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GC, children break ground on 2nd CDC site



Garrison Commander Col. Dan Bruno (center) receives help from 5-year-old's Harlie Heck (left) and Walker Blackmon and their Families in breaking ground at the future site of the Child Development Center. The new CDC, scheduled to be completed by the summer of 2010, will provide West Point with two operational CDCs once completed. The facility, one of 60 new CDCs being built from 2008-10 throughout the Army, will have an interior square footage of 15,085 feet and have the capacity to serve 135 children. The project also includes a 3,770-foot playground that will run alongside the facility. Construction begins Sept. 7, and, once complete, should meet West Point's expanding childcare needs.

ERIC S. BARTELT/PV

INSIDE West Point ranked top public liberal arts college

By Jim Fox
Directorate of Public Affairs and Communications

"U.S. News & World Report" announced their 2010 America's Best Colleges Rankings Aug. 20 and ranked West Point the "Top Public Liberal Arts College."

The U.S. Naval Academy was ranked #2 overall.

West Point was also named the fourth-best "Undergraduate Engineering Program" ahead of both Navy (fifth) and the U.S. Air Force Academy (tied for sixth).

Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Ind., and Harvey Mudd College, Calif., tied for the top spot.

In the Best Undergraduate Engineering Programs category, while West Point was ranked #4 overall, the academy ranked #2

in Civil Engineering, #8 in Mechanical and tied for #9 in Electrical in the individual engineering program categories.

The engineering rankings are based solely on a spring 2009 peer survey of deans and senior faculty that asked them to rate each program they are familiar with on a scale of 1 (marginal) to 5 (distinguished). West Point's average was 4.1.

Out of 266 liberal arts colleges that U.S. News categorized as awarding more than half of their degrees in the arts and sciences, West Point was listed as tied for 14th-best Liberal Arts College overall, when combining both private and public colleges.

Navy was #19. Williams College, Mass., was ranked #1.

Earlier this month, **Forbes.com**, America's Best Colleges, ranked West Point as the "Top College in the Country."



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Letter from the Supe: Suicide prevention and intervention are everyone's business



Dear members of the West Point Community:

One of the greatest challenges commanders and leaders face is that of reducing the risk of suicide within the entire Army Family.

Although West Point is a wonderful place to live and work, we are not immune to suicide.

Preventing suicides and intervening when suicidal behaviors are evident is a complex challenge that requires a variety of strategies involving the entire community.

When community members—Soldiers, cadets, Family members, civilian employees—experience a life-crisis, feel alienated, isolated and overburdened to

the point that they consider taking their own lives, every member of the West Point team is affected.

My policy is clear—seeking help is a sign of strength that should be encouraged by all members of the community.

Tell Soldiers, cadets, those working beside you and your Family members that it is OK to seek assistance.

We have numerous agencies, among them are the Chaplains, Behavioral Health, Army Community Service and the Employee Assistance Program, to name but a few, that help in a time of crisis.

Dispel the myth that seeking assistance, especially behavioral health assistance, is a career stopper. Apply this philosophy to yourself and to anyone serving under your command or supervision. Teach this concept in the good times and in the bad times.

We all need to be vigilant and if the early warning signs become evident, ensure prompt action is taken to refer those at risk to appropriate assistance.

Urge everyone in your organization to look for signs such as diminished interest in activities, depressed moods and sleep disturbance.

The stresses of military service upon our Soldiers, their Families and upon those who support them can be enormous.

An actively engaged, observant and compassionate chain of command must also be vigilant and can make all the difference.

Continue the vigilance,

The Supe

Lt. Gen. Buster Hagenbeck
Superintendent

September is Suicide Prevention Month

Submitted by the Community Awareness Campaign Committee

(Editor's Note: This is part I of a five-part series on suicide prevention.)

The Army is observing Suicide Prevention Month during September. This year's theme is "Improving Our Soldiers and Families Health: a Healthy Force Combating High Risk Behaviors."

As part of its commitment to the health, safety and well-being of its Soldiers, Families and civilian employees, the Army is joining the Nation and the Department of Defense in observing National Suicide Prevention Week Sept. 6-12 and World-Wide Recognition Day for Suicide Prevention Sept. 10. The goal of Suicide Prevention Week is to globally promote awareness about suicide prevention.

Significant efforts have been in place for many years to address the problem of suicide. However, there is still much work to be done. The cost of suicide and suicide-related behavior is staggering, both emotionally and financially.

Effective suicide prevention demands that those on the front lines are equipped with the tools necessary to make the referrals and interventions that can help save lives. In an effort to better prepare the West Point community, many of those who are in a position to respond to those at risk for suicide—Soldiers, Family members and civilian employees—received training in suicide prevention from March through July. Now that much of the community is prepared, they should act if they encounter someone who needs help.

During September, a number of activities will occur to raise the awareness and knowledge of the community about suicide prevention. They include:

- A one-day Behavioral Health and Resilience Conference sponsored by Keller Army Community Hospital and the U.S. Corps of Cadets from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Sept. 3 at Bartlett Hall, Room 211. While there is no cost to attend this conference, RSVP to Stephanie Stach at 938-6940 or stephanie.stach@amedd.army.mil to ensure seating availability and to receive further details;
- Suicide Awareness 5/10K Run sponsored by the Military Police Company at 6:30 a.m. Sep. 10 starting at the MP Barracks near the basketball courts;
- Suicide information table at the Directorate of Human Resources from 1:30-4 p.m. Sept. 9 in Bldg. 622;
- Suicide Prevention and Awareness booths at Bldg. 606 from 1-4 p.m. Sept. 10 and the PX from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sept. 11. A voluntary and anonymous needs and interest survey will be available to all visitors.

For concerns or answers to questions about suicide or suicide prevention, call:

- Behavioral Health or Social Work services at 938-3441;
- Employee Assistance Program at 938-2912;
- Chaplain, day or night at 845-401-8171;
- Center for Personal Development 938-3022;
- See your Family health care provider;
- MPs (938-3333) or go to the ER;
- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, day or night, at 1-800-273-Talk/8255.

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.

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

Difficulty: Medium

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

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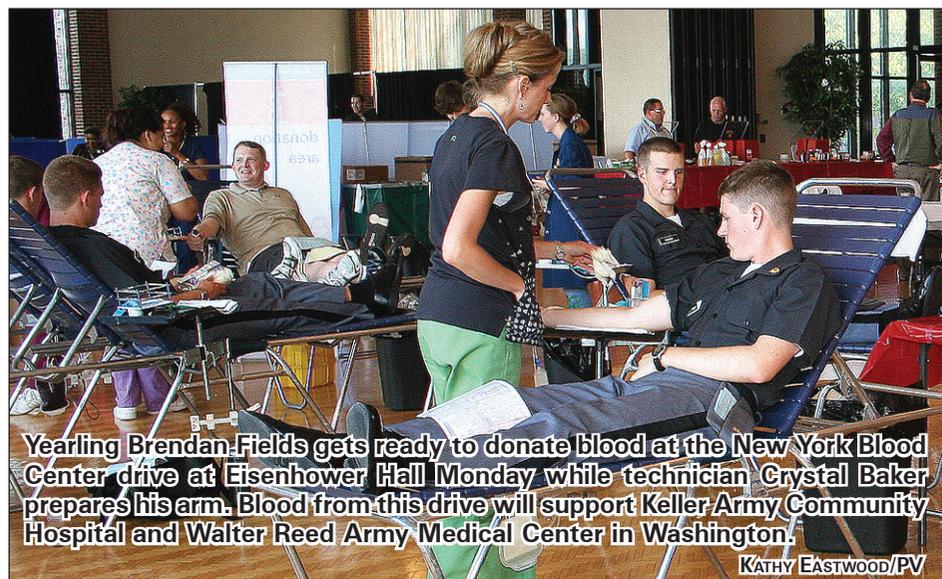
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Blood Drive continues through today



Yearling Brendan Fields gets ready to donate blood at the New York Blood Center drive at Eisenhower Hall Monday while technician Crystal Baker prepares his arm. Blood from this drive will support Keller Army Community Hospital and Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington.

KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

Ring Weekend celebrated by firsties



A firstie tries unsuccessfully to make his way down Thayer Walkway Aug. 21 after receiving his West Point Class Ring at the Class of 2010 Ring Ceremony. Following a long-standing tradition, plebes run up and surround the firsties reciting the Ring Poop—"Oh my god, sir! What a beautiful ring! What a crass mass of brass and glass! What a bold mold of rolled gold! What a cool jewel you got from your school! See how it sparkles and shines? It must have cost you a fortune! Please sir, may I touch it? May I touch it please, sir?" The Aug. 21 ceremony was the beginning of the weekend festivities, as a banquet and hop followed Aug. 22. Many firsties were joined by their Families and friends to celebrate this occasion as part of their 47-month West Point experience.

JOHN PELLINO/DPTMS VI

Structure's Project Day



Civil Engineer firsties (foreground) construct a two-story, two-bay steel structure during the department's Structure's Project Day outside Pershing Barracks Monday. The daylong lab gave students hands-on experience in constructing a steel structure, building a wood shed, working with masonry and using a computer for reading and drawing plans. The wood shed in the background will be used for storage on Constitution Island. The West Point Civil Engineering program, recently ranked #2 in the nation by U.S. News & World Report, "teaches students to logically and critically solve problems," Maj. Adam Chalmers, assistant professor of Civil Engineering, said.

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BBC treats home-schooled children to Putnam tour

Story and photos by
Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

Community members were treated to an educational tour of Fort Putnam Aug. 21 by Balfour Beatty Communities.

Thirty adults and children braved the excessive heat and humidity at the fort as they listened to West Point Museum specialist/conservator Paul Ackermann and Mike Diaz, a State University of New York at Albany student in the Master of Arts Public History program, give a history lesson on Fort Putnam.

Diaz was dressed for the occasion in the uniform of the Second New York Regiment of the Revolutionary War.

"I came up with the idea while walking one day during my lunch hour," Jodi Gellman, Lifeworks coordinator for Balfour Beatty Communities, said. "Fort Putnam was open because of a holiday and there were tour guides there. I thought it was a great idea to have an event since I was so impressed with it, and I wondered how many people actually never have been to Fort Putnam."

The tour was open to all community members, but it was specifically geared to the home schooled.

"My children and I have been (to Fort Putnam) a few times before," a female attendee said. "I feel that this is one of the best things that Balfour Beatty has done since they came to West Point."

"My children had a fun time walking



Paul Ackermann, West Point Museum specialist/conservator, gives a talk on historical Fort Putnam Aug. 21 during the Balfour Beatty Communities sponsored educational tour for community members.

around the fort and they learned so much from the two men who were there," she added. "My son talked about the tour the whole weekend."

Gellman said it was an amazing tour with

a great turn out, and she said there are plans in the works for future events for the home-schooled children.

"(The home-schooled children) are so interested in someone being able to coordinate

and execute this for the group," Gellman said. "In September, I am planning for an instructor from the U.S. Mint to come to West Point and give a lesson on the history of coin making."

Cadets spend a hot summer training in cool Alaska

Story and photo by David Bedard
Fort Richardson PAO

(Editor's note: This story appeared in the July 3 issue of the Alaska Post.)

Throughout the course of the summer, cadets from the U.S. Military Academy can be spotted at Fort Richardson, Alaska, motor pools, company operating facilities and the dining facility wearing Army Combat Uniforms with rank insignia more akin to Star Trek than the Army.

The prospective Army officers are training on the installation for three weeks in what the academy terms as the Cadet Troop Leadership Training program.

Captain Anthony Howell, 164th Military Police Company commander, is sponsoring five cadets this summer and said he didn't deviate from the unit's planned training to accommodate the CTLT cadets, explaining the intent is for them to experience the "real" Army.

"Really there wasn't much of a planning process in it," Howell said. "We're not planning training events around them. They're just fitting in like they just arrived as brand new lieutenants and I am giving them projects just like I would to one of my platoon leaders."

"The whole idea is that they mix in and fill in as platoon leaders and they perform those roles," Howell continued. "They help out the platoon leaders and do the same things the platoon leaders are doing. We're actually short of platoon leaders, so they had a full platoon they could step right into (and lead)."

Under the direction of Howell, 164th MP platoon leaders closely mentor the cadets in the day-to-day administration of an MP

platoon. Platoon leader 2nd Lt. Lonnie Wilson said the majority of his mentoring centers on the more mundane details of Army business.

"A lot of what they teach you at (Officer Basic Course) is tactics and they really don't teach you a lot about garrison (operations)," Wilson said. "My job is more paperwork heavy than it is for my (noncommissioned officers), so some of these things they need to learn from officers."

Wilson said officer paperwork includes NCO counseling and evaluations, vehicle maintenance forms and equipment status reports, which are forms necessary to get NCOs promoted, vehicles repaired and equipment requisitioned.

Howell said the most important aspect of CTLT is to remove cadets from the classroom and the parade field and place them in the midst of a functioning Army unit with living, breathing Soldiers.

"Coming out of (U.S. Army) Cadet Command, there are a lot of people saying 'this is how it's going to be,'" Howell said of his experience. "This gives them a little preview and allows them to see for themselves how the Army works, this is how (physical training) really looks, this is how Army training looks, so when they come in (the active Army) they are not disillusioned by what other people have told them."

Cadet Matthew Brown, who will be a firstie this fall, said he agrees.

"It's the actual Army, that's the biggest thing," Brown explained. "I think a lot of cadets fall into the trap—I'm included—of looking at the West Point closed environment and thinking 'this is difficult, I'm not going to be able to stand it,' but it's nice to come here and realize that (USMA) is its own isolated environment and this is what an actual military unit looks like and this is how

it actually runs."

West Point has been educating Army officers since the post-American Revolutionary War era in 1802, and it has maintained a rigorous military and scholastic regimen ever since. West Point has helped foster a high sense of discipline, honor and duty while indoctrinating cadets into becoming officers and members of the "Long Gray Line."

Brown said the microcosm of West Point is balanced by the CTLT experience, where cadets can gain a full understanding of the relationship between a platoon leader and his NCOs.

Brown participated in a field training exercise, leading an MP platoon during route reconnaissance missions; reacting to improvised explosive devices and complex ambushes; and planning and leading a cordon and search in a simulated urban environment.

"The squad leaders are very helpful," Brown said, acknowledging his limited experience. "I ask questions because I know I don't know very much. (NCOs) answer all of my questions, help me plan, but at the end



Cadets Caleb Reilly (left) and Firstie Monte Hoover enjoy a quiet lunch at Fort Richardson's Gold Rush Inn.

of the day when we started the exercise, they did what I told them to do. That was very interesting. They're very professional."

Brown said his CTLT experience will prove valuable going into his firstie year.

"That has been the biggest benefit for me—seeing the true Army, talking to Soldiers, finding out what things are like for them and realizing it is different than West Point," Brown explained. "That is something I am going to have to keep in mind this last year at the academy—(that after) I graduate I (must) shift gears and get a true military mindset, having learned about a real Army unit and how it functions."

AIAD trip to Portugal gives cadets historical view

By Joshua A. Enslin
Assistant Professor of Portuguese

Portugal is a small country that has played a huge role in shaping the history of world events. During the Portuguese Age of Discoveries, roughly the 15th and 16th centuries, the Portuguese military—especially its navy—was responsible for a number of advances in maritime technology. With their swift-sailing caravelas, the Portuguese established a vast empire that lasted for centuries stretching from Indonesia to India, Africa, China and South America.

These interesting historical facts and many other cultural lessons were learned this summer by seven West Point cadets as they practiced their Portuguese on a 25-day Advanced Individual Academic Development trip to mainland Portugal and the Azores.

Beginning with northern Portugal, Firstie Kristin Beehler, Cows Serafin Dopico, Benjamin Asare, Emeline Hood, Jonathan James, Tim Clark and Joshua Scott, along with Drs. Rebecca Jones-Kellogg and Joshua A. Enslin, Department of Foreign Languages Portuguese assistant professors, visited the cities of Porto, Coimbra, Lisbon, Sintra, Lagos and many places in between.

They spent a week in the Atlantic on the volcanic islands of the Azores, an autonomous region of Portugal located in the middle of the ocean between the Iberian Peninsula and New England.

Apart from practicing their language skills, the cadets also made a number of official visits to various Portuguese military installations.

A highlight of the trip was in Lisbon where they spent two days and nights at the Portuguese Military Academy learning about its history and the day-to-day routine of Portuguese cadets.

As a part of the visit, the cadets were treated to a tour of the Portuguese Navy's maritime museum (Museu de Marinha). In Lisbon, the cadets were invited to attend a Fourth of July reception at the U.S. Embassy where they met with officers, diplomats and Eusébio, the most famous Portuguese club soccer player of all time.

During the last week of the AIAD, cadets spent time on the Azorean islands of São Miguel and Terceira.

While on São Miguel, they met with the U.S. Consul, Jeanette Rébert, enjoyed a traditional meal cooked in hot volcanic sands called cozido and were also briefed by the Azorean Operational Command (Comando Operacional dos Açores) on Portuguese military activities in the archipelago.

While on the island of Terceira, the cadets visited with Col. Suarez of the U.S. Air Force at Lajes, the joint U.S.-Portuguese



Cows Joshua Scott (left) and Serafin Dopico enjoy fried octopus tentacles at a restaurant in Lisbon.

DR. REBECCA JONES-KELLOGG/DFL

Air Base. They also witnessed a traditional island bullfight called a tourada à corda.

All in all, the Portugal AIAD provided a chance for the

cadets to grow personally and professionally by combining foreign language practice, cultural immersion and official military duties.

Cadets partner with WFP for better water

Submitted by Department of Geography and Environmental Engineering

Six cadets and one faculty member from the U.S. Military Academy partnered with the international non-profit organization Water For People in Honduras from May 24-June 2 during an Advanced Individual Academic Development trip.

Firsties Tim Jeffcoach, Walter Arevalo, Andrew Zapcic, Cows Dan Thueneman, Brandon Lawrence, Alex Kearns and Maj. Adam Czekanski worked with the WFP Honduras staff to assess existing water and sanitation projects in rural villages of 17 communities within the interior highlands of Honduras.

Of the 17 communities visited, 13 involved both water and sanitation projects, three involved only water projects and one involved only latrines. All the water projects were gravity-fed systems that drew water from either mountain springs or surface water sources. Water was brought to a community water tank where it was chlorinated for disinfection and then distributed to household taps.

Sanitation projects focused on individual household latrines. One community was involved in a pilot program using an "ECOSAN" latrine, which composts the waste in order to use it for fertilizer.

Cadets collected data by using standardized surveys administered both to water committee members and resident users in each village. Site evaluation was also conducted in the

vicinity of the water source (spring or surface water), the village water tank, and household taps for sources of potential contamination.

Cadets also tested for proper levels of chlorine residual in the water. Hygiene practices were assessed solely through the use of survey questions at the household level.

A technical paper detailing the results of the surveys and assessments was drafted upon completion of all monitoring and was sent to WFP's international staff in Denver and to the WFP Honduras staff in San Pedro Sula.

Following their completion of work with WFP, the USMA team spent one week touring cultural sites around Honduras that included the Mayan ruins at Copan; the Finca El Cisne coffee finca, which employs shade-grown coffee practices to minimize environmental impact; cave networks near Lago de Yajoa; and the Pico Bonito National Forest near La Ceiba.

Cadets also received a detailed briefing on the JTF-Bravo mission during a visit to Soto Cano air base.

The trip offered a great immersion experience where the cadets participating



Cow Dan Thueneman measures the chlorine concentration of water during his Advanced Individual Academic Development trip to Honduras.

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in this mission were able to interact with the people in Honduras in a way not many cadets are able to on other AIADs. They traveled daily to remote villages and spoke with residents of these villages in a very in-depth and candid manner about the most basic provisions of daily life.

All of this was done with the knowledge that the end product of the field work would be something that would ultimately help the people they met, and that they can realize a better quality of life. This service aspect of the AIAD added critical depth that elevated it from being an interesting look at another culture to a much more meaningful experience. It allowed the team to actively assist in finding solutions to the real-life problems encountered by many people in developing nations.

The work done by the USMA team in Honduras was much appreciated by both the WFP Honduras staff and by the WFP international staff. The WFP Honduras staff commented specifically about the excellent work the cadets did in the field and how well they interacted with the water committee members and residents of the

villages. Additionally, the general eagerness of the cadets to work and their positive attitudes each day were highlighted and contributed significantly to the Honduras country coordinator commenting on how the monitoring team from USMA was the best he had ever worked with in any capacity. WFP has expressed extreme interest in continuing this annual partnership with West Point.

Czekanski conducted the initial coordination with Water For People in October 2007 by arranging a partnership for the following summer between WFP and the academy. The intent of this partnership was to create a multi-disciplinary AIAD focused on service-based learning.

This initial partnership occurred during July/August 2008 and included a team of six cadets with Czekanski, and WFP's in-country staff in Guatemala. Work during this trip was focused in the Ixil region of the Department of Quiché in the western highlands.

The work performed by the USMA team in 2008 was very well received by WFP and coordination was made for the subsequent partnership in Honduras during May/June 2009.

Constitution Island hosts reenactors

Submitted by Constitution Island

In honor of the Hudson-Fulton-Champlain Quadricentennial, West Point's Constitution Island and the Constitution Island Association will host its annual Reenactment Weekend from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

About 150 uniformed troops representing the American Revolution and the Civil War will perform an array of activities to include tactical weapon demonstrations, inspections, formations, musket firings, artillery demonstrations, gunboat operations, camp life and drills, all under the watchful eyes of commanding officers on horseback.

The event features non-stop activities depicting Gen. George Washington's efforts to defend Fort Constitution and Fortress West Point.

This year's event also will include 18th century music, American Revolutionary and Civil War camps, and a pageant of uniforms representing the 400 years of New York's history.

Constitution Island caretaker Roddy MacLeod welcomes members of the West Point and Highland Falls communities to one of his favorite weekends on the Island's calendar.

"We have a ball hosting reenactors who remind us of the sacrifices that Soldiers made for us, particularly as we look across the Hudson at West Point, America's premier leader development institution," MacLeod said.

Retired Col. Jim Johnson, military historian of the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area and a sponsor of the weekend, commented on the various activities scheduled to take place.

"You will enjoy the chance to celebrate New York's Quadricentennial by standing near the Hudson and imagining Henry Hudson's Half Moon navigating through the S-shaped curve between present-day West Point and Constitution Island in September 1609," Johnson said.

Boats depart West Point's South Dock at 10:15 and 11:15 a.m. and 12:15, 1:15 and 2:15 p.m. and depart the island on



West Point's Constitution Island and the Constitution Island Association hosts Reenactment Weekend Saturday and Sunday.

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the half hour until 4 p.m.

Interested attendees can also catch a bus at the south end of the Cold Spring Metro-North Train Station. Chalet on the Hudson will "man the grills" and offer sausage and peppers, hotdogs, burgers, snacks and drinks for purchase.

Boat reservations are not required, but boarding early is probably a good plan.

Donation for tickets are accepted (and suggested amounts will be listed at the event.)

Customer Service Assessment allows WP customers to provide feedback

Submitted by Customer Management Services

All leaders, Soldiers, Family members, retirees, veterans, Department of Defense civilians and contractors are encouraged to participate in a survey about how West Point services and programs are performing and how important they are to you.

The survey covers programs and services provided by the garrison to include the ID card section, Family housing and Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs such as the Fitness Center and Army Community Service.

The survey should take about 15 minutes to complete and can be accessed online at www.myarmyvoice.org at any time through Sept. 18.

Customers will be asked to respond to demographic questions in the first part of the survey, which will direct them to the set of questions about services they use. Customers will rate each service's performance and how important that service is to them on a scale from 1 (very poor) to 5 (excellent). The survey is anonymous.

The assessment is important to West Point leadership because it provides valuable information about customer service, whether customer expectations are being met and aids in identifying areas where improvements should be made.

"This is a great opportunity to make your voice heard,"

Christina Overstreet, Customer Service Officer, said. "Customer Management Services is spearheading the survey."

Overstreet encourages everyone at West Point to complete the survey because "the survey will only be successful in capturing the 'voice of the customer' if enough people share their voice."

"While it is important to have a voice," she added, "it is even more important to use it."

For more information, contact Christina Overstreet, Customer Service Officer, at 938-0627 or e-mail christina.overstreet@usma.edu.

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Bus Schedule

O'Neill High School—West Point Students

Effective Aug. 18 for SY 2009-10

Route 11 (Blue) — 6:50 a.m.

Lamb Place, Patterson Loop (entrance), Heath Loop (bus shelter entrance), Wyllys Place, Radiere Loop (entrance).

Route 12 (Yellow) — 6:50 a.m.

Merritt Road/Sladen Place.

Route 13 (Red) — 6:48 a.m.

Bowman Loop/Lee Road (near Qtrs. 286), Bowman Loop/Lee Road (near Qtrs. 266), Beauregard Place, Barnard Loop/Lee Road (near Qtrs. 243), Barnard Loop/Lee Road (near Qtrs. 225), Barry Road/Lee Road.

Route 14 (Green) — 6:46 a.m.

Qtrs. 525 Merritt Road, Merritt Road/Post Chapel, 122 Washington Road, 120 Washington Road, 116 Washington Road, 113 Washington Road, 112 Washington Road, 109 Washington Road, Qtrs. 6 Thayer Road, Qtrs. 25 Thayer Road (rear-service road), Kinsley Hill Road/Wilson Road, Smith Place/Wilson Place, Qtrs. 45 Wilson Road.

Route 15 (Orange) — 6:36 a.m.

34 Thayer Road (rear service road/Mills Road), Partridge/Schofield, Partridge/Stewart, Washington Road/Lee Road, Bailey Loop/Washington Road, Worth Place/Washington Road.

All students will be receiving their bus pass and letter, showing their bus stop time and location.

For questions or concerns, call the Transportation Department at 446-9575 ext. 223 or 225.

Visit the Web site www.tranfinder.com. View bus stop locations and times on the Web site, as well as register to receive information on any bus schedule changes.

What's Happening

Sales associate needed

The Daughters of the United States Army Gift Shop has a vacancy for a sales associate.

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

Puppies Behind Bars training

A Puppies Behind Bars training session to train people how to care for future service animals during weekend visits is scheduled from 1-5 p.m. Sunday at the Eisenhower Hall, third floor Crest Room. It is open to any interested animal-lover volunteers (to include cadets) that enjoy community service through puppy-sitting sessions.

The training will be hands-on and puppies are provided. It is to help socialize future service dogs for the disabled, for veterans with PTSD/MTBI and explosive ordnance detection canines.

Staff members can sign-up at <http://www-internal.uscc.usma.edu/> on the USCC internal homepage, or e-mail Capt. Jana Fajardo at jana.fajardo@usma.edu or kate@puppiesbehindbars.com. For more information, take a look at the Web site—www.puppiesbehindbars.com or call the PBB office at 212-680-9562. Pizza and drinks will be provided during the training.

Bookstore has children's spirit attire

The West Point Bookstore has cheerleader uniforms in sizes Youth 2-10 and football jerseys in Youth 2-18/20, as well as a wide assortment of spirit gear.

The Bookstore is located on the fourth floor of Thayer Hall.

PME2 programs

The Simon Center for the Professional Military Ethic has two upcoming presentations that are open to the West Point community on a space available basis. For more information, contact Maj. Chad DeBos at 938-3028 or chad.debos@usma.edu.

Eric Alexander, skier, climber and mountaineer, who defied the odds in 2001 and scaled Mt. Everest, guiding his blind friend, Erik Weihenmayer, to its 29,035-foot summit, will address the Class of 2013 from 12:50-1:45 p.m. Wednesday in Robinson Auditorium in Thayer Hall during their PME2 lesson PME 4-2—Trustworthiness and Teamwork.

Gus Lee, best-selling author, nationally recognized expert on leadership and ethics and part-time Chair of Character Development

for SCPME, will address the Class of 2012 from 12:50-1:45 p.m. Sept. 15 in Robinson Auditorium in Thayer Hall during their PME2 lesson PME 3-3—Courage by Example.

West Point Hunting Club

The West Point Hunting Club meets at 4 p.m. Wednesday at the clubhouse off of Mine Torne Road. All interested parties are invited. The clubhouse is connected to the Bass Clubhouse, which is the first gate to the right off of Mine Torne coming from Route 293. Direct questions via global e-mail to Ray Parrott or Jeff Prosperie.

Manhole rehabilitation

Rehabilitation work on 55 sanitary sewer manholes by a Directorate of Public Works contractor is ongoing.

No excavations and minimal impact to the community are expected.

The planned work schedule is:

- Through Friday—Housing areas.

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

Motorcycle Safety training

There are openings in the upcoming Basic Motorcycle Rider Courses scheduled to start:

- Sept. 23 for staff and faculty;
- Sept. 25 for cadets only;
- Oct. 14 for staff and faculty;
- Oct. 16 for cadets only.

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

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

Commissary case-lot sale/food fair

The West Point Commissary is having a case-lot sale Sept. 3-5 and will hold a food fair with sampling Sept. 11-12.

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.

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.

FAST class

A Functional Academic Skills Training class will be held from 12:30-4:30 p.m. Sept. 14-30 at the Army Education Center.

This class strengthens skills needed to improve the General Technical score on the Armed Forces Classification Test.

For more information, contact Neil at 938-5389 or Nancy at 938-3464.

Buffalo Soldier Memorial Ceremony

West Point hosts the 48th annual Buffalo Soldier Memorial Ceremony Sept. 6 at 12:15 p.m. at Buffalo Soldier Field.

The ceremony honors the 9th and 10th Cavalry Regiments of the Buffalo Soldiers.

The guest speaker for the event is Col. Ricanthony Ashley, chief of radiology at Keller Army Community Hospital and Class of 1986.

The public is invited to join the Buffalo Soldiers and their Families for the ceremony.

For more information, call the Directorate of Public Affairs and Communications Community Relations Branch at 938-3614.

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.

FMWR Blurbs

West Point Military Appreciation Day

West Point Military Appreciation Day takes place from 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Friday 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.

Samuel Adams tasting

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

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.

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 are available.

For more information, call Elizabeth Peralta at 938-6170.

Sunday Breakfast

The West Point Club Sunday breakfast is back from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. every Sunday.

There is an all-new breakfast menu.

For more information, call 938-5120.

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.

West Point Golf Course Club

Championship

The West Point Golf Course Championship takes place Sept. 5-7.

The championship is open to everyone. Register now through Sept. 3.

For more information, call 938-2435.

West Point Golf Course specials

The West Point Golf Course is offering late summer/early fall specials.

- There is a 15 percent discount on green fees between 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday;

- A Lunch and Drive Special Tuesday-Thursday is ongoing where if you spend \$5 or more on lunch at the Golf Course, you receive a free small bucket of balls;

- Veterans receive preferential guest rates at a savings both weekdays and weekends;

- Buy a 10-Play general public punch-pass for the price of eight.

For more information, especially about pricing, call the West Point Golf Course at 938-2435.

ACS Respite Care Program

ACS subsidizes up to 40 hours of respite care per month for each eligible Family member.

The program is designed to provide a break for Families who are responsible for the regular care of an exceptional Family member.

Eligibility is based on Exceptional Family Member Program enrollment and the exceptional Family member's medical or educational condition.

Families are free to choose their own respite care provider as long as they meet the requirements set forth by the Army.

If you do not have a provider in mind, you can select one from ACS' central contractor, Align Staffing Respite Care Network.

Care may be provided in the EFM's home or in another setting such as special needs camps and enrichment programs.

For more information, call Josephine Toohey at 938-5655 or e-mail josephine.toohey@us.army.mil.

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 and proper disposal of fluids and includes a tour of the shop and overview of shop rules.

For more information, call 938-2074.

NFL Ticket available

Love football, but your team's game isn't available here? No problem.

The West Point Club has NFL Ticket each Sunday starting Sept. 13. Enjoy all of the games on the club's flat screen TVs.

The West Point Club opens at 11:30 a.m., so come early and spend the day watching your favorite teams. Don't forget that the full service bar and food menu will be available.

For more information, call 938-5120.

Crisis line

Soldiers and their Families can receive 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 session begins 9 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays through Sept. 25 and starts 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.

The class is lead by Group Certified Fitness Instructor Kristine Hays.

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

EFMP Expo

The Exceptional Family Member Program Expo and information conference to help support EFMP Families' needs is Sept. 15.

Topics include basic education rights and

responsibilities, transitioning with special needs, a Tricare/Echo brief, and wills, guardianships and special needs trusts.

Lunch and childcare will be provided.

Advance registration is required. Log on to www.westpointmwr.com, click on the Army Community Service drop-down menu and select the EFMP Web page link.

For more information, call Josephine Toohey at 938-5655 or email josephine.toohey@us.army.mil.

Ballroom dancing

Ballroom dance classes are being offered 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.

Defensive driving classes

The next defensive driving classes will be held from 6-9 p.m. Sept. 15-16 at ACS, Bldg. 622. To register, call the ITR office at 938-2401.

Babysitting classes

Babysitting classes 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.

Intermediate women's running group

The 12-week session begins Sept. 17. The group will run 4-6 miles each week.

The running group meets once a week on either Wednesdays or Thursdays (to be determined) at 9 a.m.

Come out and run for fitness, friendship and fun. Feel free to bring your dog.

For more information, 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

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 Friday.

Free VIP Woodbury Common Premium Outlet Voucher

Stop by the Balfour Beatty Communities office to pick up a VIP Woodbury Common Premium Outlet voucher for extra back-to-school savings.

Ladies Meet and Greet Social

All West Point women are invited for an afternoon of fun from 12:30-2:00 p.m. Sept. 8 to learn how to play Bunco.

Experienced players are welcome, too. There will be food and vendors such as Mary Kay, Longaberger and Pampered Chef. No sales are permitted at the event. Please RSVP to Jodi Gellman by Sept. 3 at 446-6407. Location for the event is still to be determined.

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

Keller Corner

Refractive Surgery Seminar

The Keller Army Community Hospital ophthalmology service is conducting a Refractive Surgery Seminar from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday in Robinson Auditorium.

This seminar is open to cadets (firsties and cows) and active duty Army personnel interested in obtaining laser vision correction.

Find out how laser surgery works, the pros and cons of surgery and how to get treated here.

For more information, call the ophthalmology clinic at 938-2207.

Free developmental/hearing screenings

Not all children develop the same way, some children need extra help.

If you have concerns with your child's communication skills, motor skills, self-help skills, learning, behavior, and/or social interactions, join us at our free developmental/hearing screenings.

The screenings will be conducted at the Child Development Center in conjunction with Audiology, EDIS and West Point Schools for ages birth to 5 years.

It will be held from 8:45 a.m.-2 p.m. Sept. 29.

The screenings are by appointment only. To schedule an appointment, call 938-6868/2698.

Childbirth Preparation

There is a four-week series for childbirth preparation starting Tuesday.

The series runs every Tuesday through Sept. 22 from 6-8 p.m. in the KACH second floor classroom.

Call OBU at 938-3210 to register.

KACH outpatient clinics closures

All outpatient clinics, laboratory, pharmacy and radiology will be closed Sept. 4 (Training Holiday) and Sept. 7 (Labor Day).

The emergency room will remain open.

Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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

TSP TICKER

AUGUST share prices (as of 8/24)

C Fund	-	+ 0.55	(12.0676)
S Fund	-	+ 0.72	(14.9685)
I Fund	-	+ 0.94	(17.4267)

Offense may produce several weapon options

Story and photos by
Eric S. Bartelt
Editor

(Editor's note: This is the second of a three-part series on the 2009 Army football team leading up to the team's season opener Sept. 5 at Eastern Michigan. This week's feature focuses on the offense.)

Last season brought the first installment of change to Army's offense as it returned to its roots with the triple option.

The final results last year were a mixed bag as Army found a few nuggets of gold in an otherwise destitute season on the offensive side of the ball.

A breakout performance by Collin Mooney, who rushed for a school-record 1,339 yards, showed that the triple-option has plenty of potential, specifically from the fullback position. On the downside, the team was held to single digits five times, including a 34-0 shutout loss to Navy to end the season.

The question heading into this year is how will the fullback fit into new head coach Rich Ellerson's system and who will replace the departed Mooney, who graduated in the spring.

Entering the summer practices, Yearling CeDarius Williams and Cow Kingsley Ehie were on top of the fullback depth chart. They both combined for five yards last year, all by Ehie. However, that shouldn't be a discouragement, considering

Mooney had a career total of 22 yards on six carries before last season.

With the introduction of Ellerson's version of the triple-option offense, the offensive players are trying to grasp the nuances and have been taking baby steps toward that goal.

"We're hoping that there will be enough carry over in some of the things they've done in the past that we can tap into," Ellerson said. "There is no substitute for repetition and experience. It's encouraging that they are grasping the system, because all I can do is look at tape and say, 'yeah, there are things that are significantly different, but the degree that they can draw on that experience can help them take another step forward, which is huge.'"

One of the experienced players who may have an impact this year is Cow running back Patrick Mealy, who finished with 302 yards two years ago, and 97 yards and two touchdowns last year. Mealy believes his style will fit seamlessly into Ellerson's triple-option and is focused on improving himself in any way possible.

"I'm going to do whatever it takes to help the team win—whether it's catching the ball, blocking or running," Mealy said. "I've got a lot of (tenaciousness) and I think that will definitely help in the triple option."

"I want to work on my knowledge of the offense," he added. "To me,



Cow quarterback Chip Bowden, who started nine games a year ago, is trying to fend off some tough competition to retain his slot as Army's No. 1 quarterback.

knowledge of the offense is the most important thing because if I can have a better knowledge of the triple option, I think I will be, and the team in general, a lot more successful."

Mealy had to overcome some personal issues to get back on top of the depth chart. He left the team at one point last season with thoughts of never returning, but he changed his mind and returned a much more ambitious player.

"Right now, I feel great," Mealy explained. "This is where I want to be and this is where I'm going to finish (my collegiate career)."

"Last year, I had some difficulties going on at school, but that's behind me now and I'm ready to move forward," he added. "I'm definitely a lot hungrier this year."

Mealy expects some form of success this year, although that success will be attributed to the play of the offensive line and quarterback.

The offensive line looks much leaner and quicker this year with a mixture of converted tight ends and defensive players, something that Ellerson believes will work within the triple-option system. Only one starter returns to the line, Firstie Jason Johnson, while another former offensive line starter, Firstie Ali Villanueva, made the move to wide receiver.

It might be a scary proposition for the quarterback when the heaviest top of the depth chart offensive linemen is 277 pounds, but the good thing about the option is most of the time the quarterback is mobile enough that an opposing player can't get a clean, devastating shot at him.

The quarterback position is a wide open affair heading into the season. Chances are that Cow Chip Bowden will be the starter to open up the season at Eastern Michigan,

but the group of Yearling Max Jenkins, Plebe Trent Steelman and Firstie Carson Williams will be in the mix throughout the year.

Bowden started nine games in 2008 and finished with 572 yards rushing and a couple of touchdown passes. Bowden has been comfortable considering he's in a fight for the starting job, but he's been concentrating on understanding the system and succeeding more than worrying about his job being at stake.

"There are many changes with different plays, blocking schemes and things like that," Bowden said. "But, we're not going to be afraid to attack down field, and with the triple option, other teams are worried about the three-, four-, five-yard gains and I think with this offense we're going to take a shot down the field and attack the defense from the first snap to the final whistle."

Bowden believes that his game experience gives him the advantage heading into the season, but he also understands that he has quite a battle ahead.

"(Max Jenkins) is a good football player, so he's going to be able to cut down on the (experience) difference because of athletic ability and his decision-making," Bowden said of Jenkins, who began the summer practices at number two on the quarterback depth chart. "However, I still think game experience is important and you can't replace that, so that definitely gives me a leg up on the other competitors."

Ellerson likes the battle among the quarterbacks, but he's also reserved in saying that there really isn't a standout signal caller at this moment.

"We're going to keep (the quarterback position) competitive and that position has to be played better," Ellerson said. "We've got to take a step forward and find out

some things about who wants to be in front of the line. We have to develop (quarterback depth) and there are some things we don't do very well that we have to do better."

The most intriguing position on the team, outside of the quarterback battle, is at wide receiver. With Villanueva (6-foot-10-inch, 280 pounds) settling into his new position and a successful spring season (scoring three touchdowns in two spring scrimmages) under his belt, the receivers should help the passing game.

Hampered by injuries his first two seasons, Firstie Damion Hunter is looking to make an impact with his speed. Hunter led Army in receptions (11) last season and added a touchdown.

Whether it's Hunter's speed, Villanueva's size, Mealy's tenacious running or the quick blocking of a young, lean offensive line, all the success that the team will achieve this year still funnels through one position—quarterback.

"The offense is going to revolve around the quarterback position, although many other things have to work for that position to be efficient and effective, but the ball goes through his hands," Ellerson explained. "I'm not looking for a guy who is going to rush for 1,000 yards or throw 2,000 yards, I'm looking for a guy who can operate and get the team into the right plays and distribute the ball appropriately."

"It would be great if I had a guy who was a weapon at that position, but to get the team on an even keel we need an operator," he added. "The men around him have to be operating just as well, but there's no substitute when the ball is in a quarterback's hands because he has to be right or nothing will succeed."



Cow running back Patrick Mealy is looking to excel in new head coach Rich Ellerson's triple-option offense.

Engineers defeat MEDDAC in riveting post championship

Story and photos by
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Editor

In one of the most exciting series to ever be played for the intramural post softball championship at West Point, the South Division champion Engineers scratched and hit their way back from a Game 1 loss to earn an exhilarating, hard-fought 7-6 extra innings win in the series-clinching Game 3 over North Division champion MEDDAC at the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation H Lot Athletic Complex Aug. 20.

By taking the post championship, the Engineers (18-6) became the first department team this decade to win the championship over a directorate or unit team in the North Division.

Down one game to zero in the best-of-three championship series, the Engineers chances were looking bleak after MEDDAC extended its lead in Game 2 to 8-5 with a two-run top of the seventh inning.

MEDDAC left fielder Josh Walters ripped a double to left field to score left-center fielder Marvin Primos, who lead off the inning with a single, giving MEDDAC a 7-5 lead. Second baseman Gil Clapper hit a sacrifice fly to score catcher Mike Wagner, who hit a single before Walters' double, to pad what looked like an insurmountable lead.

With their backs against the wall, the Engineers pecked away at the lead with three straight singles to begin the bottom of the seventh inning. Second baseman Dan McCarthy, extra hitter Tim Trainor and shortstop Dave Hughes got the team rolling before right fielder Steve Suhr hit an RBI double to draw the game to one run at 8-7.

"I was really struggling," Suhr said. "(MEDDAC's) pitcher is really good. He was putting back spin on the ball, throwing it deep,

throwing it short and he was making us hit his pitch.

"I finally got one to hit and got a good piece of it," Suhr added. "So I was just glad to do that."

Suhr moved up to third base on right-center fielder Matt Dabkowski's RBI single that scored Hughes with the tying run. After MEDDAC intentionally walked left fielder Scott Greco to load the bases with no outs, left-center fielder Joe Walchko knocked an infield single and Suhr just slid under the tag at home plate with the winning run.

"It was a bang, bang play. I slid just under him and was called safe," Suhr said. "It felt good to win that game and then we took the momentum into the third game."

At the beginning of Game 3, it was apparent that the momentum swung greatly into the Engineers' favor as they scored four runs in the top of the first inning.

Suhr got his team going again with a one-out single, and three batters later scored on a bases-clearing double by Walchko to give the Engineers a 3-0 advantage. Third baseman Chad Caldwell added an RBI single, scoring Walchko, to put the Engineers up 4-0.

The Engineers held a 5-1 lead into the bottom of the fifth inning and that's when MEDDAC started their rally with a run in the fifth to draw closer at 5-2.

In the bottom of the sixth inning, MEDDAC started out strong with back-to-back doubles by shortstop Larry Mack, who made a stellar diving grab in the fifth inning, and Primos. Primos later scored on a groundout by Wagner to get MEDDAC within one run.

MEDDAC tied the game in the seventh inning, hitting back-to-back one-out singles by catcher Josh Colson and pitcher John Gerber. Colson scored the tying run off of a sacrifice fly to left-center by second baseman Parker Hahn.

With the series-deciding game



Engineers right fielder Steve Suhr slides home with the game-leading run in the eighth inning of Game 3 versus MEDDAC. Suhr led the inning off with a double and scored one batter later on right-center fielder Matt Dabkowski's triple to give the Engineers a 6-5 lead. They would go on to win 7-6 in the deciding game of the intramural post softball championship.

tied at five in extra innings, Suhr came up big again with a leadoff double in the eighth inning. Dabkowski followed with a triple that scored Suhr to give the Engineers a 6-5 lead.

Greco then hit a sacrifice fly to left field to score Dabkowski with what turned out to be the winning run.

MEDDAC would not go away as Mack hit another leadoff double and scored on first baseman Ryan DeVries RBI double with one out.

DeVries was called out on a fielder's choice for the second out of the inning as Hughes flipped the ball to McCarthy. It appeared DeVries slid into the bag safely, but MEDDAC did not get the call as he was called out.

The next batter, Walters, got on base on Hughes' error, but Clapper flied out to end the game that set off a celebration by the Engineers' faithful.

It was a tough loss for MEDDAC, who finished the season 20-3 and after winning Game 1 upped its playoff winning streak to seven games.

"(It) absolutely (was a tough loss)," Mack said. "We had the second game, we had them beat in the second game and then in the last inning we gave it away. They fought back, but we gave them the game in the last inning.

"I hate to say it, but they beat us and I'll leave it at that," he added.

Both teams gave a majority of the credit of their team's success to their pitchers, Gerber and the Engineers' Kelly Ward. Gerber held the Engineers to one run in their 4-1 victory in Game 1, a game that MEDDAC turned four double plays including two started by Gerber, which included the final outs of the game.

"Our pitcher (John) Gerber is the best defensive pitcher in the league ... if he doesn't make those

grabs (up the middle) and throw those balls, we don't make those double plays," Mack said. "He was instrumental in the game because (those double plays) kept us in the game because they put a lot of guys on base. By us turning the double plays in clutch moments, it gave us an opportunity to win the first game."

Ward received much praise from Suhr who feels that Ward was the team's unsung hero throughout the season.

"The whole season, (Ward) made other teams worse with his skill to throw strikes whenever he needed to," Suhr said. "He made them hit many bad pitches ... you wouldn't think in slow pitch softball that pitching would matter that much, but it does and I would say he is our unsung hero."

The post championship was the close of a short, but exciting season of intramural softball at

West Point.

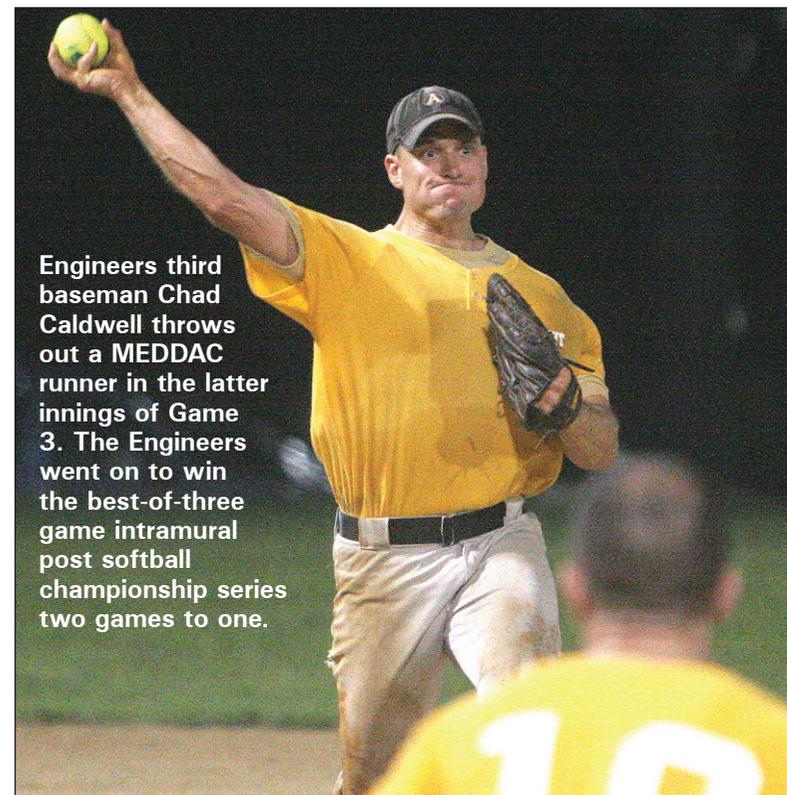
The Engineers, a team combined of the Systems Engineering and Civil and Mechanical Engineering departments, can now take pride in being the first department team to earn the post championship this decade.

"It feels good to represent the academic departments," Suhr said. "We've had success in other sports, but softball has been dominated for a long time (by the other division), so the victory feels especially good."

"In the playoffs, we went against Math I, who I think was the best team out there through the season, and we handled them. I think from that point on it built our confidence—we just kept on rolling," he concluded. "You hear the division we play in is supposed to be worse, so it feels extra special to beat somebody who was picked or seeded above us—as an underdog it feels great."



MEDDAC pitcher John Gerber smacked a two-run single that gave his team a 3-1 lead in the fifth inning of Game 1. Gerber held the Engineers to one run in a 4-1 victory due in large part to four double plays, two of which he started by knocking down hits through the middle with his sharp reflexes.



Engineers third baseman Chad Caldwell throws out a MEDDAC runner in the latter innings of Game 3. The Engineers went on to win the best-of-three game intramural post softball championship series two games to one.

Michie Movie Night set for Wednesday

By Tracy Nelson
Athletic Communications

Army fans, young and old, are invited to take part in a unique opportunity at one of West Point's most recognizable and historic landmarks as "Michie Movie Night with the Army Football Team" is scheduled at 5 p.m. Sept. 2 at Michie Stadium.

Presented by Army Athletics and 101.5 WPDH, Michie Stadium will open its gates for a free meet-and-greet for photos and autographs with the Army football team.

Following the session, fans are encouraged to remain at the stadium for a free showing of "Remember the Titans." Released by Disney in 2000 and starring Denzel Washington, "Remember the Titans" was inspired by the true story of newly integrated T.C. Williams High School in Alexandria, Va., in the 1970s through the school's football program.

"Remember the Titans" is rated PG and is 1 hour and 53 minutes in length.

Free parking for the event is available in A-Lot, located across the street from the west stands.

Those in attendance will be treated to music and entertainment from 101.5 WPDH and Radio Disney AM 1390.

Inflatables for young fans will be available courtesy of Party Time Productions, along with a picnic area for fans who would like to bring their own food. Concessions will

FREE EVENT

Meet the Army Football Team at 6 p.m.

MICHIE STADIUM

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Wednesday, September 2

Presented by Army Athletics and 101.5 WPDH

FREE EVENT

Watch "Remember the Titans" from the field at 7 p.m.



Community Fan Fest 5-7 p.m.

- Autographs and pictures with the Army Football team
- 101.5 WPDH & Radio Disney remotes
- Picnic tables for "Bring Your Own Dinner" picnic
- Inflatables for the kids
- Concessions available

"Remember the Titans" 7 p.m.

- Watch from the field of historic Michie Stadium on the ITT Knight Vision Video Board (run time 1:53)
- Chairs, food, and drinks will not be allowed on the field, so make sure to bring blankets!
- Seating will be available in the East Stands for fans that would like to eat during the movie

Sponsored by Army Athletics, 101.5 WPDH, Party Time Productions, MWR, and The Thayer Hotel. For more information go to www.goARMYsports.com or call Army Sports Marketing at 845-938-2294.

"Michie Movie Night with the Army Football Team" at Michie Stadium offers many activities including an autograph session with the players, inflatables for the children, a picnic area for fans and a showing of "Remember the Titans."

also be available.

At 7 p.m., fans will be invited onto the historic field for the start of "Remember the Titans" on the Black Knight's state-of-the-art, 20-foot-by-50-foot high definition ITT Knight Vision video board, located in the north end zone.

Chairs, food and drinks will not be allowed on the field. However, those who wish to eat during the movie may enjoy it from the east stands.

For more information, call the Army Marketing Office at 938-2294 or e-mail Elle Nichols, Director of Marketing, at ellen.nichols@usma.edu.

Flag Football sign ups

The Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation office is organizing the 2009 Staff and Faculty Flag Football League.

The league is open to all USMA departments and units.

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

League play starts Wednesday, so the deadline for team entries is Friday.

Games will be played at Shea Stadium.

\$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 8 Question: What Big Ten school will the 2008 Patriot League co-champion volleyball team play at 7 p.m. Sept. 18?

Week 7 Answer: "Remember the Titans."

Week 7 winner is:

Randy A. Krakower from Lumberton, N.J.

Sports calendar

Aug. 27–Sept. 9

Corps

FRIDAY—WOMEN'S SOCCER vs. NJIT, 7 P.M. AT CLINTON FIELD.

FRIDAY—VOLLEYBALL vs. FAIRFIELD (ARMY INVITATIONAL), 7 P.M. AT GILLIS FIELD HOUSE.

SATURDAY—VOLLEYBALL vs. EASTERN MICHIGAN (ARMY INVITATIONAL), NOON AT GILLIS FIELD HOUSE.

SATURDAY—VOLLEYBALL vs. SACRED HEART (ARMY INVITATIONAL), 6 P.M. AT GILLIS FIELD HOUSE.

SUNDAY—WOMEN'S SOCCER vs. FORDHAM, 1 P.M. AT CLINTON FIELD.

TUESDAY—MEN'S SOCCER vs. NJIT, 7 P.M. AT CLINTON FIELD.

SEPT. 4—CROSS COUNTRY HOSTS ARMY OPEN AT WEST POINT GOLF COURSE, TIMES TBA.

SEPT. 5—FOOTBALL @ EASTERN MICHIGAN, 7 P.M. AT YPSILANTI, MICH.

SEPT. 8—MEN'S SOCCER vs. MARIST, 7 P.M. AT CLINTON FIELD.

SEPT. 9—VOLLEYBALL vs. MARIST, 7 P.M. AT GILLIS FIELD HOUSE.

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NO HOME EVENTS.



Army women's soccer Yearling midfielder/defensemen Julia Stallard (left) fights off Maryland freshmen Caitlin Mooney for the ball in Army's season opening 3-0 loss to the Terrapins at Clinton Field Aug. 21. The game marked the first Corps squad event of the 2009-10 season.

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