



## Six receive Krzyzewski Teaching Character through Sport awards

The third annual Mike Krzyzewski Teaching Character through Sport awards were presented at lunch Wednesday to three cadets and three coaches. The recipients are (from left to right) Coach Ray Barone for competitive club athletics (boxing), Coach (Maj.) Brad Fenske for company athletics (wrestling), Cow Charles "Larry" Harris for company athletics (football), Firstie Courtney Miller for competitive club athletics (crew), Coach Alma Kovaci for intercollegiate athletics (women's volleyball) and Firstie Zach McKelvie for intercollegiate athletics (hockey). These awards recognize the outstanding commitment to the development of noble character through athletic participation and leadership of the recipients. Krzyzewski and West Point Superintendent Lt. Gen. Buster Hagenbeck (center) handed out the awards.

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## Firsties McCord and Lospinoso receive NSF scholarships

Story and photos by  
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One would think that after graduation cadets would like to start leading Soldiers while leaving the strain of studies behind and put into action the military training that has been drilled into them over four years at West Point.

This isn't the case for two firsties who received scholarships from the National Science Foundation.



McCord

Firstie Brian McCord, company D-2, is looking forward to entering the University of Texas at Austin

after graduation to start studying parallel distributed computing or programs running at the same time on multiple processors.

"The study is about how computers can work together," McCord said. "I've had a lot of exposure to computers and computing all my life. There is a lot of interest in computers in my family."

McCord, a computer science major, said there were a number of things he could go into with this knowledge, both in the Army and out, from grid-computing to marketing.

"It was great to hear about this opportunity to get a higher education. I'm looking forward to it," McCord said.

Firstie Joshua Lospinoso, company B-1, will be deferring his NSF scholarship for awhile, as he will be studying in Oxford, England, as a recipient of a Rhodes Scholarship. He will study statistics.

"I will be studying for three years at Oxford to get my Ph.D.," the economics and



Lospinoso

intelligence. Eventually, I want to come back to West Point to teach."

As long as recipients are in the active Army, they can defer the scholarships, as Lospinoso is doing.

The NSF offers scholarships in science, technology, engineering and mathematics and provides funds for scholarships to encourage academically talented but financially needy students.

Recipients must be enrolled in a

operations research major said. "Then I want to spend some time in the infantry. After that, I will utilize the NSF scholarship to study social network analysis. I would like to go into military

science-degree program such as biological science, computer and information sciences, engineering, physical science or geosciences. They must also demonstrate an academic potential for the subject, according to [www.nsf.gov](http://www.nsf.gov).

McCord and Lospinoso both have above 4.0 averages and are on the dean's list.

They are the first recipients of NSF scholarships at West Point since 2004.

## West Point hosts 25th Special Olympics games Saturday

From staff reports

More than 500 athletes from Orange, Rockland, Sullivan and Ulster counties along with 600 cadet and community volunteers will gather for the 2009 Hudson Valley Region Special Olympics Spring Games at West Point Saturday.

This is the 25th anniversary of West Point hosting this special event.

The competition kicks off at 10:15 a.m. with opening ceremonies at the U.S. Military Academy's Shea Stadium.

The ceremonies include a parade of athletes, a demonstration by the West Point Sport Parachute Team and the torch run. Events will continue through 2 p.m. at Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center, Shea Stadium and the North Athletic Field. The games will include numerous track and field contests,

adaptive games and aquatics.

Omicron Delta Kappa, West Point's leadership honor society, sponsors the annual games. The Hell Cats from the West Point Band, the Gospel Choir and WKDT radio are among those scheduled to participate during the day's activities.

The event is free and open to the public. Concessions will be available throughout the day.

## Sobriety checkpoints



Varying times  
throughout April 25-26

# Historic Warner House will undergo extensive restoration

From staff reports

Over the past 18 months, West Point staff has invested time and resources in studying the land and property on Constitution Island because it believes it is a resource that should continue to be treasured by West Point and in the Hudson Valley.

The land studies determined what is required to save this historical structure from further degradation and bring it to a standard that such a valuable piece of our nation's history deserves. The preliminary engineering reviews indicate the structural integrity of the Warner House has degraded to the point that public access is no longer viable.

West Point is committed to develop and execute a plan to structurally brace the facility and bring in the right team of engineers to determine what it will take to restore the Warner House. The analysis will

include a review of structural and cosmetic work. The intent is to restore the house and be historically correct, inside and out, as resources allow.

All objects and furnishings will be removed from the house and placed in storage in the near future.

During the summer, the Constitution Island Association will continue with all tours and events on the island including the Seafood Gala, school tours, weekly tours and Special Saturdays. Because the Warner House will be under restoration, all accommodations will be made to present the Warner story, as well as the Revolutionary War story, in as realistic a presentation as possible.

The historical trails, the Pavilion and the rest of the island are open and available by contacting the Constitution Island resident manager, Roddy MacLeod, or the Constitution Island Association at 938-4105.



The Warner House, built in the 1830s, and Constitution Island were donated to West Point in 1908. The house will be undergoing extensive renovations in the coming months, but the island is still open to visitors. Contact Roddy MacLeod, the island resident manager, or the Constitution Island Association for more information about visiting the Island.  
DEB MACLEOD/CONSTITUTION ISLAND

# West Point Center for the Rule of Law dedicated

By Sgt. Vincent Fusco  
Directorate of Communications

The West Point Center for the Rule of Law was dedicated in a grand opening conference held April 15-17. The center serves to promote the U.S. military's enhancement of international justice and human rights and a respect for the rule of law during peacetime and armed conflict.

The three-day event invited judicial experts, scholars and military, political and world leaders to discuss the current and future issues regarding criminal justice, human rights, national security and international relations.

Speakers at the conference included former U.S. Military Academy instructors Michael Newton and Gary Solis.

Keynote speakers of the event were former president of Ireland Mary Robinson, U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder Jr., former CBS news anchor Dan Rather, Queen Noor of Jordan and retired General Counsel of the U.S. Navy Alberto Mora.

"For more than two centuries, the rule of law served as that shining torch that has illuminated our path through our nation's darkest days," Holder said in his keynote

address at Hotel Thayer April 15. "Indeed, our country is at its best when it has provided the beacon light of the rule of law for all of the world to see."



Eric Holder  
U.S. Attorney  
General

Holder also said in his address that since before the Geneva Conventions, the U. S. military has worked to preserve regulations and laws that determine the lawful treatment of dissidents and prisoners, as well as lay the groundwork for free and open societies.

"In the present day, American military leaders have remained at the vanguard of those calling for the application of the rule of law on the battlefields, in detention centers and at negotiating tables," Holder said.

He also referenced President Obama's executive order to close the Guantanamo Bay detention facility. Holder is leading a task force of cabinet officers in determining how to

conduct the best disposition of those detainees. Though he cites the task as "difficult and daunting," Holder pledged that the solution will be "grounded in our Constitution, based on congressional enactments, in compliance with international laws of war and consistent with the rule of law."

During Queen Noor's keynote address at Herbert Hall April 16, she declared that the opening of the center marked the world is ready for "a new chapter" in international cooperation.

"When a great nation decides to open a center devoted to law and legal frameworks, it is a wonderful thing," Noor said. "When it chooses to house it at a military academy, a national treasure like West Point, it is all the more exuberant."

The international proponent of women's and children's rights heralded those rights as a major proponent for peace and said the inclusion of women in the decision-making process can transcend religious, ethnic and tribal barriers and break through obstacles in conflict resolution.

"The international criminal justice system ... and the protection of women and children are all necessary components of something larger—a spirit of global cooperation," Noor said. "The road to international peace runs through the world's homes."

While Noor stated that mere words between nations would not stop world conflict, she reasoned that, "without dialogue, peace is impossible," and that "true peace and understanding will never be won at the end of a gun."

"International law itself cannot guarantee peace. The law cannot eradicate war, but law can curb war's excesses," Noor said. "We see this in the Hague Regulations of 1907 and Geneva Conventions, and curbing the excesses can make war less likely."

The conference was facilitated by Sali Rakower, the center's first director since its inception in September 2008. She is currently on sabbatical from White & Case LLP in New York, with whom she has practiced law since 1999.

Rakower's areas of practice include complex commercial litigation, as well as litigation involving foreign sovereigns, their state-owned subsidiaries and international public law.

In 2002, she took a leave of absence from White & Case LLP to serve in the prosecutor's office of the U.N. International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda in Tanzania. There, she assisted in the prosecution of Rwandan military leaders for their role in the 1994 genocide.



Queen Noor of  
Jordan

## Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

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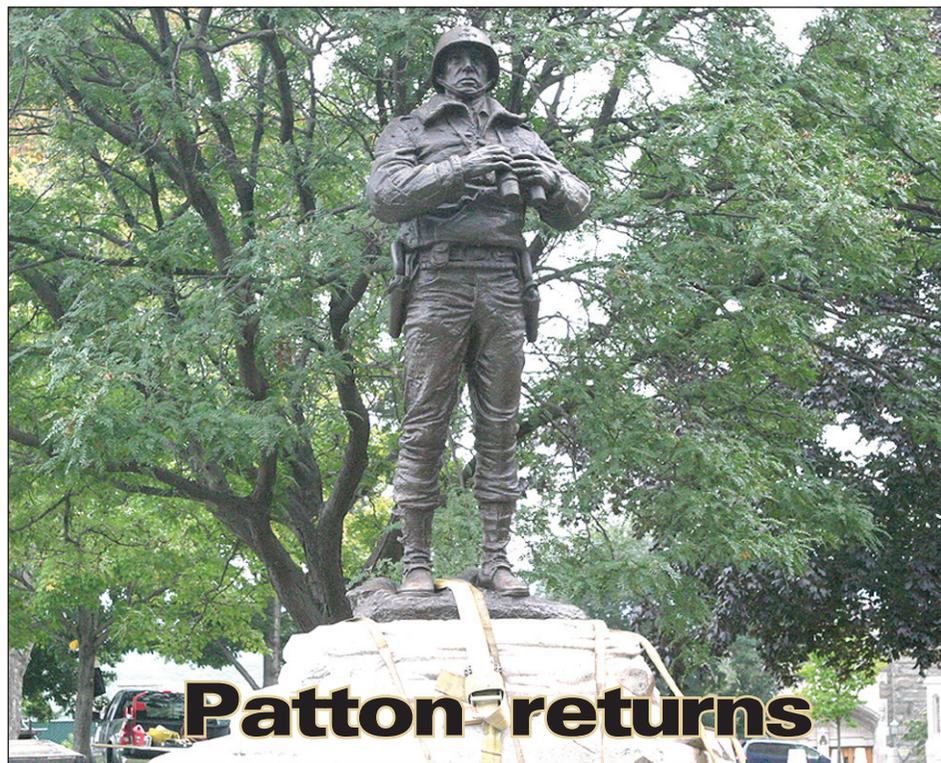
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## Patton returns

West Point Superintendent Lt. Gen. Buster Hagenbeck announced April 15 that the Gen. George S. Patton statue will return to the level of the Plain before the graduation of the class of 2009. It will be placed in a temporary location at the northwest corner of Jefferson Hall, across from the Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower statue facing the Plain. After Bartlett Hall and the old library are renovated, the statue will be permanently placed between Jefferson Hall and Doubleday Field to survey the Plain along with Thayer, MacArthur, Washington and Eisenhower.

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## Volunteers honored

Several of West Point's outstanding volunteers were recognized Monday at the Volunteer of the Year ceremony held at the West Point Club. Special recognition went to Katya Viar, left, military spouse volunteer of the year; Kelsey Ragsdale, youth volunteer of the year; Cow Michael Bertha, cadet volunteer of the year; Cheryl West, civilian volunteer of the year; Col. Russell Lachance and Family members Lisa, Austin, Chelsea and Hannah, volunteer Family of the year; and Lt. Col. Timothy Duffy, active-duty volunteer of the year. Also pictured is West Point Superintendent Lt. Gen. Buster Hagenbeck (center).

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# 2009 Projects Day, April 30, is open to the public

By Michelle Gerdes  
Academic Affairs Specialist

Thirteen U.S. Military Academy departments and students from five other colleges will participate in more than 230 presentations at Projects Day April 30.

The public is invited to attend any presentations, which are scheduled from 7:45 a.m.-7:30 p.m. in various buildings throughout the post.

Projects can be viewed at the Arvin Cadet

Physical Development Center, West Point Club Ballroom, Mahan Hall, Washington Hall, Thayer Hall, Cullum Hall, Jefferson Hall, Bartlett Hall and Lincoln Hall.

Firsties present their senior thesis, capstone projects or research activities in either an individual or collective capacity.

Students present to fellow cadets, faculty, clients and, in some instances, to a group of guest evaluators. Highlights include the capstone design projects; competition projects; poster displays; video displays;

an English department play, "Seduced by Shakespeare;" and presentations on various topics relevant to the Army and the world.

Projects Day began in 2000 and has grown each year. Although students from USMA comprise the largest group of presenters, the number of students from visiting schools has grown during recent years.

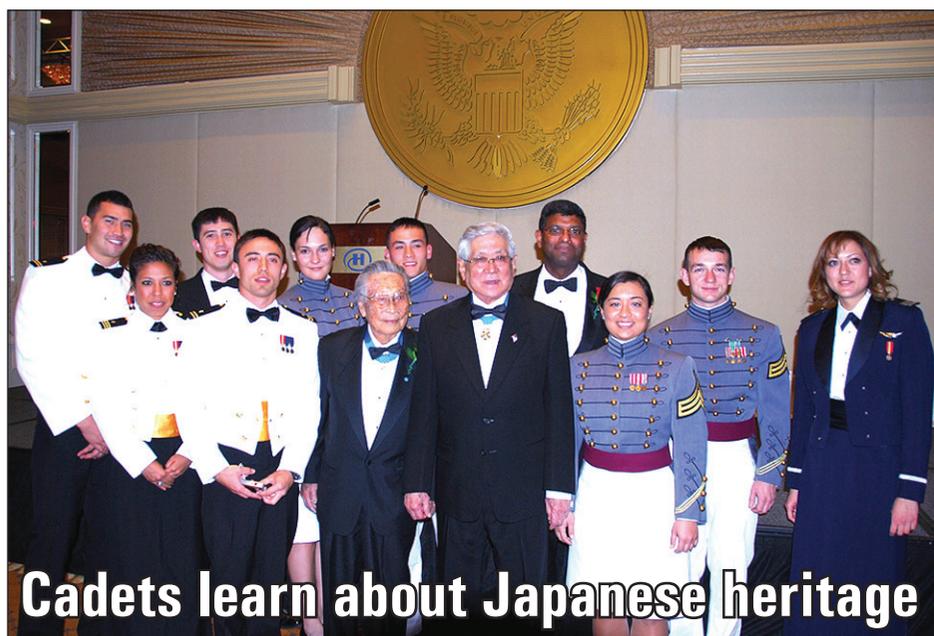
Students come from a variety of schools—Bard College, George Mason University, Old Dominion University, the U.S. Air Force Academy and Virginia Polytechnic Institute

and State University.

This year, cadets will be competing for the first time for the Scott R. Clark (USMA class of 1985) Innovation for Soldiers Award, which will be presented to a cadet project that demonstrates an innovative approach and direct application to the Army.

A schedule of presentations can be found at [www.dean.usma.edu/projects/](http://www.dean.usma.edu/projects/).

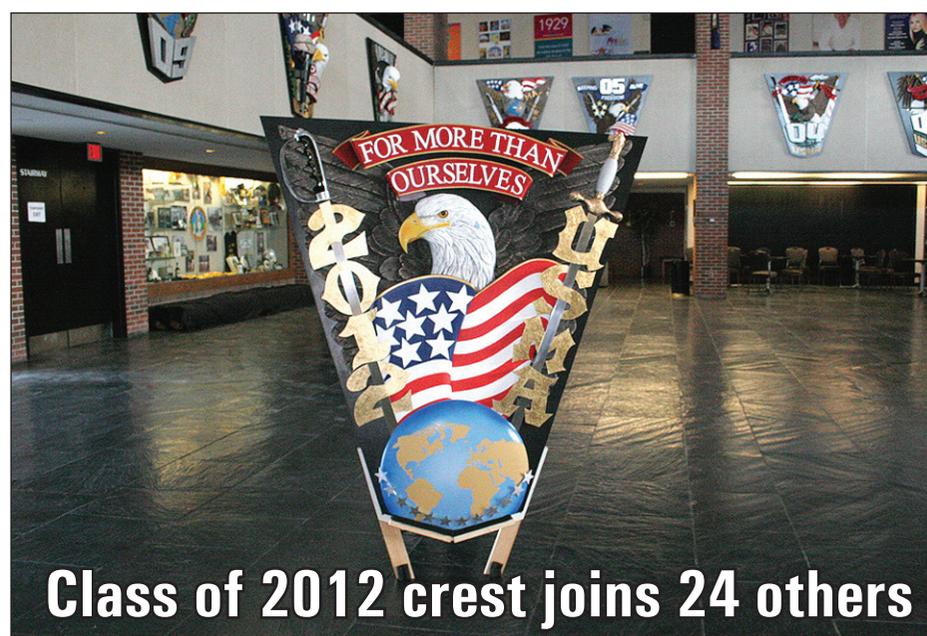
A map of West Point and a map of the Central Area buildings where the presentations will be held also is provided in the program.



## Cadets learn about Japanese heritage

Firsties Jenna Lafferty, Terikazu Onoda, Ashian Izadi and Andrew Beckwith, all of Japanese-American decent, were invited to attend the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation Awards dinner April 17 in Washington to learn more about their heritage. They are pictured (left to right) with three U.S. Naval Academy midshipmen and cadets from the U.S. Coast Guard and U.S. Air Force Academies. Medal of Honor recipients (left) are George Sakato, who fought in World War II, and Hiroshi Miyamura, who fought in the Korean War, all of whom were guests at the dinner also are pictured. The USAFA cadet is Miyamura's granddaughter. Also in the photo (back) is retired Brig. Gen. Leo Brooks, former commandant and USMA class of 1979, who was representing Boeing, the main sponsor of the event. The cadets said the event, attended by more than 350 people, was an event of a lifetime.

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## Class of 2012 crest joins 24 others

The 2012 Class Crest joined the 24 other crests hanging in Eisenhower Hall's Crest Hall April 15. The class of 1987 Class Crest was taken down to make room for the new addition. All class crests must have the initials USMA and the class motto on the crest. Lt. Col. Gregory Kilby, an instructor in the Dept. of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, whose son, Michael, is a member of the class of 2012, was on hand to take a final look at his crest as it was taken off the wall. Warren Miller, who retired from the Fabrications Branch of the Directorate of Information Management, has been carving the class crests since 1990 and has carved 23 of the 25 crests currently displayed in Crest Hall. He also rearranges the 25 crests each year as a new one is added, which involves taking down the oldest one and then moving all the others over one space.

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## 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](mailto: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.

## AER campaign runs through May 15

## News note

**West Point Debate** won the Washington-Franklin Cup Challenge at Randolph-Macon College April 16 in Ashland, Va. The team of Yearlings Chris Nickelson and Kier Elmonairy defeated the opponent schools and took home the large, but impressive traveling trophy, which will reside in the Dept. of Social Sciences until next year's competition when the West Point team will defend their win. The competition began with West Point defeating host school Randolph-Macon, then two-time defending champion, University of Richmond, and then taking on debate powerhouse, Wake Forest (who finished second in the nationals this year and were national champions last year), defeating the Demon Deacons in the final.

## 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](mailto:David.Brzywczy@usma.edu).

A basic speech, which can be tailored for personal use, will be provided by Department of the Army.

# RMC takes 1st, Company E-4 2nd at Sandhurst

By Capt. Shaun Chandler  
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The 43rd Sandhurst Competition was conducted at West Point April 17-18 with 48 teams competing for the coveted Reginald E. Johnson Memorial Saber.

After a fiercely and closely competed competition, the Royal Military College of Canada emerged victorious, reclaiming their crown from the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst.

The first placed West Point teams were hot on the Canadian's heels, finishing a close second—only five minutes behind the Canadians in what was one of the closest competitions in recent years.

This year's competition was blessed with excellent weather, which helped generate a high spectator turn-out. The marksmanship portion saw two ranges being conducted sequentially—one a stress shoot and the other a combination of range and firing positions. Both challenged the competitors to think as well as execute basic skills. In the end it was F-2 who won the marksmanship streamer closely followed by E-4 who were only 5 seconds in penalties behind.

Of the eight ROTC teams competing, it was Brigham Young University who finished highest, coming in 4th, followed by Texas A&M in 21st place. Great credit goes to the Chilean Military Academy and National Military Academy of Afghanistan who finished in 12th and 41st positions, respectively. The Royal Military Academy Sandhurst teams finished in a credible third and fifth position with West Point's sister academies of Air Force and Navy finishing in eighth and 25th positions.

The main competition day consisted of a plethora of events, each designed to test the ability of the cadets to problem-solve concurrent with exercising basic military skills. Leadership and teamwork were a prerequisite throughout, and it was the teams who were able to combine all these attributes who found themselves competing for the top honors.

The introduction of orienteering into this year's competition added a new dimension within which Brigham Young



Brigham Young University cadets precariously make their way across wooden planks fastened together with ropes and belts on the Leadership Reaction Course during the Sandhurst competition at Camp Buckner April 18.

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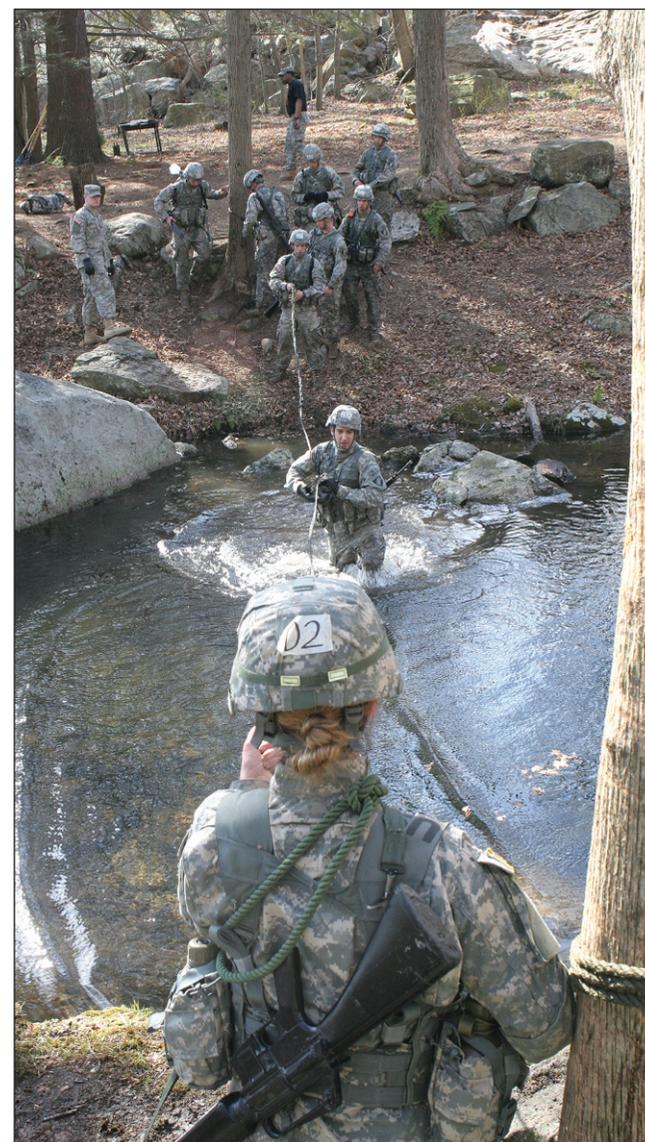
University excelled, winning the orienteering streamer and only missing one checkpoint on what was a demanding course.

In short, this year's Sandhurst marked a successful

transition from a primarily skill-based competition to one aimed at testing the fundamental skills that are required of all young officers—leadership and teamwork coupled with an ability to problem solve and overcome adversity.



Royal Military College of Canada cadets used a strategy of stepping off one another to scale the wall during the Sandhurst competition at Camp Buckner April 18. RMC was later declared the overall victor of the competition.



Company D-2 cadets make a soggy water crossing during the Sandhurst competition at Camp Buckner April 18.

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# Every day is Earth Day for EMD

By Eric S. Bartelt  
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Since 1970, Earth Day has been a recognition of improving the environment and increasing community awareness in its role in maintaining a better Earth.

West Point first celebrated Earth Day in 1995 with events that have centered on the academy's responsibility of being stewards of the lands and committing to the conservation of West Point.

However, for the Environmental Management Division of the Directorate of Public Works at West Point, every day is Earth Day in keeping the academy's reservation as pristine as possible.

The Environmental Management Division encompasses five sections: environmental compliance, natural resources, solid waste management, the Recycling Center and pest control. Those five sections fall under three branches within EMD.

"There are three branches within my division ... I have the environmental engineering branch, which are the compliance guys; the natural resources branch, which is forestry and fish and wildlife as well as pest control, too," Jennifer Butkus, EMD chief, said. "There is also the solid waste management, and they are the folks who run the recycling center and do all the abatements for lead-based paint, asbestos and mold. They are also in charge of the waste contract and oversee the transfer station on Route 293. We also have an agronomist who is in charge of landscape management."

Friday is a big day as West Point will be recertified as a Tree Farm, which is part of the American Tree Farm System that sustains forests and healthy wildlife habitats. West Point also has been recognized as a Tree City USA community by the Arbor Day Foundation for its commitment to community forestry, which is the 12th time West Point has been nationally recognized.

"With Bob Jones (USMA's head agronomist), this is our 12th year for the growth award by Tree City USA within 15 years," Butkus said. "We've been fabulous stewards of the environment probably longer than any other Army post."

Kevin Kirkpatrick, environmental engineer in the compliance department, said West Point was the first forestry program in the Army in 1903. And, even though it has been about conserving trees and wildlife, recycling has been an immense part at keeping the area environmentally friendly to all who inhabit the grounds.

"We recycled 42 percent (of nearly 10,000 tons) of our waste materials last year," Butkus said. "Waste material is classified as paper products, cardboard, cans, plastic bottles, and all those things are recycled. Metals are also recycled

and the furniture that comes out of the barracks, those things are recycled as construction debris."

West Point has been able to do a fine job recycling, but Kirkpatrick said that community members should take note of not throwing garbage into recycle bins because that recycled material will be considered contaminated and will not be processed for recycling.

John Dopler, West Point recycling manager, has done a great job of being proactive with the recycling program. Butkus said through the qualified recycling program, a unique DOD program where Army installations are allowed to sell recyclable materials, that West Point's Family Morale, Welfare and Recreation received about \$35,000 over the past four years.

Dopler's foresight has helped West Point maximize its recycle profits from his purchases of sealand shipping containers, which are used to stockpile recyclable materials until they are sold.

"When the markets are up, they sell the materials at a higher rate ... getting the best value for our dollar," Butkus said. "By doing so, he's doing a fabulous job of generating revenue for the installation. It's a great way to keep (the materials) dry and they are portable—it is very innovative."

West Point has always been a step ahead in keeping with innovation, and that can be seen in central area with the solar trash cans.

The solar trash cans use compactors inside the can to reduce the number of times the trash needs to be picked up. Kirkpatrick said those containers hold five times more waste than the regular containers.

"It's important because (the solar trash cans) are self-contained and water doesn't get in and animals don't get in," Kirkpatrick said. "With water not getting in, the waste is much lighter because water adds weight to waste, so when you pay by the ton for your (waste) transfer fee, it's cheaper because it's dry."

There are several projects that EMD is involved in that are either underway or will soon be underway including the E-85 hydrogen fueling

station to be built at the Old PX area next to the FMWR Fitness Center. That construction starts this summer. The steps toward building the new U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School, where the current motorpool is placed, are currently ongoing.

"With USMAPS coming here and the move of the motorpool, we're making sure they're doing all the LEEDs (leadership in energy and environmental design) with our projects, the major projects, to make sure that they're looking at it," Butkus said. "USMAPS is being built on an old landfill, so that has been a challenge to make sure that when it is fully constructed it will be safe for all occupants and it's done properly. We've been working very closely with the Army Corps of Engineers, who've taken the lead on it."

Another significant program through EMD is the MS4 Program, which is the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System.

The program originated through the rules and regulations imposed by the Environmental Protection Agency and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to address the non-point source of pollutant discharges into the area waterways, which is different than point source discharges from origins such as waste water treatment plants.

"Over the years, as determined through research, there's just as much pollution coming from rain water on the ground and roadways that gets into the storm drains and ends up in the river than comes from a waste water treatment plant—a lot more in terms of volume of water," Mike Aiello, an environmental manager who is in charge of the MS4 Program, said. "Community members should be aware the storm drains go directly to the Hudson River ... and residents need to be cautious to not pour anything in storm drains because it can make it to a stream (among the many at West Point) that reaches the Hudson. This year we will be mapping all the outfall steady streams for our storm drain system."

All these programs that have made West Point a land steward



Bob Jones, management agronomist, helps 5-year-old Mckenzie Daffin water the Japanese lilac tree planted in honor of the 137th annual Arbor Day. The Child Development Center honors the tradition of planting a tree on Arbor Day every year.

PHOTOS BY KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

leader and mindful of conservation are directly attributable to West Point's leadership and their vital role and awareness of the importance of keeping the environment clean.

"Col. (Dan) Bruno (garrison commander) has been extremely supportive of the environmental program. He's always been supportive, inquisitive and interested, and he wants to do great things for West Point and we're grateful for his support," Butkus said. "Our DPW (head) Matt Talaber has also been extremely supportive. He's interested in sustainability and wants to make the new USMAPS campus as platinum as possible, which is green building standards for new construction. He's been very proactive."

While Earth Day passed on Wednesday, the EMD is hopeful that the community continues to be aware that every day is important to keeping West Point green.

"Hopefully, the community keeps aware of what is going on environmentally in their area," Kirkpatrick said. "(They should) stay aware of what is around them and take care in doing their part in the community for the environment as best as possible."

"We have a lot of people who do a lot of great things, but it's a team effort," he added, "and it comes down to the residents from the cadets, professors, Family members and everybody else who works here to do their part to keep West Point the way it is and improve it."



Command Sgt. Maj. Violet McNeirney, garrison senior noncommissioned officer, and Martha Hinote, DPW, give the first prize for the K-2 Poster contest to William Freds at the Earth Day event at the recycling plant April 17.

# West Point WTU, FBI fire it up

Story and photo by  
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Communications

Soldiers from the West Point Warrior Transition Unit and FBI agents traded shots in a day of firearms familiarization and fun at Range 3 April 16.

The warriors-in-transition event was sponsored by West Point Range Control working in partnership with the FBI Firearms Training Unit-West Point, who donated their time and service to conduct the familiarization classes as well as a range competition and barbecue to lift Soldiers' spirits and morale.

"It's an honor for us to give back to them what they've given to us," Special Agent Timothy Latterner, of the FTU-WP, said. "It's the least we can do for them."

Following a safety brief and classes on current FBI weapons systems, Soldiers took turns shooting the Glock 17 9 mm pistol and HK MP5 9 mm submachine gun.

The range was a good opportunity for some of the Soldiers to become reacquainted with firearms after being injured in

combat while serving either in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Sergeant Kevin Harvie, a military police officer and supply sergeant with the 772nd Military Police Company of the Massachusetts National Guard, has been with the West Point WTU for only two weeks.

The week before his arrival, he was injured at Forward Operating Base Delta in Iraq. Layers of medical dressing around his left hand left it completely immobilized during the range.

Still, Harvie was able to handle the weapons and enjoy himself.

"It's actually been a lot easier (handling the weapons) than expected," the Boston native said. "It's actually caused me to miss having fun doing my job as a Soldier."

The Soldiers were presented with FBI hats and T-shirts. Everyone at the range enjoyed the day's events made possible by the efforts of Range Control and the FTU.

"They're volunteering their time to put on this training and have some fun with us," Harvie explained. "It's been awesome. It gets us back into being a Soldier."



Special Agent Mike Sabric (left) of the FBI Firearms Training Unit-West Point shows Spc. Erick Bautista of the West Point Warrior Transition Unit how to operate the HK MP5 9 mm submachine gun during weapon familiarization training at Range 3 April 16.

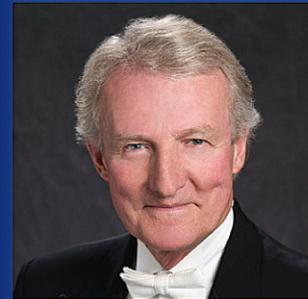


## Celebrating Military Child Month

School Age Services youth have been involved in several activities celebrating the Month of the Military Child to include designing the T-shirts they are wearing. West Point's children created poems and posters about what being a military child means to them. The children created a banner stating why they are every day heroes. On May 1, SAS will have parents come to the facility to present their children with certificates for being every day heroes. The artwork the children made for the MOMC will be displayed at this event.

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 April 30

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## TSP TICKER

**APRIL share prices**  
 (as of 4/20)

C Fund --	- 0.30	( 9.7079)
S Fund --	- 0.38	(11.6604)
I Fund --	- 0.38	(12.7582)

**Solution to Weekly Sudoku**

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5	7	1	3	2	4	8	6	9
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# What's Happening

## Earth Day volksmarch

Volkssport Club of West Point will hold the annual Earth Day volksmarch Saturday.

Registration begins at 10 a.m. at Holiday Inn Express on Route 9W in Fort Montgomery.

The 10-kilometer trail will go through the Fort Montgomery historical battle site into Bear Mountain State Park and Trailside Zoo. An easy walking trail and a difficult one will be available. Sturdy shoes and walking sticks are recommended.

For more information, call 446-4709.

## West Point Strings

The West Point Strings, a string ensemble made up of cadets, under the direction of Ellen Gartner

Phillips, will perform its annual concert at 7 p.m. Saturday at Eisenhower Hall Ballroom.

The concert will feature classical music, but also will include music from a variety of genres.

For more information, contact Yearling Eric Holly at 515-3981 or [eric.holly@usma.edu](mailto:eric.holly@usma.edu) or contact Col. Rod Sturdivant at 938-3322 or [Rodney.Sturdivant@usma.edu](mailto:Rodney.Sturdivant@usma.edu).

## 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 Sunday.

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](mailto:alex.heidenberg@usma.edu).

## Tattoo

The 29th annual Tattoo is scheduled for 11:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Sunday 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. Monday in Thayer Hall, Rm. 144. Singer will be discussing his book "Wired For War," which is about the advent of robotic warfare.

## Book signings

P.W. Singer will be signing copies of his book "Wired For War" from 11 a.m.-noon and 2-4 p.m. Monday at the USMA Bookstore located in the fourth floor of Thayer Hall.

Lily Burana will be signing copies of her book "I Love a Man in Uniform: Memoirs of Love, War and Other Battles" from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesday at the USMA Bookstore. For more information,

call 938-5356.

## Vet Clinic

The West Point Vet Clinic, Bldg. 630, is scheduling routine appointments for Tuesday. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 938-3817.

## Youth football

Registration for the Junior Black Knights' 2009 season is at 5-8 p.m. Wednesday at Highland Falls Middle School and 10 a.m.-noon May 16 at the West Point Youth Center. Football players and cheerleaders ages 5-14 may sign up.

New players must bring a copy of their birth certificate, and all players must provide a 2009 medical consent form or physical.

For more information, including costs to participate, visit [www.jrblackknights.com](http://www.jrblackknights.com) or call Ben Liotta at 558-5406 for football and Linda Green at 446-5615 for cheerleading.

## PTO nominations

West Point Schools Parent Teacher Organization is seeking nominations to fill the 2009-10 executive board positions of president/co-presidents, vice president, secretary, treasurer and school board liaison. Nominees must be a parent/guardian of a West Point Schools student or a West Point Schools faculty member. Nomination deadline is April 30.

To request a form or to make a nomination by phone or e-mail, contact Lisa Lachance at 446-2707 or [lachance6@earthlink.net](mailto:lachance6@earthlink.net).

## Asian Pacific Festival

The eighth annual Asian Pacific Festival hosted by the Asian Pacific Awareness Club is scheduled for 5 p.m. May 1 at Trophy Point.

The festival will include food, dancing and martial arts demonstrations. The entire West Point community is invited to attend.

## Gospel service

The West Point Christian Fellowship Gospel Service will conduct its 2009 Spring Revival at 6 p.m. May 2 and 12:30 p.m. May 3.

For more information, contact Claire Bader or Spc. Jermaine Bradley at 938-2003.

## Charity marathon

The West Point community is invited to participate in the Potomac River Run marathon to raise money for the son of Sgt. Michael Robertson May 3. Robertson was killed in Iraq when his son was only 2 months old. Firstie Daniel Krieger, who served in Iraq in Robertson's squad before coming to the U.S. Military Academy, set up a trust fund for Robertson's son.

For information about how to participate or support the cadet runners, contact Krieger at [daniel.krieger@usma.edu](mailto:daniel.krieger@usma.edu).

## DUSA Gift Shop

The Daughters of the United States Army Gift Shop is hosting a sale. All pieces of the Cat's Meow Village are 25 percent off. The gift shop is located in the West Point Museum.

## BBC LifeWorks events

### "Why my military mom/dad is my hero" essay contest

The essay contest runs through Tuesday to celebrate Month of the Military Child for children grades three-12. The topic is "Why my mom/dad is my Hero."

All entries must be dropped off at 132 Bartlett Loop no later than Tuesday.

### "Portrait of my mom Contest"

To enter the Mother's Day Portrait contest running through May 1, children in grades kindergarten-eighth grade may

submit a color drawing of a portrait of their mom on 6-by-8-inch paper.

All portraits must be dropped off at 132 Bartlett Loop no later than May 1.

One mom will win a gift certificate to Salon on the Hudson at Thayer Hotel.

### Fit Life for Walking

A 10,000 steps a day walking program begins Tuesday morning. Strollers are welcome.

Meet at 132 Bartlett Loop by 10 a.m. Balfour Beatty Communities will provide water bottles.

# FMWR Blurbs

## AER campaign

Army Emergency Relief campaign will continue through May 15.

For more information, contact Amy Weyhrauch at 938-5839 or [amy.weyhrauch@us.army.mil](mailto:amy.weyhrauch@us.army.mil).

## Italian dining

Family-style Italian dining will be offered 6-10 p.m. Friday at the West Point Club.

The meal will include entertainment and dancing. For reservations, call 446-5504.

## Newcomer's Orientation and Welcome

The ACS Relocation Program will host a Newcomer's Orientation and Welcome from 8 a.m.-noon Wednesday.

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.

## Garrison Golf Scramble

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

The scramble is scheduled for May 1. For more information about golfing or the scramble, call 938-2435 or stop by the Pro Shop.

## Month of the Military Child

Child Development Center and School Age Services children are making red, white and blue tissue paper flowers for Military Spouse Appreciation Day and Month of the Military Child luncheon in early May.

A certificate ceremony will be held from 4:30-5:30 p.m. May 1 for children in SAS. Youth Services, Bldg. 500, will have scrapbooking weekly in April to reflect Month of the Military Child.

Children will learn about making music on the computer Friday at CYS. Certificates will be passed out for middle school/teens and frames will be made Friday. An ice cream

social for middle-schoolers/teens is scheduled for May 1 at CYS.

## Spinathon

FMWR Fitness Center is hosting a two-hour Spinathon from 8-10 a.m. May 2.

Bikes are limited and can be reserved by calling 938-6490 or at the center's front desk.

## Fishing Derby

The Kids Fishing Derby at Round Pond Recreation Area is scheduled for 9 a.m.-1 p.m. May 2. The event is open to all anglers ages 5-15 who are residents of West Point, Stewart Air Field, Town of Highlands or children of West Point employees.

A safety clinic is scheduled for 9-9:30 a.m., and lunch is planned for 11 a.m. Registration is recommended. For more information, call 938-2503.

## Dance recital

The West Point CYSSD dance recital will be held at 2 p.m. May 2 in Robinson Auditorium in Thayer Hall. For more information, call 938-8893.

## Defensive driving

The next defensive driving class will take place 6-9 p.m. May 5-6 at ACS, Bldg. 622. To register, call ITR at 938-2401.

## Luncheon

Month of the Military Child luncheon is scheduled for 11 a.m.-2 p.m. May 9 at the Victor Constant Ski Lodge.

There is no charge for Families of deployed Soldiers. Tickets are on sale at the CDC, Bldg. 1207. For more information, call 938-3921.

## Appreciation dinner

Military Spouse Appreciation Dinner a la carte is scheduled for 5-9 p.m. May 8 at the West Point Club. Buy one dinner, get a free dinner of equal or less value. For more information, call 938-5120.

## Mother's Day Brunch

A Mother's Day Brunch is

scheduled for May 10 at the West Point Club.

Two seatings are available—11 a.m. in the Pierce Dining Room and 1 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom.

For reservations, call 938-5120.

## Military Spouse Appreciation Day

Several events around post are taking place to honor Military Spouse Appreciation Day, which is May 8.

A military spouse appreciation event is planned May 2 at the lacrosse game versus Pennsylvania. The West Point Club will be hosting Bunco night in honor of the military spouse May 7.

On May 8, the West Point PX will feature a 5 percent discount off total purchase (maximum of \$50 off) and gift cards will be drawn throughout the day.

The Flower Shop will provide a coupon for \$3 off a flower arrangement worth \$30 or more; the Frame Shop will offer a 10 percent discount off the purchase of a military spouse's plaque; a trade show with the Orange County Tourism Board will be held at the Jewish Chapel; the commissary will be drawing for a free washer and dryer; the West Point Bowling Center will offer discounts to military spouses and their Families; and West Point Golf will offer a free small bucket of golf balls for a military spouse with the purchase of a large bucket.

The West Point Club will offer half-price pizza and free dining for a military spouse with the purchase of another lunch May 8.

A military spouse appreciation dinner is scheduled for 5-9 p.m. May 8 at the West Point Club, and a complimentary dessert will be offered.

## Red Cross training

The American Red Cross of Greater New York and West Point FMWR will be offering three free courses in lifeguarding, cardio-pulmonary resuscitation and automated external defibrillator for

adults and CPR/AED for adults, children and infants for military personnel and their Families.

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

Registration is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information, visit [www.westpointmwr.com](http://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.

## Army Ten-Miler

FMWR will be sending four active-duty Soldiers—one male and one female in the open division and one male and one female ages 40 and older in the master's division—to the Army Ten-Miler Oct. 4 in Washington. FMWR will be using the West Point 10k May 16 as a qualifier for the Army Ten-Miler Team.

Once registered for the West Point 10k, send an e-mail to [sheryle.miller@usma.edu](mailto:sheryle.miller@usma.edu) to be considered for the Army Ten-Miler Team.

For more information, call 938-6497.

## Beginner's running group

FMWR Fitness will have a beginner's running group Monday-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](mailto:everywomanfitness@hotmail.com).

## West Point 5/10k

Registration for the West Point 5/10k continues through May 14. Race day is May 16.

To register online, visit [www.active.com](http://www.active.com) and enter keyword "west point."

For more information, call 938-6497.

## 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.

Completed petitions with the signature of at least one eligible voter must be turned into the superintendent's office by Monday.

For more information, contact Eileen Ellingsen at 938-3506 or [eileen.ellingsen@am.dodea.edu](mailto:eileen.ellingsen@am.dodea.edu).

## Mother's Day contest

The West Point Club's Mother's Day Essay Contest is ongoing. Tell us why your mom is so special and why she should be Mom of the Year.

Send entries along with a picture of your mom to The West Point Club, 603 Cullum Road, West Point, NY 10996 or e-mail to [nancy.amendola@usma.edu](mailto:nancy.amendola@usma.edu).

The winner will be announced May 1 and will receive a day at the spa plus four complimentary Mother's Day brunch tickets.

## Golf championships

The West Point Golf Course will be closed for play Saturday and Sunday to host the NCAA Patriot League Championships.

Matches begin each day at 8 a.m., and spectators are welcome but must walk the course. No golf carts will be issued or rented to spectators on either day of the tournament. For more information, call 938-2435.

# Unsung Beehler part of top seeded puzzle



**Cow Kristin Beehler has teamed with Yearling Anne Houghton for a record of 19-5 this spring as Army's No. 2 doubles team. Beehler is also 12-8 at No. 4 singles for the team this season.**

**Story and photos by  
Eric S. Bartelt  
Assistant Editor**

Winning has a way of being infectious, and for seven straight years the Army women's tennis team has been flu-like on their Patriot League opponents by wearing them down and taking 37 consecutive regular season matches.

The Black Knights (22-8, 5-0 PL) completed another undefeated regular season Sunday by beating Lehigh 6-1 at the Malek Tennis Center here. Army earned their sixth straight No. 1 seed heading into the Patriot League Championships Friday-Sunday at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pa.

Army has won four consecutive PL championships and their drive

for five begins and ends with a strong core of young, budding tennis athletes.

Cow Kristin Beehler epitomizes that youthful group and has been one of the team's solid starters this year earning a 12-8 spring record as the team's No. 4 singles player and a 19-5 spring record (20-5 overall) teamed with Yearling Anne Houghton in No. 2 doubles.

Beehler has been an important cog in the team's winning of 20 of its last 21 matches and had a streak of 18 consecutive victories at one point. She is excited to be a major contributor to the team's success but feels it's the "team" concept that makes them so good.

"Our team has great cohesion, we all get along really well and we're always supporting each other

when the others play ... I think that's one of the reasons we're so successful," Beehler said.

The strongest parts of Beehler's tennis game are volleying and playing the net, and those two skills, she said, are why she meshes so well with her doubles partner.

"My partner Anne (Houghton) and I have great chemistry on the court, and it's important to have that with a doubles partner," Beehler said. "I like to attack and go to the net, and she covers the baseline well.

"She is very consistent with her ground strokes, and she can mix up spins on the ball with a heavy top spin and then a slice," Beehler added. "She (Anne) is very smart when playing tennis. She knows when to go for shots and when to be more conservative."

Head coach Paul Peck likes Beehler's aggressiveness at the net and, coupled with Houghton's aggressiveness from the baseline, makes for a successful pairing.

"Things are clicking between them ... if things aren't going well and one of them has to pick up her game, neither is timid about saying, 'hey, get your you know what together, let's go,'" Peck said. "That is what makes them a good doubles team ... they can pick each other up when they need to and they don't get down on each other—it's a team effort."

Peck explained that Beehler breaks the mold of most female tennis players with her ability to play stoutly without fear at the net. He also said she is one of the team's unsung heroes.

"(Beehler) won a big, critical match against Air Force her freshman year when the match was tied at three," Peck said. "She's played well in the Patriot League championships and she's been an all-conference player every year. While she may not get the fame or notoriety as some on the team, she has been the heart of our lineup and she's been our anchor."

The Portuguese and Spanish major took some time to get going this spring because she spent the fall season in Brazil through the semester abroad program. While she didn't get a chance to play much tennis because of court availability and cost to play, she did have a good time attending their engineering military academy and learning to appreciate being an American.

"It really makes you appreciate what you have because Brazil is kind of like a third-world country (outside the tourist areas) as many people don't have virtually anything," Beehler, who traveled abroad with Firstie and injured teammate Brooke Jones, said. "There are kids who don't have shoes; there are neighborhoods that don't have clean sewage (systems). That's when you appreciate what you have in the United States."

Beehler will admit she had a rocky start because of the Brazilian trip, but she's always had a propensity to adjust quickly and get into a rhythm. Much of her ability to pick up the game quickly came because she didn't start playing until she was 12 years old.

Her parents, John (baseball) and Pamela (basketball and softball), played their respective sports at Penn State University, and she was brought up to play softball until it got old in her mind.

"I played softball until I was 11, and I would play everyday, and my mom was one of my coaches," Beehler said. "Then I just got really burnt out and got tired of it. I had a coach who was so negative that I got sick of it, so I decided to go to tennis because of the eye-hand coordination aspect. My mom was heartbroken when I quit softball because that was one of her passions, but I really loved tennis and I worked really hard at it ... in the end, I think it turned out for the best."

And it sure did turn out great for Beehler, who otherwise wouldn't have been able to experience exhilarating moments such as last year's PL championship where Army came back from a 3-1 deficit to defeat Bucknell 4-3 to win another championship.

"It was an exciting day and exciting for us to go the NCAA Tournament again," the Wichita, Kan., native said. "I won my singles match, and I played doubles with (Firstie) Sarah Giles-Madden. Although we lost the doubles point ... it was a nerve-racking match when Sarah was on the court for the very last match and had to win in three sets. I remember all of us jumping up and down afterward—it was a great moment."

This year's team is just as deep as last year's squad and has a good chance to experience the same outcome this weekend.

Even with their great record, the season has had a few bumps with Beehler and Cow Paige Ford taking time to get their games back after their semesters abroad and Yearling No. 5/6 singles starter Caitlin Finnegan recovering from

an injury that had her miss the entire fall season.

But, through everything they faced, the team was steady and helped by the solid play of Houghton, Yearling Michael Tolleson and Firstie Niki Flach. Flach, Peck said of the No. 1 doubles and No. 2 singles player, has been the best surprise this year after having gone through a rough season a year ago.

"Niki (Flach) has had a nice resurgence this year. Niki had some things she had to deal with last year, and she's grown as a person and is playing more mature(ly)," Peck said. "She's more focused this year, and it's good to see her come back to form."

"She's playing great right now and has been a big part of our ability to do well," he added. "She's being a good teammate and a positive influence who's helping everyone else out."

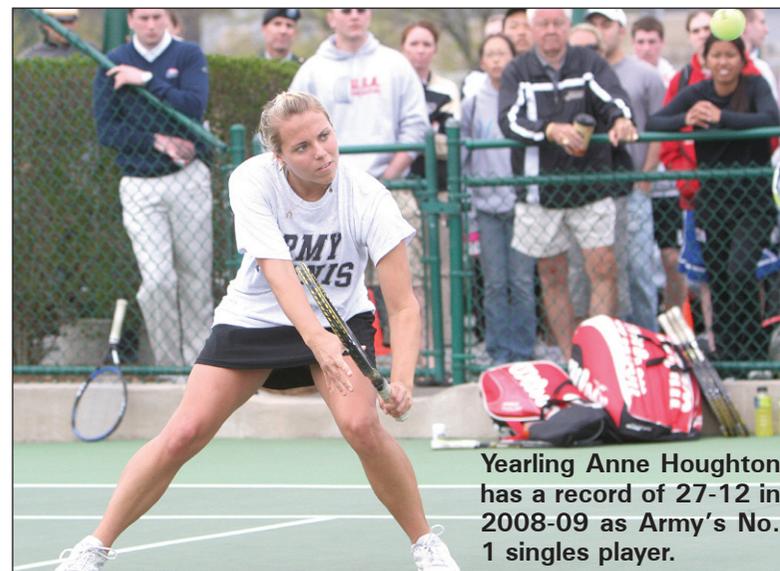
Chances are good that they'll need everyone, including Flach, on the top of their game this weekend to earn their fifth straight PL championship. Army eliminated Bucknell in each of the last four championships, and it's a good bet that both schools will meet again in this year's championship match.

Peck believes Bucknell is really hungry to defeat Army and that their 5-2 win a couple weeks ago was closer than the score appeared. He knows his team has to execute everything they've been working on to win against its familiar opponent.

However, the one good thing Peck has going for him is that his players are just as hungry to win again and, to this year's squad, winning never gets repetitive.

"It would mean a lot (to win five straight titles) because we all take pride in our team, and we're all very committed to the team," Beehler said. "We practice and train really hard on the court, and off the court in the weight room and doing sprints ... all the hard work shows in how well we've been playing."

"It shows how important hard work is, and we're hoping we'll win again this year," she added, "and I think it's looking good because we've all been playing well."



**Yearling Anne Houghton has a record of 27-12 in 2008-09 as Army's No. 1 singles player.**

# Army sweeps Lehigh, shares first place in PL

By Bob Beretta  
Athletic Communications

BETHLEHEM, Pa.—Firstie third baseman J.P. Polchinski doubled and tripled and Yearling pitcher Ben Koenigsfeld fired a complete-game victory in the first game and Polchinski, Yearling shortstop Clint Moore and Yearling pitcher/designated hitter Joey Henshaw blasted home runs to lead a 21-hit attack in the nightcap as Army retained a share of first place in the Patriot League standings by sweeping a doubleheader from Lehigh Sunday at Goodman Campus Field.

The Black Knights completed their four-game weekend sweep of the Mountain Hawks, winning by the scores of 5-2 and 21-8. With the wins, Army inched closer to clinching a berth in next month's Patriot League Tournament and remained tied with Bucknell for first place atop the conference standings.

In the first game, Army scored single runs in three of the first four innings against Lehigh starter Kevin Mihalik to open a 3-0 lead after three innings. Moore started Army's offense quickly, smacking a two-out double down the left-field line in the bottom of the first. He scored on Henshaw's sharp single to center field for an early 1-0 Black Knight lead.

Army added a run in the second when Polchinski blasted a one-out triple off the base of the wall in left-center field and scored on Yearling left fielder David Darnell's single up the middle. Polchinski's RBI double to straightaway center field in the fourth drove home Yearling first baseman Kevin McKague to stake Koenigsfeld to a 3-0 lead.

Lehigh answered with two runs in the bottom of the fourth on a leadoff single by Geoff Campbell, an RBI double by Andy Russell and

a run-scoring single to center field by Billy Goldman. But Koenigsfeld (5-3) stiffened from there, retiring the final nine batters in order to close out the seven-inning victory. He struck out four and walked one, permitting only five base hits (four singles, one double) in the game. He allowed just two Lehigh baserunners to reach scoring position, both of whom scored.

Polchinski went 2-for-3 with one run scored and one run batted in, while Henshaw, the Patriot League's leading batter with a .413 average entering the day, collected two hits in four at-bats.

The Black Knights (20-16 overall, 10-6 PL) wasted little time routing Lehigh in the nightcap, plating four runs in both the first and second innings, and five runs in both the third and fourth frames to open an insurmountable 18-0 lead.

Army received bases-clearing, three-run doubles from McKague and Moore in the second and third innings, respectively, then got home runs from Moore, Henshaw and Polchinski in cruising to the win. The Black Knights carried a 21-0 cushion into the bottom of the ninth inning before Lehigh scored all eight of its runs against McKague in its final plate appearance. The Mountain Hawks benefitted from three hits, five walks and a pair of Army fielding errors and registered six unearned runs in the frame.

Henshaw (1-0) allowed just one hit over six shutout innings to earn the victory in his first start of the season. He struck out four and walked three. The sophomore left-hander helped his own cause at the plate, slamming a three-run home run in the fourth. He finished with three hits and five runs batted in to lead Army's 21-hit onslaught.

McKague went 3-for-6 with three runs scored and three runs batted in, while Koenigsfeld collected three hits in four plate appearances for the



Yearling pitcher/left fielder Ben Koenigsfeld pitched a complete-game victory in game one of a doubleheader Sunday at Lehigh. In the nightcap, Koenigsfeld got three hits during Army's 21-8 onslaught of the Mountain Hawks.

ERIC S. BARTELT/PV

Black Knights, who have won nine of their last 10 conference tilts and 10 of 13 games overall. Polchinski, who homered, doubled and went 3-for-6 in the second game, finished the day 5-for-9 with two runs scored and three RBI.

"It was a great weekend for our ball club," Army head coach Joe Sottolano said. "I'm very proud of our guys. J.P. Polchinski was very steady all weekend. One of the biggest keys to our weekend was our starting pitching. We received

four quality starts and that led to our success.

"This team is very fun to watch. We played all three aspects of the game very well all weekend long."

With Army's four-game sweep of Lehigh this weekend, the Black Knights vaulted from third place into a tie with Bucknell (10-6) for first place atop the Patriot League standings. Holy Cross (8-6) swept a doubleheader from Lafayette Sunday to move into sole possession of third place, followed by Lafayette

(8-8) in fourth. Navy (7-9), which dropped two games to Bucknell Sunday, fell to fifth place with Lehigh (3-11) holding down sixth.

The top four teams in the final regular-season standings qualify for the Patriot League Tournament next month, with the winner of the tourney gaining an automatic berth in the NCAA Regionals.

Army will conclude its regular season Patriot League schedule with a four-game series at Lafayette Saturday and Sunday.

## West Point Division I teams honored by NCAA

The West Point men's basketball, women's basketball and women's volleyball teams were honored by the NCAA Wednesday with public recognition awards for their latest multi-year Academic Progress Rate scores for Division I sports for 2008-09.

There were 205 institutions out of 331 Division I colleges and universities with at least one team on the top APR list. The 767 teams recognized represent 8.5 percent of the approximately 6,484 Division I teams and include 448 women's teams and 319 men's or mixed squads. These teams posted multi-year APR scores in the Top 10 percent of all squads in their respective sports. The public recognition awards are part of the broad Division I academic reform effort.

The APR provides a real-time look at a team's academic success each semester by tracking the academic progress of each student-athlete. The APR includes eligibility, retention and graduation in the calculation.

High-performing teams receiving awards posted APR scores ranging from 965 to a perfect 1,000, NCAA President Myles Brand said.

## U.S. Military Academy receives NCAA Division I certification

The U.S. Military Academy, after a year-long, campus-wide study of its athletics program as part of the NCAA Division I athletics certification program, has received its second 10-year certification in a letter from the NCAA dated April 10. Thirty-four other schools also were certified by the NCAA Division I Committee on Athletics Certification.

# Sports calendar

## April 23-May 10

### Corps

FRIDAY-SUNDAY -- WOMEN'S TENNIS, PATRIOT LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS @ BUCKNELL, LEWISBURG, PA., TBA.

SATURDAY -- SOFTBALL VS. BUCKNELL (DH), ARMY SOFTBALL COMPLEX, 1 P.M.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY -- GOLF, PATRIOT LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS, WEST POINT GOLF COURSE, TBA.

SUNDAY -- SOFTBALL VS. BUCKNELL (DH), ARMY SOFTBALL COMPLEX, 1 P.M.

WEDNESDAY -- BASEBALL VS. MARIST, 4TH ANNUAL WPDH HUDSON VALLEY BASEBALL CLASSIC, FISHKILL, DUTCHESS STADIUM, 7 P.M.

MAY 1-2 -- TRACK & FIELD (MEN AND WOMEN), PATRIOT LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS, SHEA STADIUM, TBA.

MAY 2 -- LACROSSE VS. PENNSYLVANIA, MICHIE STADIUM, NOON.

MAY 2 -- BASEBALL VS. NJIT (DH), DOUBLEDAY FIELD, NOON.

MAY 3 -- BASEBALL VS. NJIT,

DOUBLEDAY FIELD, 1 P.M.

MAY 6 -- BASEBALL VS. NEW YORK TECH, DOUBLEDAY FIELD, 3:30 P.M.

MAY 7-10 -- SOFTBALL, PATRIOT LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS, TBA.

MAY 9-10 -- BASEBALL, PATRIOT LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS, TBA.

### Club

SUNDAY -- SAILING TEAM, ARMY 2-ON-2 TEAM RACE VS. SEVEN SCHOOLS INCLUDING RMC, COLUMBIA AND COLGATE, SOUTH DOCK, 9 A.M.

## CLUB RESULTS

• **Women's Lacrosse:** Army travelled to Kingston, R.I., to play in the East Coast Women's Lacrosse Association tournament.

Army took the first game April 18 as they defeated The College of New Jersey 12-4.

They returned to action later in the day and lost to a very strong team from West Chester University, 11-4.

On Sunday morning, Army played its finest game of the year against Penn State. The game was exciting wire-to-wire action with many lead changes and neither team leading by more than two goals at any point until overtime.

At the end of regulation, the game was tied 7-7. In overtime, Penn State took over the game and came away with the victory, 10-8.

Nevertheless, it was a well-played game and a fine end to a season that Army finished 6-4 overall.

Standouts throughout the weekend were Yearlings Kyra Barone and Tara Roberts and Plebe Hannah Johnson, who bode well for the team's future.

• **Triathlon:** The Lone Star State attracted the top collegiate athletes April 18 for the USA Triathlon Collegiate National Championship.

The athletes battled chilly early conditions and a challenging bike course at Buffalo Springs Lake near

Lubbock, Texas.

A cool start to the day (38 degrees) gave way to sunny skies and dry, warm air with temperatures rising into the low 70s.

The Olympic distance triathlon consisted of a 1,500-meter swim, 40-kilometer bike and 10-kilometer run.

Led by Cow Ashley Morgan, the women's team finished fifth among 40 female teams. With a finishing time of two hours, 19 minutes and two seconds, Morgan placed second to the University of Colorado-Boulder's Jessica Broderick by fewer than 30 seconds.

Her outstanding performance was complemented by Firsties Randi Wintermantel and Kari Vahle, who finished 13th and 25th place, respectively. There were a total of 313 female participants.

On the men's side, Firstie team captain Nick Vandam led the men's team to an overall third-place finish out of 64 male teams. His overall time of 2:02:02 earned him a fourth-place finish, fewer than 50 seconds behind the overall winner.

Firstie Nicholas Sterghos and Cow Bryan Lagasse finished eighth and 31st, respectively, out of 423 male participants.

Morgan and Vandam led Army to an overall fourth-place team finish.



## Orienteering team hosted A-Meet

Firstie Michelle Alderson provides maps to competitors at Redoubt 4 during the 30th annual West Point Orienteering A-Meet Saturday. The West Point Orienteering Team, who won the U.S. Intercollegiate Orienteering Championships for the seventh straight year in March, hosted the event. More than 500 competitors took part in the event, including 200 high-school-aged competitors who took part in the U.S. Interscholastic Orienteering Championships.

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## Free volleyball clinic May 3 for ages 8-16

The Army volleyball program will hold a free instructional clinic May 3 at Gillis Field House for players ages 8-16. Reigning Patriot League Coach of the Year Alma Kovaci will lead the event, along with assistant coaches Jeremy Sands and Julie Chester. Participants with a variety of skill levels will have the opportunity to learn volleyball basics, improve existing skills and gain exposure in a highly successful collegiate environment.

The clinic will be split into two sessions starting with beginners/intermediate from 12:30-2 p.m. A second instructional session for players at an advanced level will follow from 2-3:30 p.m.

To register for the free clinic, e-mail Director of Marketing Elle Nichols at [ellen.nichols@usma.edu](mailto:ellen.nichols@usma.edu) or call 938-2294. Walk-up registration also will be accepted on the day of the clinic.



## Gunk climbing

Yearling James Whitler climbs up a cliff system at the Shawangunk Mountains in New Paltz Sunday. Cow Steve Sollee, Yearling Matt Mitchell and Plebe Matt Longar spot Whitler from the ground as he climbs. Twenty-seven cadets practiced bouldering and traditional rope climbing skills throughout the day.

COURTESY PHOTO

## FREE BASEBALL CLINIC

FEATURING PLAYERS AND COACHES

FROM ARMY AND MARIST

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

DUTCHESS STADIUM, FISHKILL, N.Y.

REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 3:40 P.M.

CLINIC BEGINS PROMPTLY AT 4 P.M.

ARMY AND MARIST PLAY AT 7 P.M.

- The first 150 individuals to pre-register for the clinic will receive a commemorative WPDH Hudson Valley Baseball Classic t-shirt
- Clinic will run for 50 minutes and is for boys and girls ages 8-18
- Each registrant will receive a voucher for a free ticket to a Hudson Valley Renegades game
- Players and coaches will emphasize throwing and catching, hitting, base running and defense
- For the second year, four children who pre-register for the clinic will be chosen at random to participate in on-field, in-game activities. Children must be pre-registered to be eligible. Winners will be notified during the clinic.



\*REGISTRATION\*

Athletes can pre-register at Army's official athletic web site ([www.goARMYsports.com](http://www.goARMYsports.com)) or Marist's official athletic web site ([www.GoRedFoxes.com](http://www.GoRedFoxes.com)). For more information, call the Army Athletic Communications Office at (845) 938-3303 or the Marist Sports Information Office at (845) 575-3321.

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