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New cadets are training in a variety of Soldier skills



New cadets continue learning their Soldier skills while training at the Leader Reaction Course July 30. As a squad, they were given a situation and “equipment” (e.g. — a ladder and rope) and worked as a team to successfully cross an obstacle and affect an escape. This was one of 12 tasks they completed, using teamwork and planning, plus any skills they have learned, to accomplish their mission. Cadet Basic Training continues through this week and culminates in the Marchback from Lake Frederick Monday. The cadets, accompanied by about 180 members of the Long Gray Line, will begin marching through Washington Gate about 11:45 a.m., following Washington Road down to the reviewing stand in front of Quarters 100 and end up on the apron in front of the Mess Hall to regroup and continue the rest of their training.

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West Point gets RCI Resident Survey results **INSIDE**

By Eileen Kaczkin
RCI Community Relations Specialist

Preliminary results have been received from the recent Residential Communities Initiative Resident Survey. Thirty-three percent (275 of 829 possible respondent surveys) were completed.

Garrison Commander Col. Dan Bruno and the RCI staff extend their thanks to the community for participating.

Community feedback is important and will serve as a baseline for improving resident programs and services. Early results show that respondents generally are not pleased with the RCI program. Satisfaction was assessed using 14 factors.

The goal set by the Department of the Army as a mean satisfaction rating is three-and-a-half on a five-point scale for each factor. West Point’s results met or exceeded the three-and-a-half point goal in only three of the 14 factors.

The majority of respondents said they

were satisfied or very satisfied in the following areas—safety and security, maintenance service requests (e.g.—courtesy of maintenance staff, professional appearance of maintenance staff and clean up after repairs) and housing services (e.g.—refuse services, recycling, pest control, snow removal and lawn care) while they were dissatisfied with their housing unit’s attributes, housing assignment, housing community and policies.

Some of this information may or may not reflect the entire community’s feelings, since approximately two-thirds of the residents did not complete the survey, according to Mike Colacicco, RCI manager.

“Since only about one-third of the possible respondents completed the survey, we are not sure that the other two-thirds of the residents have the same issues,” Colacicco said.

“This survey is done annually to allow residents to tell RCI what is being done right and wrong in the housing process. Next year, RCI asks all potential respondents to get involved and complete the survey, so the

entire West Point residential community is heard from,” he continued.

After West Point receives the final results in late August and they are analyzed, Balfour Beatty Communities, with assistance from the RCI Office, will develop action plans to improve resident satisfaction in key areas to address the most critical deficiencies.

The action plans will be published in the Pointer View with an update about the final survey findings.

Bruno meets regularly with BBC and they have been working on many of the issues raised by the survey.

“I meet monthly with BBC to discuss issues. We’ve been working to resolve many of the issues identified in the survey with our focus on improved communications, responsiveness and follow-up,” Bruno said. “The entire team is committed to significant improvement. When action plans are finalized, they will be added to the agenda of this meeting.”

For more information, contact Colacicco



See **SINISE & LT. DAN BAND**, page 4 at the RCI Office at 938-5948 or Kaczkin at the RCI Housing Services Office at 938-2500.

ALERT: Washington Gate and Washington Road will be shut down to traffic between 11:45 a.m.-12:20 p.m. Monday for Marchback. Those traveling by car should plan accordingly to use Thayer or Stony Lonesome gates, and use another route for driving on post.

Microsoft SharePoint facilitates Knowledge Management

By Heather Sapp
G-3 Chief of Training

Knowledge Management has come to the forefront in the Army today. With the high turnover and nonstop operational tempo, knowledge is a commodity that must be shared. The traditional "continuity file" battle hand over and/or job overlap are more important than ever.

Applying one of the 12 principles of Knowledge Management is a great way for capturing this activity. These principles can be found at <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/doc/15492498>. Knowledge sharing is about procedures and methods, and with today's technology, the methods are a bit easier.

Enter Microsoft SharePoint. For more than a year now, various organizations have been using SharePoint. What is SharePoint? According to Microsoft, it is "an integrated suite of server capabilities that can help improve organizational effectiveness by providing comprehensive content management and enterprise search, accelerating shared business processes, and facilitating information-sharing across boundaries for better business insight."

What does that mean for West Point? It boils down to a server-based database that allows for a similar situation as public folders and enterprise storage, but with much more versatility.

People control the permissions to their folders and files and use a Web browser interface, and that data can be accessed anywhere on West Point. For those that like to continue using folders and calendars in Microsoft Outlook, it also can connect to Outlook just like the public folders, but unlike public folders, it is searchable.

SharePoint allows for collaboration on documents and files across the installation, tracking updates and versions while preventing the common problem of multiple versions of a single document circulating at once.

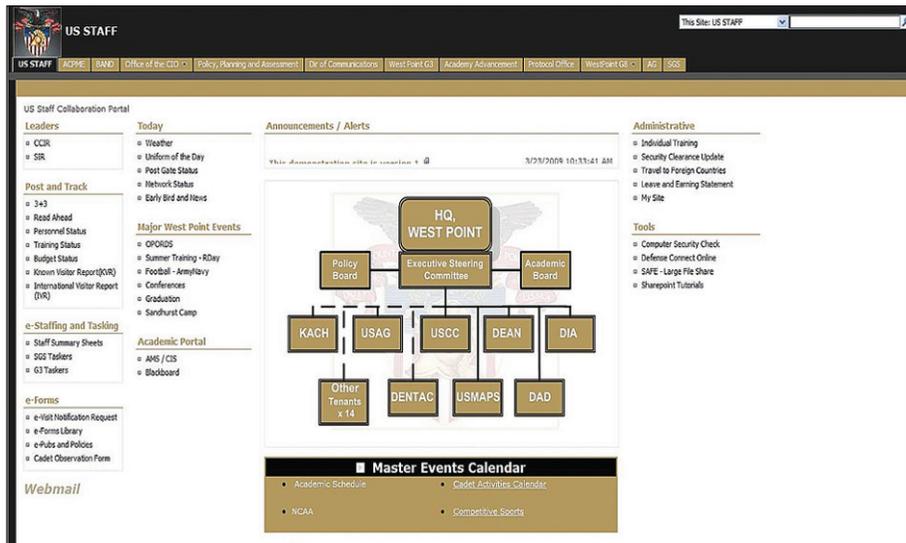
It can also automate workflows, allowing for faster processes, better tracking capability and reducing the extensive use of paper. This all comes together to prevent the endless hunt for the paperwork that was "sent out." The functionality is already being used to facilitate workflows and collaboration throughout the installation.

The West Point Knowledge Management Office is working diligently to create the SharePoint backbone that will join all West

Point offices and support the West Point community. It is an arduous process, but it will surely be a lifesaver in these fast-moving times.

For those on an official network that would like to see what is currently in use, go to <http://usma-portal/collab/usstaff/default.aspx> and take a look.

Check out the snapshot below of what is to come:



2009 Orientation of Newly Assigned Personnel Schedule of Events

Tuesday 3 p.m.	Superintendent's Newcomer Reception	Grand Ballroom, West Point Club
3:40-5 p.m.	Quarters 100 Tours	Quarters 100

SHARP

The members of the Sexual Harrassment/Assault Response and Prevention program are Maj. Maria Burger (USMA/USCC), Shelley Ariosto (Garrison), Dan Toohey (Victim Advocate), Lt. Col. Kim Kawamoto (ODIA) and Bernadette Orland (Dean).

Community members can e-mail Burger at Maria.Burger@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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Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

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.

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Difficulty: Easy

CAC readers working for some

Major Andy Pannier, instructor in the Chemistry Dept., places his common access card in the CAC reader for the Thayer Roof parking lot Monday, which was the first day the new force protection readers were in use. Military Police Sgt. Samuel Vass ensures the card is correctly placed. The MPs will continue to act as back up until all safety concerns are reduced or eliminated during use of this security measure, Chris Shaw, Directorate of Emergency Services safety officer, said.

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West Point goes green with an array of vehicles

Story and photos submitted by
The Directorate of Logistics

The U.S. Army Garrison at West Point has added more green technology to the Directorate of Logistics fleet—a low-speed electric vehicle. While other organizations at West Point purchased LSEVs for use around post at least six years ago, DOL will field nine more LSEVs since they are now available from U.S. General Services Administration.

The transportation motor pool here has been on the list to lease LSEVs from GSA since last spring. These nine new vehicles will replace the fossil fuel vehicles of some of the major activities on post. LSEVs provide a combination punch of no fossil fuel and no emissions.



Low-speed electric vehicles are becoming a common sight all over West Point. Some vehicles have two doors, some have four and some have none. The Directorate of Logistics is now adding them to their GSA-leased vehicle fleet.

As a leader in implementing national energy strategies to reduce reliance on fossil fuels and reducing emissions, West Point has several diverse strategies that will move forward the implementation of these greening initiatives and are a part of a larger plan by the Army to focus on energy security.

Three hybrid sedans are being leased by DOL from GSA. These electric- and gasoline-powered cars help to improve the fuel economy and are noiseless.

Carolyn Roper, DOL quality assurance specialist, was not very interested in getting a hybrid car.

However, after driving one of the hybrid cars here, she said, “I’ve changed my mind about these cars. I’m actually

considering purchasing one the next time I get a new car.”

When turning the key in the ignition, it feels like nothing happens. The only indication that the car is ready to go is a little car symbol on the dashboard that turns green. Also on the dashboard, green leaves will grow and multiply, as the fuel efficiency gets better (e.g.—in electric mode).

The transition to gas power is smooth and without hesitation. West Point plans to acquire more hybrid vehicles as they become available through GSA. Each acquisition will result in the displacement of another fossil fuel dependent vehicle.

In West Point’s current fleet, 70 vehicles are flex-fuel vehicles. This means they use unleaded gas or ethanol gas. Typically, ethanol gas comes in the form of 85 percent ethanol and 15 percent gasoline called E85. American vehicle manufacturers are increasing the percentage of flex-fuel vehicles produced and GSA is offering more options for all classes of vehicles.

While the dual-fuel option exists, the West Point policy is to restrict use of fossil fuel and all 70 GSA-leased vehicles will eventually use E85 exclusively, as soon as the two E85 dispensing points are completed, which should be in the next few months. DOL will continue to replace older and less efficient vehicles with the latest, most economic vehicles in terms of fuel efficiency and lower emissions.



West Point has three hybrid sedans that help improve fuel economy and are noiseless. There are 70 flex-fuel vehicles on post that use E85. Two fuel points for these vehicles are in the works.



Two hydrogen fuel cell vehicles are being tested by West Point to determine their viability as new green vehicles that can eventually be added to the vehicle inventory.

Since E85 is the most renewable fuel available and made from U.S. grown agricultural products, like corn, DOL director John Mandia is glad that West Point can help with this green initiative and looks forward to the completion of the two fuel points.

“We had to determine where to place the two fuel sites so that they are accessible to those using GSA leased or government-owned E85 vehicles. That has taken some planning, especially since the motor pool will be moving to a new location in the foreseeable future,” Mandia said. “But that issue is resolved and soon we’ll have two locations where government vehicles can get E85.”

On the cutting edge of research in the green movement, General Motors, the U.S. Army Tank-Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center and West Point have partnered in testing hydrogen fuel cell technologies.

DOL is assisting by providing feedback in exchange for operating two hydrogen fuel cell vehicles. The power plant in this vehicle converts chemical energy to mechanical energy by reacting hydrogen and oxygen, which creates water and electricity. Electricity is used to operate the car and water is the only emission by-product.

The environmental impact is significantly less than fossil fuel vehicles. GM is also funding a hydrogen fueling station at K Lot for the duration of the test.

All of these strategies are currently underway and are upholding the long tradition of West Point leading the way.

West Point, Gary Sinise and Lt. Dan Band rock Ike Hall

By Sgt. Vincent Fusco
Directorate of Communications

Energy filled the air of Eisenhower Hall Theatre as the sounds of orchestral and rock music rocked the auditorium at the West Point Band's Year of the NCO Concert celebration with actor Gary Sinise and the Lt. Dan Band Sunday.

The West Point community packed the seats for an inspiring and raucous night of music and patriotism to celebrate the U.S. Army's Noncommissioned Officer Corps.

"I am humbled but proud to stand here tonight as but one representative of the Corps of Noncommissioned Officers," USMA Command Sgt. Maj. Martin Wells said during his introduction. "The U.S. Military Academy Band is ... manned by noncommissioned officers who have honed their craft ... to the highest levels of proficiency and expertise."

The West Point Band performed first, and filled the auditorium with the grand arrangements of "The Boys of the Old Brigade," "Fantasy on Army Strong," and "Shenandoah—Ragged Old Flag," an epic piece with a spoken-word performance by Sinise, star of the CBS TV show "CSI: N.Y."

After their performance and a brief intermission, the lights dimmed and the Lt. Dan Band, with Sinise on bass, started its set with the hypnotic organ introduction to The Who's "Baba O'Riley," which is also the theme music to "CSI: N.Y."

From that point forward, the band, named after Sinise's character in "Forrest Gump," carried the show through the night, covering everything from Led Zeppelin to Aretha Franklin and Evanescence to The Police.

Sinise, actor, director and strong military supporter, co-founded the band with guitarist Kimo Williams, who is a Vietnam War Veteran. Williams briefly shared a humorous military experience with the audience during the show.

"(My leaders) told me, 'you can take your M16 and take your guitar to the frontlines and, depending on what's happening, pick up one or the other.' So one time I got to pick up the guitar and I used to play this tune," Williams said before he and the band launched into Jimi Hendrix' "Purple Haze."

In addition to cover songs, the band also accompanied vocalist Gina Gonzalez on her original song, "A Letter Home," a poignant dedication to U.S. troops and their service.

Earlier in the day, West Point Band Command Sgt. Maj. Cal Christensen, Wells and a number of others took the Sinise Family on a tour of the academy, during which Sinise revealed his Family's profound connection with West Point.

His brother-in-law is the late Lt. Col. Boyd McCanna Harris, a Class of 1966 graduate, who served in the Vietnam War and as an academy instructor before he passed away from cancer in 1983, Wells said. Harris is known for writing the "Be, Know and Do" tenets of current NCO doctrine.

Sinise had named his son and his "CSI: N.Y." character "Mac" as a tribute to Harris.



Actor and bassist Gary Sinise helps a "CSI: N.Y." fan exit the stage after the Lt. Dan Band's jam of the Labelle hit, "Lady Marmalade" in the Year of the NCO Concert Celebration at Eisenhower Hall Sunday.

SGT. VINCENT FUSCO/DCOMM

On this, his first visit to West Point, Sinise and his Family saw the picture and plaque placed in Harris' honor in Thayer Hall, an experience he shared with the audience that night.

"To see that picture, after 25 years, was a real knockout," Sinise said. "It is an honor to be able to be here and play for these cadets, these Families and people around this area, and pay a little bit of tribute for these brave people who are signing up to defend freedom."

At the end of the evening, Wells and Christensen presented Sinise with a Year of the NCO gift—a framed concert playbill with coins from the five command sergeants major on West Point.

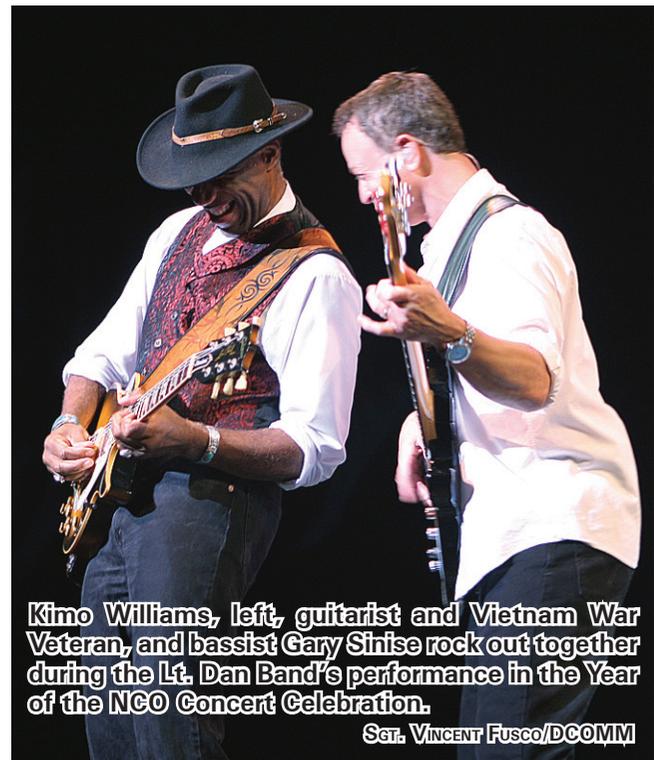
Sinise thanked the West Point Band and community for giving him, his Family and band the opportunity to visit West Point, and said he would like to return to perform again. He also made time to meet with Veterans and wounded Soldiers one-on-one after the show.

"I have some friends and some wounded warriors here, and we can't ever, ever forget the sacrifices they made for us," Sinise said. "It's always an honor to be able to play for them and be with them, and (I hope they) had a good time."



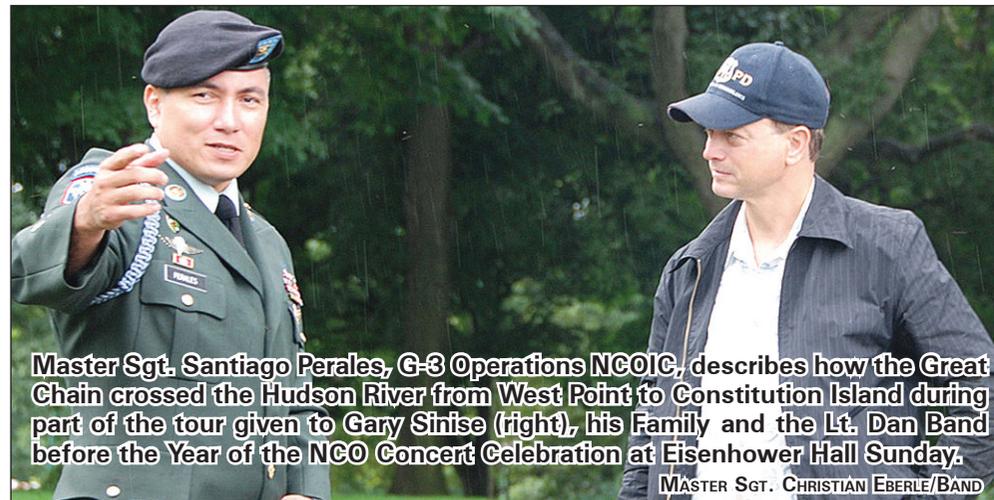
Cow Griffin Strader of Company G-1 joins Rebecca Wolfe onstage as she serenades him with the Aretha Franklin hit "A Natural Woman" during the Lt. Dan Band's performance in the Year of the NCO Concert Celebration.

SGT. VINCENT FUSCO/DCOMM



Kimo Williams, left, guitarist and Vietnam War Veteran, and bassist Gary Sinise rock out together during the Lt. Dan Band's performance in the Year of the NCO Concert Celebration.

SGT. VINCENT FUSCO/DCOMM



Master Sgt. Santiago Perales, G-3 Operations NCOIC, describes how the Great Chain crossed the Hudson River from West Point to Constitution Island during part of the tour given to Gary Sinise (right), his Family and the Lt. Dan Band before the Year of the NCO Concert Celebration at Eisenhower Hall Sunday.

MASTER SGT. CHRISTIAN EBERLE/BAND

One stop shop for newcomers at fair

Story and photos by
Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

Nearly 450 new and old community members attended the 17th annual Community and Wellness Fair at Eisenhower Hall July 29.

The fair, sponsored by the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation and Army Community Service, offered a venue for new personnel and their Families to gather information about the availability of services, organizations and businesses within West Point and the surrounding communities.

There were 125 vendors from Highland Falls, West Point and Fort Montgomery displaying their wares and services.

Among the vendors were Smitty's Hair Creation, a full-service beauty shop in Highland Falls, which offered free massages, and Carol Johnson, community member and spokesperson for the Women's Tennis League, who signed people up to join the tennis league.

"As a relocation professional, I know that one of the most difficult aspects of any permanent change of station is in making connections at a new duty station," Ciara Luna, ACS Relocation Readiness Program Manager, said. "The leadership at West Point recognizes how important getting to know a new community is to readiness and overall success. That says a lot about

their commitment in taking care of Soldiers, civilians and Families."

The volunteers from FMWR and ACS were asked to provide a 'WOW' factor for this year's fair—something they were successful in achieving.

"We expanded the fair to include a children's recreation area and provided paid child care this year," Luna said.

The children's recreation area, which was located in Crest Hall, provided a bouncy house, a live miniature horse and bowling with plastic balls and pins.

Sesame Street character Elmo made an appearance along with mascots Striker, a very large walking bowling pin representing Army bowling, the D.A.R.E. lion and Patches the fire dog. All their public appearances delighted children and adults alike.

Major Chad DeBos, education officer at the Simon Center for Professional Military Ethic, who arrived at West Point six months ago from Charlottesville, Va., where he was attending graduate school, said he was very impressed with all of the information available at the fair.

"I haven't experienced this in 14 years," he said. "It's absolutely incredible. My wife Jody is talking to people about home schooling here."

West Point Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Violet McNeirney was also impressed with this year's fair and thought it was an 'awesome' event.



New this year at the annual community fair was a lot of activities for children. Bowling, a bouncy house, a diminutive horse and funny-looking mascots kept the children occupied while their parents gathered information about West Point. In this photo, Mackenzie Kirlaw (orange shirt) and his sister, Madison, are playing with Patches the fire dog.

"The fair was great all around and well received by newcomers and old timers," she said. "It provided such a great introduction and insight into the wonderful community of West

Point and all who work to make it so. As I mingled, I saw smiles and enjoyment, warm greetings, information and knowledge exchanges, lots of food and the

children at play. The children's activities hit a home run—they were excited and enjoyed themselves immensely, which allowed parents to relax and mingle more."



Some interesting characters joined the community fair July 29 at Eisenhower Hall. The DeBos Family (above)—Maj. Chad DeBos, Cody and Hannah—talk to Striker, a mascot bowling pin for Army Bowling, about the bowling facilities at West Point. Other mascots included Elmo, Primo, Patches the fire dog and the D.A.R.E. Lion.

Blackhorse Regiment welcomed future leaders

By Sgt. Giancarlo Casem
DVIDS

FORT IRWIN, Calif.—West Point cadets received a glimpse into their future during an on-the-job training program at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif., in July.

The U.S. Military Academy's Cadet Troop Leader Training program gave seven cadets from the academy a chance to attend a three-week hands-on instructional block of training at the National Training Center.

The training program at NTC afforded the cadets to experience active Army garrison life. More importantly, during a recent rotation, the cadets were able to get a taste of life in a forward-deployed combat environment.

"This is what I'm going to be doing when I get to Iraq; actually being a platoon leader," Cow Matthew Frazier said.

The 20-year-old West Point cadet said he plans on joining the combat arms branch.

"I love the infantry guys, I love it here," the native of Columbus, Ohio, said. "I definitely want to go into the combat arms branch when I get the opportunity to—I'm looking forward to it."

The CTLT program provided these cadets the opportunity to experience leadership in an Army unit for a period of three-to-four weeks. During this period, cadets participated in a platoon leader position, one that is typically filled by a lieutenant. This gave them the chance to experience what it will be like when they receive their commission into the U.S. Army.

"I've done field training at West Point with active duty groups, but this is my first time coming to an Army base with an active duty group," Frazier said. "We're here to learn the job as Soldiers in the field and in the garrison."

Frazier said that while he learned a great deal in the garrison environment, he preferred the field.

"It is awesome working with the Soldiers," he said. "I'm really learning the infantry life; it's a lot different than the garrison."

Another cadet, Cow Megan Liesenfelt, said she was interested in the medical field. The recent rotation meant that she was able to see first-hand what was expected of her after she received her commission.

"They have a very intense job, and I don't know if I was at any other post if I would be learning and seeing this much training going on," the 20 year-old from Pompano Beach, Fla., said. "From what I hear, there isn't this much training that a regular Army unit does, and it is very fast-paced with a lot of stuff going on all at once with short periods (to rest)."

Cadets attend CTLT between the summer of their yearling and cow years. When they are attached to a unit, cadets will shadow an officer of the branch that they intend to commission as an officer.

Liesenfelt said she was undecided about which branch to go into until she arrived at NTC.



Cow Brian Podhajsky (front right) conducts a key leader engagement and crisis management meeting with the mayor and sheiks of Medina Jabal at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, Calif. The meeting is necessary to maintain friendly relations despite a recent incident having caused collateral damage and the death of several local citizens. Podhajsky was doing CTLT while attached to 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) "Sledgehammer" from Fort Benning, Ga., for the July rotation and under the supervision of company commander Capt. Sean Mcentee, Class of 2004.

MAJ. ARAM DONIGIAN/BS&L

"They sent me to the air ambulance unit. I've learned a lot there. I'm actually thinking about going into the aviation branch," she said. "I had my top three. I was undecided between aviation, medical services or engineer. Now, I'm leaning toward aviation."

As a platoon leader, however, Frazier worked closely with his platoon sergeant to learn vital information to save his Soldiers' lives. During his stay at NTC, Frazier served as a platoon leader with 1st Platoon, B Troop, 1st Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment. He participated in the recent rotation as an Iraqi Army role-player.

"I really enjoy working with the platoon sergeant and listening to the other NCOs," Frazier said. "I rely on them to get through the exercise, they know it and its their job. I'm learning pretty much what I can from those guys."

The most important lesson he's learned so far is to listen to his NCOs, he said.

"Learn from the NCOs. As a second lieutenant, you may have the education, but you won't have the experience and we have to rely on them," Frazier said.

For Liesenfelt, it wasn't so much a single lesson, but a myriad of them. It was a vital look into a field that she had not fully decided upon.

"I don't know if I can put into words what I've learned," she said. "There's not one thing or a specific lesson. It was a lot of different things."

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Cadets complete French Commando School

By Maj. Kathy Cage
Dept. of Foreign Languages

This summer, four cadets deployed to Mont-Louis and Collioure, France. Cows Sahm Cho, Daniel Bader and Louis Griffith and Firstie Emmanuel Gfoeller-Volkoff spent 28 grueling days with little to no sleep during their time at French commando training (CNEC—Centre National d'Entraînement Commando).

The training included mountaineering, shooting, combative skills, rappelling, aquatic tactics, explosives and demolitions and pushed all the trainees to their limits mentally and physically.

Most Military Individual Advanced Development assignments are to schools such as Airborne or Air Assault, but these cadets decided to push for more painstaking challenges; in a foreign country, in another language.

According to Cho, a typical day of training at CNEC lasted from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. with few breaks in between and often didn't end there. From 8-11 p.m., the cadets had to prepare for the next mission— was a night mission lasting from 11 p.m.-6 a.m. and although 6-8 a.m. was the allotted time for rest, if the mission ran over, "which it did most every day," Cho said, the time for sleep was lost.

After the four weeks, of hiking through mountains approximately 10 miles a day with 40-50 pound rucksacks, one MRE (granted, these are French and "much more tasty than ours," Cho said) per day and operating on two hours of sleep a night, Cho and his comrades completed the course.

Cho's platoon started with 28 trainees, (most of them combat arms hopefuls) and graduated with 23 at different levels of proficiency, with injuries taking out the five not finishing.

"The doctors had to force them to discontinue training, otherwise, there is no quitting this school due to pride and the fact that most of the officers entering the school are branching Infantry or Armor," Cho said.

Retired Col. François Yves, a French instructor in the Dept. of Foreign Languages, said that this school is the "pre-equivalent to the U.S Army Ranger School, just shorter."

He also explained how the school is run.

There are three levels of recognition upon graduation.

First, there is the level of Soldier, which means one has executed all duties in an acceptable manner, is physically fit enough to have completed the course, but not quite at the level to teach

or lead others.

Second is the "Moniteur" or coach level, where one is allowed to take a group of 10 Soldiers and teach them tactics as well as other difficult concepts in the course.

Third and final level allows one to graduate with a diploma that says instructor.

"This (the instructor level) is the level desired to be achieved by those entering the combat arms, especially Infantry and Special Forces Soldiers," Yves said.

He also explained that the four week course is broken into stages.

The first week is spent at the seaside (not on vacation), doing aquatic training for one week at Collioure, France.

The remaining three weeks of training are completed in the mountains of Mont-Louis.

"The focus of the course is to train these elite Soldiers to handle hostage situations," Yves said. "This is why everything they do during the course, to include mountaineering, training to work with explosives and hand to hand combat, all lead to the final two to four day capstone exercise of leading a section of approximately 30 Soldiers to rescue and recover hostages in the middle of the night."

The four cadets all completed this requirement.



Cow Sahm Cho scales a three-story building in Mont-Louis using his rappelling skills during a 28-day grueling test of will at the Centre National d'Entraînement Commando in France. Cho and three other cadets' training included mountaineering, shooting, combative skills, rappelling, aquatic tactics, explosives and demolitions.

RETIRED COL. FRANCOIS YVES/DFL

When asked what surprised him the most about the course, Cho said, "The hospitality of the French Soldiers and officers was amazing. As a foreigner, I expected the environment to be much more difficult to be accepted into."

He also noted that although the officers from St. Cyr (St. Cyr is the French equivalent of West Point) have been working together for about three years as a team, they welcomed him and "made it clear that he was there to be a member of their team."

In summarizing what the French Commando School is, Yves said, "Le commando, c'est la surprise." (Commando is the element of surprise.) They learn to work in a very prudent, furtive and deliberate manner. That's exactly why they must do their exercises at night. They must work quickly and discreetly."

Also, while Bader and Griffith were French majors, Cho is a Systems Engineering major and Gfoeller-Volkoff is a Political Science and International Relations major.

Each cadet was selected because of his level of ability in the French language as well as his physical fitness level.

The attendees were not just French and American, but also included representatives from Germany, Djibouti, Korea, Vietnam, Senegal, Reunion and Burkina Faso.

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Parent school information for School Year 2009-10

The West Point Elementary and Middle Schools extend a hearty welcome to the new and returning students and Families who will be attending school for 2009-10.

The experienced and dedicated staff of professionals eagerly awaits your child and is busy making preparations for a smooth opening of school.

Below is important information regarding the opening of school and activities that take place before its start. Please read all the information carefully.

Additional "Back to School" information will be in next week's Pointer View regarding bus routes, lunch menus, school closing information, etc.

Daily Time Schedules:

- Middle School, Grades 5-8—7:45 a.m.-2:09 p.m.;
- Elementary School, Grades K-4—8:35 a.m.-2:40 p.m.;
- A.M. Pre-K—8:45-11:05 a.m.;
- P.M. Pre-K—Noon-2:20 p.m.

Early Release Times:

- Middle School—Dismissal at 10:30 a.m.;
- Elementary School—Dismissal at 11:15 a.m.;
- A.M. Pre-K—Dismissal at 11 a.m.;
- No P.M. Pre-K on Early Release Days.

West Point Schools New Parent Orientation: There will be a brief orientation session for parents of new students entering the West Point Schools.

The Elementary School meeting is at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday and the Middle School meeting is at 1 p.m. Aug. 14.

Both meetings will be in the Middle School Auditorium, Bldg. 705.

Elementary School—"Who will be my Teacher?": The elementary school classroom assignments for SY 2009-10 will be posted at school front doors at 3:30 p.m. Aug. 14.

School begins: Parents of students in Pre-K through 4th grade will receive an information letter from the principal. Students in Grades 1-8 will report to school Aug. 17.

Kindergarten Information

Orientation: A kindergarten orientation takes place the first day of school from 9-10 a.m. Aug. 17 and parents are invited to attend with their student. Students will leave with their parents at 10 a.m.

This meeting will give parents an opportunity to become acquainted with the Kindergarten program, give the children a chance to meet their teacher and for everyone to see the classrooms.

Screening: Screenings will be Aug. 17 in the afternoon, all day Aug. 18 and Aug. 19-20 in the afternoon only. Classes will meet for two half-day morning sessions Aug. 19-20. Starting Aug. 21, students will begin regular full-day sessions.

Kindergarten hours are 8:35 a.m.-2:40 p.m.

Pre-Kindergarten Information

Screening: Screenings for all Pre-K will take place at the Elementary School, Bldg. 705A, between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Aug. 17-24. A letter with the name of each child's Pre-K teacher and which assigned session, plus information about how to schedule the child's screening, is being sent home the week of Aug. 3. Please read the letter carefully, as it contains very important information!

On Aug. 25, there will be a one-hour Pre-K session—the A.M. session will be from 8:45-9:45 a.m. and the P.M. session is noon -1 p.m.

On Aug. 26, regular morning and afternoon Pre-K sessions begins.

Registration Procedures:

New students are encouraged to register for school as soon as possible after moving on post.

To formally enroll a child in a DODEA school, the following documentation is required:

- DODEA Form 600 (signed by Sponsor only);
- Sponsor's PCS Orders;
- Verification of date of birth such as a birth certificate;
- Verification that student is an eligible dependent;
- One of the following:
 - ♦ 90/180 day housing letter (child listed as permanent resident);
 - ♦ Copy of the 1st and 3rd page of lease agreement;
- Immunization Record;
- Physical Exam completed within the last 12 months if child will be participating in sports (not required for Elementary School).

Additional forms to be completed at registration:

- Internet Agreement;
- Race/Ethnicity and Home Language (Form 600A);
- Blanket Permission Form;
- Signed Request for Records;
- Health History Form;
- Guidance Counselor Information Letter.

A Spouse's Point of View

I Love the Way You Move
Janine Boldrin

Along my morning running route, I've noticed the signs of Families moving onto West Point. The stacks of cardboard boxes on the corner are a dead giveaway of who is staying up late at night armed with only an Allen wrench and a mug of coffee.

I try not to get distracted when I spot the "treasures" abandoned by the Families who have decided that the television, couch or rug that fit in the last place is just not nice enough to try to squeeze into this place.

The number of moving trucks parked along the street has steadily decreased over the past week. Many of the Families are finished unpacking their dishes from the boxes labeled "Christmas Decorations" and painting the last room in a neutral color which they hope the next occupants will also enjoy.

So, with another summer moving season coming to a close, I exclaim—"Being that you're a military Family, you must be great at moving!"

Being that I've moved into seven different homes in 10 years of marriage, I should be great at moving.

However, no matter how many times we move, I still prep too early, leaving my kids wondering how to play with their toys when they are all packed in Ziplocks and why the television is shut off for an entire week before the move.

While I can give many reasons as to why I am not so great at moving, including the fact that I get easily irritated by my wedding china being packed underneath my microwave oven in a box labeled "Master Bedroom," let me focus on the positives of moving since someone on West Point may use this page of the newspaper to wrap up their most precious of Precious Moments figurines for a Do-It-Yourself move and I don't want any negative moving vibes surrounding their porcelain knick-knacks.

So if you're suffering from Pre- or Post-Move Syndrome, a term coined by a recent Fort Leavenworth bound spouse, take heart—there are some aspects of moving that can be enjoyed.

For instance, while some people may never take the time to go through the stuff they have collected over the last five, 10 or 20 years of marriage, most military Families do an entire

house sweep about every three years. Stuffed animals don't have a chance of proliferating given that timetable.

And you could always compare unpacking to Christmas morning. Each move there is the chance to unwrap stuff and be surprised that beneath 19 layers of wrapping paper is a single Lego policeman. Or that the dog's chew bone warranted bubble wrap.

Then there's the bonus that the movers seem to locate and pack objects that you didn't even know that you owned. Forget insisting that you never purchased a peach Oriental rug. My movers told me "you must have just forgot you owned it" so hey, they must be right! It kind of looks nice with my couch. Now if only I could find that maroon rug that I thought I owned.

Moving can be an adrenaline rush. There's the excitement of the house hunt, the thrill of the unknown whereabouts of your household goods and the pure adventure of guessing how much paperwork you'll have to hunt down and fill out once you arrive at your new location.

Moving also keeps your mind sharp with such complex math problems as calculating the oxygen to salinity ratio required to keep the fish alive through five states instead of just announcing that Fishy Elmo is going to magically teleport himself to the new house that is conveniently located near a pet store.

Sometimes it may not be easy to see the positive through all of the paperwork, phone calls, dust of explosions in your backyard or heartache of leaving the beloved cul-de-sac. But as the trucks drive the Stony I household goods down or up the hill to a different home, and the new West Point Families arrive from across town or across the country, the process of unpeeling the moving stickers has begun.

So also begins the start of a new set of friendships, the opportunity for new experiences and the addition of new memories to add to the ones of previous homes.

And, if that doesn't get you out of your Post-Moving Syndrome, just think, you won't have to move for at least another couple of years. Or a year. Maybe. Okay, there are no promises. Don't quote me on the year thing... Speaking of, I think I've run out of hearts for my "Home is Where the Army Sends You" hanging thing, so if you're crafty...

Janine Boldrin is a writer, a mother and an Army spouse. She can be reached at janineboldrin@gmail.com.

August is PTSD Awareness Month

Submitted by the Community Awareness Campaign Committee

Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder is discussed often in our community. Simply put, it refers to reactions people may experience after having been involved in a catastrophic event.

A great deal of attention is being paid to PTSD because of the number of Soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan who are working to overcome their traumatic experiences and may need some help. One of the best actions to counter the effects of PTSD is to heighten the awareness of it and provide information that can disarm it.

PTSD affects thousands of people and is not limited to those who have been in combat. The symptoms show up in no particular order or level of intensity. Awareness of personal troubles is the first step in recognizing it.

Survivors of trauma who learn to recognize the symptoms find that they are not alone, weak or crazy. Talking with others about their troubles is a natural thing to do, and talking can help sort out normal life problems from those who may have come from a recent traumatic life experience. PTSD sufferers include those who have gone through catastrophes or who witness them, such as emergency workers, police or friends or Family of those who went through such an event. Catastrophic events include, but are not limited to, war, natural or man-made disasters, car or plane crashes, rape, violent behavior, sexual or physical abuse and even some medical procedures.

Anyone can begin the steps to help. When those you know have returned from a deployment and have been exposed to a traumatic event, pay attention to how they may have changed.

You can easily find information at West Point about your observations. Get information about PTSD, depression and suicide from any of the following—the Employee Assistance Program Manager at 938-2462, Behavioral Health at 938-3441 and the Center for Personal Development at 938-3022 or see your Family health care provider.

In a crisis situation, call the Military Police desk at 938-3333 or go to the emergency room at Keller Army Community Hospital.

Going Hog Wild *School liaison officer here to help*

By Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

The Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation and Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers are sponsoring the third annual Hog Wild Party from 1-7 p.m. Aug. 15 at Round Pond.

There will be plenty of food including a roast pig, hamburgers, hot dogs, corn-on-the-cob and soft drinks available with an abundance of activities and entertainment to go around.

Free swimming and boat rentals, pony rides, bouncy houses for children, pay-as-you-play paintball and the ever popular mechanical bull ride will be some of the activities, along with the traditional BOSS Texas Hold 'em tournament, available.

"The Brian Tice Band, a Dave Matthews cover band who play at (music) venues all over the Hudson Valley, will provide music featuring BOSS president Sgt. 1st Class Jermaine Malone from the USMA Band," April Anderson, FMWR Commercial Sponsorship Coordinator, said.

At the inaugural party in 2007, about 250 people attended. Last year, more than 400 people attended the party and it's growing more popular each year, so pick up your tickets soon while they last.

For more information, call 938-2503.

Submitted by Child, Youth & School Services

Every Army installation has a School Liaison Officer whose sole job is to assist parents and students as they transition in and out of school districts when they make their permanent change of station.

The Army has designated the SLO as the "point person" for facilitating the delivery of quality school transition and education support services. Additionally, the Army has tasked the SLO to manage, coordinate and facilitate education support services that maximize the opportunity for academic success for military children.

West Point's school liaison officer is Jodi Cabrera, who is located in the Youth Center, Bldg. 500. She works in conjunction with the Child, Youth & School Services Division and the local school community to address educational issues involving military children.

Cabrera acts as a communication link between the installation and the surrounding school districts. Through partnering with the local and military community, Cabrera uses a variety of resources to provide assistance with issues concerning student transition. One of the main ways the liaison officer can provide assistance to Families is when they PCS.

When a Family receives orders, they contact their local SLO, who will then put them in touch with the SLO at their upcoming duty station. The receiving SLO is available to

answer school-related questions for parents ranging from academics to extracurricular activities.

The Army's focus on maximizing the opportunity for academic success has enabled CYSS to offer free online tutoring services to Army affiliated students through www.tutor.com. In order to take advantage of these services, Army affiliated students (military and children of Army civilian employees) should go to www.myarmyonesource.com to submit a one-time registration to obtain their CYSS passcode.

Students can then use their passcode from home or from the CYSS School-Age or Youth Technology Labs. They enter their grade level and the subject in which they need assistance. Educational support is available for Kindergarten-12th grade in math, science, English and social studies.

Once grade and subject are submitted, the student is connected to the first available subject expert tutor in an online classroom. Students and tutors work together in an online classroom using controlled chat and an interactive white board. Students can send computer files, such as essays, to the tutor for review and assistance.

Tutors are certified teachers, college professors, professional tutors or graduate school students from across the country.

If you have school-related questions or are interested in finding out more about tutor.com, contact Cabrera at 845-938-8899 or jodi.cabrera@usma.edu.

Command Channel 8/23

Aug. 6-13

Army Newswatch
(broadcast times)

Thursday-Friday, Monday-Wednesday and
Aug. 13

8:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.



WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY

26 AUGUST 2009



WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE:
LOOK HOW FAR WE'VE COME
"Celebrating Women's Right to Vote"

1848 2009

Guest Speaker: Ms. Debra Zedalis, Director, Pacific Region

Who: All West Point Civilian and Military Personnel

What: Women's Equality Day Luncheon and Observance

When: 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Aug. 26, West Point Club Grand Ball Room (program begins at 11:45)

**** Call one of the below for ticket prices ****

- MAJ Burger (USCC) x5966
- CPT McSwain (D/HIS) x7348
- MSG Goldsmith (SCPME) x8456
- Ms. Jollota (DCA) x4681
- Ms. Parker (Bldg 695) x4147
- EO/EEO Office (Bldg 667A) x2621/4478/8193

Cadets may sign up at the USCC homepage.

Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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

Want to read the Pointer View on crisp paper rather than online? To get a yearly subscription (48 issues) of the Pointer View, contact Theresa Gervasi at the Times Herald-Record at 800-295-2187.

NOW SHOWING

in the movie theater at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752

Friday -- Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday -- Year One, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

Aug. 14 -- My Sister's Keeper, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

THE THEATER SCHEDULE ALSO CAN BE FOUND AT WWW.AAFES.COM

What's Happening

Purple Heart Day at Renegades game

The Hudson Valley Renegades will honor Purple Heart recipients at 7 p.m. Friday at their game against the State College Spikers.

Tickets are available on-line at www.gadesgroups.com or call Rick Kubitschek at 838-0094.

If ordering online, use the password purpleheart. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor.

The Renegades play at Dutchess Stadium, Route 9D in Wappingers Falls. There will be fireworks after the game.

Young Life Charity Golf Classic

The inaugural Young Life Charity Golf Classic takes place Tuesday at the West Point Golf Course.

It is a four-person best-ball tournament with tee times from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. After the golf outing, there is a barbeque dinner and awards reception. To sign up, go to the Pro Shop or call at 938-2435.

For more information, contact Rob Kewley at 598-3010 or Rob.Kewley@me.com or Nate Cox at 938-5386 or Nathan.Cox@usma.edu.

Credit union summer hours

The cadet branch of Pentagon Federal Credit Union in Taylor Hall starts its regular hours—8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday.

Neighborhood Bible Studies

An organizational meeting is at 4 p.m. Aug. 14 at the Post Chapel Annex for all interested in starting or joining an existing home group study.

Contact Eric Bryan, Director of Religious Education (Protestant Chapels), for more information at eric.bryan@usma.edu.

River Court picnic

The West Point Gospel Service is hosting its annual River Court Picnic at 10 a.m. Aug. 16 at the River Court Picnic Area near South Dock.

There will be a sermon; and special music will be rendered by the West Point Gospel Choir and band. Admission is free, food is free and there will be lots of fun activities for the whole Family.

For more information, contact Claire Bader or Spc. Jermaine Bradley, West Point Christian Fellowship Gospel Service at 938-2003.

Manhole rehabilitation

Rehabilitation work on 55 sanitary sewer manholes by a Directorate of Public Works contractor is ongoing. The majority of the work is within the manhole and in the area immediately around it.

No excavations and minimal impact to the community are expected. Any traffic flow restrictions caused by the equipment used will be addressed by flag people in the area.

- The planned work schedule is:
- Through Friday—Williams and Cullum roads
 - Monday-Aug. 14—Power Plant area;
 - Aug. 17-21—Cadet area;
 - Aug. 24-28—Housing areas.

For more information, contact Bob Cadiz at 938-5049.

Motorcycle Safety training

There are openings in the upcoming Basic Motorcycle Rider Courses schedule for Wednesday-Aug. 14 and 14-16. Registration

is required. To register, go to <https://airs.lmi.org>.

To register and ride your motorcycle on West Point, you must have taken this class or its equivalent and show proof of that when registering the vehicle.

Salute to Veterans

The Orange County Farmers' Museum in Montgomery will host a "Salute to Veterans" of Orange County Aug. 15-16.

There will be living history encampments ranging from the Civil War up through the Vietnam War.

A World War II battle will be re-enacted each afternoon along with uniform, weapon and vehicle presentations, and oral histories from combat veterans. Nearly 30 historic military vehicles will be on display and "in action" including jeeps, trucks and halftracks.

One of the special events is the face-off between an original 1943 Chrysler built M4A4 Sherman Tank and a reproduction German Sturgeschutz III tank destroyer built for the HBO miniseries "Band of Brothers." A USO dance takes place from 7-10 p.m. Aug. 15, where the museum grounds will be transformed into a French Villa somewhere near the front lines outside Paris in August 1944.

The dance is free, and the public is invited. Dress in your best 1940s attire and join the magic and nostalgia.

PWOC Open House

The Protestant Women of the Chapel welcomes all women from West Point and the surrounding communities to come learn about opportunities for Bible study and spiritual ministry at the annual PWOC Open House from 8:45-11 a.m. Aug. 19 and 7-9 p.m. Aug. 20 at the Post Chapel on Biddle Loop.

West Point Women's Club

Join the West Point Women's Club for a Sunset Cruise from 6-8 p.m. Aug. 24. Newcomers and current members are all welcome.

The Superintendent's Boat will leave South Dock at 6 p.m. and return at 8 p.m.

Light refreshments and wine will be served. Space is limited, so please RSVP at wppwreserve@hotmail.com.

PWOC Kickoff

Join us for Protestant Women of the Chapel 2009-10 kickoff from 8:45-11 a.m. Aug. 26 at the Post Chapel on Biddle Loop. The theme for this year is "Arise for the Lord Extends His Scepter."

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Child care is provided. To register children, contact Teki Snel at 446-5920

If you have any questions, contact Maureen Batchelder at 446-6581

Regular Bible studies begin at 8:45-11 a.m. Sept. 2 and 7-9 p.m. Sept. 3.

Free tickets for Yankees and Mets games

The New York Yankees and the New York Mets are offering complimentary tickets to active duty servicemembers during the 2009 Major League Baseball season.

A servicemember can see the Yankees play, Monday through Thursday, by presenting an active military ID card on the day of the game at designated Yankee Stadium ticket windows.

Tickets are good for a seat in the grandstand

level or the bleachers. A servicemember can also purchase a ticket, at half-price, in other available non-premium seat locations.

Servicemembers visiting Citi Field can show their active military ID card on the day of the game at the ticket office in the Jackie Robinson Rotunda.

If the game is sold out or has the potential to be sold out, the Mets may provide a standing room only ticket to the servicemember.

Wounded Warrior Fall Family Retreat

The Second Annual Wounded Warrior Fall Family Camping Retreat is planned for Sept. 18-20 at Moreau Lake State Park hosted by STRIDE Adaptive Sports, which piloted the program last year. STRIDE is searching for locally based Wounded Warriors who would be interested in participating this year.

To learn more about this event please e-mail Katie at kmoshier@stride.org or contact the STRIDE office at 518-598-1279

Town of Highlands farmers' market

The West Point-Town of Highlands farmers' market is open from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Sunday and remains open daily through October.

The market is located in the village parking lot across from Sacred Heart Church.

Monroe farmers' market

The Monroe farmers' market is held from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesdays through October at Museum Village on Route 17M in Monroe.

All of the produce vendors accept Farm Market Nutrition Program Coupons for WIC Families and low-income seniors.

Girl Scout volunteers needed

Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson at West Point is currently seeking adult volunteers to support the girls and their troop leaders.

The scouts need a community team chairperson, a treasurer and a secretary to continue as Girl Scouts within the West Point Community

Contact Linda Moser, Field Manager for West Point, at GSHH call (845) 361-2898 ext. 28 or via e-mail at moser@girlscoutshh.org to volunteer or need more information.

Volunteer facilitators needed

The Professional Military Ethic Education program of the Simon Center for the Professional Military Ethic is looking for volunteer facilitators.

Lesson plans and resources are provided for each class, and preparatory sessions for facilitators are conducted one week before each class.

Classes take place one-three times per month during the Commandant's Hour, 12:50-1:45 p.m.

For more information, contact Maj. Chad DeBos at 938-3028 or chad.debos@usma.edu.

Religious education

The West Point community is invited to attend religious education classes at the Catholic Chapel. Classes are for 4-year-olds through adults and begin Sept. 13.

Most classes will be held 9-10:30 a.m. Sundays on the third floor of Thayer Hall.

The pre-K class will meet 9-10 a.m. Sundays in the chapel's Cloister Room.

Registration is underway at the Religious Education Office in the Cloister Room. Catechists are still needed.

For more information, contact Cindy

Ragsdale at 938-8761 or cynthia.ragsdale@usma.edu.

Protestant Religious Education

All are welcome to attend Sunday morning religious education, starting Sept. 13 at Thayer Hall (3rd Floor, River Side).

Children's classes (nursery through high school) are taught by a select group of highly-motivated cadets. Adult classes are also available. The group is also looking for a new officer-in-charge this year.

Contact Eric Bryan at 938-4369/3412 or eric.bryan@usma.edu for more information and to register.

Military Community Youth Ministries (Young Life) Adult Committee

Join our group of adults who gather to pray and plan for our chapel's ministry to junior high/high school teenagers and local staff.

Contact Eric Bryan for more information at 938-4369/3412 or eric.bryan@usma.edu.

Eagle Scout project

An Eagle Scout project is underway to salvage landscaping materials from Stony Lonesome I housing area after current residents move out.

West Point residents who would like landscaping timbers, fencing, patio pavers or plants or who would like to help with the project can contact Dax Gerber at eagledax1@hotmail.com.

Legal education program

The Office of The Judge Advocate General is accepting applications for the Army's Funded Legal Education Program.

The Army projects sending up to 25 active duty officers to law school, at government expense, if funding permits. Selected officers will attend law school beginning in the fall of 2010 and will remain on active duty while attending law school.

Interested officers should review Chapter 14, AR 27-1 (The Judge Advocate General's Funded Legal Education Program) to determine their eligibility.

This program is open to second lieutenants through captains. Applicants must have at least two but not more than six years of total active Federal service at the time training begins.

Those interested in applying should immediately register for the earliest offering of the Law School Admission Test.

Applicants must send their request through command channels, to include the officer's branch manager at Human Resources Command, with a copy furnished to the Office of The Judge Advocate General, ATTN: DAJA-PT (Yvonne Caron-10th Floor), 1777 North Kent Street, Rosslyn, VA 22209-2194.

The application copy should be received before Nov. 1. Submission of the application well in advance of the deadline is advised.

Interested should contact the USMA Office of the Staff Judge Advocate for further information at 938-3205.

TSP TICKER

AUGUST share prices (as of 8/04)

C Fund	-	+ 1.54	(11.77)
S Fund	-	+ 2.15	(14.61)
I Fund	-	+ 2.44	(17.08)

FMWR Blurbs

Defensive driving

The next defensive driving class will be held Saturday from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. at ACS, Bldg. 622.

To register, call the ITR office at 938-2401.

Quarterback Luncheon

Quarterback Luncheon tickets are on sale now at the West Point Club.

For more information call, 938-5120.

ITR Tickets

Tickets on sale now at ITR for two performances of the acclaimed Broadway show "Wicked" at the Gershwin Theater in New York City, Sept. 10 and Oct. 15.

Transportation will leave West Point at 5 p.m. and return at 11 p.m. For more information, call 938-3601.

West Point Club Summer Hours

Pierce Dining Room is closed for dinner now through Aug. 14. Dinner will resume on Aug. 21.

Sunday Breakfast is closed until Aug. 16. Watch for our exciting new menu ideas.

Benny Havens Lounge is closed on Thursday evenings now through today. Thursday bar will re-open on Aug. 13. Friday bar service will remain open throughout the summer offering a limited bar menu.

For more information, call 938-5120.

Hog Wild Party

The third annual Hog Wild Party will take place from 1-7 p.m. at the Round Pond Recreation Area.

The pig roast will serve from 1-4 p.m.

Other activities include mechanical bull rides, live music with the "Brian Tice Band." Pony rides with free swimming and free equipment rentals.

For more information, call 938-2503.

Family Child Care Program

The Family Child Care Program is offering care for children ages 6 weeks to 12 years. Many childcare options available. For more information call Elizabeth Peralta at 938-6170.

Summer swimming

Delafield and Round Pond summer swim passes are on sale now at Delafield Pond, Round Pond (administration office) and the ITR office.

Delafield Pond is open 11 a.m.-6 p.m. and Round Pond noon-6 p.m.

The ponds are open 7 days a week.

For more information, call 938-5158.

MWR Fitness Center Sampler Day

The MWR Fitness Center Sampler Day starts at 8 a.m. Aug. 22. Come on out and try all or any of the group fitness classes.

Each class is 15 minutes long and is free. For more information, call 938-6490.

ACS Relocation Program

The ACS Relocation Program will host a Newcomer's Orientation and Welcome briefing and West Point tour from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Aug. 24.

Newly arrived Soldiers and Families are invited to attend this event. It provides a variety of information and includes the following:

- Aug. 25—visit to Constitution Island and boat ride,

- Aug. 26—learn how to use the train to get to New York City and navigate subway systems.

Advanced registration is required.

For more information, call 938-3487/4621.

Youth Center Summer Saturdays

The Youth Center is open to grades 1-4 Saturdays, noon-3 p.m., through Aug. 15.

For more information, call 938-3727.

West Point Military Appreciation Day

West Point Military Appreciation Day takes place from 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Aug. 28 at Round Pond.

Enjoy a barbeque from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. and other activities including basketball, volleyball and a paintball (reball) tournament.

For more information, call 938-6947.

ACS Employment Readiness Summer Class Schedule

- Aug. 20, 8:30 a.m.-noon—Interviews hosted at ACS for employment with Occupations Inc. & Family Empowerment;

- Aug. 21, 10-11:30 a.m.—Medical Transcription Information Session.

All classes will be held at ACS, Bldg. 622.

To register, call 938-5658.

Auto Safety Training

Auto Safety Training is mandatory for all self-help patrons at the West Point Auto Shop.

Training sessions are held Wednesday through Saturday 30 minutes after opening.

This training is free and will cover lift safety, shop safety, proper disposal of fluids and include a tour of the shop and overview of shop rules.

For more information, call 938-2074.

Discount oil change

Oil changes are available while you wait that include up to five quarts of conventional 5W/30 or 10W/30 motor oil and most standard filters.

Special oils and filters are available at an additional cost.

Call the Auto Shop for details and pricing at 938-2074.

Morgan Farm

Morgan Farm Kennels and Stables, which offers many different services for West Point and the surrounding communities, are open to the general public and offer pet kenneling for the four-legged members of the Family—dogs, cats and other pets.

Morgan Farm has reasonable rates, a convenient location and dog grooming and still has openings available in the summer camps riding programs—both 3- and 5-day

camps.

Riding lessons are also offered on a weekly basis and 10 percent deployed Family member discounts offered on riding programs.

All services by appointment only.

For more information, call 938-3926.

Crisis line

Soldiers and their Families can be provided up to 12 free, face-to-face, short-term counseling sessions through the Military One Source Crisis Line.

For more information, call 800-342-9647. A Spanish line is available at 877-888-0727.

For more information, visit www.militaryonesource.com.

Running group

The six-week fall sessions begins 9 a.m. Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays Aug. 17 through Sept. 25 and is located at South Dock.

Begin with one minute or one mile. Bring your running shoes, water bottle and the will to improve your run.

Strollers are welcome.

Class is lead by Group Certified Fitness Instructor Kristine Hays.

For more information and to sign up call 859-4965.

Triathlon training group

A women's triathlon training group will meet through Aug. 30 to prepare for the Diamond Girl New York All-Women's Sprint Triathlon at Harriman State Park/Lake Sebago.

The group is led by Certified Personal Trainer Dana White.

For more information, including fee to participate, e-mail teamwhitefitness@gmail.com or call the FMWR Fitness Center at 938-6490.

SKIES Instructional Program

CYSS SKIES Instructional Program sessions are ongoing.

For more information, visit www.westpointmwr.com or call 938-3727/8893.

Instructors needed

Certified Spinning and Body Pump instructors are needed at the FMWR Fitness Center. Hours are flexible.

Contact Rita Tenuta 845-446-3630 or tenuta06@yahoo.com.

BBC LifeWorks events

National S'mores Day

Stop by 132 Bartlett Loop from 2-3:30 p.m. Tuesday to indulge in making S'mores from graham crackers, chocolate and melted marshmallow.

Teen Bowling Social

Teens—Come to the West Point Bowling Center from 12:30-2:30 p.m. Aug. 13 and bowl two free games.

Balfour Beatty Communities will provide two free games of bowling, shoes and pizza. R.S.V.P. by Monday.

Free Ice Cream Popsicles

Be on the lookout for the Balfour Beatty car from 2-3:30 p.m. Aug. 14 as it will be stopping by the playgrounds throughout housing to giveaway free ice cream popsicles.

For more information on all BBC LifeWorks events, call Jodi Gellman at 446-6407.

Keller Corner

KACH Early Closure

All Outpatient Clinics, Laboratory, Pharmacy and Radiology will be closing at 10 a.m. Friday for Organizational Day. The Emergency Room will remain open.

Additional School and Sports Physicals Available

The Primary Care Department is opening a dedicated clinic Aug. 13 to ensure that incoming children and those unable to make an appointment earlier this summer have their physicals prior to the start of the school year.

This dedicated clinic will offer group appointments at four designated times.

There is no guarantee your child will see the provider of their choice and your child may have to wait to be seen.

Individual appointments are offered through September.

Don't wait; call 845-938-7992 or 800-552-2907 today to request an appointment for a school or sports physical.

Patient Advocate

The Patient Advocate's primary goal is to assist you in exercising your rights as a patient.

She is also available to act as your advocate and provide a specific channel through which you can seek solutions to problems, concerns and unmet needs.

The office is on the first floor next to the pharmacy waiting area.

If you would like to contact or schedule an appointment with the patient advocate, call Linda DiSalvo at 938-5874.

Ultimate Frisbee sign ups

The Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation office is organizing the 2009 Noontime Staff and Faculty Ultimate Frisbee League.

Teams that want to enter should contact James McGuinness at 938-3066 or e-mail him at Jim.McGuinness@usma.edu.

League play starts Aug. 17, so the deadline for team entries is Monday.

Games will start at 12:15 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Games will be played at the River Courts and Target Field.

Football practice begins, Ellerson impressed

By Brian Gunning
Athletic Communications

With all the organizational meetings and media day out of the way, it was time for the Army football team to hit the field for the first time and officially start the preseason camp portion of the 2009 season.

Wearing only shorts and helmets, Monday's first practice was used for offensive and defensive installation as well as getting the newcomers up to speed.

"I think we got a lot done," head coach Rich Ellerson explained following his first fall prep session as the Black Knights' mentor. "Obviously it's not quite a football practice yet because we were out there in shorts.

"The guys were anxious to practice and anxious to get to work," he added. "I think we did those things that you can get done in a practice like this. We got an awful lot installed."

One of the things Ellerson stressed at the conclusion of spring drills was not taking a step backward and building on the foundation developed during those 15 workouts.

Judging from the first two-hour session of preseason camp that should not be an issue as the Black Knights' prepare for the Sept. 5 opener at Eastern Michigan.

"I was impressed with the level of retention," Ellerson said of the players that went through spring workouts. "I was also impressed with some of the guys who are relatively new to us. They were able to watch the upperclassmen and get help from them. They were able to step in there and look like they had an idea. I don't know if they do, but they did a nice job of faking it."

The theme of the upperclassmen lending a helping hand was common in discussions after the first practice.

Cow defensive tackle Mike Gann credited the veteran players hard work last March and April in making the rookies' transition a bit easier as they strapped on the gold helmet for the first time.

"We definitely built on the spring," Gann said. "The freshmen coming in are trying to learn the new techniques. What is good is that during the spring the upperclassmen really worked hard and they worked over the offseason on the techniques.

"That allowed us to actually teach the freshmen instead of just the coaches," he added. "That really helped out."

One of the plebes that benefited from the veterans' perspective was quarterback Trent Steelman. One of two rookie signal callers on the roster, Steelman was able to use the upperclassmen to become acclimated to his new coaching staff's expectations.



Cow defensive end Joshua McNary goes through drills on the proper way to use his shoulder to break loose of a block during the first day of practice Monday. Army's first day in full pads is scheduled for Saturday, and the Black Knights first team scrimmage is Aug. 15.

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"I'm just trying to pick up on the pace of things right now, but it's coming along," Steelman said. "I'm looking to the upperclassmen to show me how things are run around here. For the first day, I think it was a good day for us. We're running the right pace, and I think things are going well."

Army's first day in full pads is scheduled for Saturday, and the Black Knights will scrimmage Aug. 15 and Aug. 22.



Cow defensive tackle Mike Gann (right) receives instruction from new Army head coach Rich Ellerson on using proper technique against offensive linemen during the first day of practice Monday.

\$99 Season Ticket Contest

9 weeks, 9 winners ...

\$99 Army Football Season Tickets

Contest:

Every Thursday for nine weeks a question will be posted here in the sports section of the Pointer View.

It will also be on the command channels and the Army Black Knights Official Facebook page.

To enter, contestants must send an e-mail to ticketcontest@usma.edu that includes their name, address and phone number, plus the correct answer to the week's question.

Entries will be accepted until midnight on the Monday of the following week. Every contestant that answers correctly will be entered in the drawing for that week.

Each week, one winner will be drawn to receive one pair of \$99 season tickets for the 2009 Army Football home season.

The winner and new question will be posted in the Pointer View the next week. Limit one entry per person, per week.

Answers to all questions can be found on www.goARMYsports.com. If you have any questions regarding the contest, call the Army Athletics Marketing Office at 845-938-0390.

Week 5 Question ... How much do members of Black Knights Buddies save at the Army Athletics gift store?

*Hint: Look under the marketing tab on www.goARMYsports.com.

Week 4 Answer: Noon.

Week 4 winner is:

Eric Weisfeld from Fishkill, N.Y.

MEDDAC, SOC/HIST take regular season crowns



Social Sciences/History third baseman Seth Bodnar just misses a Math II runner at first base during the first game of the South Division quarterfinal series Monday. However, #1 seed Soc./Hist. defeated #8 seed Math II 21-2.

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Warrior Transition Unit shortstop Dan Harbin ripped a two-run home run in the first inning to give WTU a 2-0 lead over the Stewart Marines. WTU would go on to win 12-0 over the Marines Monday at the FMWR H Lot Athletic Complex. WTU completed the regular season with a 4-10 record.

Intramural Softball Standings

**Standings as of Monday*

NORTH DIVISION		W - L	SOUTH DIVISION		W - L
1.	MEDDAC	12 - 1	1.	SOC/HISTORY	13 - 1
2.	ODIA	11 - 3	2.	MATH I	12 - 2
3.	DPW	10 - 4	3.	ENGRS	10 - 4
4.	MP's	6 - 8	4.	BS&L/BTD	8 - 6
5.	STEWART MARINES	5 - 9	5.	CLS/PHYS	6 - 8
6.	USMA BAND	4 - 9	6.	DPE/EECS	4 - 10
7.	WTU	4 - 10	7.	DMI	3 - 11
8.	NSSB	3 - 11	8.	MATH II	0 - 14



Warrior Transition Unit pitcher Emily Munday pitched a 12-0 shutout versus the Stewart Marines Monday.