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The dream lives on—2013 Class is back

Two members of the Class of 2013 proudly display their class motto, "Defending the Dream," as they and more than 1,200 other new cadets march past Quarters 100 Monday at the end of "Beast Barracks." The new cadets survived the grueling six-week Cadet Basic Training and will join the Corps of Cadets Saturday during the Acceptance Day parade. (See related Marchback story on pages 8-9.) SGT. VINCENT FUSCO/DCOMM

Forbes names West Point best U.S. college

By U.S. Military Academy Media Relations

A report released Aug. 5 by Forbes ranked the U.S. Military Academy at West Point the top college in the country in the magazine's America's Best College report.

"Marked by an intense work ethic and drive to succeed on all fronts, the West Point undergraduate experience also allows graduates to leave without a penny of tuition loans to repay," Forbes stated in their release.

With Forbes naming USMA the top college in the country, it outpaced other highly-ranked schools such as Princeton (#2), Cal Tech (#3), Harvard (#5) and fellow academy, U.S. Air Force Academy (#7).

"All of us at West Point are very proud that Forbes has rated us as the #1 college in the nation," Brig. Gen. Patrick Finnegan, Dean of the Academic Board, said. "This ranking recognizes the exceptionally high quality of a West Point education. It is always exciting to be validated by independent organizations."

The Center for College Affordability and Productivity staff gathered data from a variety of sources basing 25 percent of the rankings on seven million student evaluations of courses and instructors, as recorded on the Web site **RateMyProfessors.com**.

Another 25 percent depends on how many of the school's alumni, adjusted for enrollment, were listed among the notable people in Who's Who in America.

The other half of the ranking was based equally on three factors: the average amount of student debt at graduation held by those who borrowed, the percentage of students graduating in four years and the number of students or faculty, adjusted for enrollment, who have won nationally competitive awards like Rhodes Scholarships or Nobel Prizes.

In addition to ranking the best colleges, the Forbes' annual report on education includes an extensive database on the country's 600 best colleges, the best undergraduate education buys and the top MBA programs nationwide. To see the complete rankings go to **www.forbes.com**.

The Aug. 24 cover of Forbes magazine that chose West Point as the best college in the United States.

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Letter from the Supe: West Point is the Best

To the West Point Community:

West Point has received high praise in the national press over the last couple of weeks. I want to take this space to congratulate those responsible, give guidance on sharing the results, put the ratings in context and talk about the road ahead.

First and foremost, congratulations! As you can see in the page 1 article, Forbes rated West Point the #1 College in the United States. Princeton Review, among other high marks, rated West Point #1 for 'Most Accessible Professors.'

Every person who works on this installation should take personal pride in these accolades. Your desire to achieve excellence in every activity, your willingness to collaborate across agencies and your instincts about what is right for West Point have created the number one campus in the nation.

Both magazines relied heavily on student evaluations of the institution to arrive at their rankings. In every case, our cadets stated that they had the best professors, mentors and support in comparison to any other college. From my personal observations, the cadets' perceptions are based on the intensity, passion and professionalism each of you brings to your job.

Our level of execution requires constant self-evaluation, extensive feedback systems and a laser focus on our core mission—to graduate commissioned leaders of character. It does not matter where you work—an energetic attitude, oriented on making a difference, is contagious and makes West Point a great place to live and work.

When you are involved in briefings and discussions about West Point, please include references to our rankings. In particular, prospective cadets and their influencers need to be aware of these credible, independent evaluations of our performance.

Additionally, there are many organizations and individuals outside of West Point that help us in our mission. They need to know of these accomplishments and be given the credit they deserve. So, if you have been helped by someone while doing your job, send your "helper" a note of thanks.

I also want to point out that West Point has always been ranked as a top-tier college … but we are an academy. We march to our own drum based on the requirements of the Army and our nation. We are not specifically seeking national recognition as a college. Instead, our true measure of success comes from commanders in the field and leaders of our nation.

We have not 'arrived'—what is right for yesterday is not necessarily right for today. As a result, a cadet's academy experience will change and shift as each of you make both small and significant adjustments to the way we operate.

Continue to focus on our mission—excellence in everything.

All the best,

The Supe

Lt. Gen. Buster Hagenbeck
Superintendent

Force Protection measures for "A" Day

By Joe Senger
Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security

In support of the Cadet Acceptance Day Parade on the Plain at 10 a.m. Saturday to accept the Class of 2013 into the Corps of Cadets, the following parking, traffic and force protection measures will be in effect.

Parking will be allowed in the central post area, to include Clinton Lot throughout the day.

Cars parked in the vicinity of Clinton Lot or other lots around Trophy Point will be free to exit during the ceremony.

Designated areas in Clinton and Doubleday lots will be reserved for handicapped parking only.

Traffic will be free to continue along Cullum Road during the ceremony.

However, large and/or extremely loud vehicles that may detract from the reverence of the parade will be stopped or diverted by military police personnel at traffic control points before entering the Plain area and until the conclusion of the parade.

Traffic control points will be established on Cullum Road near the entrance to the Thayer Hall roof lot, at the Thayer and Mills Road intersection and at the intersection of Stony Lonesome and Washington roads beginning at 9 a.m.

Everyone is reminded to stay off the Plain and use the sidewalks and/or Diagonal Walk to ensure the Plain retains its splendor as a historical landmark.

The cadet barracks and cadet formation areas are restricted to authorized personnel only as is reflected by signs posted along the various walkways.

For more information about these areas and other places of interest on West Point, contact the West Point Visitors Center at (845) 938-2638.

For questions about parking, traffic or force protection, call DPTMS at 938-8845.

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 Ortland (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

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

Difficulty: Medium

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Participants at the National Night Out event receive instruction and gifts at the Directorate of Emergency Services booth at the Balfour Beatty Communities sponsored National Night Out Aug. 4 at 126 Biddle Loop. Community members enjoyed raffles, face painting, moon bounce, food and discussions about how to combat crime, safety and drug awareness from Ready Raccoon, DES, Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, West Point Fire Dept., Office of Orange County Executive and the military police personnel. National Night Out is a national crime and drug prevention event sponored by the National Association of Town Watch and is celebrating 26 years of helping communities in their crime and drug awareness campaigns. KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

Fourth Class Sponsorship Program

The Fourth Class Sponsorship Program sign-up is now available at **http://www-internal.uscc.usma.edu/** on the West Point internal Web site through Aug. 21. Click on Fourth Class Sponsorship Program sign-up, which then goes to the Academy Management System (AMS). Common access cards are required.

If you are unable to access this site, contact Capt. Randy Overstreet at 938-6148 or 2nd Lt. Tamara Abraham at 938-5322.

The program assists in the development and continuance of professional social relationships between the new cadets and the staff and faculty and members of the West Point community.

To ensure desired sponsor/cadet matches, sponsors should sign up as soon as possible and request specific interest, hobbies and sports. It is also possible to request specific cadets by name, although matches are not guaranteed.

Sponsors will receive a confirmation e-mail of their assigned cadets by Aug. 28.

WP staff sergeant rescues children

By Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

Staff Sgt. James Matthews, information technology specialist for the Information and Education Technology Division here, didn't think he would end up a hero during an intramural softball game July 13, but it turns out he was.

Seven-year-old Brennan and 5-year-old Isabel Dees were picking raspberries in the woods surrounding the softball field at the FMWR H Lot Athletic Complex when they disturbed a nest of wasps.

Suddenly, Matthews heard them yelling and screaming in the woods adjacent to Field #1, nearest to the Shoppette, while he played.

"At first, I thought the kids were just playing around until the yelling turned to full-on screaming," he said. "I sprinted over to the woods, thinking one of the kids may have fallen or gotten some other routine injury.

"When I got a few feet from the trees, I yelled to the kids asking what was wrong," Matthews added.

Wasps were closing in and stinging the children. Matthews continued to run into the woods, forgetting for the moment that he has a history of allergic reactions to bee stings, scooped them into his arms and got them out of the woods.

"After about 10 or 15 minutes, my hand swelled a little and I realized the smart thing to do was to get it checked out," he said. "Luckily, my reaction was minor and I was able to leave Keller Army Community Hospital within an hour with some routine medications."

Matthews said he didn't consider what he did to be anything special.

"I have a daughter, too, and I would hope that if she were ever in that situation that someone would do the same for her," Matthews explained.

Matthews said when the children were yelling, the right thing to do was to run and help them instead of just worrying about himself.

Brennan and Isabel's father, Maj. Rob Dees, Department of Systems Engineering instructor, was playing softball on Field #3, across from Field #1, and was not aware at the time who aided the children.

"When I came off the field from playing defense, the kids were back at the bleachers by the field I was on," Dees said. "One of the officials gave them ice to put on the stings, and all was well after a few minutes of ice and being distracted by playing with a cute dog."

Dees said he was very thankful that Matthews came to their aid when hearing their distress.

"Based on the circumstances as I have heard them, it sounds as if they could have been stung more times than they were," Dees said. "So I applaud (Matthews') action. Many would have just stood there, and it seems he acted promptly to get them out of danger and placed their needs above his level of risk.

"Not only did he get them away from the bees," he added, "he also provided an example to the kids of someone who is willing to serve others even though there is always risk in doing so."

Back-to-School—everything you want to know and more

West Point Schools "Back-to-School" SY 2009-10

School bus information

Bus Route Schedules – review the Bus Route schedules on page 6. Note that all times listed are estimated times. Students are asked to be at their designated bus stop five minutes before the times stated on the schedule. Bus Route signs will be posted in the bus window. (Note: Separate buses run for West Point Elementary School and the West Point Middle School.)

Stony Lonesome I Buses—Because of construction inside the Stony Lonesome I Housing area, Continental Road is blocked from McDougall Court to Von Steuben Court. Therefore, the buses will have to turn around at the fenced area on each side. After reviewing these areas with the Provost Marshal Office and the Safety Office, a plan is in place for an MP to be posted at each court where the buses will turn in the morning and afternoon (Machin and Lord Stirling) to help keep our children safe. Students will remain on the bus while the bus is turning. Parent and student cooperation in this matter will also be appreciated to help keep the children safe.

Late bus—There will be no after school late bus.

Child care—If a child needs special bus arrangements for child care purposes, submit a request in writing through the child's teacher to Eileen Ellingsen.

Before- and After-School Programs—If a child requires bus transportation for before- and after-school programs through School Age Services, a permission slip on file at the school is required. Be sure to complete the necessary form at SAS. This form is also available at the WPES Registrar's Office.

High School Buses will be coordinated directly through the O'Neill High School Transportation Officer at 446-4738, ext. 225. Bus schedules will be published in the Aug. 27 Pointer View.

Home school information

Home school information is for those parents who have chosen to home school their children at West Point. West Point follows New York State laws on home schooling to the maximum extent practical. New York State Regulations of the Commissioner of Education Part 100.00 pursuant to sections 207.3204, 3210, 3212, and 3234 of the New York State Education Law (as amended by the section 100.10) are the guidelines to be followed at West Point.

It is a Department of Defense Education Activity policy to neither encourage nor discourage Department of Defense sponsors from home schooling their minor dependents. The sponsor will notify the West Point School of their intent to home school their children by July 1 of each year or within 14 days following the commencement of home instruction.

Once the letter of intent is received, the school will send the sponsor a packet containing a letter that explains the process, the home schooling policy statement based on New York State requirements and the Individual Home Instruction Plan form to be filled out by the sponsor. Once the IHIP is returned to the school, a letter will be mailed to the sponsor acknowledging receipt.

New York State requires that quarterly progress reports be maintained while students are home schooled. A dependent that is educated in a home school setting shall be permitted to use or receive auxiliary services of that school.

Auxiliary services include the use of academic resources, special education services, access to the school library, after hours use of school facilities and participation in music, sports and other extracurricular and interscholastic activities.

It is not unusual for students who are home schooled to participate in system-wide standardized testing given at the school or to enroll in advanced level classes such as Algebra I or foreign languages.

Contact the West Point School Principals at 938-2923 (Grades 5-8) or 938-2313 (Grades Pre-K-4) with any questions about these requirements.

New Immunization requirements for students attending DODEA Schools

Students who enroll in DODEA schools are required to meet immunization requirements. The immunization requirements are determined by the military. The guidelines for military dependent children follow the guidelines from the Center for Disease Control and are based upon recommendations from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. These are minimum requirements.

Additional requirements may be determined by military medical commands based upon location and need. Consult the child's physician for information that is applicable.

The DODEA requirements are:

1. Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine.
2. Tetanus and Diphtheria Toxoids and Acellular Pertussis Vaccine (TDAP-adolescent preparation.)

Throughout the year, there may be time periods in which certain vaccines may not be available through the military. Should this situation arise, a waiver will be granted until the vaccine is available.

There is a DODEA Immunizations form for optional use (it is not a mandatory form) by parents to document children's immunization history.

If a parent chooses not to use the new immunization form, some other type of medical proof of immunization must be completed by a medical authority and provided to school officials at the time of initial registration.

For further information regarding DODEA immunization requirements, contact the school or Rhonda LaVenuta at the Office of Pupil Personnel Services at 703-432-0281 or *Rhonda.Lavenuta@am.dodea.edu*.

Meeting Special Education needs

The NY-VA Domestic Dependents Elementary and Secondary Schools System provides special education and related services to meet the needs of students with developmental delays and disabilities.

All students receiving special education and related services at NY-VA DDESS/West Point Schools have met the guidelines for the DODEA special education eligibility criteria. Special education students in Pre-K to eighth grade receive instruction in the least restrictive environment in resource settings and collaborative settings in general education classrooms.

West Point schools offer a full continuum of services to all special education students. The resource classroom focuses primarily upon developing basic academic skills in a setting with few students.

The inclusion model uses a general education classroom with both a general education and special education teacher, combined to teach content as a team.

For students requiring a more restrictive setting, special arrangements are made with off-post educational programs.

For further information regarding these and other special education services at NY-VA DDESS/West Point Schools, contact Nadine Sapiente, WPES Principal, at 938-2313/3827/2997; David Rudy, WPMS Principal, at 938-2938; or Rhonda LaVenuta, Coordinator of Pupil Personnel Services, at (703) 432-0281, (845) 938-4914, or via e-mail at *Rhonda.LaVenuta@am.dodea.edu*.

School closing information

On days when the West Point Schools are closed because of inclement weather, the news media will make appropriate announcements.

The decision to close the West Point Schools is made by WPS administration, in consultation with West Point garrison personnel, and is independent of other school districts, e.g.—Highland Falls. School authorities in the surrounding communities may or may not close their schools.

On days when weather is inclement, parents are urged to ensure that school will be in session before dropping children off at school. Do not call the school on these days.

The One Call Now automated phone messaging system is used by West Point Elementary and Middle Schools for school delay and school closing situations.

Ensure the schools have accurate contact information for each enrollee to ensure receipt of these notifications from One Call Now.

Check additional sources on inclement weather days, including:

Television Channel: Post Command Channel 23;

Special Telephone Number: 938-7000;

Radio Stations:

- WGNY—1220 AM
- WHUD—100.7 FM
- WSPK—104.7 FM

General information

Phone Numbers:

- Elementary School Office—938-2313/3827/2997;
- Middle School Office—938-2923;
- Log. Management Spec./Transportation—938-3506;
- Assessor's Office/Pupil Personnel Office—938-4919;
- Human Resource Office—938-2226.

Web site addresses

WPES—**http://www.am.dodea.edu/ny_va/westpoint/elementary**;

WPMS—**http://www.am.dodea.edu/ny_va/westpoint/middle**;

NY-VA DDESS Schools—**http://www.am.dodea.edu/ny_va**;

DDESS—**http://www.am.dodea.edu/**;

DODEA—**http://www.dodea.edu/**;

E-Mail: School administrators, teachers and staff at West Point Schools may be contacted via e-mail using the following format:

FirstName.LastName@am.dodea.edu.

School Newsletters

The Elementary School "Bulldog Blast" and Middle School "Bulldog

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Visiting children in school

The school staff welcomes parents to visit their child's classroom. Parents are encouraged to participate in parent-faculty activities, to observe school assemblies, to eat lunch with their children, to participate in conferences with school personnel and to volunteer as a reader, tutor or in any capacity indicated by the teacher.

In accordance with DODEA Regulation 4700.2, DODEA Internal Physical Security, West Point schools ensure the safety of all children. Therefore, it is imperative that all visitors sign in at the school office and obtain a visitor's badge, which must be worn at all times.

Parent visits to classrooms are limited to the classes in which their children are enrolled. When parents are observing in the classroom, siblings may not accompany them.

To visit a particular segment of a child's day, send a note to the teacher(s) involved. This not only helps to avoid scheduling conflicts, but is also an appreciated professional courtesy.

Parents are welcome to observe at any time when testing is not in progress and provided the normal teaching process is not interrupted. Parents visiting classrooms are asked not to engage the teacher in conversation, as this takes away from the instructional process. To confer with the teacher, call the school and schedule an appointment.

School Parking

Parking for parents and visitors is permitted only in the lower parking lot to the right upon entering Barry Road. Signs clearly indicate this area.

Handicapped parking is clearly marked and is located in the bus loop area. Only those vehicles with legal handicapped parking permits are allowed.

The "15 minute" parking spaces are to be used to deliver/pickup something at school.

Do not park in the band housing area. Use the lower parking lot as mentioned above.

In the interest of the safety, abide by these parking regulations.

KISS & DROP AREA

Drop your child off at the designated Kiss & Drop area. It is imperative that all parents use this area to drop-off or pickup their children.

The administrative parking area is NOT a drop-off or pickup area. This area is closed to all traffic during arrival and dismissal for both schools.

The West Point School Resource Officer will be notified when community members disregard the clearly posted Kiss & Drop procedure.

MEDICATION GUIDELINES

If a child requires medication during the school day, the parent/guardian must bring the medication to the school nurse in the original container from the physician/pharmacy and complete the proper authorization form (a hold-harmless letter) with the school nurse.

The school nurse administers all medication.

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Gazette" are sent electronically.

School Board Meetings

The first school board meeting takes place at 4:30 p.m. Sept. 2. Meetings are open to the public and are in the Middle School Conference Room/Superintendent's Office, Bldg. 705.

If interested in receiving an e-mail copy of the School Board agenda before the meetings, send an e-mail address to *Eileen.Ellingsen@am.dodea.edu*.

The address will be added to a distribution list. A copy of the agenda will be published on the USMA Public Folders Bulletin Board and the Command Channel before the meeting.

SY 2009-10 School Board Meeting Dates

Sept. 2, Oct. 7, Nov. 4, Dec. 2, Feb. 3, March 3, April 7, May 5 and June 2.

School Board Members

Daniel Bahaghighat (859-4981), Matthew Cuviello (859-4708), Larry Daffin (832-453-8814), Peter Kilner (446-2188) and Frank Saffen (859-4767).

WPS PTO Executive Board Members

President—Amy Cuviello (859-4708), Vice President—Olivia Williams Turner (859-4955), Secretary—Valerie Hodges (254-258-2125), Treasurer—Rebecca McNabb (895-4193) and Board Liaison—Debbie Gerber (859-4115).

DODEA's Community Strategic Plan 2006-2011 (2008 Alignment)

The DODEA Community Strategic Plan contains the strategic direction for the years 2006-2011.

The plan is a road map for keeping DODEA at the forefront in advancing the DOD's agenda for education and as a leader in the nation for improving student performance and achievement.

In April 2008, a committee comprised of representatives from DODEA Headquarters, area deputy directors and employee association officials met in Arlington, Va., to review the 2006-2011 Community Strategic Plan.

Their charge was to ensure congruency and alignment among goals, outcomes, measures and milestones. The result of that committee's work was an alignment to the plan, called the 2008 CSP Alignment.

The 2008 Alignment to DODEA's 2006-2011 Community Strategic Plan supplies direction for improving the continuous efforts to provide the highest quality education for all students and ensures their success inside and outside the classroom. This document clarifies the connection between the strategies, actions and measures we will use to achieve our goals and objectives.

The 2008 CSP Alignment provides clear and specific objectives and defines measures to better match objectives.

What are the Goals of DODEA's CSP?

Goal 1**:** All students will meet or exceed challenging standards in academic content so they are prepared for continuous learning.

Goal 2**:** DODEA will use performance-driven management systems that operate in a timely, efficient and equitable manner; place resource allocation and decision-making at the lowest operational level and facilitate a safe environment conducive to optimum student achievement.

Goal 3**:** The DODEA workforce will be motivated, diverse and committed to continuous professional growth and development resulting in exemplary performance and optimum student achievement.

Goal 4**:** Every level of DODEA will develop, promote and maintain partnerships and communications to enhance student development.

For more details, visit **http://www.dodea.edu/csp/**.

School Accreditation

Schools in the NY-VA DDESS District are accredited by the North Central Association.

West Point Elementary and Middle Schools were awarded continuing accreditation in 2006-07 after meeting the high standards set forth by NCA and a visiting team of educators.

Accreditation will remain current for five years. In July 2007, the NCA merged with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to create a new accrediting agency called AdvancED.

AdvancED becomes the new accrediting agency for the West Point schools at the end of the current cycle.

LUNCH

MONDAY

COMBO MONDAY—CHICKEN NUGGETS AND MOZZARELLA STICKS (OR) HAM AND CHEESE WRAP
CHEF'S SPECIAL NOODLES
CORN NIBLETS
CHILLED FRUIT CUP

TUESDAY

CHEESEBURGER DELUXE ON A BUN (OR)
HOT DOG ON A BUN
GOLDEN FRENCH FRIES
LETTUCE & PICKLE CUP
CHILLED FRUIT SELECTION

Lunch and bus information for West Point parents

School Lunch program information

The West Point School is a participant in the National School Lunch Program. The lunch program is regulated and subsidized by the state and federal governments, and it meets the standards for nutrition set by the State Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The cafeteria offers three different entrees every day. The entree choice is made each morning in the classroom and sent to the cafeteria.

A hot lunch includes entree, vegetable, fruit and milk. Call Georgi Nappo, Child Nutrition Director, at 938-3737 with questions or concerns.

Lunch program:
Daily lunch (includes milk)
A la carte milk (for brown baggers)
A la carte snacks (pretzel, ice cream, cookie, etc.)

SPECIAL REQUEST: If you plan on joining your child for lunch on any given day, advise your child's teacher. Extra food preparation is required.

Cafeteria Costs
Lunch Program:
Elementary (K-4)—$1.75 daily
Middle (5-8)—$1.90 daily
(25¢ reduced or free—must apply to qualify)
A la carte milk—40¢
A la carte snacks:
- Good Humor Ice Cream Novelty—$1
- Baked Jumbo Pretzel—75¢
- On Premises Baked Cookies—75¢
- Snack Bags—75¢
- Nutri-Grain Bar—75¢
- 4 ounce 100 percent Juice Cup—40¢
- 10 ounce 100 percent Juice Bottle—$1
- Poland Springs Bottled Water—$1

A la carte snacks will be automatically deducted from a child's lunch account unless advised otherwise by parent.

Payment
The West Point School Lunch Program is now computerized using the "Meals Plus" meal tracking system software.

Students are issued a three- or four-digit PIN number and enters that number into the key pad at the cash register.

Purchases are entered into the system at that point. Parents may continue to send a check to school payable to: **West Point Lunch Fund** in any amount and it will be credited to their child's account. Payment may also be by credit card through the Web site **LunchPrepay.com**.

There is no fee to register a child. However, a 5 percent charge will be applied if money is deposited to a student's account using a credit card.

To check your child's lunch history, request a low balance e-mail. The cafeteria no longer sends out low balance letters.

Call the program manager's office to obtain the student's 10 digit identification number, which is necessary to register on **LunchPrepay.com**.

Remember, unless the school advised otherwise, children will be able to charge A la carte snacks to the lunch account with this new computerized system. The school can block the account if apprised in advance.

Special Dietary Needs: If a child has special dietary needs because of medical reasons, send in a note from the doctor stating the problem and listing exactly what may be consumed. If a specific brand name is required, please state the name brands in the official request.

Charging: Lunches may be charged a maximum of three times. Parents will be notified by note through their children (so check those backpacks) when they have charged lunch and payment must be made the following day. If payment is not received by the fourth charge, the student will be given a peanut butter and jelly sandwich and milk. The cost for this service is $1.40. No charging will be permitted after April 30. No exceptions to this written policy will be allowed.

Free and Reduced Applications: Applications will be sent home with students on the first day of school. Complete and return them as soon as possible to: Georgi Nappo, Program Director.

An application may be requested anytime during the school year.

Elementary School Bus Schedule

Buses will follow routes as indicated below and the times listed are estimated.

Be sure to have children at the bus stop at the time specified until a more firm time develops. Once a firm time has been set, students must be at bus stops five minutes earlier.

Buses will stop only at the points indicated. Students will arrive at school between 8:25–8:35 a.m.

ROUTE 1: SPECIAL PICK-UPS—Parents will be contacted by the WPS transportation officer with pick-up times.

ROUTE 2:
(0810) Bldg. 1207, CDC (Kindergarten ONLY)
(0815) Bus Stop at Green (Qtrs. 3004—3010)
(0816) Bus Stop at Kosciuszko (Qtrs. 3015—3018)
(0817) Bus Stop at Lamb Place for the following courts:
- Lamb Place (Qtrs. 3038—3042)
- Machin Place (Qtrs. 3023—3031)

ROUTE 3:
(0812) Bus Stop at Wyllys for the following courts:
- Wyllys (Qtrs. 3083—3088)
- Wayne (Qtrs. 3071—3076)

(0813) Bus Stop at Webb for the following courts:
- Webb (Qtrs. 3077—3082)
- Lord Stirling (Qtrs. 3063—3070)

(0818) Bus Stop at Ruger Road & Howard Road

ROUTE 4:
(0815) Radiere Loop Bus Shelter (Front)
(0816) Radiere Loop Bus Shelter (Rear)
(0818) Heath Loop Bus Shelter (Rear)
(0819) Heath Loop Bus Shelter (Front)

ROUTE 5:
(0805) Partridge and Schofield (Lusk Area)
(0806) Partridge and Stewart (Lusk Area)
(0810) Patterson Loop Bus Shelter (Rear)
(0811) Patterson Loop Bus Shelter (Front)
(0820) Qtrs. 378 Mills Road
(0821) Smith Place (Svc Road @ Qtrs. 42A)
(0822) Wilson Road/Kingsley Hill Corner
(0823) Rear of Qtrs. 25A (Svc Road)
(0824) Qtrs. 5 Thayer Road
(0828) Qtrs. 109 Washington Road
(0829) Qtrs. 118 A&B Washington Road

Middle School Bus Schedule

Buses will follow routes as indicated below and the times listed are estimated.

Be sure to have children at the bus stop at the time specified. Once a firm time has been set, students must be at bus stops five minutes earlier.

Buses will stop only at the points indicated. Students will arrive at school between 7:35–7:45 a.m.

ROUTE 2:
(0724) Patterson Loop Bus Shelter Entrance
(0725) Radiere Loop Bus Shelter Entrance
(0726) Stop at Wyllys Entrance for the following courts:
- Wyllys (Qtrs. 3083—3088)
- Webb (Qtrs. 3077—3082)

(0727) Stop at Wayne Entrance for the following courts:
- Wayne (Qtrs. 3071—3076)
- Lord Stirling (Qtrs. 3063—3070)

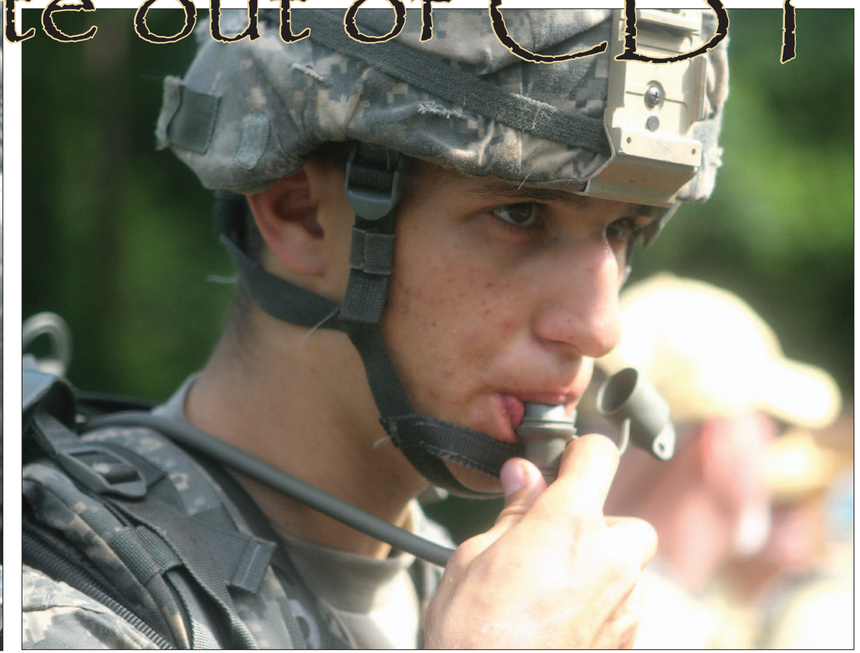
ROUTE 3:
(0725) Partridge and Schofield (Lusk Area)
(0726) Partridge and Stewart (Lusk Area)
(0728) Qtrs. 378 Mills Road
(0729) Smith Place (Svc Road @ Qtrs. 42A)
(0730) Rear of Qtrs. 25A (Svc Road)
(0731) Qtrs. 5 Thayer Road
(0733) Qtrs. 109D Washington Road
(0734) Qtrs. 118 A&B Washington Road

ROUTE 4:
(0724) Stop at Green Entrance (Qtrs. 3004—3010)
(0725) Stop at Kosciuszko (Qtrs. 3015—3018)
(0726) Stop at Lamb Place Entrance for the following courts:
- Lamb Place (Qtrs. 3019—3022)
- Machin (Qtrs. 3023—3031)

(0730) Heath Loop Bus Shelter (Rear)
(0731) Heath Loop Bus Shelter (Front)
(0735) DeRussy Road & Stony Lonesome Road

Taking a bite out of CBT

New cadet Mohammed Khan eats lunch at the end of the Class of 2013 Marchback Monday. Khan, along with more than 1,200 of his classmates, culminated his "Beast Barracks" with the traditional 13.62-mile march from Lake Frederick to Central Area. Khan coined the class motto, "Defending The Dream," during Cadet Basic Training.



A new cadet takes a sip of water during the Class of 2013 Marchback on Monday. Hydration is key to successfully completing the 13-mile trek from Lake Frederick to Cadet Central Area. Cadet leaders constantly reminded their charges to hydrate throughout the road march.

Photos By Master Sgt. Dean Welch/DComm

Defending the Dream: Class of 2013 triumphs over Beast

By Sgt. Vincent Fusco
Directorate of Communications

The Class of 2013's first major challenge of its 47-month experience came to an end when the cadets marched past Quarters 100 Monday, and thus declared its triumph over Cadet Basic Training, or "Beast Barracks."

The sidewalks were packed with cadets' friends and Families from across the nation, eager to see them in the ranks for the first time since Reception Day.

Mike and Christine McCarthy came from Aston, Pa., with their younger son, Matt, and Mike's mother, Ruth, to see their older son, Michael, return from the field.

"It's a very emotional day, but very gratifying," Mike said. "It's been his dream for a number of years now, and it's been a joy watching him grow up to be able to go on his own and get back from Beast in one piece."

They related, through letters sent home, Michael's high level of excitement in his field experiences, such as learning how to rappel and going through the gas chamber. His parents say he is answering a call to service through his appointment to the academy.

"Through this whole period, he's been focused," Mike said. "He's been asked, 'where are you going to be in five years,' and his basic answer is that he knows he'll be in some far-off country defending what he believes is right."

Cow Andrew Demoss, of Company C-1 from Charlotte, N.C., was among the cadet leaders who voluntarily marched back with the new cadets.

He served at the beginning of Beast as a squad leader responsible for the training and well-being of about 10 cadets.

"It was a pretty quick learning curve, I think we put them through a lot pretty quick," Demoss said. "They did a pretty good job. Some of the discipline issues took a little time to get sorted out, but they did pretty well."

The cadets' basic training was almost completely driven by cadet leadership, a first in summer training history.

The new cadets are the first to become familiar with the "cadet leader" dynamic, and their exposure to it may prove beneficial when it's their turn to lead cadets in the next few years.

After Reorganization Week, the new cadets will begin learning in the classroom environment.

Demoss expects they will need time to adjust to the "Thayer Method" and keeping up with their studies and other tasks.

Their academic year companies are set up differently from what they were used to in the field, and the upperclassmen will outnumber them three-to-one.

"It's going to be a completely different environment," Demoss said. "They will have a different set of responsibilities. They will have homework and independence, and have to take some responsibility upon themselves to do their own work."

New cadet William Dempster, a Harrisburg, Pa., native, was a private first class assigned briefly to the 75th Ranger Regiment before going to the U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School at Fort Monmouth, N.J.

He found his experience mentally tough at first, but it became easier once he and his comrades went out into the field.

"(It was tough) being told by people your age what to do and how to do it," Dempster said. "Even though I've been in the military, I had to relearn a lot of military standards, plus some new ones only West Point follows."

His experience has made him more aware of what military knowledge he had and what he needed to learn. Dempster felt proficient enough in his weapons knowledge to teach other cadets how they worked, but still found he had new tasks to learn for himself.

"Back in my (first) basic, we just ran through stuff," Dempster said. "Here we actually went in depth, especially with the land navigation. I didn't really know how to do land nav at night with the compasses and terrain association, but now I do."

Mark Owens, a new cadet from Pearl River, found a sense of camaraderie and brotherhood with his fellow cadets that he hopes they can carry on into the academic year.

"In six weeks my squad-mates have pretty much become my Family," Owens said. "We joke around, but we can flip on that switch and go into our serious, disciplined mode. I'd stick up for my buddies any day, and we've only been together six weeks."

He finds that his summer experience at West Point is a unique one unlike any he could have expected at a civilian college. Owens has found classmates that he can put stock in during the coming academic year.

"We're definitely looking forward to it, we're up to the challenge," Owens said. "We got through Beast as a squad, and even though we probably won't be in the same (academic) squad together, we'll be in the same company, so we'll be able to help each other out still."

A medic lances a new cadet's blister during the Class of 2013 Marchback Monday. The feet took a pounding as the class covered more than 13 miles through West Point training areas, Round Pond Recreation Area, the golf course and on to main post.

The Cadet Acceptance Day Parade is set for 10 a.m. Saturday on the Plain. Come celebrate the acceptance of the Class of 2013 into the Corps of Cadets.

New cadets from the Class of 2013 conduct their Marchback Monday through the West Point training areas. The road march covered more than 13 miles and began at 4:30 a.m.

What's Happening

USMA Bookstore open

The U.S. Military Academy Bookstore is open from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday for "A" Day.

Also, visit the bookstore booth, which will be located at the Parade Field Saturday.

New CDC groundbreaking

Members of the West Point community are invited to the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Child Development Center at 3:30 p.m. Aug. 24 at the grass field behind the FMWR Fitness Center.

Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the ceremony.

Sales associate needed

The Daughters of the United States Army Gift Shop is looking to hire a sales associate.

Applications are available at the gift shop, which is located inside the West Point Museum.

Neighborhood Bible Studies

An organizational meeting is at 4 p.m. Friday 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. Sunday 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 and food are 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—Power Plant area;
- Monday-Aug. 21—Cadet area;
- Aug. 24-28—Housing areas.

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

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. Wednesday 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 to *wpwcreserve@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 Sceptor."

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.

MCCW welcome program

The Military Council Catholic Women welcome program takes place at 7 p.m. Sept. 3 at the Most Holy Trinity Rectory.

Come meet other Catholic women of the parish and greet the new pastor, Monsignor Brian Donahue.

Learn more about MCCW's programs and apostolates for 2009-10.

For more information, call 446-5140.

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, e-mail Katie at *kmoshier@stride.org* or contact the STRIDE office at 518-598-1279.

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-to-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*.

Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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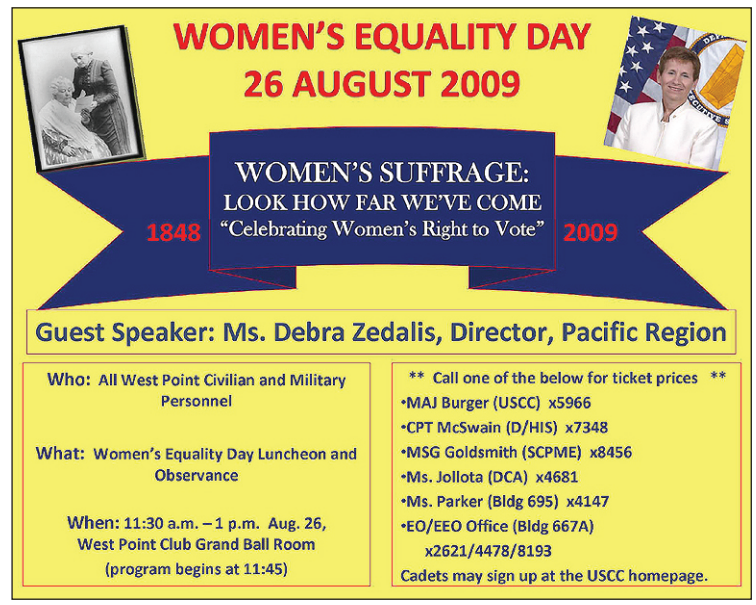
Command Channel 8/23

Aug. 13-20

Army Newswatch
(broadcast times)
Thursday-Friday, Monday-Wednesday and Aug. 20
8:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.



NOW SHOWING

in the movie theater at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752

Friday -- My Sister's Keeper, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday -- Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs, PG, 7:30 p.m.
Aug. 21 -- Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

The theater schedule also can be found at **WWW.AAFES.COM.**

FMWR Blurbs

Hog Wild Party

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

The pig roast will be served from 1-4 p.m. Other activities include mechanical bull rides, live music with the Brian Tice Band, pony rides, free swimming and free equipment rentals.

For more information, call 938-2503.

Youth Center Summer Saturdays

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

For more information, call 938-3727.

Quarterback Luncheon

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

For more information, call 938-5120.

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.

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.

FMWR Fitness Center Sampler Day

The FMWR 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.

Child care for home football games

The West Point Child Development Center is offering child care for Army home football games (fees apply).

Reservations are required 10 days before game day. The first home game is Sept. 12.

For more information, call 938-3921.

Samuel Adams tasting

There is a Samuel Adams beer tasting at the West Point Club's Pierce Dining Room, 6-9 p.m. Aug. 28.

Enjoy an evening of light snacks and sample a fine assortment of Sam Adams beers. A dinner menu is available at an additional charge.

For more information, call 938-5120.

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 938-6497.

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.

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, Wednesdays and Fridays starting Monday 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.

Ballroom dancing

The Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare, Recreation is offering ballroom dance classes from 6:30-7:30 p.m. starting Sept. 15.

The classes run every Tuesday for six weeks through Oct. 20. Couples and singles are welcome.

To register, call ITR at 938-2401 with a credit card on hand, or stop by ITR at 695 Buckner Loop.

For questions concerning the class content, call the instructor at (914) 489-1444.

Babysitting class

A babysitting class will be offered for adolescents ages 12 and up from noon–6 p.m. Sept. 20 and 4-8 p.m. Sept. 28-29.

Teens must attend all classes to receive certification.

Contact Kim Tague at 938-3921 to register.

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.

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

Free Ice Cream Popsicles

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

Tour of Fort Putnam

Balfour Beatty Communities invites students to visit Fort Putnam from 10:30 a.m.-noon Aug. 21. It's an educational tour of Fort Putnam where you can see most of West Point and the surrounding Hudson River Valley. Refreshments will be provided. RSVP by Monday.

Back-to-School Essay Contest

Calling all children and parents to submit their First Day of School stories and pictures. It can be about your first day starting school, your first time in a new school or pictures of being reunited with your classmates. All age groups are welcome to enter. There will be two winners who will receive a backpack full of school supplies. Enter by Aug. 28.

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

Keller Corner

KACH Closure

All outpatient clinics, laboratory, pharmacy and radiology will be closed Friday for a training holiday.

The Emergency Room will remain open.

Blood Drive

Hudson Valley Blood Services will be conducting a blood drive from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Aug. 24-26 and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Aug. 27 at Eisenhower Hall, fourth floor ballroom.

Walk-ins are always welcome. However, appointments to donate whole blood, for convenience purposes, can be made by calling Mary Mandia at 938-2583.

Have you heard of ECHO?

Active duty Family members who are homebound or have serious medical or mental disabilities are entitled to supplemental TRICARE coverage under the Extended Care Health Option (ECHO).

Special education, assistive services and training on assistive technology devices are just a few of the benefits offered through ECHO.

Enrollment in the Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) is required.

For more information, visit the TRICARE ECHO Web page at **www.tricare.mil/echo/default.cfm**, or contact Health Net Federal Services at 888-874-2273.

TSP TICKER

AUGUST share prices (as of 8/09)

C Fund	—	+ 0.10	(11.8714)
S Fund	—	+ 0.25	(14.8675)
I Fund	—	– 0.25	(16.8289)

Army sprint football takes JBK under wings

Story and photos by Eric S. Bartelt
Editor

The crackling sounds of pads and helmets finished off a motivating week of drills by the Junior Black Knights Aug. 7 at Shea Stadium.

Guided by the Army sprint football team, the Junior Black Knights Division 3 team, a group of seventh and eight graders from West Point and Highland Falls, completed its fourth and final drill session of the week with various stretching and position repetitions.

The brainchild of the community service project is Army sprint head football coach Mark West, in coordination with JBK coaches Matt Chapman and Kevin Barnes, who brought together the sprint team and JBK.

"It's something I thought about when I took over the (sprint football) job," West said. "I know they've been trying to improve and build the JBK program … it's come a long way since I was here in 2001, and I'm trying to contribute to that and help the program grow."

West, who was an assistant coach with the sprint football team from 2001-04, returned to West Point last year as a Behavioral Sciences and Leadership instructor and head coach of the sprint football team.

West was looking for a way to give back to the community while tapping into the great role models West Point offers for the youth of the community. It was also a way for the cadets to show some of the leadership they will employ once they become officers in the United States Army.

"Our cadets are certainly role models for the community, so it was a great opportunity for them to work with these young kids," West, whose son, Keegan, plays for the JBK team, said. "Part of being a cadet is to set the example for others. When they graduate and become platoon leaders, they are going to be counted on to set the example for their Soldiers.

"This is an opportunity for them to do just that," West added. "They came out here to get (the adolescents) to go through the exercises and teach them the right way to do the drills and cheer them on—it was exciting."

During the four sessions from Aug. 3-5 and Aug. 7, the cadets took the JBK players through many drills that culminated with the highly-intensive "Oklahoma" drill that focuses on ball carrying, blocking and tackling within a small space.

"During the Oklahoma drilling, we were teaching (the ball carrier) pad-level explosion and to have no fear or hesitation because you should want to get into the end zone," Firstie running back Ricky Lentz said. "It was exciting. There were a lot of loud noises and that made it exciting and motivating all around."

Alex Combs (with ball) and other members of the Junior Black Knights Division 3 team, a group of seventh and eighth graders from West Point and Highland Falls, take part in the Oklahoma drill to finish off their week of practice under the tutelage of the Army sprint football team. It was a four-day event that began the preparation for the JBK season.

Firstie safety Taylor Griffin, who led the sprint team in interceptions last season with three, talked about the motivating factor the youngsters gave the players with their enthusiasm during the Oklahoma drill.

"The very first hit was a pretty good lick and I was excited," Griffin said. "It doesn't matter if a guy is 12 years old or 22 years old, when you hear that 'pop' you either got it inside you or you don't. When you feel that, it fires you up."

Griffin said the week started out with a lot of conditioning and cone drills for the pre-teens and teenagers. However, he was tentative when they started doing contact drills.

"At first, I thought they were kind of small and I was kind of scared to push them," Griffin said. "But, after you get to know them and see what they are like, you open up with them and want to push them harder to make them better.

"I didn't want to get anybody hurt, but once you see they want to play and hit, I wasn't afraid to push them harder," he continued. "They just want to get out there and get after it, and you can't ask for anything more than that."

While this was the first year of the community outreach, this service project will most likely continue because the players are as hyped to be involved in this as the children are.

"It's been a lot of fun. We love working with these guys and I know it's a treat for them," Lentz explained. "It takes us back to when we were starting out playing football. We just want to show these guys that football is fun and give them a snapshot of what life is like on our level. It's a great opportunity for us and them."

The Junior Black Knights are preparing for their season, which starts after Labor Day, as is the Army sprint football team as they head toward their Sept. 13 home opener against Fairleigh Dickinson. West saw this as an opportunity to get his team focused on the upcoming season.

"Anytime you have an opportunity to teach football, it makes you think twice about what you're teaching," West said. "In this particular situation, the players from my team want to make sure they are teaching these kids the proper technique and proper way to do things, and hopefully that is focusing them (the cadets) and firing them up for the coming season."

The JBK program, made up of four different teams—divisions 1, 2, 3 and the Mighty Mights—with the 12-13 year olds (seventh and eighth graders) as the oldest group, and the sprint football team want to continue their relationship throughout the year. The plan is when Army faces Pennsylvania Oct. 9 at Michie Stadium, it will include a doubleheader with the JBK team.

"We're going to invite the Junior Black Knights to come out and be a part of that day with them getting an opportunity to play either before or after our game," West said. "We want to keep them involved with the program as much as we can, and take them under our wings as our little brothers."

The children got to learn many important lessons from a good group of role models throughout the week. However, it's the sport of football that tends to teach the biggest lesson.

"Football is a great sport," West said. "It's a great way to not only improve physically, but it can also teach you a lot of life lessons as well. I learned a lot playing this sport growing up, and it will help (these children), too."

Army sprint football Firstie running back Ricky Lentz (left) advises Junior Black Knight Sean Brockington on how to manuever through the Oklahoma drill Aug. 7 at Shea Stadium.

No. 1 seeds continue winning, WTU upsets ODIA

Intramural Softball Standings

**Final Standings/Playoff results through Monday*

NORTH DIVISION	W - L
1. MEDDAC	13 - 1
2. ODIA	11 - 3
3. DPW	10 - 4
4. MP's	6 - 8
5. STEWART MARINES	5 - 9
6. USMA BAND	4 - 10
7. WTU	4 - 10
8. NSSB	3 - 11

SOUTH DIVISION	W - L
1. SOC/HISTORY	13 - 1
2. MATH I	12 - 2
3. ENGRS	10 - 4
4. BS&L/BTD	8 - 6
5. CLS/PHYS	6 - 8
6. DPE/EECS	4 - 10
7. DMI	3 - 11
8. MATH II	0 - 14

Quarterfinals in South Division: #1 SOC/HISTORY defeated #8 MATH II 2 games to 0, #2 MATH I defeated #7 DMI 2 games to 0, #3 ENGRS defeated #6 DPE/EECS 2 games to 1, #5 CLS/PHYS defeated #4 BSL/BTD 2 games to 1.

Quarterfinals in North Division: #1 MEDDAC defeated #8 NSSB 2 games to 0, #7 WTU defeated #2 ODIA 2 games to 0, #3 DPW defeated USMA BAND 2 games to 0, #4 MP's and #5 STEWART MARINES tied at one game apiece (rain delay).

MP's second baseman Marcus Juarez knocked a game-winning two-run single in the bottom of the seventh inning to give the MP's a 10-9 victory over the Stewart Marines in game one of their best-of-three quarterfinal series Monday. PHOTOS BY ERIC S. BARTELT/PV

Stewart Marines pitcher Russ Carpenter (right) threw a shutout in game two to lead the Marines to a 15-0 win over the MP's. The Marines led 3-2 in the third game before it was halted because of lightning. Stewart Marines shortstop Scott Clemens (left) throws out a MP runner at first base. Although his team lost game one, his diving catch and turn of a double play preserved his team's lead in the sixth inning.

Army announces home-and-home series with Oklahoma

By Brian Gunning
Athletic Communications

Army and the University of Oklahoma have signed an agreement to begin a home-and-home football series in 2018, announced jointly by West Point Director of Athletics Kevin Anderson and OU Athletic Director Joe Castiglione Aug. 4.

Army will visit Norman on Sept. 22, 2018, while the Sooners are scheduled to travel to West Point for a meeting at Michie Stadium on Sept. 26, 2020.

The teams have met three times previously, with their last battle dating back to 1961.

Oklahoma has captured two of the previous three matchups between the schools.

The squads first squared off Sept. 28, 1946, when defending national champion Army defeated a surprisingly strong Sooner team under first-year head coach Jim Tatum, 21-7, at West Point.

The teams' next meeting took place in Norman Nov. 14, 1959, when head coach Bud Wilkinson's Oklahoma team scored a 28-20 victory over the Black Knights.

Another Wilkinson team prevailed over Army at Yankee Stadium in New York City, 14-8, on Nov. 18, 1961.

Army, which began its preseason camp under first-year head coach Rich Ellerson Aug. 3, will open its 2009 campaign Sept. 5 with a road contest at Eastern Michigan.

The Black Knights return home to play four of their next five games at Michie Stadium, beginning with a matchup versus Duke on Sept. 12.

For tickets, call 1-877-TIX-ARMY or go to **www.goARMYsports.com**.

$99 Season Ticket Contest

9 weeks, 9 winners ...
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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 6 Question ... When is the first free youth clinic of the fall season, and what sport is it?

Week 5 Answer: 10 percent.
Week 5 winner is:
Joy Chalmers from West Point, N.Y.