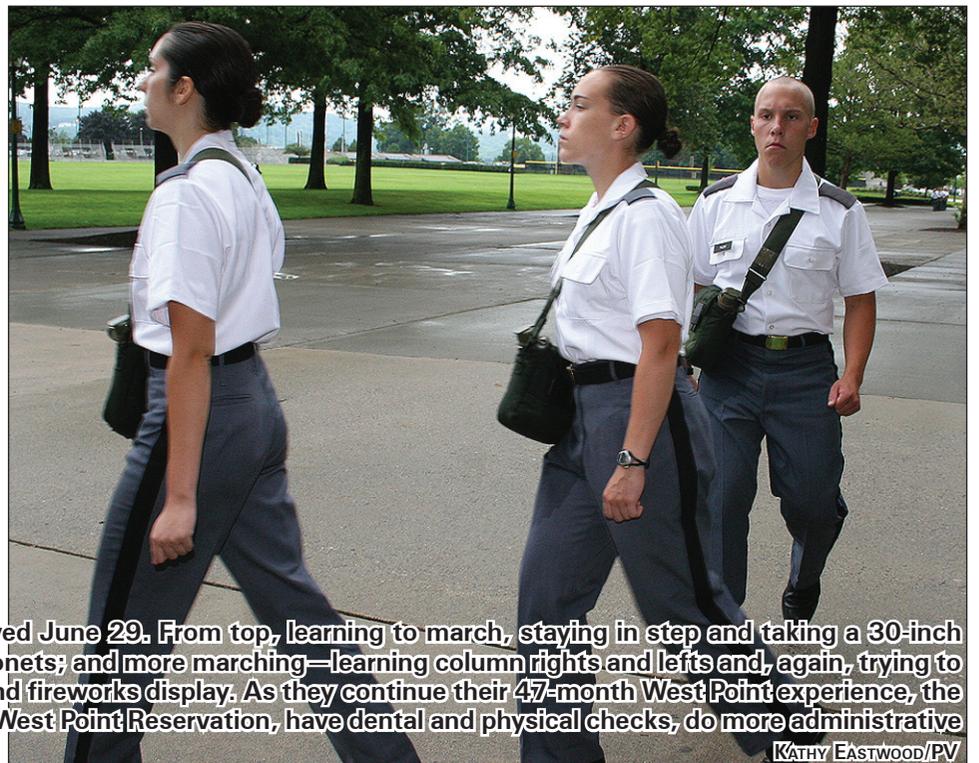


Beast Barracks training includes a plethora of tasks



New cadets have been involved in a variety of training activities since they arrived June 29. From top, learning to march, staying in step and taking a 30-inch stride; getting some extra exercise playing ultimate Frisbee; using rifles with bayonets; and more marching—learning column rights and lefts and, again, trying to stay in step. They did get a break July 4 to attend the West Point Band Concert and fireworks display. As they continue their 47-month West Point experience, the new cadets will learn basic Soldier skills and enjoy ruck-marches throughout the West Point Reservation, have dental and physical checks, do more administrative processing, learn more cadet knowledge and, of course, more marching.

KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

West Point Post Office offers special Buzz Aldrin station postmark

By Tom Gaynor
U.S. Postal Service

The Postal Service is offering a special pictorial Buzz Aldrin, U.S. Military Academy Class of 1951, Station Postmark at the West Point Post Office starting July 20, 2009.

The postmark commemorates the 40th anniversary of the Apollo XI First Men on the Moon mission.

Those who can't get to the Post Office, but who wish to obtain the pictorial postmark, may submit a mail order request.

Pictorial postmarks are available only for the dates indicated, and requests must be postmarked no later than 30 days following the requested pictorial postmark date.

All requests must include a stamped envelope or postcard bearing at least the minimum First-Class Mail postage.

Items submitted for postmark may not include postage issued after the date of the requested postmark. Such items will be returned unserviced.

Customers wishing to obtain a postmark should affix stamps to any envelope or postcard of their choice, address the envelope or postcard to themselves or others, insert a card of postcard thickness in envelopes for sturdiness and tuck in the flap.

Place the envelope or postcard in a larger envelope and address it to:

PICTORIAL POSTMARK
Buzz Aldrin Station Postmark
Postmaster
West Point, NY 10996

before August 19.

Customers can also send stamped envelopes and postcards without addresses for postmark, as long as they supply a larger envelope with adequate postage and their return address. After applying the pictorial postmark, the Postal Service returns the items (with or without addresses) under addressed protective cover.

New barriers being installed at Thayer Gate

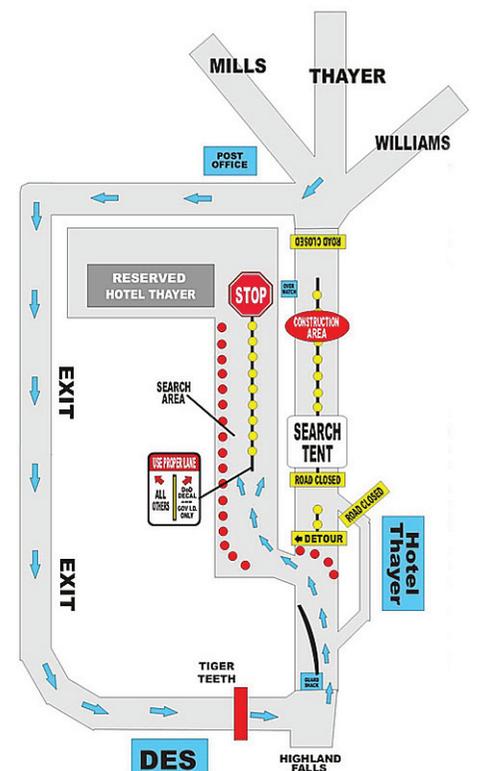
Traffic patterns at Thayer Gate will change throughout next week to allow for the installation of new flush-mounted barriers.

Inbound traffic will be re-routed through the current Thayer Hotel parking lot from Monday through July 19. Outbound traffic is not affected.

Some of the Buffalo Soldier Field parking guests, but the regular shuttle bus schedule continues.

The construction will be completed by July 19 and normal traffic flow will resume July 20, assuming no weather delays.

For additional information, contact Chris Shaw, Directorate of Emergency Services, at 938-2042 or Matt Cassidy, Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, at 938-3650.



Orientation of Newly Assigned Personnel for 2009

Schedule of Events

July 24	8 a.m.-1 p.m. — West Point Fortification Tour	Starting at South Dock
July 27	8 a.m.-1 p.m. — West Point Fortification Tour	Starting at South Dock
July 29	9 a.m.-1 p.m. — Superintendent's Seminar	Robinson Auditorium
5-7 p.m.	— Community/Wellness Fair	Eisenhower Hall Ballroom
7-8 p.m.	— Superintendent's and Garrison Commander's Community Welcome	Eisenhower Hall Theater
Aug. 11	3 p.m. — Superintendent's Newcomer Reception	Grand Ballroom, West Point Club
3:40-5 p.m.	— Quarters 100 Tours	Quarters 100

Garner, class of 2002, dies

Compiled by
Linda Mastin
Editor

U.S. Military Academy graduate Capt. Mark A. Garner died July 6 of injuries sustained in Arghandab District, Afghanistan, from an improvised explosive device incident while supporting Operation Enduring Freedom.

Garner, a Class of 2002 graduate, was an infantry officer assigned as company commander of B Company, 1st Battalion, 4th Infantry Regiment based in Hohenfels, Germany.

The North Carolina native graduated from Elkin High School in Elkin, where his mother is also a teacher. He was a football, basketball and baseball player in high school.

He is survived by his wife, Nickala Meyers Garner, and his parents, Donnie and Beth Garner of State Road, N.C.

According to a report in the Mount Airy



Captain Mark Garner

News, his parents have gone to Dover, Del., to receive his body. His remains will be brought to Elkin.

As of press time, no more information about memorial or burial arrangements was known.

Task Force Ferrara motto is "Train Strong, Be Strong"—A tribute to our Fallen

Commentary by Firstie Thomas Olmstead
CFT Regimental Commander

A house shines white amidst the New York summer surrounding Camp Buckner. The sounds of radio chatter and personnel hard at work are heard as one enters its two screen doors, but nothing is as loud as the words that echo above these doors at Camp Buckner—Task Force Ferrara: Train Strong, Be Strong.

The 263 cadets that serve over 1,200 subordinate cadets all comprise Task Force Ferrara. However, this name is not just a simple label. In 2008, a tradition was started—naming each Task Force at Camp Buckner after a Soldier and warrior who paid the ultimate price for our country.

Last year, we were Task Force Dicenzo, named after Capt. Doug Dicenzo, Class of 1999, killed in action in Baghdad, Iraq, May 25, 2006; and now Task Force Ferrara, after Capt. Matthew Ferrara, Class of 2005, killed in action Nov. 9, 2007, in Aranus, Afghanistan.

Dicenzo and Ferrara represent all of the warriors who have given their last measure of devotion on behalf of the nation—they represent all of our nation's best. In naming our Task Force, we reinforce who we are and who we represent, that we are no longer our own and we now strive to honor them and those like them with our actions day to day.

We, as future Army officers and leaders, are grateful to all of the fallen warriors, all of those whom have gone before us and paved the way. We shall not forget the lives they led as professional warriors and the lives of those they represent.



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SHARP

The members of the Sexual Harrassment/Assault Response and Prevention program are Col. Jeanette McMahon, Shelley Ariosto (Garrison), Dan Toohey (Victim Advocate), Maj. Maria Burger (USCC), Capt. Vanara Nevels (ODIA) and Maj. Elizabeth Scioletti (Dean).

Community members can e-mail McMahon at Jeanette.McMahon@usma.edu 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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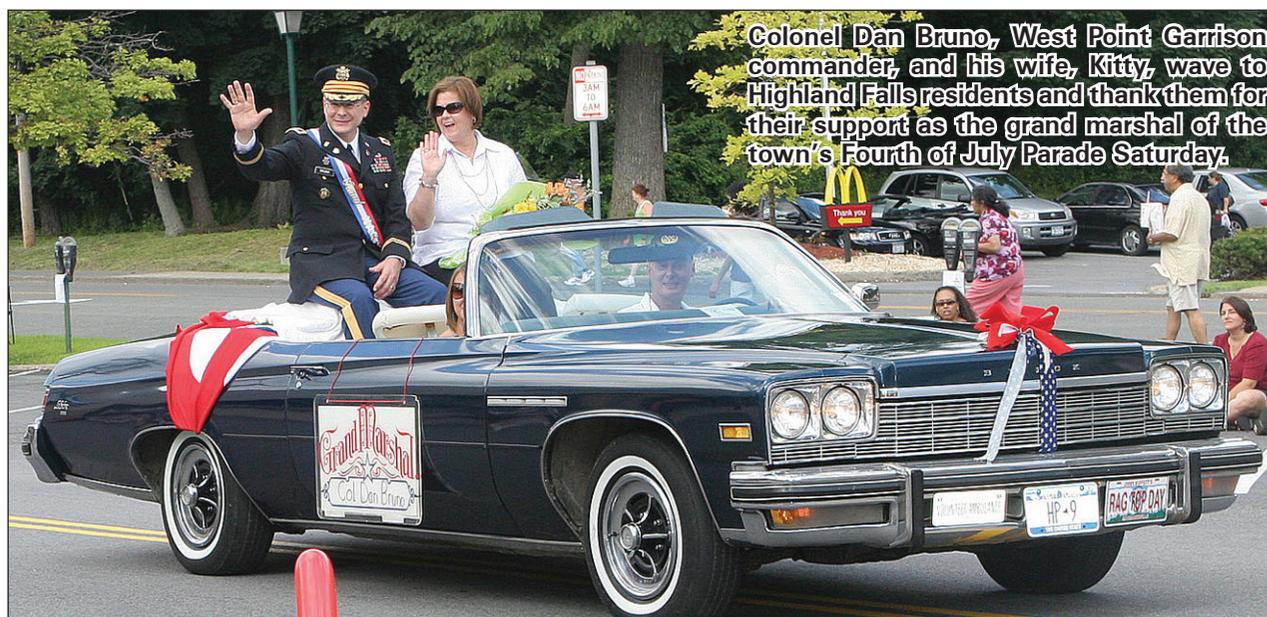
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July 4th Parade in Highland Falls



Soldiers from the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division march on Main St. through Highland Falls in the town's Fourth of July Parade Saturday. They are led by Maj. Thomas Nelson, commander of the U.S. Military Academy summer training task force. Soldiers from all six battalions of 2nd BCT are here teaching West Point cadets basic and advanced Soldiering skills throughout the summer.

PHOTOS BY SGT. VINCENT FUSCO/DCCOMM



Colonel Dan Bruno, West Point Garrison commander, and his wife, Kitty, wave to Highland Falls residents and thank them for their support as the grand marshal of the town's Fourth of July Parade Saturday.

Year of the NCO concert featuring Gary Sinise and the Lt. Dan Band Aug. 2

From staff reports

The West Point Band will present a concert celebrating the "Year of the Noncommissioned Officer" at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 2 at Eisenhower Hall Theatre featuring Gary Sinise and his Lt. Dan Band.

The concert is free and open to the public. Since seating in Eisenhower Hall is limited, advanced tickets are available only for members of the West Point community (all military and the civilian workforce) and their Families at the Information, Ticket and Registration Office (Bldg. 695 Buckner Loop).

ITR hours are 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Monday-Friday.

Seats will be held until 7:15 p.m. in the ticketed area and then opened to the general public. The Concert Band also will present a portion of the performance.

Actor and musician Sinise currently stars in the CBS show "CSI: NY." Some of his film credits include "Apollo 13" and "Forrest Gump," for which he was nominated for an academy award.

The Lt. Dan Band made its first overseas USO tour in 2004 and has averaged 30-40 shows per year since.

For questions about tickets, contact the West Point Band at 938-2445.

Volunteers still needed for the July 15 Ice Cream Social

Submitted by U.S. Corps of Cadets

The United States Corps of Cadets is conducting New Cadet Visitation Day (formerly known as the Ice Cream Social) from 1:30-5:30 p.m. Wednesday.

At press time, 82 percent of the new cadets had hosts, so more are needed.

USMA/Garrison staff and faculty can sign-up as hosts at www-internal.uscc.usma.edu.

Participation of Families from the West Point community is critical to New Cadet Visitation Day, which provides new cadets an opportunity for a short break from the demands of Cadet Basic Training and a chance to visit with a Family in a relaxed, informal atmosphere.

Criteria for the Ice Cream Social are:

- Rank: Military must be sergeant first class and above, warrant officer and captain and above. Civilians must be Title X instructors, nonbargaining unit civilian employees GS-9 and above or competitive sport head coaches/assistant coaches.

- For civilian employees, duty time is authorized to participate and work schedules will be adjusted to make this part of the eight-hour workday.

- Assigned to USMA: There is no longer a requirement for hosts to live within a specific boundary to participate. However, if someone lives outside of the walking privileges boundary, then this person is authorized to take cadet(s) to his/her residence only.

However, personnel hosting new cadets may use academy common areas such as picnic tables located throughout post.

- If a potential volunteer does not meet the requirements listed above, exceptions to policy may be requested through, and approved by, the USCC chief of staff.

- Incoming personnel not yet assigned to quarters are invited to host new cadets using the academy common areas such as picnic tables throughout post.

- Keller Army Community Hospital personnel should contact Darlene Ruscelli for AMS access at darlene.ruscelli@us.army.mil and request access or call her at 938-6775.

Contact the USCC S-3 with any questions at 938-8804 or 6148.

Cadet NCOA teaches leading by example

Story and photos by
Sgt. Vincent Fusco
Directorate of Communications



“Lead by example”—those were the words emphasized during the Yearling’s two-day Noncommissioned Officer Academy training.

Though their ultimate goal at West Point is to become commissioned officers, the Yearling class is preparing to serve as team leaders to their underclassmen over the next year.

The purpose of the NCO Academy is to teach cadets the importance of the NCO—commonly referred to as, “the Backbone of the Army”—while introducing NCO leadership skills to prepare cadets for assuming team leader responsibilities during the academic year, said Maj. W. Cochran Pruett, 7th Company, Cadet Field Training tactical officer.

“Although not exclusively, the program was designed to focus on the roles/responsibilities of the team leader, both in the Army and at West Point,” Pruett said.

The goals of a team leader—who conducts most of the day-to-day, face-to-face interaction with individual Soldiers—are to mentor and lead their Soldiers by example.

The training highlighted those goals by focusing on three areas: the roles and responsibilities of the NCO, pre-combat checks and counseling in leader development.

Following group discussions on each area, cadets practiced them in practical learning exercises with other team members.

During PCCs, team leaders inspected each team member’s equipment and noted any deficiencies.

They tried their hands at counseling by conducting developmental counseling sessions with team members.

During the training, several leader maxims were used to show how relevant the training was to accomplishing the mission.

“Setting the standard” encouraged team leaders to serve as examples their subordinates should work to become. Also, a key to solving problems as a team leader is “if you can’t help (a Soldier), know somebody who can.”

Before 7th Co. conducted its NCO Academy, Firstie Zachary Fox, cadet company commander, and Cow Steven Klecha, cadet first sergeant, received initial guidance from Pruett and TAC NCOs Sgts. 1st Class Daniel Phillips, Company H-4, and Billy Norwood, Company H-3.

“They came up with a workable plan and rehearsed the cadet leadership the day prior and the morning of the academy,” Pruett said. “In the case of PCCs, they conducted



Yearling Matthew Riopelle, a team leader in 7th Company, Cadet Field Training, conducts pre-combat checks on his teammates’ equipment during the NCO Academy at Camp Buckner July 1.

a full rehearsal with all the company leadership in order to prepare.”

Firstie Andrew Ferrara, of Company A-2 from Torrance, Calif., observed the training and how the guidance of combat veterans serving as TAC NCOs at West Point made the NCO Academy a focused and relevant block of instruction.

“I was able to talk with my TAC (NCO) on a lot of things about combat,” Ferrara said. “It was something I knew little about and he was able to bring me into the loop about that.”

In addition to cadet discussion and instruction, Command Sgts. Maj. Martin Wells, of the U.S. Military Academy, and Anthony Mahoney, of the U.S. Corps of Cadets, were available to answer questions from cadets and share their personal leadership experiences during the training.

In the Year of the NCO, this is just one more example of

NCOs helping future officers learn their craft.

“We were certainly proud to have (their) active participation,” Pruett said. “The wealth of their experience and knowledge was invaluable and their pointed inputs contributed greatly to the purpose of the academy.”

After the NCO Academy training, cadets felt they had the proper tools needed to carry out the duties of a team leader.

The hands-on practice sessions taught the cadets to pay attention to details and encouraged team-building between leaders and their subordinates.

“Initial feedback from the cadets has been good. They highlighted the value of the hands-on practical learning portions of the academy,” Pruett said. “I certainly hope this training will continue to be a part of CFT in the future.”



Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony Mahoney, U.S. Corps of Cadets senior noncommissioned officer, talks with the cadets of 7th Company, Cadet Field Training, about responsibilities of NCOs during the NCO Academy at Camp Buckner July 1. In addition, Mahoney spoke about how the NCO support channel supports the commander’s vision and chain of command, and shared his own personal experiences on the subject.

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New international cadets get a taste of American culture

Submitted by Dept. of Foreign Languages

During the week before R-Day, young men and women from 18 international countries gathered at West Point to become members of the Class of 2013.

They came from every corner of the globe and spent their first days in the United States with various sponsors from the West Point community who helped them not only adjust to a new time zone, but to make them feel more comfortable with a new culture.

The countries represented are Albania, Colombia, Georgia, Honduras, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lebanon, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, the Philippines, Poland, Romania, Rwanda, Slovenia, Taiwan, Thailand and Tunisia.

Dept. of Foreign Languages head Col. Rickie McPeak hosted the 18 cadet candidates at his home for dinner along with three international officers and their wives—Lt. Col. Jurgen Fidorra from Germany, Lt. Col. Fernando Civolani from Brazil and Maj. Jorge Tapia from Mexico—and Brigade Tactical Officer Col. Mark McKearn and his wife June 26.

This dinner allowed the international students to get to know each other better, to see that there are also international officers and faculty who care about their development and allow them to experience a real immersion in English and some good old American fun to include a barbecue, ice cream and soda.

McPeak and Lt. Col. Dewey Boberg, a DFL instructor, took the group to Six Flags Great Adventure June 27, thanks to a contribution from private donors who support DFL, showing them some more American culture.

This again allowed this group from around the world to get to know one another better while enjoying a real introduction to the United States. They even got to meet Daffy Duck and Bugs Bunny, among other cartoon characters.

The 18 new international cadets join 40 international cadets in the classes of 2009 (one December graduate), 2010, 2011 and 2012 for a total of 58 international cadets currently at West Point.



The 18 new international cadet candidates took a pre-R-day trip to Six Flags Great Adventure Park June 27. Pictured are: (top row) candidates from Tunisia, Lebanon and Rwanda; (middle row) candidates from Albania, Georgia, Bugs Bunny, Nicaragua, Daffy Duck, Panama, Slovenia, Philippines, Kyrgyzstan, Taiwan and Latvia; and (front row) candidates from Thailand, Poland, Romania, Honduras, Colombia and Peru. They join 40 other international cadets currently at West Point.

LT. COL. DEWEY BOBERG/DFL

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Thai AIAD involved vocation and health training

Story and photos submitted by
Dept. of Electrical Engineering and
Computer Science

Six cadets with one faculty and one staff member from West Point traveled the globe to conduct an international service project and Advanced Individual Academic Development trip to Northern Thailand May 28-June 11.

Firsties Garrett Fridline, Colin O'Brien, Taylor Minton, Jeremie Regnier, Adam Royal and Kris Webber with Lt. Col. Alden Weg and Lt. Col. Matthew Chapman immersed themselves in the Thai and Lahu hill-tribe cultures as they became the international educators at a vocational training center north of Chiang Mai Thailand.

The cadets took over the training center for one week, offering the Thai-Lahu students an opportunity to learn specialized topics by teaching them how to use computer software to learn English, how to repair and install electrical equipment in their school, survival skills, first-aid techniques, concepts of engineering design and nutrition.

Weg, Chief of Preventative Medicine and Wellness at Keller Army Community Hospital, was a part of the team and did medical screenings for the Thai-Lahu students and staff.

He discussed the importance of preventative medicine and was able to



Firstie Taylor Minton, a computer science major from Meadows Place, Texas, explains how to construct a solar compass.

address the students' concerns about the H1N1 virus.

After leaving the training center, the team visited an orphanage and children's home in a remote northern village where the cadets pooled their money to purchase blankets, sheets and mosquito nets for the children.

The last portion of the trip included a

visit to the province of Phuket, where tidal waves impacted the countryside following an earthquake Dec. 26, 2004.

The disastrous tsunami washed over buildings and houses along the west coast of Phuket and other Andaman provinces and left behind a tremendous loss of life.

The cadets acted both professionally and with compassion throughout the trip in an environment entirely different from what they are used to in the United States.

"As the team leader, I never stop being amazed by the professionalism and compassion displayed by our cadets," Chapman, Dept. of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Assistant Professor, said. "The care and dedication they displayed to their students daily illustrated their clear understanding of what it means to be a leader in today's global environment."



Lieutenant Col. Alden Weg, Chief of Preventive Medicine and Wellness at Keller Army Community Hospital, conducted medical screenings for the Thai-Lahu students, taught preventative medicine and, pictured here, discusses affects of decision making.

"The cadets were able to leverage the use of translators and the context of Thai and Lahu cultures to communicate new ideas and concepts to their students," he added. "In return, our cadets made friendships and bonds that hopefully will last a lifetime."



Firstie Garrett Fridline, an electrical engineering major from Burton, Mich., teaches Thai-Lahu students first-aid.



Firstie Jeremie Regnier, an electrical engineering and computer science major, holds a very large snake from the jungles of Northern Thailand. The trip to Thailand involved an international service project at a vocational training center, medical screenings and a visit to an area affected by tidal waves.

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Career change brings two to West Point

Story and photos by
Master Sgt. Dean Welch
Directorate of
Communications

He had hoped to be here earlier than R-Day 2009. He had hoped to be here four years earlier to be exact, but the way a person wants life to go and how it turns out are sometimes complete opposites.

Ross Boston eyed West Point as a high school senior, following a Family trail that saw his dad, Col. Stephen Boston, and sister, 2nd Lt. Tiffany Boston, join the Long Gray Line.

In fact, Tiffany, Class of 2008, had told anyone who would listen that Ross would someday be a member of the Corps of Cadets.

"His sister always thought he'd come here," Col. Boston, a 1982 graduate, said. "She told her classmates when she was here about her brother and how he would be here."

At the start of his senior year at Robert E. Lee High School in Springfield, Va., Ross applied to West Point. By the time he graduated in 2005, he had not secured one of the coveted spots in that year's plebe class.

Undeterred, he enrolled at Winthrop University and set about on his own military career path.

"I went to work one day and when I came home I was told Ross was at the MEPS (Military Entrance Processing Station)," the elder Boston, a Special Forces officer, said.

But Ross wasn't speaking with the Army recruiters, he was joining the Marines.

He served in the Marine Reserves as an infantryman while attending Winthrop. His service took him to Iraq from September 2008 through this past April. Shortly before heading to Iraq he again thought about West Point.



Cadet candidate Benjamin Ketchum, a Coast Guard Reservist, boards a bus en route to Thayer Hall June 29 to begin his R-Day inprocessing. Ketchum is the first Coast Guardsman that anyone in Admissions can remember entering West Point through the Soldier Admission Program.

While deployed, he garnered the support of his chain of command who wrote endorsement letters on his behalf.

"My command supported it (applying to West Point)," Ross said. "They knew I would be continuing a Family legacy."

Colonel Boston echoed his son, saying he too was not surprised by the reaction of his son's commanders.

"We're all brothers in arms," the Chief of Staff for the Senior Leader Development Office of the Army staff said. "Their assistance was a typical response the chain of command gives to a Soldier."

The younger Boston applied through the Soldier Admission Program, a program that has nearly 200 slots for active duty, reserve and national guard Soldiers in each class. Although named the Soldier Admission Program, it is open to enlisted personnel in any branch of service.

His second try proved more successful than his first and Ross, along with his dad, arrived for R-Day last week to take his place in the Class of 2013.

"I got him back," a smiling Col. Boston said. "I am amazed at his perseverance with coming to West Point. He's got a great attitude and lots of desire."

But desire alone won't do it for the younger Boston, who hopes to follow in his father's footsteps after graduation by becoming a Special Forces commander. He realizes that West Point is going to challenge him and he is ready for that challenge.

"I'm finally where I want to be, but I know it is going to be tough," the 22 year-old explained. "I expect to spend a lot of time studying."

Growing up in a West Point Family, the younger Boston said he rooted for Army in its annual clash with Navy, but during his time in the Marines his allegiance fell squarely with the midshipmen.



Cadet candidates Benjamin Ketchum, center, and Ross Boston, right, meet other candidates during a Soldier Reception at Ike's Cafe June 28. Ketchum, a Coast Guard Reservist, and Boston, a Marine Reservist, entered the Class of 2013 through the Soldier Admission Program. The program allows for nearly 200 seats in each class for enlisted personnel from all branches of service.

Now, he said, he's back rooting for Army, although he won't easily let go of the Marine inside of himself.

"I'll be proud to be a Soldier," Ross said. "But I'm also proud of my Marine history."

Also entering the academy this year through the SAP is Benjamin Ketchum, a member of the Coast Guard Reserve, who may be the first Coast Guard Reservist ever admitted to West Point.

Major Brian Easley, the admissions officer in-charge of SAP, said in an e-mail that admissions personnel "can't find any historical data to dispute that Ketchum is the

first Coastie ever."

Ketchum, like Boston, comes from a military Family. His parents are both commanders--his mother, Jennifer, in the Coast Guard and his father, Clement, in the Navy.

Ketchum, who took advance placement classes at Mast Academy, said his parents supported his career change from the Coast Guard to the Army.

"They basically left it up to me telling me, 'if you want something; go get it,'" Benjamin said.

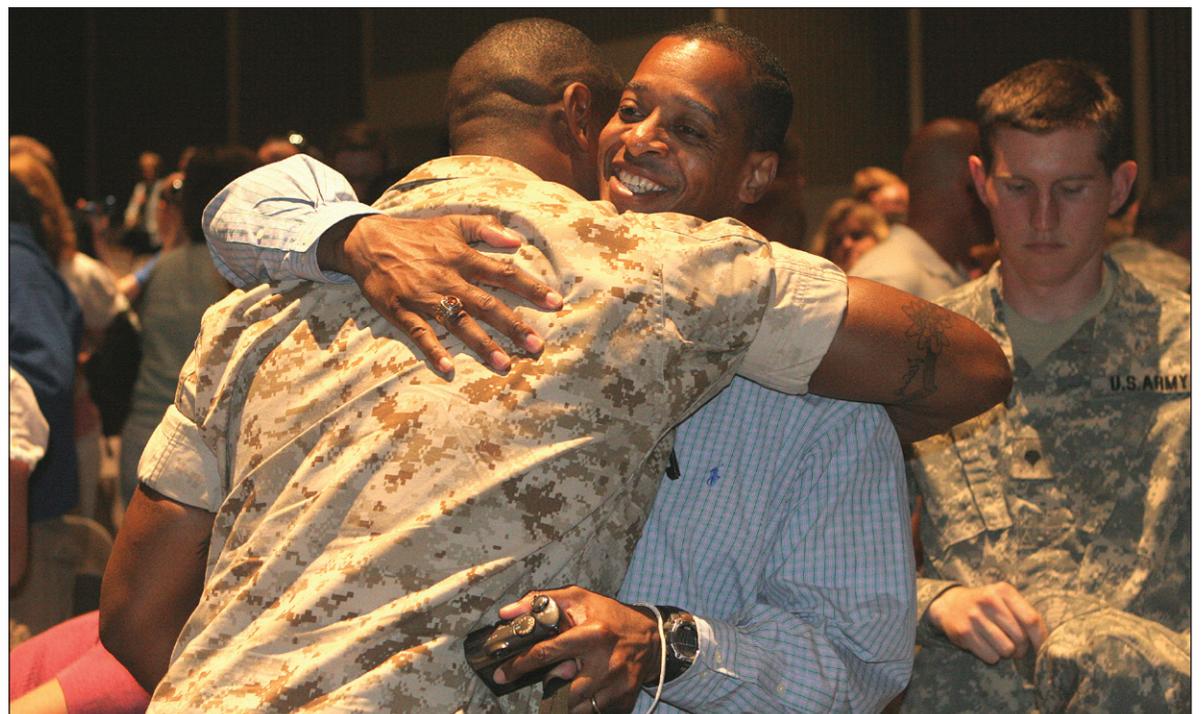
The 18-year-old, who calls Miami home, but lists Africa, Central America, Sweden and England as places he has lived, said

growing up around the world has helped shape his future.

"The U.S. has a bad reputation throughout the world and the Army is seen as the face of America," Ketchum said on the evening before R-Day. "I want to study International Relations or Political Science at West Point to help change perceptions about this country."

Ketchum said he is eager to succeed at West Point and is unfazed by the rigorous Beast Barracks.

"If a bunch of 18-year-old kids can learn then I can learn it," he said. "This is about following simple directions and taking it one day at a time."



Colonel Stephen Boston, West Point Class of 1982, hugs his son, Ross, following the R-Day briefing June 29 at Ike Hall. Ross had applied to West Point during high school but was not accepted. He re-applied last year through the Soldier Admission Program, a program for enlisted members of all branches, and is now a new cadet in the Class of 2013.

West Point Summer Camps enhance skills of young athletes

Story and photos by
Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

It's summer, the school year has ended and the West Point Summer Camps have begun. The camps offer a variety of sports, both day and overnight, for four or five days, depending on the sport.

All sports programs offer the same facilities and barracks that are used by cadets while Division I collegiate coaches and other qualified support staff oversee the participants progression during the camp.

Basketball is popular with many middle and high school boys. This year's camp has 150 participants.

"We basically teach the fundamentals of basketball," Capt. Sean O'Keefe, director of operations for men's basketball and a 2004 USMA grad, said. "We teach them ball handling, shooting, passing and

teamwork. They do pretty well; the only hurdle is to get everyone to listen."

O'Keefe said they may teach a different type of game than they are regularly used to.

"We are a college basketball staff," he said. "We stress speed. They have to be enthusiastic, which is something they may not have been taught before."

Many of the youngsters are experienced basketball players, such as eighth-grader Will Moss.

"I am on three teams," the Cold Spring resident said. "I play on my Catholic Youth Organization team, a recreational team and a modified basketball team."

Moss has been to the basketball camp, which is an overnight camp, before and said he finds it really interesting.

"There's a lot of real interacting going on," he said.

The gymnastic sports camp is a

co-ed day camp and is taught at the Lou Gross Sports Center.

"Gymnastics is a great workout," Coach Corey Rickett, a University of Hawaii college student who began coaching at West Point while in high school, said. "Gymnastics is great for building muscles and coordination. I always see these children continue to progress. It is what makes me want to keep coaching."

Many of the children in the camp are experienced gymnasts. They got into the sport in middle school or have taken lessons for a few years.

"This is the second year I've gone to this camp," Hannah Johnson, 9, from West Point, said. "I've learned how to do hand springs here. Gymnastics is my favorite sport."

Emily Jaye, 12, from West Point, said she is very much interested in the sport and pursues training anytime she can.

"Oh my gosh, this (sport) is so much fun," she said. "This is my third year at the camp. I also take lessons during the school year."

These children are putting their summer vacation to good use.

They, for the most part, are continuing to learn the sports they love.

For more information on the sports camps, go to www.goarmsports.com.



Boys from 9 to 18 old learn basketball techniques at West Point's basketball camp. The children are learning to make baskets from the free-throw area.



Second Lt. Tyler Ho (above), gymnastics graduate assistant, helps Hannah Johnson, 9, with a back flip at the first day of gymnastics camp Monday. For one week, the children learn several techniques of gymnastics such as hand stands, flips and rope climbing.

Cadets experience the culture of Dominican Republic

By Elizabeth Goldberg
Dept. of Foreign Languages

Firsties Nicole Mayoras and Jeffery Nielson and Cows Kasandra Clark, Johnny Garcia, Agustin Banda and Marc Orozco spent 14 days during May and June traveling across the Dominican Republic.

The trip started with a brief visit to the Dominican Republic's Military Academy where the cadets were briefed (in Spanish) on the history of the Dominican Republic and its relationship with the United States. They also met and spoke with the Dominican Commander and Chief of the Army and had the opportunity to socialize with fellow cadets both inside and outside of the academy.

The group visited three very different geographical areas of the island—the nation's capital, Santo Domingo, the central mountainous region of El Cibao and the coast of the Samana Peninsula.

In El Cibao, the cadets went on a white river rafting expedition as well as a hike up to Pico Duarte, the

highest mountain in the Caribbean at 10,164 feet. During the three-day hike, cadets were able to view the beautiful Dominican countryside. They also were welcomed by a Dominican Family who graciously opened their home for an afternoon of traditional Dominican fun—playing dominoes, dancing the merengue and eating the typical Dominican dish, Sancocho, which is a type of soup that deliciously combines a variety of meats and vegetables in a broth.

The last days were spent in Samana, a coastal town known for its warm, blue-water beaches. Cadets not only had a chance to recuperate from the Pico Duarte expedition, but also visited Cascada el Limón, a majestic 40-meter waterfall reachable only by foot or mule.

Since the primary purpose of the trip was cultural immersion and improvement of their Spanish skills, most of the cadets' conversation were in Spanish and they learned extensively about the culture in the Caribbean.



Cow Kasandra Clark (front), Firstie Nicole Mayoras (middle) and Elizabeth Goldberg, DFL Spanish instructor, travel on mules down the Pico Duarte, which is the highest mountain in the Caribbean, after a three-day hike venturing up the mountain.

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DPW NOTES

New Child Development Center construction beginning

West Point is taking a giant step in further enhancing the quality of support to its Soldiers and Families in the next year with the construction of a 15,085 square-foot, \$5 million Child Development Center behind the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Fitness Center, Bldg. 683.

"It is an indication of our continued care for Soldiers and our Families and the Army's commitment to the Army Family Covenant," Garrison Commander Col Dan Bruno said.

The new Child Development Center is being constructed on the site of the Dunover Court Housing Area. Demolition begins in early July and is expected to be completed by mid-September.

Since the demolition site is self-contained, little impact to the surrounding area is anticipated. For

safety purposes, only authorized personnel are permitted to enter the work area. Any impact to utilities for nearby buildings will be coordinated as required.

Vehicle and pedestrian traffic on Buckner Loop should use caution and obey traffic signs and flag people, as there will be construction equipment in the area.

When the demolition is complete, construction of the new CDC will begin with a groundbreaking ceremony, tentatively scheduled for September, Directorate of Public Works Project Manager Tom Ptak said.

The facility will include an additional 3,700 square-foot outdoor playground, a technical center and homework lab, a snack bar, a multi-purpose room, a dance studio and areas for part-day pre-school and kindergarten.

"We are planning to use the facility to augment our current CDC services such as hourly care, part-time pre-school and full-day care

slots," Tony Brown, FMWR director, said. "In addition to serving as the central enrollment office for Child, Youth and School Age Services, the new facility will enhance child and youth programming during after school hours, evenings and weekends to meet community requirements."

While the construction of the new CDC is an exciting event for West Point, safety needs to be a concern for everyone too, as the construction site is in close proximity to housing areas and well-traveled routes.

"Construction sites are particularly fascinating to children," Keith Katz, Safety Office director, said. "Parents are reminded, particularly with school being out, to instruct their children to remain out of the construction area."

All community members are urged to report incidents that appear to be unsafe to either the Safety Office at 938-6129 or DPW Operations at 938-0300.

High Tech safeguards benefit Soldiers

By Alvaro Portilla
West Point AAFES

With a dual-enduring mission to provide quality merchandise and services at competitively low prices and generate earnings to support Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs, the Army & Air Force Exchange Service is enlisting the support of the latest in loss prevention technology to protect military Families' exchange benefit at West Point.

An electronic article surveillance system is on the front lines of the exchange's efforts to deter shoplifting and prevent unpaid merchandise from leaving the store. PX management, based on local conditions and experience, in conjunction with supporting loss prevention personnel, identify specific items to be tagged with EAS devices. These "tags" are deactivated at the cash register when the merchandise is paid for.

Manufacturers have joined

ranks with merchants by placing tags inside the packaging of many items to further reduce shoplifting. When a tag is deployed it sounds an alarm if someone attempts to remove it without the proper device.

Before reaching the checkout, products are monitored by an advanced electronic video surveillance system that can coordinate the movement of up to 110 unblinking "eyes in the sky."

In fact, this network of strategically positioned, microprocessor-driven, closed-circuit cameras is controlled by a central console that allows loss prevention associates to pan side-to-side, tilt up and down or even zoom in closely to examine activity.

"Every loss prevention method we use has the common goal of discouraging theft before it even happens," West Point PX General Manager Dennis Patton said. "Of course, visible reminders like security tags and camera systems not only deter criminal behavior but also

identify and document it. So, even if the equipment's presence doesn't prevent the crime from happening, the resulting video and/or alarm are almost always invaluable in the resulting prosecution."

If shoplifting is suspected, AAFES loss prevention associates turn the issue over to local law enforcement. In addition to possible disciplinary action and/or criminal prosecution, the Federal Claims Collection Act, which began March 1, 2002, allows AAFES to enact a flat, administrative cost (Civil Recovery) of \$200.

"AAFES associates are stewards of the dividend this store is charged with generating," Patton said. "Activities that diminish exchange shoppers' return on investment can, and do, negatively impact military Families' quality of life. Fortunately, our team is leveraging the latest crime fighting tools available to further strengthen the exchange benefit Soldiers and their Families have come to depend on."

NOW SHOWING

in the movie theater at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752

**Friday -- Terminator Salvation:
The Future Begins, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**
Saturday -- Star Trek, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
July 17 -- Up, PG, 7:30 p.m.
**July 18 -- Night at the Museum:
Battle of the Smithsonian, PG, 7:30 p.m.**
July 24 -- Land of the Lost, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
July 25 -- Up, PG, 7:30 p.m.

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

Command Channel 8/23

July 9-16

Army Newswatch (broadcast times)
Thursday-Friday, Monday-Wednesday,
July 16

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

BBC LifeWorks events

Teddy Bear Par-tea

Join us for a children's "Par-tea" from 10-11:30 a.m. Friday. Children are encouraged to dress up and to bring their favorite dressed teddy bears.

A prize will be awarded for the best dressed bear. Enjoy teddy bear sandwiches, teddy bear cookies and drink iced tea with your "Beary" special friends.

Neighborhood Scavenger Hunt

West Point children of all ages are welcome to the Neighborhood Scavenger Hunt from 1:30-3 p.m. July 16 at 132 Bartlett Loop (Balfour Beatty Communities office).

Children under 12 years old must be accompanied by an adult.

National Hot Dog Day

Celebrate National Hot Dog Day at 132 Bartlett Loop from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. July 23.

Stop by the BBC office for free hot dogs, chips and refreshments.

July Yard of the Month

Balfour Beatty Communities will be judging homes in every neighborhood on neatness, presentation, effort and curb appeal.

A winner will be selected and awarded a \$25 gift card. The winner can also proudly display a Yard of the Month sign on the Family lawn throughout the next month.

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

What's Happening

Gymnastics day camp

The West Point Gymnastics Club is offering gymnastics day camp for children ages 7 and older Monday-July 17.

There will be cheerleading and tumbling camps offered as well for those two weeks.

Camp times, fees and paperwork needed to participate can be found at www.westpointgymnasticsclub.com.

Motorcycle Safety training

There are openings in the upcoming Basic Motorcycle Rider Courses schedule for Wednesday-July 17, July 17-19, Aug. 12-14 and 14-16. Registration is required.

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

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

Girl Scout volunteers needed

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

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

Manager for West Point, at GSHH call (845)361-2898 ext. 28 or via e-mail at lmoser@girlscoutshh.org if you are interested in volunteering or need more information.

Bookstore Sale and hours

The USMA Bookstore is hosting a clearance sale. An assortment of books are on sale.

Summer hours are 9 a.m.-3 p.m. weekdays.

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

For more information, call 938-5356.

Volkssport Club of West Point

Join the Volkssport Club of West Point for fitness, fun and friendship July 18.

Walkers can register for the 5-kilometer or 11-kilometer trail through the grounds of West Point.

Registration is at 9:15 a.m. at the West Point Visitors Center and the group walk start at 9:30 a.m..

The trail rating is two because of hills and is not suitable for wheelchairs.

The walk qualifies for AVA special programs: Libraries, Artistic Heritage, Authors and Literary Landmarks, Cemetery Stroll, Firehouses, Historic Churches, Museums, Riverwalk America, U.S. Presidents and Veteran Memorials.

The walk is free, but you must pay for AVA credit.

All participants are invited to a pre-walk breakfast with club members at 8 a.m. at the Park Restaurant, Main Street, Highland Falls. Club members who attended the recent AVA convention in Dallas will report on walking western trails and convention news.

For more information call 845-446-4709.

Closures

Mine Torne Road is scheduled to be closed to accommodate Cadet Summer Training from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. July 16, 5:30-8:30 a.m. July 18 and 3-7 a.m. July 26.

Lake Popolopen will remain open for fishing.

For more information, call Alec Lazore, Range Control manager, at 938-3007.

Summer Playground Fun

Protestant Women of the Chapel is hosting Summer Playground Fun at 9:30-11 a.m. Wednesdays throughout the summer.

West Point children are invited to attend.

The group will meet at New Brick playground Wednesday, Lee Road playground July 22, West Point Elementary School playground July 29 and Biddle Loop playground Aug. 5.

Parents should bring water and sunblock for their children.

For more information, call Teki Snel at 446-5920 or twc8454465920@earthlink.net.

Young Life summer camps

Registration has begun for Young Life's Wyldlife Summer Camp, which takes place July 30-Aug. 3 at Lake Champion. Sixth, seventh and eighth graders are eligible to attend.

Ninth-12th graders may attend the Young Life Summer Camp July 19-24 in Rockbridge, Va.

For more information, contact Nate Cox at 938-5386 or visit www.oneill.younglife.com.

Purple Heart Day at Renegades game

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

A Purple Heart recipient will pitch the first ball.

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

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

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

New Web sites

The Village of Highland Falls and the Highlands Chamber of Commerce have new Web sites. The Village of Highland Falls' new site can be seen at www.highlandfallsny.org, and the chamber's new Web site is www.highlandscny.com.

Bible study

The Protestant Women of the Chapel summer Bible study takes place at 7 p.m. Thursday nights at the Post Chapel on Biddle Loop.

The group will study "Believing God" by Beth Moore.

For more information or to receive a book for the study, contact Robin Meyer at 446-8798 or robinmeyer@hvc.rr.com.

Volunteer facilitators needed

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

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

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

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

Canoe program

All members of the West Point community older than 7 may participate in the public canoe programs in Constitution Marsh,

which is located across the Hudson River from West Point.

These guided programs are about three hours long and take place on some week nights and weekend mornings and evenings throughout the summer.

No experience is required, and equipment is provided. Reservations are required.

For more information, including prices to participate, visit www.constitutionmarsh.org and click on the event calendar.

Make reservations by e-mailing marshschedule@gmail.com or calling 265-2601, ext. 15.

Religious education

The West Point community is invited to attend religious education classes at the Catholic Chapel. Classes are available 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 still are needed.

For more information, contact Cindy Ragsdale at 938-8761 or cynthia.ragsdale@usma.edu.

Legal education program

The Office of The Judge Advocate General is now accepting applications for the Army's Funded Legal Education Program. Under this program, the Army projects to send up to 25 active duty commissioned 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 commissioned officers in the rank of second lieutenant through captain. Applicants must have at least two, but not more than six years of total active Federal service at the time legal training begins.

Eligible officers 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 officers should contact

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

Eagle Scout project

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

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

Ice Cream Social

Ready-to-go packages are available through the Directorate of Cadet Activities to help you plan and supply your ice cream social.

Call 938-7732 or 7733 for more information and pricing.

Farmers' market

The West Point-Town of Highlands Farmers' Market will open for the season 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Sunday and remain open daily through October.

The market is located in the Village Parking Lot across from Sacred Heart Church.

Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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

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FMWR Blurbs

West Point Club Summer Hours

The Pierce Dining Room at the West Point Club is closed for dinner now through Aug. 14. Dinner will resume Aug. 21.

Lunch will now be served 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in the Hudson Room and outside deck through July 31.

Sunday Breakfast is closed until Aug. 16.

Benny Haven Lounge is closed on Thursday evenings now through Aug. 6. Thursday bar will re-open Aug. 13.

Friday bar service will remain open throughout the summer offering a limited bar menu.

For more information, call 938-5120.

ACS Employment Readiness Program

Two opportunities for professional development are offered by the ACS Employment Readiness Program: Professional Writing—10-11:30 a.m., July 14 and 16 and Facebook for Professionals—11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., July 29. Both professional development classes will be held at the Education Center, Bldg. 683.

Facebook for Parents is scheduled for 10-11:30 a.m., July 30 and will be held at ACS Bldg. 622. Registration is required.

For more information, call 938-5658.

West Point Community and Wellness Fair

The West Point Community and Wellness

Fair will take place at 5-7 p.m. July 29 at the Eisenhower Hall Ballroom.

Come meet with representatives from community agencies, organizations and local businesses.

The superintendent and the garrison commander require all newly assigned personnel to attend the Superintendent and Garrison Commander's Welcome Address in Eisenhower Hall Theatre immediately following the fair from 7-8:30 p.m.

Free child care and youth services are available from 4:45-8:45 p.m.

Registration for child care is required no later than July 20.

Call 938-4458 to register at the Child Development Center (children 6 weeks-5 years).

To register for child care at Youth Services (children 6 years and up), call 938-3727.

Proof of current immunization required.

For more information on the Community Fair, call ACS at 938-4621.

Youth Center Summer Saturdays

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

For more information, call 938-3727.

Summer swimming

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

The class will be held 6-8 p.m. July 30 in the KACH second floor classroom.

Call 938-3210 to register.

TRICARE Enrollment

Upon arrival at West Point, visit the Highland Falls TRICARE Office at 273 Main St. to enroll yourself and Family beneficiaries into TRICARE Prime at Keller Army Community Hospital.

Active duty personnel need to complete the necessary paperwork to be assigned a primary care provider. The Highland Falls office is open 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

KACH August Closure

All outpatient clinics, laboratory, pharmacy and radiology will be closed Aug. 7 for KACH Organization Day.

The Emergency Room will remain open.

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.

Summer reading program

The West Point Post Library summer reading program still has available openings.

The program runs through July 31. The program is open to all WP community children ages 3-12.

For more information, call 938-2974.

Kids' Photo Contest

ACS is sponsoring a Kids' Photo Contest in honor of Family Fun Month.

It is open to military and civilian dependent children under 18 years of age.

Children are asked to submit favorite photos of their Families having fun together.

The deadline for submission is July 31. Photos will be on display at ACS until the winners are announced in mid-August.

Check out the ACS Web site at www.westpointmwr.com for more information, including rules and submission form/instructions.

For more information, call 938-0233.

ACS Employment Readiness Summer Class Schedule

- Friday, 10-11:30 a.m.—Medical Transcription Information Session;
 - Friday, 1:30-3 p.m.—Preparing a Federal Resume;
 - July 16, 8:30 a.m.-noon—Interviews hosted at ACS for employment with Occupations Inc. & Family Empowerment;
 - 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.

Morgan Farm

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

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

camps.

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

All services by appointment only.

For more information, call 938-3926.

West Point Military Appreciation Day

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

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

For more information, call 938-6947.

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.

English classes

ACS is hosting English Language Learners, an English-as-a-second-language class, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays through July 21. Classes are held at ACS, Bldg. 622.

For more information, call the Relocation Readiness Program at 938-3487.

Running group

A beginner's running group meets at 8 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the South Dock. Strollers are welcome.

Sign-up at the MWR Fitness Center or call Kristine Hays at 859-4965.

Triathlon training group

A women's triathlon training group will meet through Aug. 30 to prepare for the Diamond Girl New York All-Women's Sprint Triathlon at Harriman State Park/Lake Sebago. The group is led by Certified Personal Trainer Dana White.

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

Auto Safety Training

Auto Safety Training is now mandatory for all self help patrons at West Point Auto.

Training sessions will be 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 over view of shop rules.

For more information, call 938-2074.

Discount oil change

Oil changes are available while you wait that include up to 5 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.

SKIES Instructional Program

CYSS SKIES Instructional Program sessions are ongoing.

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

Keller Corner

School and Sports Physicals available

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

This clinic will offer group appointments at four designated times.

There is no guarantee children will see the provider of choice and they may have to wait to be seen.

Individual appointments will continue to be offered through September.

To make an appointment for a physical, call 938-7992 or 800-552-2907.

Breastfeeding Class

A breastfeeding class is now open to all new or expecting mothers who want to learn more about successful breastfeeding.

Intramural softball season begins; NSSB, Math I win



Chemistry and Life Sciences/Physics shortstop Walt Rittger tags second and just misses completing the double play in the second inning of his team's game against Math I. Rittger hit an RBI triple his first time at bat in the first inning and later added two home runs. Even with Rittger's offensive exploits, CLS/Physics came up short losing 9-7 to Math I Monday.



Warrior Transition Unit catcher Daryl Woods launched a two-run homer to centerfield to tie the game against Network Server Support Branch 6-6 in the bottom of the fifth inning. Woods' home run was not enough as WTU lost to NSSB 10-8 in extra innings Monday at the FMWR H Lot Athletic Complex.



Warrior Transition Unit pitcher Emily Munday gave up four runs in the first inning versus NSSB, but held them to four runs over the next six innings. NSSB fought back to score two runs in the eighth inning taking the lead 10-8, and, ultimately, the victory.

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Network Server Support Branch second baseman Dan Jollota smacked an RBI single in the top of the seventh to tie the game against the Warrior Transition Unit at eight each. NSSB won 10-8 in eight innings.

Ellerson announces Class of 2013 recruits

By Bob Beretta
Athletic Communications

Army head coach Rich Ellerson welcomed the newest members of the Black Knights' football program into the fold June 29 as he announced his club's 2009 recruiting class.

Nineteen recently graduated high school student-athletes and 38 others who attended the U.S. Military Academy Prep School last year help comprise the football-playing members of West Point's Class of 2013 that arrived at West Point for Reception Day activities.

"We're encouraged by the group of young men that we're bringing into the program," Ellerson said. "We inherited a great group coming from the Prep School, and then we were able to add to that group a couple handful of players directly from high school. We were able to come into (the recruiting process) at the 11th hour, and despite all the disruption, put together a very competitive class.

"Obviously, we're going to find out a lot more about them here in the next six weeks. We're very encouraged by the class coming up from the Prep School and the success that they've had and how well they weathered the coaching transition," he added. "They stayed together, encouraged one another, trained well and are used to winning. It will be exciting to get them on the field and see where they are physically.

"We're also excited about many of the players we brought in directly from high school," Ellerson continued. "Everybody's undefeated on signing day, but it is very encouraging that we could put a class together that has so many quality people, quality athletes who can succeed at this level on the football field and are exactly the right kind of young men that West Point is looking for."

The group of signees includes 23 offensive standouts, 31 defensive players and three specialists.

Heading the positional breakdown is defensive line where Ellerson and his staff have injected 13 newcomers, followed by offensive line (10), linebacker (9), defensive back (9), running back (7) and wide receiver (5).

Twenty-seven different states are represented in the class. Florida, a recruiting stronghold for the Army football program, leads the way with eight newcomers, followed by Texas with seven, and Pennsylvania and Georgia with five apiece. North Carolina and California boast four new Black Knights each, while Missouri features three and New York, Ohio, Maryland, Alabama and Virginia own two apiece.

"Our team speed will be impacted by this group in a positive way," Ellerson explained. "It's hard to know how guys are going to compete, but there are individuals in every positional group that you can anticipate getting into the mix early.

"You don't have to sit back and wait for two years. In every group there is a guy or two that looks like they will have a chance to compete for playing time relatively early," he added. "When we get them going, we're going to find out that some of the players who we had that expectation for aren't close and there's somebody we're not thinking about right now that is going to be extraordinary.

ARMY FOOTBALL CLASS OF 2013

Name	Year	Position	Height	Weight	Hometown/High School
Frank Allen	Fr.	OT	6-4	275	Palmyra, N.J./Holy Cross (USMAPS)
Justin Allen	Fr.	RB	5-10	175	Fletcher, N.C./West Henderson (USMAPS)
Felipe Anciola	Fr.	DT	6-5	215	Cedar Park, Texas/Legacy Christian Academy (USMAPS)
Brian Austin	Fr.	WR	5-8	170	Wexford, Pa./North Allegheny
Loren Baker	Fr.	DT	6-1	264	The Woodlands, Texas/The Woodlands
Tanner Barron	Fr.	LS	6-4	210	Ocala, Fla./Trinity Catholic (USMAPS)
Derek Bisgard	Fr.	DE	6-1	250	Scottsdale, Ariz./Saguaro (USMAPS)
Chris Boldt	Fr.	P	6-0	165	St. Louis, Mo./De Smet Jesuit
Josh Breitwieser	Fr.	LB	6-3	205	Bradenton, Fla./St. Stephens Episcopal School
Malcolm Brown	Fr.	WR	5-11	165	Bay Shore, N.Y./Islip (USMAPS)
Reed Cardine	Fr.	DT	6-2	235	Little Rock, Ark./Little Rock (USMAPS)
Brian Cobbs	Fr.	DB	5-10	185	St. Charles, Mo./Francis Howell
Morgan Cole	Fr.	DE	6-3	215	St. Louis, Mo./St. Louis University
Nate Combs	Fr.	DE	6-2	207	New Albany, Ind./Saint Xavier (USMAPS)
Greg Cotton	Fr.	DB	5-10	175	El Paso, Texas/Parkland (USMAPS)
Max Deatrick	Fr.	OL	6-2	260	Trabuco Canyon, Calif./Santa Margarita Catholic (USMAPS)
Justin Dugger	Fr.	LB	6-0	210	Albuquerque, N.M./La Cueva (USMAPS)
Kevin Flanagan	Fr.	C	6-5	265	Charlotte, N.C./Olympic (USMAPS)
Brad Gallik	Fr.	LB	6-1	190	Lexington, Ohio/Lexington (USMAPS)
Travis Gibson	Fr.	OL	6-2	265	Miami, Fla./Christopher Columbus (USMAPS)
Jared Hassin	Fr.	RB	6-3	218	Delafield, Wisc./Kettle Moraine
Will Holder	Fr.	LB	6-3	175	Palo Alto, Calif./Palo Alto
Tom Houser	Fr.	DE	6-3	230	Lebanon, Pa./Lebanon (USMAPS)
Josh Jackson	Fr.	DB	5-11	175	Lawrenceville, Ga./Brookwood (USMAPS)
Ben Jebb	Fr.	DE	6-5	215	Cornwall, N.Y./Cornwall
George Jordan	Fr.	WR	6-3	206	Marlborough, Mass./Marlborough
J.T. Lang	Fr.	OL	6-3	230	Orlando, Fla./Boone
Lonnie Liggins	Fr.	RB	5-7	180	Sparks, Md./Hereford (USMAPS)
Sean Maag	Fr.	DB	6-2	190	Orlando, Fla./Cypress Creek (USMAPS)
Jarrett Mackey	Fr.	DE-LB	6-2	225	Snellville, Ga./Brookwood (USMAPS)
A.J. Mackey	Fr.	DT	6-1	288	Snellville, Ga./Brookwood (USMAPS)
Kyler Martin	Fr.	WR	6-2	195	Vacaville, Calif./Vacaville
Dan McGue	Fr.	FB	6-2	230	Hinsdale, Ill./Benet Academy (USMAPS)
Ryan Mumma	Fr.	WR	5-10	180	Newport Beach, Calif./Mater Dei (USMAPS)
Shola Mustapha	Fr.	DE	6-1	220	Tallahassee, Fla./Lincoln (USMAPS)
Jon Neill	Fr.	OG	6-3	280	The Woodlands, Texas/The Woodlands (USMAPS)
Pat O'Sullivan	Fr.	DL	6-2	220	Fort Bragg, N.C./Terry Sanford (USMAPS)
Kelechi Odocha	Fr.	RB	5-7	175	Columbia, Md./Atholton (USMAPS)
Eric Osteen	Fr.	K	6-1	165	Augusta, Ga./Richmond Academy
Josh Powell	Fr.	LB	6-1	190	Tampa, Fla./Wharton (USMAPS)
Aaron Retter	Fr.	OL	6-4	240	Apollo, Pa./Greensburg (USMAPS)
Brian Rowen	Fr.	DE-LB	6-1	215	Marietta, Ga./Kell (USMAPS)
C.J. Shelley	Fr.	LB	5-9	190	Sarasota, Fla./Riverview
Ty Shrader	Fr.	RB	5-10	176	Stevenson, Ala./North Jackson (USMAPS)
Kendall Smith	Fr.	OL	6-3	245	Harker Heights, Texas/Harker Heights (USMAPS)
Nick Snoad	Fr.	LB	6-1	227	Gahanna, Ohio/Gahanna Lincoln
Robert Speidel	Fr.	DB	5-7	185	St. Paul, Minn./Cretin-Derham Hall
Trent Steelman	Fr.	QB	6-0	185	Bowling Green, Ky./Bowling Green (USMAPS)
Brad Strimel	Fr.	LB	6-2	220	Canonsburg, Pa./Canon McMillan
Kyle Ulses	Fr.	DB	5-10	175	Heidelberg, Germany/Heidelberg American
Matt Villanti	Fr.	OG	6-3	300	Katy, Texas/Seven Lakes (USMAPS)
Waverly Washington	Fr.	DB	5-10	175	Scottsville, Va./Fork Union Military Academy
Zach Watts	Fr.	FB	6-0	222	Pittsburgh, Pa./North Allegheny (USMAPS)
Parker Whitten	Fr.	LB-DE	6-2	225	Fyffe, Ala./Fyffe (USMAPS)
James Whittington	Fr.	DB	5-9	163	El Paso, Texas/Burges (USMAPS)
Will Wilson	Fr.	OL	6-2	280	Great Falls, Va./Langley (USMAPS)
LaTarrance Young	Fr.	DB	6-0	205	Jacksonville, N.C./White Oak (USMAPS)

That's just the nature of the beast with football."

Included in Army's Class of 2013 is local product Ben Jebb, a 6-foot-5-inch, 215-pound defensive end from nearby Cornwall, and Kyle Ulses, son of former Army letterwinner Rob Ulses (Class of 1985), who lettered three times for the Black Knights and was a member of Army's Cherry Bowl-winning squad in 1984.

Twin brothers Jarrett and A.J. Mackey, a pair of defensive linemen from Snellville, Ga., and USMA Prep School graduates, are also included in the Black Knights' newest class.

Army opens its 120th season of intercollegiate competition Sept. 5 when the Black Knights visit Eastern Michigan at 7 p.m.

Army opens its home slate the following week, hosting Duke (Sept. 12) on Army Sports Hall of Fame Weekend at West Point.

Full season, mini-plan and single-game tickets for all Army home contests are currently on sale at the Army Ticket Office, by phone at 1-877-TIX-ARMY or online at www.goarmysports.com.

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Contest:

Every Thursday for the next nine weeks, starting today, 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, call the Army Athletics Marketing Office at 845-938-0390.

Week 1 Question ...

What Army Heisman Trophy winner will have his number retired during halftime of the Oct. 10 game vs. Vanderbilt?

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