Baltimore, Ward said he never envisioned himself standing in front of a

group of corporate leaders and West Point "types" discussing diversity, let alone discussing anything else. He kept on asking the crowd, "How did I get here?"

When he concluded his speech, he described diversity as, "This matters...this matters...this matters..."

Superintendent Lt. Gen. Buster Hagenbeck spoke during the conference opening and referenced the need to graduate young officers who understand the value of similarities and differences inside and outside their units. He said understanding diversity in our country can only aid future leaders as they pursue the cross-cultural awareness needed to participate in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Hagenbeck still feels there's a need for improvement even though the Army is a leading institution.

"We cannot depend on people's goodwill to make this work," he said. "If in 20 years, the Army's senior leadership still looks like me, we screwed up."

Pinckney looks at West Point as a leader in diversity and as an institution that is thoroughly committed to promoting it through cadet clubs that support diversity and supporting the diversity conference for the past 10 years.

"Having the diversity conference speaks volumes to the commitment, and the more we have of these types of conferences with open, frank conversations and transparency—it is a good thing," Pinckney explained. "As West Point continues to do this and the (Army) diversity office continues to work with West Point and other corporations that were represented at the conference, we'll definitely continue moving in the right direction."



Blood drive is a big success

Yearling Aaron Fernandez watches while Delore Robinson of New York Blood Center inserts a needle to begin a blood donation April 1 at Eisenhower Hall. The blood drive, which lasted March 30-April 2, resulted in 644 whole blood donations and 109 apheresis donations, Mary Mandia, Keller Army Community Hospital blood drive coordinator, said.

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New energy awareness signs placed throughout West Point

Mike O'Donnell (left), Directorate of Public Works sign shop, and Pat Horne, member of the garrison Energy Awareness Committee, pose with one of the four different stand-alone energy awareness signs that will be placed at 25 locations throughout post to remind everyone to conserve energy. If any community members have energy saving ideas, contact either Martha Hinote, DPW Customer Relations, at 938-4407 or the DPW Energy Management Office at 938-6873.

ERIC BARTELT/PV



Staff Sgt. Courtnee Torres, traffic noncommissioned officer-in-charge and accident investigator with the Military Police Company, was selected by the USO to receive its 2009 Military Leadership Award at the 43rd annual Woman of the Year luncheon Tuesday in New York City. Torres was honored to be recognized for her accomplishments with the selection. "What I consider doing my job, others consider going beyond," the Seabrook, N.H., native, said. "Everything I do in the Army falls under...my job as a Soldier." Torres also is the West Point and USMA NCO of the Quarter. "When you stand out amongst your peers, it's an honor to represent women in the Army," she said. Her husband, Staff Sgt. Nestor Torres, is a squad leader with the MP Co.

SGT. VINCENT FUSCO/DCOMM

COMING NEXT WEEK

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A Reader's Guide to the Economic Crisis

Part II will examine the recent stimulus bill and how it is designed to help the economy get stronger.



April 1 proclaimed West Point Day by Gov. Paterson

First captain Ben Amsler of the West Point group holds the official proclamation signed by Gov. David A. Paterson proclaiming April 1 West Point Day. The U.S. Military Academy and West Point were honored by the New York State Senate and Assembly. West Point has been honored by the State of New York at the State Capitol annually since 1951.

Eight New York state cadets, Amsler and West Point chaplain Col. John D. Cook III represented the academy. Cook addressed the Assembly on behalf of the superintendent. West Point graduates from the New York Army National Guard, the West Point Society of the Capitol Region and the West Point Parent's Club President of Upstate New York were also in attendance. The New York state cadets met with the elected representatives of their home districts.

DAVE BRZYWCZY/DCOMM

Summer internships teach cadets about culture

By Emily Tower
Staff Writer

One of the most important military leadership lessons Firstie David White has learned via the U.S. Military Academy has nothing to do with battlefield tactics, artillery, tanks or troops. The lesson came from helping West African women learn financial independence.

“Leadership is universal, but people around the world are different,” White said last week. “Many come from a myriad of rich cultures steeped in history, sometimes thousands of years older than our own. Being able to embrace other cultures and successfully navigate new environments allows for military officers to thrive in such a diverse global landscape.”

White and a group of cadets visited Ghana last summer as part of the Conflict and Human Security Studies program. The program, run by USMA’s Dept. of Social Sciences, offers advanced individual academic development opportunities with non-governmental organizations around the world. Cadets work with groups such as Mercy Corps, International Rescue Committee, Human Rights Watch and the International Committee of the Red Cross.

The idea is to help cadets learn how to work with other cultures, Ruth Beitler, comparative politics and international relations associate professor and CHSS program coordinator, said.

“The cadets come back with a completely different perspective,” Beitler said. “They learn to stop, listen and assess. They learn how to meet the needs of the United States and the needs of the (host country’s) culture. This is professional development for them because they have to have some element of cultural competency. This gives them the kit bag, the tools so they

can know how to have cultural understanding.”

More than 80 USMA cadets have been selected to participate in this year’s CHSS, the program’s third year. They will be accompanied by 50 ROTC cadets from around the country. The Army’s Training and Doctrine Command learned of the CHSS program and asked Beitler and other organizers to include ROTC cadets.

All cadets will be working in India, Peru, China, Tanzania, Thailand, Costa Rica, Ireland, Ghana, Cambodia, Vietnam, Australia, Germany, Greece, the Czech Republic, Israel and Hong Kong.

Their work will include construction projects, AIDS education, teaching in schools, working in orphanages and other humanitarian work.

All the while, the CHSS program brings officials from the nongovernmental agencies to West Point to teach cadets and faculty and also funds a study about whether junior officers are equipped upon commissioning with the appropriate cultural knowledge for a global conflict.

“In our current situation in Iraq and Afghanistan, we have come to realize that we are fighting a war that is unlike any we have ever faced,” Yearling Marc Beaudoin, who traveled to Ghana with the CHSS program last year, said. “The traditional style of war with enemies fighting pitched battles is no longer valid in our current conflict. We are now depending on young officers to be able to adapt to new cultures and embed themselves within a population. This new officer is charged not only with the traditional responsibilities of combat but also with winning the hearts and minds of the civilian populace. Working with (nongovernmental agencies) is excellent training for this future



Yearling Marc Beaudoin stops for a photo on the beach in Ghana during a trip with the Conflict and Human Security Studies program. The program, run by the USMA Dept. of Social Sciences, provides the opportunity for cadets to partner with nongovernmental agencies around the world to learn about different cultures.

COURTESY PHOTO

mission because as a volunteer you are embedded within the population. You learn to live like the native peoples, and you truly gain a greater appreciation for their culture and society.”

Cadets who have participated in previous CHSS trips feel they have learned about how to build trust with others despite cultural differences.

The organization with which Firstie Andrew Gregory worked in Cambodia during his CHSS trip “was clearly facing an uphill battle against culture, limited resources and a persistent language barrier,”

he said. “I saw how persistent interaction with the populace combined with clear intentions builds trust with the populace.”

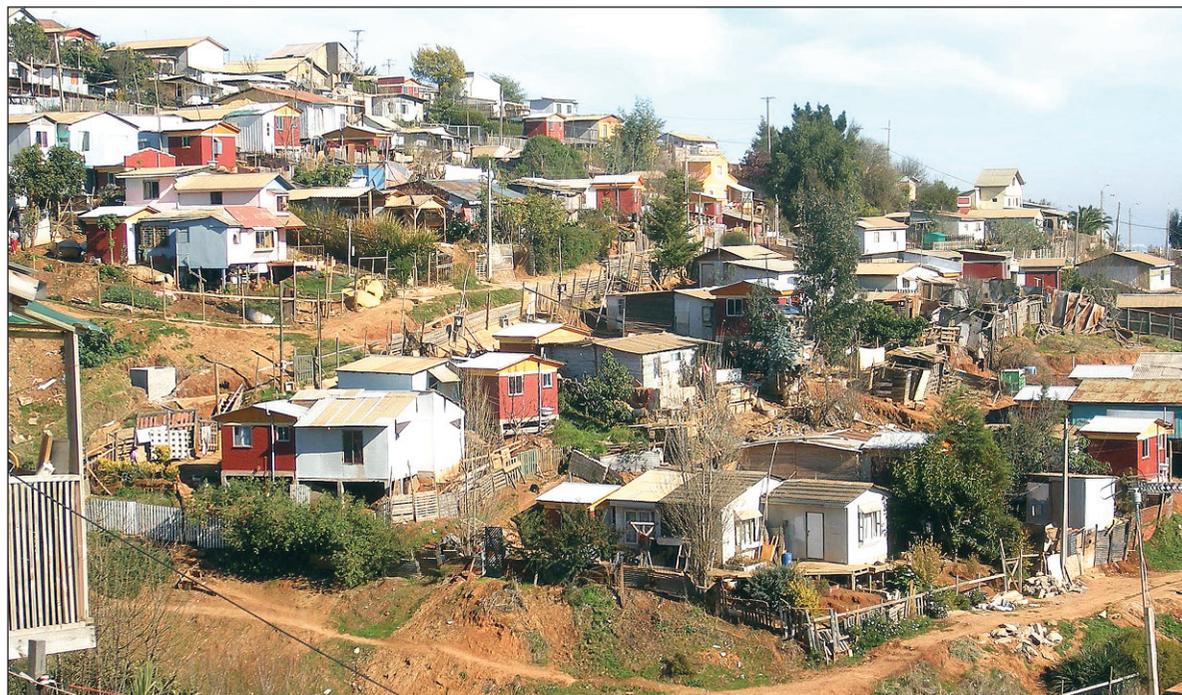
Firstie Jon Chachula learned through his work in Chile that working with a local populace can help him lead by example.

“As we worked side-by-side with homeless and underprivileged Chileans, we built relationships and lasting bonds that only develop through collective effort and suffering,” he said. “As an officer, this understanding can be the difference between an officer who

has gained the respect of his men and the local community through his public leadership ‘on the ground’ as opposed to the officer who attempts to lead from his desk.”

More importantly, Chachula said, he learned the importance of an open mind.

“I was educated on the weakness of stereotypes and the advantage of approaching every experience with an open mind—aware of others’ previous experiences but ready and prepared to step out of those shadows and have my own,” he said.



Firstie Jon Chachula worked construction on sites such as these (above and right) with Habitat for Humanity during a trip to Chile last summer with the Conflict and Human Security Studies program.



Cadets experience culture and promote goodwill abroad

(Editor's Note: This is the second and final installment of a photo page that highlights cadets who traveled to foreign service academies.)

Staff Reports

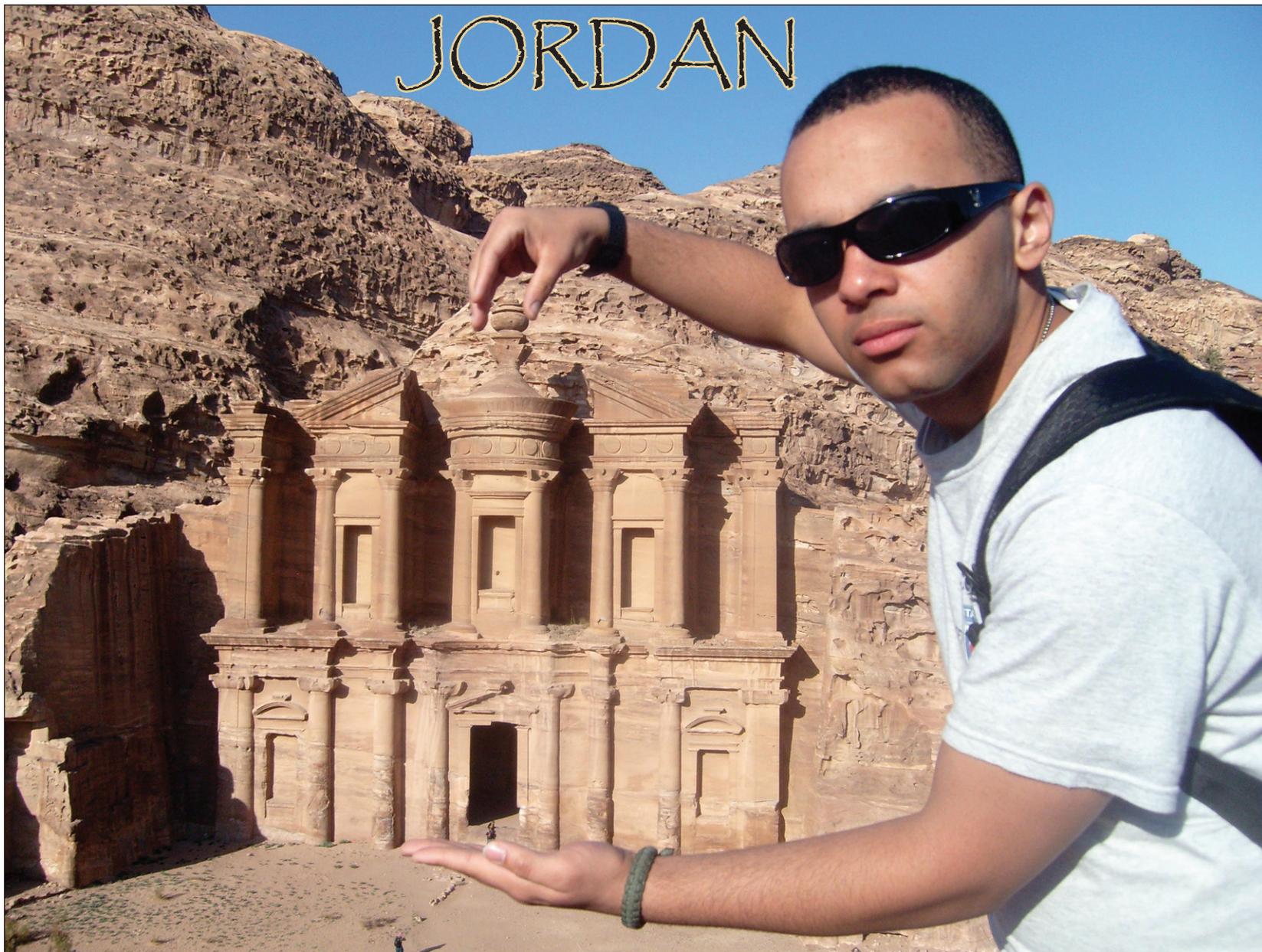
Fifty-four U.S. Military Academy cadets traveled to 26 countries during spring break, March 16-20, to visit other service academies as part of the USMA Foreign Academy Exchange Program, Carol Miller, G3 (Operations) Deputy Chief of International Affairs, said.

The program, run by International Affairs, is designed to expose cadets to other cultures and promote goodwill between USMA and service academies of allied nations.

Cadets visited Argentina, Belgium, Brazil, Chile, El Salvador, Egypt, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, India, Japan, Jordan, Korea, Mexico, Mongolia, Mozambique, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Senegal, Serbia, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey and Uruguay.

After a mountain climb, Yearling Robert Gipson cradles the Monastery in Petra, Jordan to illustrate its magnificence.

PHOTO BY FIRSTIE JOHN VOSS



Yearling J. Alexander Thew (background with arm sticking out) and Cow Todd Riggs participate in a rope crossing at the Marche les Dames. This was one of the many activities they did while visiting the Royal Military Academy in Belgium.

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Firstie Jay Brend (front left) and Yearling Gavin White enjoy a game of foosball with a couple of Mozambican cadets. During their trip, they visited a Mozambican Commando School, which is equivalent to Army Ranger School. They took part in daily PT with recent graduates of the Academia Militar Samora Machel. Brend and White also went to the mountains in Nampula, the beaches of the Island of Mozambique, and the beaches of the Nampula province.

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DFL sponsored spring break cultural immersion trips

By Maj. Kathleen Cage
Dept. of Foreign Languages

More than 68 cadets and 11 Dept. of Foreign Languages faculty traveled abroad on journeys to visit many locations including Brazil, Egypt, France, Costa Rica, Puerto Rico, Guatemala, Germany and China. The spring immersions have wide-ranging impact.

“The cultural immersion trip to France over spring break was a remarkable opportunity and enlightening experience. The visits to Verdun and Normandy were truly inspirational; I never realized what a lasting impact the American military had on these areas until visiting the battlefields and talking to the people there. After the trip, I feel like I have a much better appreciation for French history and culture, from art and architecture to food, wine, and shopping,” Yearling Alex Keimach, who traveled in France, said.

Spring immersion trips are possible annually through donations and a faculty who take the time to prepare and accompany West Point’s future leaders.



(From left to right) Cow Kim Mallard, Yearling Victoria Oropeza, Yearling Kier Elmonairy, Lt. Col. Mike Trotter, Yearling Robert Weir and Yearling Ryan Schubert enjoy a horseback/camelback tour of the pyramids at Giza near Cairo during a spring break language immersion March 13-22.

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(From left to right) Yearlings Thomas Mulligan, Sean O’Donnell, Courtney Green, Mary Tooke (facing away from the camera) and Kyle Gordy interact with elementary students from a Portuguese Fort in the city of Niteroi during their trip to Brazil.

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Plebe Marcie Nordt (foreground) and Yearling Yvette Huston enjoy a bicycle ride on the city wall of Xi’an in China.

PHOTO BY CAPT. RICHARD CHEN

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Keller Corner

Refractive surgery seminar

The KACH ophthalmology service will conduct a refractive surgery seminar from 7:30-8:30 p.m. April 28 in Robinson Auditorium in Thayer Hall.

The seminar is open to all firsties, cows and active-duty Army personnel interested in laser vision correction.

The seminar will cover how laser surgery works, the pros and cons of surgery and how to get treated at KACH.

For more information, call 938-2207.

Clinical breast study

Female military health care beneficiaries 30-45 years old are invited to participate in an ongoing clinical breast study to evaluate a

new non-invasive imaging technology for its ability to identify young women who may be at increased risk for breast cancer.

For more information, contact Joyce Epstein-Ross FNP at 938-8387.

Pharmacy hours

The KACH pharmacy regular hours of operation are 8 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays.

The pharmacy is closed 1:30-3:30 p.m. each Thursday for training.

The pharmacy also is open on Saturdays for refill prescription pickup from 8-10 a.m. and for filling new prescriptions from 10 a.m.-noon.

The pharmacy is closed on Sundays and federal holidays.

West Point is hosting "Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work" event

By Sydney Sampleton
Volunteer staff writer

West Point officially designated April 23 as "Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day." The event, which takes place at parents' workplaces as well as other locations on post, is recommended for boys and girls ages 8-18 and is aimed at showing youth the value of education and the many opportunities that are available to them.

"Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day" is an event that will assist students with feeling comfortable in the workplace, prepare them to communicate with future employers and help them in forming ideas relative to career paths. A day at work will heighten the aspirations of students and help them to make the connection between academic success and success in the world of work," Col. Daniel V. Bruno, garrison commander, said.

The sponsored activities begin at 10 a.m. with a guided tour of Veterinary Services. The West Point Club is providing discounted lunches for participating children. After lunch, the Dept. of Chemistry and Life Science will host hands-on sessions and demonstrations exploring careers in science, including experimenting with liquid nitrogen and building hydrogen bottle-rockets.

The day ends at about 3:30 p.m. after a guided tour of the West Point Museum. For parents choosing to remain at work with their children, a curriculum packet has been created for all age groups and includes suggested activities for children in the workplace.

For further information, to sign up and to receive the agenda and curriculum packet, contact Karen Wood, Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, at 938-3943 by Wednesday.

Remember, the AER Campaign runs through May 1

Troops' investment pays off for West Point's quality-of-life programs

Submitted by West Point Army & Air Force Exchange Service

While many retailers struggled or even closed their doors in 2008, the exchange benefit continued to pay dividends for military Families.

Strong sales and earnings at Army & Air Force Exchange Service facilities, the Exchange Online Store and Exchange Catalogs helped deliver more than \$260 million to Army, Air Force, National Guard,

Marine Corps and Navy Morale, Welfare and Recreation efforts last year.

"Historically, roughly two-thirds of AAFES earnings are paid to MWR programs. The other third (is) used to build new stores or renovate existing facilities," West Point PX General Manager Dennis Patton said.

"This structure means that authorized customers are essentially our 'investors.' Fortunately, thrifty shoppers rediscovering the value the exchange offers allowed the PX to provide a healthy return on their

investment."

Purchases made by Soldiers at the PX, Burger King and other AAFES activities at West Point last year generated a dividend of \$370,191.

These funds are critical to West Point FMWR's ability to enhance local programs and facilities including the Victor Constant Ski Slope, golf course and bowling alley.

With a mission to provide quality goods and services at competitively low prices and generate earnings to support FMWR

programs, the dual benefit AAFES provides military Families goes far beyond the clothes, electronics and snacks on shelves.

Shoppers who exercise their exchange benefit at the PX, online at www.aafes.com or over the phone through the Exchange Catalog actually help make the military community a better place to live and work. In fact, purchases made in the past 10 years have provided more than \$2.4 billion to military quality-of-life programs such as youth services, post functions and aquatic

FMWR Blurbs

AER campaign

Army Emergency Relief campaign will continue through May 1.

For more information, contact Amy Weyhrauch at 938-5839 or amy.weyhrauch@us.army.mil.

Beer dinner

A beer dinner is scheduled for April 17 at the West Point Club. Cocktail hour begins at 6 p.m., and a three-course dinner paired with assorted beers will be served at 7 p.m. Reservations are suggested and can be made by calling 938-5120.

Yummy Grams

Celebrate Administrative Professionals Week with Yummy Grams delivered to offices around post between 8-9:30 a.m. April 20 and 1:30-3 p.m. April 24. Call the West Point Club at 446-5506/5504 to order platters.

Deadline for orders is April 18 for a Breakfast Yummy Gram and April 23 for an Afternoon Yummy Gram.

Luncheon

Administrative Professional Luncheon "Around the World in 150 Minutes" is scheduled for 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. April 22 at the West Point Club's Grand Ballroom. Reservations are required. For more information, call 446-5545.

Garrison Golf Scramble

Team registration for the Garrison Golf Scramble continues through 5 p.m. April 30.

The scramble is scheduled for May 1. The golf course has opened for the season.

For more information about golfing or the scramble, call 938-

2435 or stop by the Pro Shop.

Easter brunch

Easter Sunday Brunch will be held Sunday at the West Point Club. An 11 a.m. seating will take place in the Pierce Dining Room, and a 1 p.m. seating will take place in the Grand Ballroom.

Easter egg hunts are scheduled for 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. The Easter Bunny is scheduled to appear.

For a complete menu, visit www.westpointmwr.com. For reservations, call 938-5120.

Parenting class

ACS is hosting a parenting class about living with teenagers at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 22 and 29 at ACS, Bldg. 622.

For more information and to register, call 938-3921.

Auto safety training

West Point Auto Shop, Bldg. 648, is hosting an open house and safety training from 3-6 p.m. April 17. For more information, call 938-2074.

Defensive driving

The next defensive driving class will take place 8 a.m.-3 p.m. April 18 at ACS, Bldg. 622. To register, call ITR at 938-2401.

Hunter safety course

West Point Outdoor Recreation is hosting a New York state hunter safety course from 6-10 p.m. April 17 and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. April 18.

Participants must attend both classes. Classes are free and will be held at Bonneville Cabin at Round Pond. Registration is required, and seating is limited.

For more information and to register, call 938-2503.

Volunteer Recognition Ceremony

The Volunteer of the Year awards will be presented at the annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony from 9:30-11:30 a.m. April 20 at the West Point Club Grand Ballroom.

All registered West Point volunteers are eligible to receive these awards.

Newcomer's Orientation and Welcome

The ACS Relocation Program will host a Newcomer's Orientation and Welcome from 8 a.m.-noon April 29. Newly arrived Soldiers and Families are invited to attend this event to obtain information about the local community and area.

The class includes a free tour through the West Point Visitor's Center. Register by calling 938-3487/4621.

Red Cross training

The American Red Cross of Greater New York and West Point FMWR will be offering three free courses in lifeguarding, cardiopulmonary resuscitation and automated external defibrillator for adults and CPR/AED for adults, children and infants for military personnel and their dependents.

American Red Cross will cover the cost for eight military and Family members for the lifeguarding certification class at the YWCA in New Windsor.

Classes will start in April. Registration is available on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information visit www.westpointmwr.com

or call Nicole Rolf at (212) 875-2253.

Preschool enrollment

Enrollment for part-day preschool for academic year 2009-10 will be held at 8 a.m. May 11-15 for Families of deployed Soldiers and warriors in transition, May 18-22 for other military children and May 25-29 for children of DOD civilians.

No phone calls will be taken to register for this program. To register, visit the Child Development Services Center, Bldg. 1207. For more information, call 938-3921.

Youth baseball

Registration remains open for 9-12-year-old boys and girls for West Point baseball. CYSS is looking to finish filling teams. Practices will be Monday and Wednesday evenings. A game schedule is to be determined.

For more information or to sign up, call Brian or Erin at CYSS at 938-8896.

Beginner's running group

FMWR Fitness will have a beginner's running group April 20-May 29.

Beginning runners will work toward a two-mile goal. The group will be led by Certified Personal Trainer Andrea Ingram.

For more information or to sign up, call 938-6490 or e-mail everywomanfitness@hotmail.com.

SFAC April classes

The Soldier and Family Assistance Center is offering several classes in April.

A class about the Post 9/11 G.I. Bill is scheduled for 10-11:30

a.m. Tuesday. To register, call Len Gomberg at 938-0631.

A job fair preparation class is scheduled for 10-11:30 p.m. April 21. To register, call Peggie Taylor at 938-0634.

All classes are held in the SFAC, Bldg. 626. Warriors in transition and their Families have priority, but classes are open to everyone, space permitting.

West Point 5/10k

Registration for the West Point 5/10k continues through May 15. Race day is May 16.

To register online, visit www.active.com and enter keyword "west point."

For more information, call 938-6497.

Story hour

Story hour at the Post Library is scheduled for 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. every Tuesday through April 28.

All West Point children ages 3-5 are invited to attend these free events. Registration is required weekly.

For more information, call 938-2974 or stop by the library, Bldg. 622.

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What's Happening

Easter sunrise service

An Easter sunrise service is scheduled for 6:30 a.m. Sunday at the West Point Club's Hudson Room. The service is scheduled to feature D.R.E.A.M., a Gospel dance team; the Post Chapel Cadet Praise Team; Brother Rob Romans; Sister Laura Bradley; and Brother Butch Barnard. A complimentary breakfast will be served following the service.

West Point Egg Hunt

The West Point chapter of Daughters of the United States Army is hosting the West Point Egg Hunt at 2 p.m. Saturday at Trophy Point. All West Point children 10 and younger are invited to attend and must be accompanied by an adult. Children should bring a basket and can meet the Easter Bunny. Pets are not allowed. For more information, call Amy Robert at 446-2939 or Gwenn Wallace at 446-5708.

Army Family Team Building

AFTB level II classes will be held 9 a.m.-noon Monday in Bldg. 626, 2nd Floor – the Soldier and Family Assistance Center Conference Room. Contact Megan Calero at 938-0632 for more information.

Command Channel
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April 9-16

Army Newswatch (broadcast times)
Thursday-Friday, Monday-April 16
8:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Lacrosse promotion

Department night is scheduled for 5:30-7 p.m. Tuesday before the Army lacrosse game versus Lafayette on the fourth floor of Kimsey Center. Tickets include a barbecue dinner. The department with the most tickets purchased will receive tickets to the Army football game versus VMI, an invitation to the preseason barbecue with Army head football coach Rich Ellerson and a three-hour rental of the entire West Point Bowling Center. Dinner tickets must be purchased by Monday. Tickets can be purchased at the Army Athletic Ticket Office, by calling 877-TIX-ARMY or by visiting www.goARMYsports.com.

Aggie Muster

Alumni of Texas A&M University are invited to an Aggie Muster April 21 at the home of Col. and Mrs. Dan Ragsdale, 29 Thayer Road. Good Bull Hour begins at 5 p.m. with Ol' Army Barbecue following at 6 p.m. R.S.V.P. by Tuesday with attendance and names for roll call to Adam and Valerie Hodges at 839-0091 or avhodges@mac.com.

Special Olympics volunteers

Volunteers are needed to help with Special Olympics, which takes place April 25 at West Point. Sign up at <http://usma-portal/collab/uscc/corpsocadets/Lists/Special%20Olympics%20Sign%20Up/overview.aspx>.

Hannibal birthday

A birthday celebration for the Hannibal mule statue in Highland Falls is scheduled for

April 25. The statue was donated by the Class of 1954, Company M, 2nd Regiment in 2004 to celebrate the class' 50th anniversary.

Tattoo

The 29th Annual Tattoo is scheduled for 11:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. April 26 at Trophy Point Amphitheater. Food and beverage concessions will be available, as will a T-shirt fundraiser. The USMA Band, USCC Field Music Group, USCC Drill Team and USCC Pipes and Drums are scheduled to perform along with 17 pipe bands including the Police Emerald Society of Westchester County Pipes and Drums and the Rockland County Police Emerald Society Pipes and Drums.

Seminar

USMA cadets and faculty are invited to attend a seminar by author P.W. Singer from 12:50-1:45 p.m. April 27 in Thayer Hall, Rm. 144. Singer will be discussing his book "Wired For War" about the advent of robotic warfare.

Retirement cookout

An informal retirement cookout for Army softball head coach Jim Flowers and his wife, Nancy, is scheduled after the second game of the softball doubleheader April 26. The Jim and Nancy Flowers have lived and worked at West Point for 29 years. The cookout is expected to begin around 2:30 p.m. and will be held at the Army Softball Complex. R.S.V.P. to alex.heidenberg@usma.edu.

West Point School Board elections

An election to fill three vacancies on the West Point School Board is scheduled for May 13. All interested members of the West Point community are invited to run. Petitions will be available at the superintendent's office, Bldg. 705; Youth Services, Bldg. 500, and the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, Bldg. 681, beginning Monday. Completed petitions with the signature of at least one eligible voter must be turned into the superintendent's office by April 27. For more information, contact Eileen Ellingsen at 938-3506 or eileen.ellingsen@am.dodea.edu.

Tax podcast

A podcast for Soldiers and their Families about free tax services, filing extensions for military deployed to combat zones and combat pay is available at www.irs.gov/pub/newsroom/marketing/internet/armed_services_tax_assistance_2009.mp3.

Reception volunteers

Volunteers are needed to serve beverages and snacks at four receptions at Qtrs. 100 hosted by West Point Superintendent Lt. Gen. Buster Hagenbeck and his wife, Judy, to honor graduating cadets and their Families and guests. Receptions are scheduled for 1-2:30 p.m. and 3-4:30 p.m. May 20 and 21. The reception will be the official duty station during the time of volunteering for civilian employees. To sign up, call 938-5698.

Volunteers needed

Crew, fencing, volleyball, martial arts, sailing, Nordic ski and men's team handball competitive club teams all need volunteers to become officer-in-charge. For more information, contact Maj. Khanh Diep at 938-2340 or khanh.diep@usma.edu.

Community grants, scholarships

The West Point Women's Club is accepting applications for community grants and scholarships for continuing education and high school seniors. Download applications at www.westpointwc.com, and e-mail jkgilliam@hvc.rr.com for more information.

Red Cross youth volunteers

Students 14 years and older are invited to become American Red Cross youth volunteers. Youth volunteers must submit an application and a signed parental consent form and attend a mandatory orientation. Contact Katya Viar at 859-4437 or viark@nyredcross.org for more information. Students who are not registered volunteers will not be allowed to volunteer at upcoming blood drives.

Baggers needed

The West Point Commissary is accepting applications for baggers. Call 938-3663, ext. 202 for more information.

Art therapy

All female combat veterans in the West Point area are invited to attend free art therapy from 1-3 p.m. Wednesdays at Buffalo Soldier Pavilion. Therapy will be facilitated by Deborah Farber. For more information or to register, call 938-0353.

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Multitalented McKague leads young, gifted group

Story and photos by
Eric S. Bartelt
Assistant Editor

Every season has a defining moment—a moment, good or bad, that shapes a season until its conclusion.

In 2004, Army baseball found its defining moment when it defeated the University of Florida, 9-5, on its way to the best record in school history (37-15) to that point and paved the way to a better season a year later (39-14).

This year's team found itself in a similar situation, facing a Top 25 baseball team in the University of Illinois March 20.

Army led 6-3 going into the ninth inning before surrendering five runs and the lead, but Firstie third baseman J.P. Polchinski hit a game-winning three-run walk-off home run in the bottom of the ninth to win the game 9-8.

The euphoric feeling from that victory was memorable to the guys who played that day. It was something they'll remember all their lives and something that can have a dramatic impact on the rest of their season, if not their collegiate careers.

Polchinski's home run was the driving force of the excitement that day; however, it was Yearling first baseman/pitcher Kevin McKague's defining moment in his collegiate career that helped carry them to victory.

The 6-foot-5-inch, 240-pound Fayetteville, N.C., native found himself in a position that he wasn't used to—failing. He failed to get an out that led to five runs as the team's closer couldn't nail down the victory.

Firstie pitcher Tyler Anderegg came in to stop the hemorrhaging, but McKague stayed in as the



In his freshman year, Plebe catcher J.T. Watkins has been solid behind the plate.

designated hitter for one last shot at redemption.

McKague, with one out, rocketed a base hit through the infield to get Army going in the ninth inning, and two batters later, the rest was history.

"I was the second batter that inning and knew I needed to (rid) my appearance on the mound (out of my head) and know I had the ability to bring us right back into the game with good work at the plate," McKague said. "I got down two strikes in my at bat, and I just put the ball in play and hit it right up the middle."

Crossing home plate from third base was the most excited he ever got on the baseball field saying, "It never felt so good."

That was a glimpse into the character and makeup of one of Army's best young ballplayers. His mental makeup to overcome adversity in a matter of minutes and show his improving maturity was a key to the team's victory.

"He hit an absolute rocket through the infield with two strikes. It just speaks volumes about his

makeup and composure because it's very easy to pack it in," Army head coach Joe Sottolano said. "But it's very mature to do something like he did, and that's Kevin, and that's what has made him successful to this point—his mental and physical makeup. He's a tough kid who's going to compete hard and is not going to give up."

Besides the Illinois game, his most memorable moment was last season against Navy when he got the game-winning hit in a 2-1 victory over the Midshipmen. Army (12-13 overall, 3-5 PL) faces the Midshipmen Saturday and Sunday at Doubleday Field in a four-game Patriot League series.

Facing Navy is always an emotionally charged event, and McKague hopes to get another chance for a special moment against Navy. He's missed seven games with a shoulder injury that's kept him out of the regular lineup, although he has pitched two games since because the injury is not to his throwing shoulder.

He's growing at the plate, and that's saying a lot for a young guy who broke the school record in doubles (19) as a plebe last year and added 50 runs batted in, which placed him third all-time in a single season. This year, he's batting .333 with 25 hits in the 18 games, and he's settling in nicely as the team's first baseman, team closer and clean-up hitter.

"I feel a lot more comfortable now after getting a year under my belt," McKague said. "It's still a process getting better, and I know my role as a player now. I'm not trying to do too much, and I'm trying to bring up all the guys behind me and making sure they are coming along and getting better."

Sottolano views McKague as a big, strong physical presence in



Yearling first baseman/pitcher Kevin McKague, despite getting roughed up by Illinois, has been a dependable closer for Army. However, his true strength is as a hitter, currently batting .333, and as a strong fielding first baseman.

the lineup, but despite his size he is extremely dexterous and a great fielding first baseman.

"He's very agile for a big man, which is unusual to see at 6'5", 240 pounds," Sottolano said. "But it's his competitive nature and toughness that separates him from the rest."

McKague has talent that makes him exceptional, but he isn't the only member of the Black Knight squad who has a bright future ahead of him.

Much like the 2004 and 2005 Army teams, teams that had enough talent to produce six Major League Baseball draft picks from those years, this year's team has talented players with unique abilities that can already be seen in the batter's box or on the mound.

Twenty-six of the 34 players on the 2009 Black Knights team are plebes or yearlings, and much of the pop in the team's batting lineup comes from the yearling class.

McKague and fellow yearlings outfielder/pitcher Ben Koenigsfeld, shortstop Clint Moore and designated hitter Joey Henshaw are all batting .310 or better while Henshaw, who is 6-foot-7-inches and 250 pounds, is currently hitting .407 with a team-leading 33 hits and three home runs.

"McKague, Henshaw, Moore and Koenigsfeld, all those kids have really bought into what we're doing right from the get go and have opened their eyes and ears to

what we're trying to teach and have trusted us—and that's a big thing," Sottolano explained. "They've already seen some rewards of their efforts. It's nice to surround yourself with people like that, and it's a tribute to their Families with what they've done with them and the trust and faith they've had to hand off their sons to us."

The team has even a brighter future ahead as two plebes are regulars in the lineup—second basemen Zach Price and catcher J.T. Watkins—whom Sottolano said are both doing a tremendous job in their freshmen campaign and should provide bigger things the next three years.

With a team that has 17 plebe and yearling pitchers as well, it's important to get strong leadership from the upperclassmen. There aren't many of them (eight), but their importance to the growth of the younger guys will eventually be seen down the road.

"We have confident leaders," Sottolano said of Firsties Andy Ernesto, Tony Capozzi, Kyle Fleming, Austin Grimes, Polchinski and Anderegg. "They certainly have the respect of the underclassmen, and those guys are confident enough in themselves that they don't need to flex their muscles, so to speak."

"The culture of the club is very strong and it has everything to do with the quality of individuals we have on it," he added, "and it starts with the upperclassmen."



Yearling designated hitter Joey Henshaw leads Army in batting average (.407), hits (33) and is tied with fellow Yearling outfielder/pitcher Ben Koenigsfeld for home runs (3) this season.

Women's tennis extends winning streak to 18

By Tracy Nelson
Athletic Communications

Nine-time Patriot League Coach of the Year Paul Peck collected his 250th career victory as his Army women's tennis team produced a pair of 7-0 Patriot League wins over Lafayette and Holy Cross April 4 at Lichtenberg Tennis Center. The victories stretched the Black Knights' win streak to 18 matches as Army remained undefeated in conference play.

Army (20-7 overall, 3-0 PL) did not lose a singles set all day as the team won its 34th and 35th consecutive regular-season Patriot League matches.

Twelve players made up two Army lineups as Peck utilized the depth of his talent pool in order to play the matches simultaneously. The day opened with six courts featuring all doubles matches for both contests. Army won the doubles point in both efforts, while only dropping one doubles match all day. That setback came at No. 2 doubles against Lafayette (3-5, 0-1 PL).

The Black Knights had already secured the doubles point against the Leopards, however. Yearling Anne Houghton and Cow Kristin Beehler won their team-best 17th match of the season with a quick 8-1 victory at No. 1 doubles. Yearlings Patricia Vollmer and Audrey Hansen teamed-up for an 8-3 win at No. 3 doubles while playing together for the first time this spring.

Army continued to roll from top to bottom in singles action.

Houghton notched her 26th victory of the season and 10th in a row with an impressive 6-1, 6-1 win over Lafayette's Allie Seranko in the top flight. On the adjacent court, her doubles partner Beehler registered a 6-1, 6-4 triumph over Ansley Scudder at No. 2 singles, while Yearling Annie Hang won her seventh match in a row with a 6-3, 6-2 win over Sarah Sykes.

Moving to the bottom half of a shuffled lineup, Cow Paige Ford did not lose a game at No. 4 (6-0, 6-0), as she picked up her fifth victory since returning this spring. Also playing just her third singles match of the spring after successfully recovering from injury, Firstie captain Bridie Burke came up with her first win of the year (6-3, 6-0) in the fifth slot. Yearling Audrey Hansen extended her win streak to five matches with a 6-2, 6-0 win over Emily DeLuca to round out the Black Knight scoring.

Army continued its prowess in similar fashion against Holy Cross (3-4, 0-1 PL). Army swept the Crusaders in doubles—winning all three matches by 8-1 scores—and went on to straight-set wins in all six singles matches to secure the win. Firsties Niki Flach and Sarah Giles-Madden teamed at the top of the doubles lineup, while familiar pair Yearlings Jurelle Mendoza and Robie Verano won their fourth match in a row at No. 2 doubles. Yearlings Charlee Warford and Maria Casaletto rounded out Army's doubles lineup in the third flight.

Flach topped the Black Knight lineup in singles action and made



Firstie Niki Flach teamed with Firstie Sarah Giles-Madden to earn an 8-1 victory in the top pairing doubles versus Holy Cross April 4. Flach also beat Holy Cross' Kristen Meahl 6-1, 6-2, to win in No. 1 singles.

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quick work of Holy Cross' Kristen Meahl 6-1, 6-2, to win her 10th match of the year. Giles-Madden was also victorious playing in the No. 2 singles spot (6-2, 6-1), while Warford won by the same score in the third flight. Victorious in seven of her last eight matches, Warford notched her 12th win of the year.

Mendoza fought back from a 4-1 deficit to grind out a 6-4 win in the first set against Ivette Konopka.

She went on to blank her Crusader adversary in order to win her fourth in a row and sixth of the year. Casaletto rounded out the lineup with a 6-0, 6-2 victory over Emma Rudnik at No. 6 to win her fifth-straight match.

Army is preparing for its highly anticipated showdown with Patriot League rival Bucknell Saturday at 2 p.m. in Lewisburg, Pa.

In what will serve as a rematch

of the 2008 Patriot League title match, Army will be seeking its 19th straight victory.

Thanks to the heroics of Giles-Madden in the final match of the day, top-seeded Army defeated No. 2 Bucknell by a 4-3 score last April to win its fourth-straight Patriot League crown.

Army will also keep a lineup at West Point to take on Long Island at noon.

Judo team earns USA Scholastic title

By Maj. Ben Ring
Judo OIC

The West Point Judo Team won the Collegiate National Team Championship title at the USA Judo Scholastic Championships March 27-29 in York, Pa.

Highlighting the team's performance in impressive fashion was Cow Matt Song, 81 Kilograms, who took home the gold medal with three wins in his division, as well as an additional victory in an exhibition "goodwill" match against a traveling team from Puerto Rico.

At 73 kg., Cows Simmer Singh and Nathan Horswill, took second and third, respectively.

In the 90 kg. division, Plebe Nick Wahlquist surprised many competitors as he outlasted his opponent from Penn State in the semifinal match to get a berth in the gold medal round. He would finish with a silver medal.

In the heavyweight division, Yearling Andrew Fant won his two matches in a dominating manner and took home the gold.

In only his first year of participating in judo, Fant has demonstrated incredible potential and has greatly improved his judo

prowess.

In the women's 70 kg. division, Yearling Samantha Schram showed great technique by executing a perfect foot sweep in her semifinal match before losing in the gold medal round.

At 63 kg., there was a battle of West Point cadets. Plebe Heather Purkey and Yearling Danielle Munoz faced each other as Purkey got the better of Munoz on this day and wound up finishing with the silver while Munoz took home the bronze.

On the novice side, Plebes Brandon Burns (73 kg.) and Pablo Rivera (81 kg.) each went 3-0 in the tournament to earn gold in their division.

Both competitors showed incredible poise, stamina, technique and skill in winning each of their fights and showing how the West Point team will have a very strong future. In addition, several other cadets brought home medals as part of the championship team.

Plebe Ariel Espinoza-Levey (Silver, 52 kg.), Firstie Stephiney Xie (Gold, 57 kg.), Yearling Brock Chavez (Gold, 60 kg.), Plebe Art Lin (Silver, 60 kg. novice), Yearling Nick Hochertz (Silver, 100 kg.),

Plebe Sam Ellis (73 kg. novice), Yearling Josiah McCoy (Gold, 90kg Novice), and as well as Yearling Matt Francis and Plebe Pat Singley, who drew a tie in points which allowed both to take home the Silver at 81 kg. Novice.

Before gearing up for their championship run, nine members of the judo team traveled to Japan.

The team's trip to Japan over Spring Break included two days on an academy exchange at the Japanese National Defense Academy, three nights at the Kodokan Judo Institute in Tokyo, one day at the cultural and spiritual town of Kamakura as well as a visit to the historical port of Shimoda where Commodore Matthew Perry opened Japanese ports to U.S. trade in 1854.

This was the second consecutive year during which cadets had the opportunity to venture to Japan as the team sent 13 cadets in March 2008.

The team has a Judo-Jujitsu Clinic scheduled for May 2 in Arvin Annex for which an expert Jujitsu sensei within the Hoteikan Jujitsu system to train on Judo and Jujitsu skills before the annual team banquet and say a final farewell to the graduating seniors.

Sports calendar

April 11-19

Corps

SATURDAY -- LACROSSE AT NAVY, BALTIMORE (M&T BANK STADIUM), 11:30 A.M. (TELEVISED ON ESPNU).

SATURDAY -- WOMEN'S TENNIS VS. LONG ISLAND, LICHTENBERG TENNIS CENTER, NOON.

SATURDAY -- BASEBALL VS. NAVY, DOUBLEDAY FIELD, NOON (DH).

SUNDAY -- BASEBALL VS. NAVY, DOUBLEDAY FIELD, 1 P.M. (DH).

TUESDAY -- LACROSSE VS. LAFAYETTE, MICHIE STADIUM, 7 P.M.

WEDNESDAY -- SOFTBALL VS. CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE (DH), ARMY SOFTBALL COMPLEX, 4 P.M.

APRIL 17-19 -- MEN'S TENNIS, PATRIOT LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS, MALEK TENNIS CENTER,

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APRIL 18 -- SOFTBALL VS. COLGATE (DH), ARMY SOFTBALL COMPLEX, 2:30 P.M.

APRIL 19 -- WOMEN'S TENNIS VS. BRYANT (9 A.M.) & LEHIGH (3 P.M.), MALEK TENNIS CENTER.

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FRIDAY -- ORIENTEERING TEAM, 30TH ANNUAL WEST POINT ORIENTEERING A-MEET, CAMP BUCKNER, 4 P.M.

SATURDAY -- CREW TEAM, PRESIDENT'S CUP REGATTA (MARIST, LASALLE & RIT), CAUFIELD BOATHOUSE, 8:30 A.M.

SATURDAY -- WOMEN'S RUGBY, OPPONENT TBD, ANDERSON RUGBY COMPLEX, 1 P.M.

Boxing team wins national championship

By Master Sgt. Jeffery Mays
Boxing coach

The Army boxing team won its second straight National Collegiate Boxing Association championship Sunday at the University of Maryland's Ritchie Coliseum in College Park, Md., in a decisive fashion.

The team accumulated 53 total team points in the three-day tournament. In doing so, Army broke its own record of 50 team points and finished well ahead of second-place finisher Navy (35 points) and third-place Air Force (25 points).

In addition to the team title, four Army boxers captured individual gold medals, three took home silver and one won the bronze.

Yearling Danilo Garcia won his second consecutive title at 125 pounds with three tournament wins including a first-round knockout of his semifinal opponent and dominant unanimous-decision victories in his quarterfinal and final bouts.

Garcia's performance earned him the title of Most Outstanding Boxer of the entire tournament.

Yearling Terrell Anthony avenged a second-place finish in 2008 to capture the 139-pound belt with first-round knockouts in both his quarterfinal and semifinal bouts.

He finished with a walkover victory in the final after his Navy opponent decided to withdraw for medical reasons rather than face Anthony's devastating power.

Cow co-captain Ryle Stous won his second national championship in his second weight class as the defending 2008 165-pound champion was able to drop a weight class to win in the competitive 156-pound division.

In the tournament's main event, Army heavyweight Cow Cedric Fraser was able to punish his Naval Academy opponent with devastating body punches and knee-buckling overhand rights to earn himself a national championship and close the tournament for the Army team.

Army's contingent brought home four silver medals as Plebe Andrew Manglicmot, Yearling Steve Henao-Escobar, Cow Billy Myers and Firstie Jody Chapman all battled to hard-fought, hotly contested split decisions in their final bouts.

Manglicmot, in only his first year of boxing, impressed all in attendance as he fought with much energy and passion and soundly defeated his quarterfinal and semifinal opponents. Unfortunately, he came up just short of victory in a 3-2 final decision.

Henao-Escobar put on a display of boxing skill and talent in all three of his bouts that culminated in a three-round war with his University of Kentucky opponent.

At 165 pounds, Myers fought three tactically sound, aggressive matches that nearly earned him his first national championship as his Coast Guard Academy opponent was able to squeak out a 3-2 split decision.

Co-captain Chapman fought through an agonizing back injury to earn a silver medal in the 185-pound weight class as he fought his much taller Air Force Academy opponent to another tough split decision.

Army also earned a bronze medal as Yearling 112-pound boxer Joe Grohoski took third place after a semifinal bout that saw both Grohoski and his Naval Academy opponent fight hard until the final bell.



The Army boxing team celebrates with smiles and fists as they earned their second straight National Collegiate Boxing Association championship Sunday.

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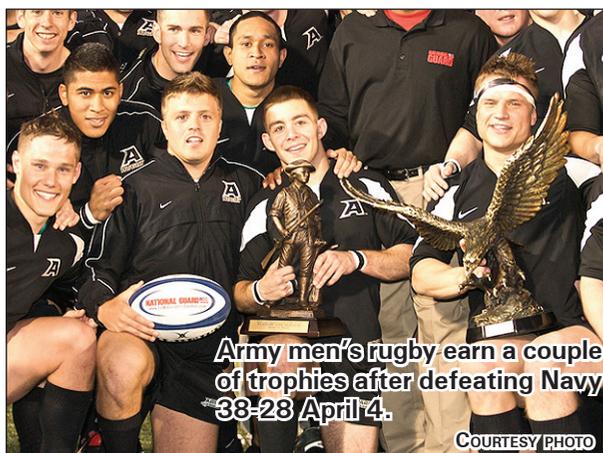
The Army team represented West Point exceptionally well at the tournament with several opposing coaches, boxers and fans commenting on how hard the Army boxers fought and what an impressive example they set for all that attended.

Army's prospects for a third national championship look

bright as only one member of the 12-man group that Army sent to the tournament will be graduating this year.

A new group of incredibly talented and hard-working underclassmen is anxious to carry on the tradition of dominance in 2009-10.

CLUB RESULTS



Army men's rugby earn a couple of trophies after defeating Navy 38-28 April 4.

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• **Men's Rugby:** Led by Firstie flanker Bobby O'Neill's three tries, Army defeated Navy 38-28 April 4 in Annapolis, Md.

All of O'Neill's tries came in the second half to help Army complete a gutsy comeback.

Having beaten Navy handily 40-7 in the fall, Army was very confident that they would be able to do the same in this match. Nonetheless, Navy had other plans.

Army started off the scoring four minutes into the match when Yearling flyhalf Dave Geib broke through the Navy line about 40 meters out and off-loaded the ball to Cow center Andrew Dill. After two quick passes from Dill to Cow fullback Josh Minton, the ball ended up in Yearling wing Latu Vahai's dynamic hands as he raced down the sideline for a 20-meter try.

Army wouldn't get another try in the half while Navy stormed in front with 20 unanswered points.

Down 20-5 at halftime, tries by O'Neill, Yearling Peter Belden and Firstie Mike Fleming helped complete the comeback and beat Navy in front of their rowdy home crowd.

Great play by the forwards to control the line-outs and scrums, as well as great pick-and-jam play to help control the pace of the game, helped secure Army's win.

Army played 20 minutes of the match down a player because of two different penalties.

Army was able to keep their composure, especially in the second half, and make a dramatic comeback.

Firstie scrumhalf John Wagner had an outstanding game as he was declared the National Guard Minuteman Man-of-the-Match.

During the game's most dramatic moment Wagner, at the 78th minute, broke the line, put a kick over the defender's head, and forced the Navy fullback to kick the ball out of bounds.

Following a great lineout and throw from hooker and team captain Firstie Tom Sandonato, Army strung together several phases to where O'Neill got the ball and scored the try for Army.

Following a successful conversion by Fleming, Army took the lead 31-28 and never relinquished it.

The Army-Navy game will be aired at 9 p.m. Tuesday on ESPNU.

The men return to rugby action against St. Mary's College at 11:30 a.m. April 18 at Life College in Atlanta.

• **Women's Rugby:** Army women's rugby participated in the Cherry Blossom Tournament in Washington, April 4 and came back with four victories and the championship.

Army took the first match on the day 31-5 over George Washington as they were led by Yearlings Ashley Miller and Sylvia Thomas, who had two tries each.

Army would win a close one in their second match defeating Slippery Rock 7-3. Plebe Kayla Orvik got Army's only try in the game as Miller made the conversion.

In the semifinal, Army smoked Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute 56-0. Seven different ruggers scored tries as Cow Ashley Sorensen (three) and Plebe Jessica Sexauer (two) popped in multiple tries.

Army would win the tournament by stomping Maryland 33-0, led by Sexauer's two tries.

The goal was to use the weekend as a final preparation for the national championship tournament.

The players showed a lot of improvement in their pattern of play and control of the breakdown.

The women's next match is against West Chester University in USA Rugby National Championship's Round of Sixteen April 18 in Sanford, Fla.