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Boundless Playground now open for all West Point children



From left to right—Marilee Turner, Jane Spies, Mary Nelson (in buggy) and mom, Kate Nelson, cut the ribbon during the ceremony that officially opened the Boundless Playground at Biddle Loop near Bldg. 126 to the community Monday. The playground was one of the initiatives developed during the 2007 Army Family Action Plan meeting. The need for a Boundless Playground with unlimited access was considered one of the priority issues that has been worked on since that meeting. Richard Wagner, Balfour Beatty Communities project manager, selected these women to cut the ribbon because they are members of the community and the Exceptional Family Member Program. While there is another Boundless Playground located at School Age Services, its use is limited to Warrior Transition Unit personnel and special-needs Families only, whereas this playground is open to the entire West Point community. The playground includes a Poured-and-Play surface made out of recycled rubber and large ramps to accommodate wheelchairs and baby buggies.

KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

West Point is #1 in “Most Accessible Professors”

Compiled by Linda Mastin
Chief, Web and Print Publications

A report released Monday by The Princeton Review ranked West Point, The U.S. Military Academy, in the Top 10 of all American colleges in the areas of “Most to do on Campus,” “Most Accessible Professors,” “Most Politically Active Students” and “Best Classroom Experience.”

The Princeton Review, an education services company known for its test-prep courses, features West Point in the 2010 edition of its annual book, “The Best 371 Colleges,” that went on sale Tuesday.

“We are naturally very pleased with Princeton Review’s recognition of the quality of the educational experience at West Point,” Dean of the Academic Board Brig. Gen. Patrick Finnegan said. “We are very proud of our nationally renowned education program and attribute much of our success to such factors as accessibility of faculty, lively classroom discussions and experiences, and enrichment opportunities outside the classroom.”

“Our small class size, where every course from freshman through senior year is taught in seminar-sized-groups of no more than 18 cadets, increases the engagement of faculty

with students and enhances the overall educational experience,” Finnegan added.

Cadet comments about a West Point education included the remarks that it “is not easy and not always fun, but it is a great experience to be proud of,” and one that is designed “to educate tomorrow’s leaders.”

The rankings come from an online survey The Princeton Review sent to 122,000 students at 371 top colleges to rate dozens of topics about their schools.

Other West Point accolades include small class size (10-19 students), great academic and athletic facilities, safe campus environment and great career services.

West Point Board of Visitors meet Aug. 7

By Joy Pasquazi
Conference Specialist

The Board of Visitors of the U.S. Military Academy meets from 8:30-11:45 a.m. Aug. 7 in the Superintendent’s Conference Room, Bldg. 600, Taylor Hall, at West Point.

They will review and receive updates on U.S. Military Academy Prep School, military training and instruction, the Residential

Communities Initiative, the Master Plan, Army football, suicide awareness and the Class of 2013.

The Board of Visitors is appointed under the provision of Section 4355 of Title 10, United States Code.

It is the duty of the Board to inquire about the academy’s morale and discipline, curriculum, instructions, physical equipment, fiscal affairs and academic methods.

The board membership is presidential appointees and members of Congress.

Presidential appointees are John S. Rainey, Dr. Charles Younger, Blake G. Hall, Karen Hughes, Frederick Malek and Randolph Brock III. The Senators are Honorables Kay Bailey Hutchison, Jack Reed, Richard M. Burr and Mary Landrieu. Representatives include Honorables John McHugh, Maurice Hinchey, Todd Tiahrt, Jim Marshall and John Hall.

REMINDER:

CAC cards needed to park on Thayer Roof starting Monday
Be prepared and drive safely.

You have a voice—use it to let us know how we're doing

Commentary by Christina Overstreet
Customer Service Officer

Do you sometimes feel as though what you think doesn't matter?

The Customer Management Services program is here to help ensure that your voice is heard loud and clear, and that your feedback is critical in decision-making at West Point.

Recently, I stepped into the role of customer service officer for West Point, replacing Ed Sutherland who relocated with his Family. I moved here with my Family from Fort Bragg, N.C., where I was also the Customer Service Officer.

As the CSO, I oversee the West Point Customer Management Services program. CMS was launched throughout the Army about a year ago to provide a mechanism for capturing the "Voice of the Customer" and using it to evaluate garrison services and programs.

I will be working with West Point service providers to get a better picture of how well the needs of our customers are being met and identify areas for improvement. The ultimate goal is to make West Point a better place to live, work and visit.

This is where I need your help—the success of CMS hinges on you. I urge you to speak up by providing feedback often.

There are three key ways that you can do that:

Interactive Customer Evaluation:

ICE is an automated online comment card system that

offers customers a quick and convenient way to provide feedback—either positive or negative. Currently, about 190 programs and services participate in ICE, including the Commissary, Keller Army Community Hospital and the ID card office, and that number is growing.

The ICE system asks customers to rate various aspects of their experience with a program or service, including employee and staff attitudes and the timeliness of service.

There is also an area for customers to provide comments and recommendations for improvement. Feedback submitted on ICE immediately goes to the manager or supervisor for that program or service via e-mail, so that any issues can be quickly resolved.

An important thing to note is that ICE feedback is intended to be anonymous. The only time you need to provide contact information is if you request a response from a manager. All comments are reviewed and if contact information is provided, you should hear from a manager within five days.

While ICE has been around for some time, it isn't being used as often as it should be. I encourage you to bookmark the West Point ICE site, www.westpoint.edu/ICE, and visit often to let us know what we are doing right and what we can do better.

Community first:

The second component of CMS seeks to augment the Army Family Action Plan program by identifying and quickly

resolving issues impacting quality of life. These issues cannot typically be resolved through ICE, but can often be addressed and resolved quickly.

I will attend various community forums—including BOSS meetings, Community Action Council meetings and Retiree Council meetings—to get concerns from key constituency groups at West Point. Issues that can be solved quickly will be, while those that would be better addressed via AFAP will be forwarded to the annual AFAP conference, held each fall.

For more information or to submit an issue, feel free to contact me.

Customer Service Assessment:

A Web-based survey is conducted annually and asks customers to rate the performance and importance of services provided at West Point. This year's survey starts soon—between Aug. 24-Sept. 18. It is an online survey located at www.myarmyvoice.org. You will be hearing much more about it in the coming weeks.

I look forward to helping make West Point a better place to live, work and visit. I can't promise that you will always get what you want, of course, but I do promise that I will work hard to ensure that your voice is heard and your concerns don't fall on deaf ears.

For further information about the CMS program, call me at 938-0627 or via e-mail at christina.overstreet@usma.army.mil.

Seat Belts and Leadership

Commentary by Firstie Lewis J. Han

(Editor's Note: Han spent four weeks doing an Advanced Individual Academic Development at the National Fire Academy and wrote this commentary as a result.)

Research has shown that lap/shoulder belts, when used properly, reduce the risk of fatal injury to front-seat car passenger occupants by 45 percent and the risk of moderate-to-critical injury by 50 percent.

For light truck occupants, safety belts reduce the risk of fatal injury by 60 percent and moderate-to-critical injury by 65 percent, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation—NHTSA "The Facts To Buckle Up America—Safety Belts and Teens—2003 Report."

I recently had the opportunity to ride along with a fire department engine company. It was part of an internship in

which I was taking a look at the need for management skills and core competencies (written and oral communications, interpersonal skills, group and team skills and organizational skills) in fire officers as well as any other management position.

I was able to ride along with a particular fire engine company for a full 24-hour shift. Some of the things I learned, especially the unexpected lessons, seem to hold the greatest significance.

Being a college student with a focus in management, I always have been interested and intrigued by the topic matter of behavioral sciences.

I witnessed the camaraderie which forms and builds between the firefighters. Not only were all the firefighters of this engine company absolutely competent and experts in their field, they also worked as a cohesive unit.

My respect for the fire department and its members has grown immensely through my experience as a ride-along. The lieutenant, especially, impressed me because of the leadership qualities he possessed. He had developed a keen sense of interpersonal and team skills. From what I observed, the firefighters of that particular engine company really did

respect him, as did I.

What does any of this have to do with seat belts?

Well, while the experience at the fire house will leave me with great memories for the rest of my life, there is also something that should be addressed. I have learned that firefighters in general do not wear seat belts. Many states actually do not require them to wear seat belts while responding to an emergency.

The reasoning behind this argument is that firefighters must be quick and mobile while responding to an emergency. Therefore, the fire department has built up a culture in which they believe seat belts "hinder" them from completing their duties in a timely fashion.

I was instructed that I was to wear my seatbelt as a ride-along even if the firefighters don't. It would have been tragic if a visitor would have gotten injured or killed while riding with the fire engine company.

Now, when I think back to the calls I remember there were times that I did not buckle my seat belt. This action was usually accompanied by frantic movement inside the truck with firefighters jumping into their fire suits and gearing up

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Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

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Rules: Fill in the empty cells with the digits 1-9 so that no

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

Difficulty: Hard

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SHARP

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

Community members can e-mail Burger at Maria.Burger@usma.edu for advice or to offer any recommendations on the program here.

Cadets also can call the sexual assault support helpline at (845) 591-7215. West Point Soldiers and civilians needing assistance can call (845) 938-3369.

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Gary Sinise and Lt. Dan Band join West Point band for special concert

By Staff Sgt. Mark Tonelli
West Point Band publicity

The Army has designated 2009 as the Year of the NCO, honoring the noncommissioned officers who play a critical role in defending the nation every day. West Point is celebrating this momentous observance with a concert featuring the West Point Band's Concert Band and special guest actor Gary Sinise and his Lt. Dan Band at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at Eisenhower Hall Theatre.

The Concert Band will present the first portion of the concert. Highlights include "Liberty Fanfare" by John Williams, Henry Fillmore's "Americans We," and "Fantasy on Army Strong" by Mark Isham. Additionally, the band will perform Johnny Cash's "Shenandoah—Ragged Old Flag" with narration provided by Sinise.

Sinise starred opposite Tom Hanks as Lt. Dan Taylor in the 1994 film "Forrest Gump," a breakthrough role that took Hollywood by storm and earned the actor an Oscar nomination. Sinise has since starred in a number of well-received films, among them "Apollo 13," "The Green Mile" and "Truman." He currently stars in the popular CBS show "CSI: NY."

Along with acting, Sinise played in bands in high school. After visiting troops overseas in 2003, he formed a band with Chicago-area musician, guitarist and composer Kimo Williams. The band was named after Sinise's character in "Forrest Gump." In 2004, the Lt. Dan Band made their first overseas USO tour. Since then, the Lt. Dan Band has averaged 30-40 shows per year, most of those for the USO, charities or benefits.

Sinise plays and has assembled a 12-piece group of high-caliber musicians with extensive performing credentials, including drummer Danny Gottlieb, a founding member of the well-known Pat Metheny Group and a veteran performer and studio musician. The Lt. Dan Band plays a wide selection of current and classic rock, including Bruce Springsteen, Linkin



Members of the West Point Concert Band will present the first portion of the Year of the NCO Concert, including a narration by Gary Sinise of the "Shenandoah—Ragged Old Flag," and then he and the Lt. Dan Band will play a wide variety of music.

PHOTO BY STEPHEN E. MORTON

Park and Aretha Franklin.

Sinise has a special place in his heart for servicemembers. According to a post on the Band's Web site Sinise said, "Our performances for our servicemembers on military bases around the globe have meant so much. ... I have made it a particular mission to do what I can to draw attention to [them], their Families and our veterans and to make sure they know

they are remembered and appreciated."

As always, the concert is free and open to the public. Allow extra travel time for the vehicle and photo I.D. inspection at Stony Lonesome and Thayer gates. Because of changing security requirements at West Point, call the Academy Band's hotline at 938-2617 or check www.westpoint.edu/special before leaving for the concert.

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for a fire call. Because there is limited space and a cluster of equipment in the back seat, I did my best to help move things out of the way and "think skinny." That I did not buckle my seat belt every single time I got on the engine is absolutely 100 percent my personal failure and I take full responsibility for my actions. I was instructed to do something and I failed to keep up my end of the bargain.

However, while pondering over the event, I realized there are heavier consequences than just a personal failure.

Unfortunately, however, much as I want for the buck to stop at me, it doesn't. Any student of leadership will tell you that a leader is responsible for all their organization's (or unit's) successes and failures. Consequently, for the time that I was under the lieutenant's responsibility, if a ride-along would have been injured, the responsibility would have fallen completely on him. Whether anyone thinks it is fair does not matter.

The responsibility to lead and be accountable for myself as well as the other firefighters would have been on his shoulders. It is simply something that comes with being in a position of leadership.

Through this experience I have learned a couple valuable lessons.

The first is that as a follower, you must realize that you will not always be able to "take responsibility" for your own actions. Whenever you fail to do something, you let down those around you, and you put your leader in a bad position because he is responsible for you. It does not matter if you kick and scream, saying that the leader should not be blamed for your actions; it will happen regardless.

The second lesson is that as a leader, you truly do have the responsibility for everything that succeeds and fails in an organization. Because of your position, you have the ability to influence others.

The men and women assigned to you should be accountable to you, but you are also accountable to them. In this case, it is the issue of putting on a seat belt. But the fact still remains for all things, if the leader performs an action and instructs the others to do so, it will happen.

Once again, I do take all personal responsibility for the failure to wear the seat belt, but I know that it is not that simple. And that is what I will take away from this experience forever;

the second-order effects of actions and the implications that they hold for those around you.

I have learned key lessons and I hope to keep them in mind whenever I hold a position of leadership. Fortunately, this article does not end in a negative fashion.

Because leaders are in a position of influence, there is hope. There is hope that the leaders of the fire service will take care of the most valuable asset they possess, which is not

the expensive machinery or costly operations, but, instead, is in the men and women that show up every day and give their service to the general public.

If each individual fire officer ensures their immediate subordinates are buckled up, the entire organization will be buckled up.

I just hope the firefighters, who work so hard to keep us safe, will keep themselves safe as well.

CLDT second iteration continued high-intensity pace

Story and photos by
Sgt. Vincent Fusco
Directorate of Communications

The second iteration of this year's high-intensity Cadet Leader Development Training was full of the unexpected, but maintained a constant from prior years of summer training—the interaction of cadets with active duty commissioned and noncommissioned officers.

In a change of curriculum from last year's summer training, the upper class holds the essential responsibility of training the new cadets as well as the rising yearlings and cows.

The firsties, however, are still relying on the direct guidance of seasoned leaders to develop their own leadership skills and styles during CLDT. They work with trainer teams of two-to-three officers and some NCOs as well to learn about tactical team management and decision-making.

“Our role here is to establish leadership capabilities and decision-making process, not necessarily how tactical they are but if they're making decisions and what type of decisions they are making,” Staff Sgt. Joseph Bayes, communications platoon sergeant with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 502nd Parachute Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, said.

During CLDT, firsties learn how to operate as squad and platoon leaders as well as platoon sergeants and company commanders over the course of six missions—combat outpost, mounted patrol, military operations on urban terrain attack (MOUT), search and attack, platoon attack and cordon and search.

During these missions, the cadets learn how to plan out the mission, but, more importantly, they learn how to adapt and change their plans when the situation on the ground changes.

For instance, one scenario that started as a routine cordon-and-knock mission quickly turned into volatile hostage situation. The leaders on the ground had to move and act quickly in order to neutralize the threat while minimizing military and civilian casualties.

“They adapted and knew they were going in with insurgents being here,” Bayes, the Sabetha, Kan., native said. “I think they adapted well with the sudden change.”

The training helps cadets develop clear communication with subordinates, as well as teaching “grace under pressure” and teamwork. They do this while working in simulated combat environments with the kinds of stressors they can



Firstie Brett Flagg of Company G-1 listens to an Iraqi roleplayer describe a hostile situation while his squad patrols around the MOUT site during Cadet Leader Development Training July 23.

anticipate in the operational Army.

When the teams first received the cadets, they taught them about pre-combat checks and inspections, and how to load a Blackhawk helicopter. The Task Force Strike Soldiers also shared lessons learned from their recent deployment to Iraq with the fledging leaders.

“Coming from our last deployment, which ended in September, I think they see us as (full of knowledge),” Bayes said. “We have experience with everything we're trying to teach them through (past) deployments.”

Firstie Brandon Wright, of 2nd Company, CLDT, was administrative officer on cadet leadership detail when he observed his classmates' training, but eagerly anticipated his turn at CLDT.

“I think most (cadets) have a good feel for what's going on,” the San Diego native said. “Of course, this is a learning process for everyone. We're here to make mistakes, so down the road we're much better at what we do.”

The training preserves the tradition of cadets interacting with active duty Soldiers over the summer. Despite an overall reduced-size task force, the cadets were able to learn from officers and NCOs how the platoon leader fits in the warfighting team.

“They don't really know how to react to us when they first see us,” Bayes said. “It's good for them to come and see the NCO side of what we're trying to do and what our roles are. They learn a lot from that.”

“(The firsties) get a chance to observe some of the roles their future NCOs are going to be in,” Wright said. “So they have a good idea of what their job description is and what they need to know to correctly utilize those Soldiers when they become platoon leaders.”

From team leader to company commander, CLDT exposes the firsties to the full spectrum of tactical leadership. Through interaction with field and junior grade officers as well as NCO counterparts, they learn how to perform different platoon leader tasks.

“It's good to teach these young cadets what they're going to be facing when they become platoon leaders,” Bayes said, “and put them on a different level than they have been before they get to their unit.”



Cadets take up defensive positions in the midst of a hostage situation in the Iraqi village at the MOUT site during Cadet Leader Development Training July 23.



A cadet aide-and-litter team medically evacuates an injured team member to a Blackhawk helicopter outside the military operations on urban terrain (MOUT) site during Cadet Leader Development Training July 23.

2009 Orientation of Newly Assigned Personnel Schedule of Events

Aug. 11 3 p.m.	Superintendent's Newcomer Reception	Grand Ballroom, West Point Club
3:40-5 p.m.	Quarters 100 Tours	Quarters 100

Task Force Strike supports training mission

Story and photo by
Sgt. Vincent Fusco
Directorate of Communications

Despite their smaller boot print on the summer training landscape, Task Force Strike is working hard to provide West Point the best summer training and support that the Corps of Cadets has come to expect.

Though much of the instruction this year has fallen upon the cadets themselves to carry out, the task force Soldiers from the 101st Airborne Division are ready to support the mission with vehicles, drivers, medics and other services. The job is being done with about half the resources of a typical task force.

“(Task force support) should be about twice the size of what it is,” 1st Lt. Kenneth Carroll, the task force support commander from the 2nd Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Abn. Div., said. “Overall it’s about 50-to-60 personnel.”

Carroll’s Soldiers are responsible for providing transportation support for the cadets to and from the training sites, as well as water and ammunition and maintenance support.

“Most of them are doing more than what they’ve done before,” the Houston native said. “It’s nothing they can’t handle. Soldiers are good at doing more than what’s asked of them.”

The support Soldiers begin each day the evening before by meeting with cadet leadership and Department of Military Instruction staff to go over what should happen over the next day or so, Carroll said.

In those meetings he coordinates what support his Soldiers will need to provide. After that meeting, the support element comes together to draw up a schedule of events and hand missions to personnel.

The next day at 5:30 a.m., the support Soldiers conduct a formation and head out to set up training sites, transport cadets, move supplies or repair vehicles, Carroll said.

In all, the support element maintains a fleet of 34 light medium tactical vehicles, 10 medium tactical vehicles and seven field ambulance Humvees, as well as generators and a wrecker for towing vehicles. All vehicle repairs are made on the training site by task force mechanics. To expedite their repairs, they brought their own machine shop—a forward repair system, complete with tools, a power generator, an air compressor and garage necessities.

The support Soldiers come from different units within 2nd BCT, about 10 Soldiers per battalion. Though many of them had not worked with each other before, everyone relies on



Specialist Jeremy Larson, a recovery leader with 2nd Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, visually inspects the undercarriage of a light medium tactical vehicle at the motor pool in the Cadet Field Training area July 23.

each other to accomplish the mission.

When West Point medics joined the team, the task force mechanics assisted them in making sure their field ambulances were ready to roll in the event of an injury.

“We (maintain) our field ambulances for medical support, so if any injuries occur, we have a vehicle there to transport personnel in,” Sgt. Dan Mack, a medic assigned to Keller Army Community Hospital, and a Celina, Texas native, said. “We let (the cadets) know, if something goes wrong we have medics on site, so they feel safer about the training.”

The task force’s efforts have not gone unnoticed—Col. Casey Haskins, DMI director, recognized a group of about 30 Soldiers for their support during summer training before they headed home to Fort Campbell, Ky., July 23.

They were each awarded a certificate of appreciation from the department, and three Soldiers were recognized for putting in the extra effort with a certificate and a DMI coin.

One of those Soldiers, Pvt. James Coleman, an infantryman from A Company, 1st Battalion, 502nd Parachute Infantry Regiment, 2nd BCT, served as a truck driver during his rotation here.

“I was with a really great squad,” the Fort Worth, Texas native said. “(The mission) was long, but it was really fun. I had a good platoon sergeant, squad leaders and team leaders.”

Coleman, who had never visited West Point or worked with cadets before, enjoyed talking with them about what he and his fellow Soldiers do in the operational Army. He was impressed with the cadets’ motivation and their ability to hold leadership positions, and found it inspiring for his own professional development.

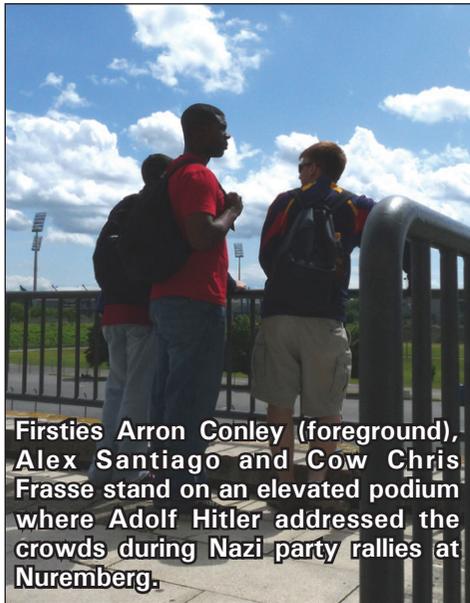
“I’ve never been in a leadership position,” Coleman said. “But just watching them, they were doing pretty good, so I know if they could do it I can do it.”

Staff ride's whirlwind experience through six countries

Story and photos by
Maj. Richard Meyer
Dept. of Law

Five law majors and a faculty member—Firsties Amanda Choate, Arron Conley, Ashley Ehasz, Alex Santiago, Cow Chris Frasse and Maj. Rich Meyer from the Department of Law—spent 18 days traveling to 13 cities in six countries on the inaugural War Crimes Staff Ride Academic Individual Advanced Development trip, which turned out to be a life-changing adventure.

The first stop was Washington, D.C., where legal historian Gary Solis, Ph.D., talked to the group about the My Lai massacre and



Firsties Arron Conley (foreground), Alex Santiago and Cow Chris Frasse stand on an elevated podium where Adolf Hitler addressed the crowds during Nazi party rallies at Nuremberg.

subsequent investigation and prosecutions. After a quick jaunt across the National Mall and a tour of the Capitol Building, the group headed over to the Holocaust Museum where they met with John Heffernan and discussed the current initiatives to prevent war crimes worldwide.

As if the day was not full enough already, the group sat down with the Chairman of the International Committee on Missing Persons, James Kimsey. Kimsey, Class of 1962, and known for founding America Online, talked about the committee's work in identifying the remains from mass graves in the former Yugoslavia, to include Vukovar, Croatia and Srebrenica, Bosnia. Kimsey emphasized the need to give survivors of mass atrocities closure on knowing the final locations of their loved ones.

From Washington, the group jetted to Rome and then down to the famous battlefield of Monte Cassino to discuss the controversial bombing of the ancient monastery there. Sitting below the hill stormed by allied troops looking up at the rebuilt monastery, the cadets analyzed the allied decision to attack the cultural property from every angle and point of view. After a detour to the ruins of Pompeii, the group returned to Rome and walked through the Coliseum. In this ancient forum of death, the group sat and discussed the evolution of warfare since the days of the empire and, not only the law, but also simple respect for humanity mandates the ethical treatment of captured personnel.

From ancient to more modern wars, the next stop was in the former Yugoslavia.



Firsties Ashley Ehasz (right), Arron Conley and Amanda Choate (back shown) view the cramped living quarters where concentration camp inmates were stacked like firewood during World War II.

Traveling through the battlefield town of Vukovar, the cadets saw buildings blown apart by the war and others still cratered with bullet and shrapnel holes from the 1991 siege. Fields were still covered with minefield warnings and the tour passed a United Nations mine recovery operation in progress. They also entered the bunker of a hospital where wounded Croatian combatants were seized by Serbian forces. The group followed the eight kilometers the wounded Soldiers were forced to march on their way to their massacre and burial on a farm outside the city.

The following day, the cadets made the long trek by back roads through Bosnia to the city of Srebrenica, the site of the infamous genocide committed by Bosnian Serbs in 1995. Walking through the former U.N. encampment of Potocari, they were guided by a professor of history from Tuzla University, Azir Osmanovic. For him, the battlefield was still very real. Osmanovic was 13 when the Bosnian Serb forces conquered the U.N. "safe zone" of Srebrenica and Potocari.

He vividly recounted how he was forced through a checkpoint with his best friend, who was also 13. While Osmanovic was able to pass through, his friend was pulled from the line. His friend was never seen alive again, ending up in a mass grave.

The next section of the tour encompassed five cities in Germany—Munich, Dachau, Nuremberg, Wurzburg and Rothenberg. The group walked through the rise and fall of Nazism, from the Nazi Party Rally Grounds, site of the massive congregations before the war, to the atrocity that was the concentration camp at Dachau. They saw the total destruction of Wurzburg by British air raids and took a virtual tour and saw a presentation on the Nuremberg courtroom of the International Military Tribunal. The cadets viewed the war crimes of World War II from the perspective of perpetrator, victim, survivor and prosecutor.

The final stop on this adventure was The Hague, Netherlands. The cadets met with International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia Dan Saxon and learned about Slobadan Milosevic's prosecution, which was cut short by the defendant's death. They then observed the trial of Croatian Gen. Ante Gotovina, a man the group saw hailed as a hero back in Vukovar.

"We wanted to create the premier AIAD experience, and I think we accomplished it," Col. Dave Wallace, deputy chair of the Dept. of Law and head of its AIAD program, said. "I believe these five lucky cadets will remember this trip for the rest of their lives."

Project leads Gerber toward Eagle Scout status

Story and photo by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

Life Scout Dax Gerber has been involved in scouting for 12 years and is working toward becoming an Eagle Scout with the environmental community project he organized.

Gerber, with the help of other Life Scout friends and his parents, is clearing out patio tiles/pavers, plants, fencing and some patio covers from vacant homes in the Stony Lonesome I housing area and giving the items to other residents.

The Stony I housing area is being razed to make room for new and improved housing.

"I advertised in flyers and in the Pointer View when we would be here (in the Stony area removing items)," Gerber said. "Residents can come by where we are and pick up anything they want (of what we have)."

Gerber comes from a Family of Boy Scouts. His father, Lt. Col. John (Parry) Gerber, a physical therapist at Keller Army Community Hospital, achieved Eagle Scout rank; older brother, Perrin, is also an Eagle Scout; brother, Ammon, is a Tenderfoot; and youngest brother, Dixon, is Webelo Scout.

The James I. O'Neill High School junior said he enjoys scouting and is learning a lot of important life lessons.

"I'm getting to learn (how to handle) a busy life," he said. "I go camping and (I've learned) I can handle things if things go wrong."

Becoming an Eagle Scout is a daunting task. Scouts must earn a total of 21 merit badges including first aid; citizenship in the community, nation and world; emergency preparedness or lifesaving; and personal management, according to www.scouting.org.

As a Life Scout, the rank just below an



Dax Gerber, a junior at James I. O'Neill High School, is working on his Eagle Scout project by clearing out tiles, plants and railroad ties from the Stony Lonesome I housing area, which is being razed to make room for new housing. The items that Gerber is moving are being recycled and then given to residents. Residents were able to come by the area to pick up whatever they needed.

Eagle Scout, a scout must serve actively for a period of six months in a position of responsibility such as a patrol leader, troop guide or scribe and play on a varsity Scout team as captain, co-captain, program manager or squad leader.

Additionally, potential Eagles need to develop and lead others in several projects helpful to a school, religious institution or community, and must successfully pass the

Eagle Scout board of review. Gerber is hoping he can go before the board in September.

In the merit badge area, Gerber has done some of the work twice.

"During moving, some records of my merit badges got messed up," he said. "They couldn't find the records, so I had to do it twice because they need verification that I received the merit badges."

Gerber said his father worked with him in

retracing the merit badge steps to make sure they were validated.

Community members who would like to receive the salvaged material should not go to the area themselves because not all residents have moved out.

For anyone who wants the salvaged materials from the Stony I housing area, contact Dax Gerber at eagledax1@hotmail.com.

West Point in urgent need of Girl Scout volunteers

By Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

West Point is in danger of losing a good part of the Girl Scout community, which has been in existence for more than 25 years here. Last year, there were 10 registered troops serving 108 girls and 60 registered adults with 20 of them serving as leaders or co-leaders. The remaining 40 were registered parents.

The situation has changed this year because of a severe lack of volunteers,



The Girl Scout Heart of the Hudson badge, designed by a West Point Girl Scout in 2007, now adorns the uniforms worn by Heart of the Hudson Girl Scouts. PHOTO COURTESY

according to Linda Moser, field manager of the Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson, Middletown Regional Office.

"This year, the West Point Girl Scout community had a huge turnaround," she said. "Many of the troop leaders were reassigned to other posts. This exodus left many girls without any leaders and some troops were disbanded because of leaders being reassigned and (many) of the girls Families were reassigned as well."

Moser said, according to safety ratios, a troop must have two registered volunteer-trained adults with them at all times, with at least one adult that has completed training. However, the council prefers that both adults are trained.

There are several volunteer positions needed within the West Point community, Moser said.

"We need a community chairperson, treasurer, secretary, community cookie manager, registrar and community delegates," she said.

Duties of the volunteers are as follows:

Community chairperson: This is the 'head' of all troop leaders in the community.

The chairperson spearheads the monthly meetings for the leaders, sets an agenda for the community meeting and puts together a team to help with special events and projects.

The previous chairperson was Peggy McCourry, who is leaving in August.

Treasurer: The treasurer keeps the community bank account.

The treasurer keeps detailed records of all money coming into or going out of the community and, at the end of the year, completes a financial report.

Secretary: The secretary keeps the minutes of the monthly community meetings and distributes them to the leaders.

Community cookie manager: This person takes training, organizes the troop sales and arranges for sales at the Commissary.

In the past, the cookie manager kept a cookie cupboard for the community, although the sales manager can discuss this with the leader at the Middletown Regional office.

Registrar: This person heads up the registration for the girls in the community and organizes the troops.

The registrar also does community welcome training with the chairperson to explain how the West Point community works.

Community delegates: Each community has two delegates that attend the council meetings twice a year and the annual meeting where voting is held.

The annual meeting is in April.

"The Girl Scouts are very important to the girls who come through West Point," Moser said. "It is one of the things that is stable in their lives as they travel from place to place."

Girl Scouts at West Point do a wide variety of activities within the community.

"They hold dances and programs and do a great deal of community service. This is not done without the help and support of the volunteers who help guide them," Moser said. "This is why we need the support and help from the West Point Families."

Volunteer leaders will need to complete an application and submit to a background check.

Volunteers will attend Leadership Essential training, which takes about three hours. Troop meetings are at the convenience of the leader because they are volunteers and can pick the date and time that works best for them.

Moser said most troops meet for an hour or two every other week, but that would be up to the leader.

There are handbooks and badge books that help the leader plan what activities they want to do with the girls. It is not necessary for volunteers to have a daughter involved in the Girl Scouts and the positions are open to men and women volunteers.

"We will provide all necessary training and support that the volunteers need to work with the girls assigned to their troops," she said.

For more information on becoming a volunteer, call the Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson, Middletown Region Office, at 361-2898, ext. 28 or 794-0264, ext. 28.

Gas discount increases by 60 percent with MSC

By Chris Ward
 Army & Air Force Exchange Service
 Corporate Communications

Army & Air Force Exchange Service gas stations worldwide are helping take the pain out of the pump by increasing discounts for drivers using a Military Star® Card.

Beginning Aug. 8, pumps currently programmed to reflect a discount of three cents a gallon for drivers who pay with a Military Star® Card will jump to five cents a gallon.

In addition to the everyday nickel discount, AAFES will periodically be offering increased savings opportunities at specified times throughout the year. The first of these promotions, from Aug. 21-23, will provide a 20 cents per gallon discount, up to 20 gallons, for drivers paying with a Military Star® Card.

“The savings opportunities are going to be unprecedented,” AAFES’ Chief Operating Officer Mike Howard said. “I’m excited about the exclusive gas savings we’re going to offer Military Star® cardholders in the coming months.”

Authorized exchange shoppers can learn more about the benefits available to Military Star® cardholders at www.aafes.com.



Going Hog Wild

Get ready to go Hog Wild. Gear up for fun at the 3rd annual Hog Wild Party at Round Pond from 1-7 p.m. Aug. 15. The Hog Wild Party features a pig roast, The Brian Tice Band, a mechanical bull, boat races, pony rides and much more. Also, don't miss out on the BOSS Texas Hold'em table or pay as you play paintball. For more information call 938-2503 or visit us at westpointmwr.com.

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What's Happening

West Point Women's Club

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

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

Light refreshments and wine will be served.

Space is limited, so please R.S.V.P. to wpwreserve@hotmail.com.

Manhole rehabilitation

Rehabilitation work on 55 sanitary sewer manholes by a Directorate of Public Works contractor is expected to begin throughout post this week for approximately five weeks, weather permitting.

The majority of the work is within the manhole and in the area immediately around it.

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

The planned work schedule is:

- Today-Friday—South Dock area;
- Monday-Aug. 7—Williams Road and Cullum Road area;
- Aug. 10-14—Power Plant area;
- Aug. 17-21—Cadet area;
- Aug. 24-28—Housing areas.

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

Free tickets for Yankees and Mets games

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

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

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

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

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

Stony Lonesome I road closures

Beginning Monday, East Continental Road in Stony Lonesome I is permanently closed for the remainder of the new housing construction.

A construction fence will be installed to divide Stony I into

two sections. Residents of Greene, Kosciuszko, Machin and Lamb Place will only be able to enter and exit Stony I on East Continental, north to Stony Lonesome Road.

Residents of Lord Sterling, Wayne, Wyllys and Webb Place can only enter from West Continental through Stony II onto East Continental to their parking areas.

The center of East Continental will be fenced off to through traffic to complete the Phase II housing construction. The other cul-de-sacs in Stony I will be vacant Monday and demolished by the end of the summer.

Contact Balfour Beatty Communities at 446-6407 for more information.

Salute to Veterans

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

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

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

One of the special events is the face-off between an original 1943 Chrysler built M4A4 Sherman Tank and a reproduction German Sturgeschutz III tank destroyer built for the HBO miniseries "Band of Brothers."

A USO dance takes place from 7-10 p.m. Aug. 15, where the museum grounds will be transformed into a French Villa somewhere near the front lines outside Paris in August 1944.

The dance is free, and the public is invited.

Dress in your best 1940s attire and join the magic and nostalgia.

Town of Highlands 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.

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.

Monroe farmers' market

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

Currently you can enjoy the newest items such as baby greens and lettuces, radishes, spinach, herbs, fruit, flowers and other great farm products.

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

Summer Playground Fun

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

West Point children are invited to attend. The group will meet at Biddle Loop playground Wednesday.

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

Motorcycle Safety training

There are openings in the upcoming Basic Motorcycle Rider Courses schedule for 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.

Young Life Charity Golf Classic

The inaugural Young Life Charity Golf Classic takes place Aug. 11 at the West Point Golf Course.

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

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

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.

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

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

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

Volunteer facilitators needed

The Professional Military Ethic Education program of the Simon Center for the Professional Military

Ethic is looking for volunteer facilitators.

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

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

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

Religious education

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

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

Protestant Religious Education

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

Children's classes (nursery through high school) are taught by a select group of highly-motivated cadets. Adult classes are also available.

The group is also looking for a new officer-in-charge this year.

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

Military Community Youth Ministries (Young Life) Adult Committee

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

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

Neighborhood Bible Studies

An organizational meeting is scheduled at 4 p.m. Aug. 14 at the Post Chapel Annex for all interested

in starting or joining an existing home group study.

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

Eagle Scout project

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

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

Legal education program

The Office of The Judge Advocate General is 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 they 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 (Ms. 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.

Ultimate Frisbee sign ups

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

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

League play starts Aug. 17, so the deadline for team entries is Aug. 10.

Games will start at 12:15 p.m. Monday-Friday. Games will be played at the River Courts and Target Field.

FMWR Blurbs

ACS Employment Readiness Program

Facebook for Parents is from 10-11:30 a.m. today at the ACS Bldg. 622. Registration is required. For more information, call 938-5658.

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 Friday. 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.

Year of the NCO Concert

The West Point Band and FMWR present 2009—Year of the NCO Concert Celebration with Gary Sinise and the Lt. Dan Band, 7:30 p.m. Sunday.

The concert will be held at Eisenhower Hall and is free and open to the public. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, call 938-2617.

Quarterback Luncheons

Quarterback Luncheon tickets go on sale Monday at the West Point Club. For more information, call 938-5120.

ITR Tickets

Tickets go on sale at ITR at 8 a.m. Monday for two performances of the acclaimed Broadway show "Wicked" at the Gershwin Theater in New York City for the Sept. 10 and Oct. 15 shows.

The bus leaves West Point at 5 p.m. and returns at 11 p.m. for those shows.

Join ITR for a live taping of the 10th anniversary show of "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire," hosted by Regis Philbin at ABC Studios in New York City Tuesday.

The bus leaves West Point at 2:30 p.m. and returns after show.

For more information, call 938-3601.

Family Child Care

The Family Child Care Program is offering care for children ages 6 weeks to 12 years old.

Many childcare options are available.

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

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 is served from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in the Hudson Room and outside deck through Friday.

Sunday breakfast is closed until Aug. 16. Benny Haven Lounge is closed 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.

Summer swimming

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

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

The ponds are open 7 days a week.

For more information, call 938-5158.

Hog Wild Party

The third annual Hog Wild Party takes place from 1-7 p.m. Aug. 15 at the Round Pond Recreation Area.

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

For more information, call 938-2503.

Youth Center Summer Saturdays

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

For more information, call 938-3727.

West Point Military Appreciation Day

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

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

For more information, call 938-6947.

ACS Employment Readiness Summer Class Schedule

- Aug. 20, 8:30 a.m.-noon—Interviews hosted at ACS for employment with Occupations Inc. & Family Empowerment;
- Aug. 21, 10-11:30 a.m.—Medical Transcription Information Session.

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

To register, call 938-5658.

Auto Safety Training

Auto Safety Training is 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 overview of shop rules.

For more information, call 938-2074.

Discount oil change

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

Special oils and filters are available at an additional cost.

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

Morgan Farm

Morgan Farm Kennels and Stables, which offers many different services for West Point

and the surrounding communities, are open to the general public and offer pet kenneling for the four-legged members of the Family—dogs, cats and other pets.

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

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

All services by appointment only.

For more information, call 938-3926.

Crisis line

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

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

For more information, visit www.militaryonesource.com.

Running group

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.

SKIES Instructional Program

CYSS SKIES Instructional Program sessions are ongoing.

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

Instructors needed

Certified Spinning and Body Pump instructors are needed at the FMWR Fitness Center. Hours are flexible. Contact Rita Tenuta 845-446-3630 or tenuta06@yahoo.com.

TSP TICKER

JULY share prices (as of 7/24)

C Fund	—	+ 0.33	(11.4952)
S Fund	—	+ 0.55	(14.1665)
I Fund	—	+ 0.48	(16.2488)

BBC LifeWorks events

National Night Out

More than 37 million people are expected to participate in "America's Night Out" Tuesday.

West Point will join more than 15,000 communities in all 50 states and military bases around the world to stand together to promote awareness, safety and neighborhood unity with its "National Night Out."

Community members are welcome to come to 126 Biddle Loop from 4-7 p.m. Tuesday to enjoy food, music, contests, face painting, raffles and much more.

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 in front of the Family quarters throughout the next month.

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

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.

Blood Drive

There will be a kickoff campaign meeting from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Army Education Center Bldg. 683, Training Room #10, in preparation for the upcoming Hudson Valley Blood Services Blood Drive Aug. 24-27 at West Point.

It is important that appointed key personnel from each activity attend this meeting.

Names of those who will attending should be provided to Mary Mandia at 938-2583 (BLUD) or via e-mail at Mary.Mandia@amedd.army.mil before Aug. 4.

Breastfeeding class

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

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

Call 938-3210 to register.

KACH August closures

All outpatient clinics, laboratory, pharmacy and radiology will be closing at 10 a.m. Aug. 7 for KACH organization day.

The emergency room will remain open.

Call 911

If you need emergency care, go to the nearest hospital emergency room or call 911 for an ambulance.

This simple rule applies to emergencies on and off West Point.

Army hockey announces 2009-10 schedule

By Ryan Yanoshak
Athletic Communications

Thirty-four games with 28 conference contests and 15 home dates, including a series against rival Air Force and a trip to Nebraska-Omaha, highlight the 2009-10 Army hockey schedule released Monday by sixth-year head coach Brian Riley.

The Black Knights, coming off an 11-19-6 season, are hosting 15 home contests at Tate Rink including five- and four-game homestands. Army will also be on the road for four straight contests on two separate occasions.

Army's 28 conference games include four contests against RIT, Mercyhurst, Canisius, AIC and Sacred Heart and two-game series opposite Air Force, Bentley, Connecticut and Holy Cross.

"Once again, we face a challenging schedule," Riley said. "Our guys will be tested often this year. The conference has proven year in-and-year-out that you cannot take a night off.

"We are excited to face some great non-conference competition and to compete for a conference championship as well as play at Tate Rink 15 times in front of some of the best fans in the league," he added.

The Atlantic Hockey Association playoff format will remain the same for the second consecutive season.

All 10 teams will qualify for the postseason with the bottom four finishers playing once to determine quarterfinal participants.

The Top 6 teams, plus the two advancing bottom teams, will move into the quarterfinal round in which best-of-three series' will be utilized at the rink of the highest seeds.

The semifinals will be held at the Blue Cross Center in Rochester, with the finals the next evening. The winner of the Atlantic Hockey Association Tournament will earn an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament.

Army will begin the 2009-10 season at the Mutual of Omaha Icebreaker Tournament in Omaha, Neb., Oct. 9-10, following the annual Black-Gold scrimmage Oct. 3.

The Black Knights are returning to the season-opening tournament in Nebraska for the first time since the 2005-06 season and will open with the host Mavericks.

St. Lawrence and the University of Massachusetts Lowell round out the tournament field.

A road date at Merrimack Oct. 17 is followed by Army's conference and home-opener against

Mercyhurst.

The two-game series will be held at 7:05 p.m. Oct. 24 and at 2:05 p.m. Oct. 25.

Non-conference games at Colgate (Oct. 30) and RPI (Oct. 31) begin a four-game road trip that wraps up with a two-game set at RIT Nov. 6-7.

A home-and-home series with AIC is scheduled for the next weekend, followed by a pair of games at Bentley Nov. 20-21.

A five-game homestand will find the Black Knights home for the holidays. Home games against Canisius (Nov. 27-28) and Sacred Heart (Dec. 4-5) will precede exams.

Army returns to action on Jan. 2 with its final non-conference game of the season against Union at 7 p.m. at Tate Rink.

The Black Knights then conclude four-game sets at Sacred Heart (Jan. 8-9) and Canisius (Jan. 15-16) before returning to Tate Rink for four games.

A matchup against Connecticut (Jan. 22-23) will be followed by the final games of the month against service academy rival Air Force Jan. 29-30.

Army will play at Holy Cross Feb. 5-6 and then host RIT the next weekend.

Two games in Erie, Pa., at Mercyhurst (Feb. 19-20) and then a road contest at American International Feb. 26 are before the regular season finale at Tate Rink against AIC Feb. 27.

The opening round of the conference playoffs is scheduled for March 6 with the quarterfinals the next weekend. Two semifinal games are set for March 19 with the title game March 20.

\$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 4 Question ... Each of Army's 2009

Saturday home games kickoff at what time?

Week 3 Answer: Yankee Stadium

Week 3 winner is:

Diane Laiuvara from Bear Creek Township, Pa.

WTU, MP's defeat Band; division races tighten



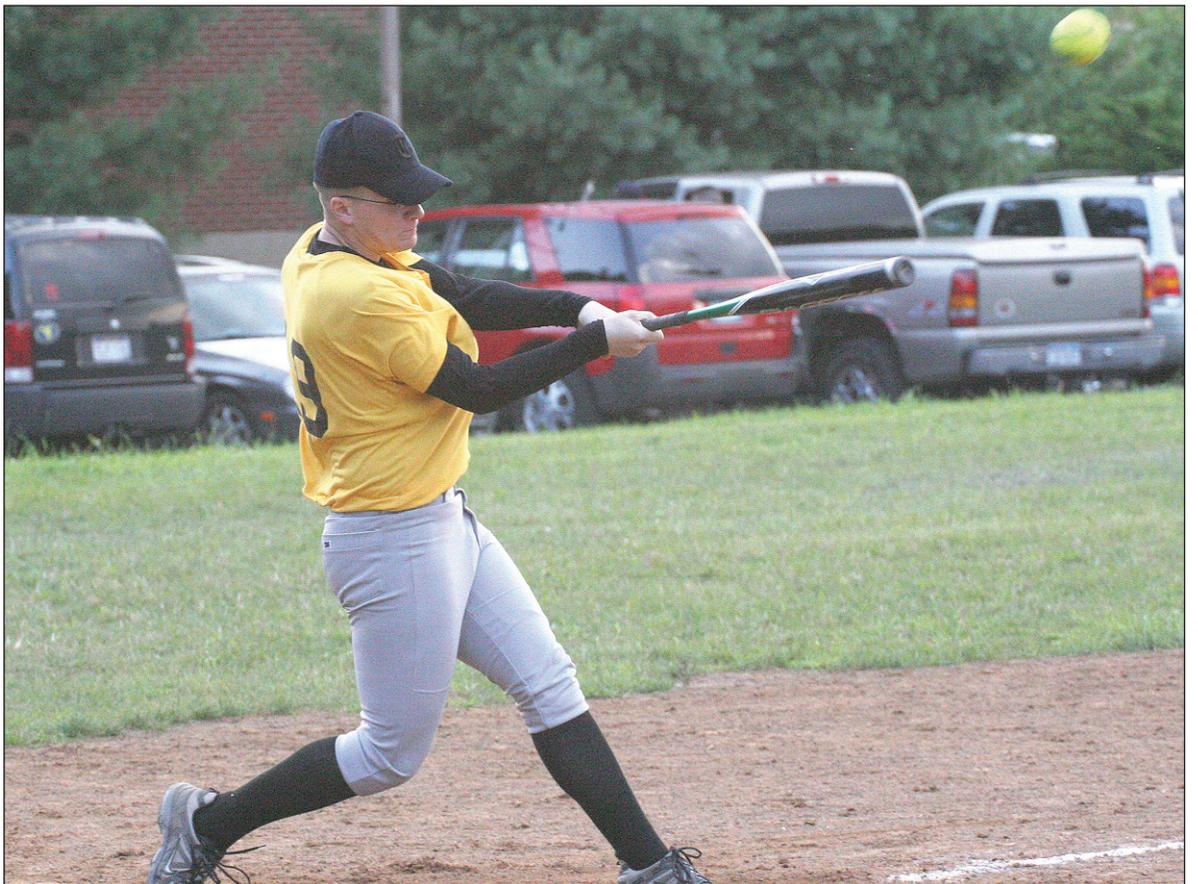
Warrior Transition Unit first baseman Shaun Butcher makes a running catch in the fifth inning of WTU's 18-14 victory over the West Point Band Monday. PHOTOS BY ERIC S. BARTELT



Military Police shortstop Andy Hartman (with ball touching second base) completes a double play during the MP's 4-1 win over the Band Monday at the FMWR H Lot Athletic Complex.



West Point Band second baseman Eric Garcia scoops up the ball and guns out a WTU runner at first.



Military Police left fielder Jared Mullins rips a two-run homer in the bottom of the sixth inning to put away the West Point Band in the MP's 4-1 victory.

Intramural Softball Standings

**Standings as of Tuesday*

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