



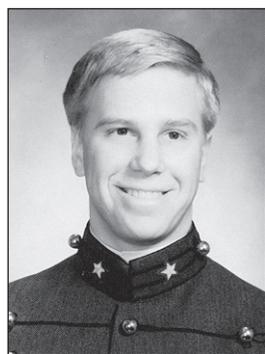
Quadricentennial flotilla honored by West Point Soldiers and many others

Specialist Frankie Fraguda, West Point Military Police Co., salutes the Half Moon, a replica of the ship Henry Hudson sailed in 1609 to explore the river that now bears his name (center of photo), as it passes West Point June 7. The MP Co. fired a 15-gun salute, using 75mm Pack Howitzers, from Trophy Point for the Half Moon as it led the Hudson River Quadricentennial flotilla past West Point. It sailed from New York City, leading a procession of ships that joined the flotilla at various intervals along the river, to retrace Hudson's historic route north.

MASTER SGT. DEAN WELCH/DCOMM

West Point grad prepares to live aboard space station

By Emily Tower
Staff Writer



Kopra—1985
Howitzer photo

Colonel Timothy L. Kopra is about to begin one heck of a TDY.

The U.S. Military Academy graduate has to defy the laws of gravity just to get to his temporary duty location.

Kopra, USMA class of 1985, is heading to his

temporary home on the International Space Station this weekend.

He is scheduled to blast off aboard Space Shuttle Endeavour at 7:17 a.m. Saturday from Kennedy Space Center, Fla.

"The thing that I'm excited about is being able to fulfill the last several years of training and to do my small part to help out the advancement of science and space exploration," Kopra, 46, said in a recent NASA preflight interview.

Kopra is scheduled to stay aboard the space station and work as the flight engineer until another shuttle comes to pick him up in August. He will live with Russian, Canadian and European astronauts and will perform experiments to help scientists determine how humans function and matter behaves in gravity different than Earth's. Japanese astronaut Koichi Wakata, who has lived aboard the space station since March, is trading places with Kopra and will return to Earth with the Endeavour crew.

While living in space, Kopra will offer his body to science so researchers can track the

effects of little gravity on his cardiovascular and nervous systems and on the systems responsible for balance. He will contribute blood samples regularly and will have some of his behavior, such as his sleeping patterns, tracked. The point is to help scientists prepare for humans living on the moon and for long space travel trips to Mars.

Kopra, who is taking his first trip to space, also will assist with experiments on solid and liquid matter.

"The reason that we're doing this is that microgravity gives us an opportunity to look at aspects of basic science that you just don't have the ability to look at on the ground," Kopra said. "I think it'll help us in a lot of things in terms of the effect of thermal dynamics on materials and how do we store propulsive fluids or lots of different things that I think will have direct applicability on the ground."

Before Endeavour returns to Earth, Kopra will help the crew install new space station components and is scheduled to participate in the crew's first of five spacewalks.

The crew will install the final pieces of the Japanese Kibo complex, the country's first manned space equipment. The complex includes two experiment facilities, a robotic arm and a communications system.

The crew also will install some storage areas and replace six batteries on one of the space station's solar arrays. They will be dropping off a spare space-to-ground antenna, linear drive unit and pump module, as well.

Along with completing his work, Kopra is looking forward to finally being in space and perhaps picking up a photography hobby.

"I want to float around," he said. "I want to look out the window. I don't think you have a better view of any other place than from the space station."

Kopra first became interested in space

when he was 6 years old. The Austin, Texas, native watched Neil Armstrong walk on the moon and watched his older brother, whom he called "a complete space nut," build NASA models.

He left his space dreams in childhood until a dinner at West Point. Some USMA graduates who had been to space addressed the Corps of Cadets, and Kopra realized his dream to travel into space—which he figured all children had—could actually become a reality.

"There was an interesting connection between this childhood dream and the reality that these older men were able to accomplish," Kopra said. "It re-enthused me in terms of that being a goal, and I continued to pursue it beyond my time at West Point. And I was fortunate enough to be selected."

After graduating from USMA, Kopra became an AH-64 Apache attack helicopter pilot and served in the 1991 Persian Gulf War. He earned a master's degree in aerospace

engineering from Georgia Institute of Technology and attended the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School. He then was an experimental test pilot and worked as the test director for the development of the now-defunct Comanche helicopter program.

He was assigned to NASA in 1998 and began work as a vehicle integration test engineer and worked on the space station as it was being designed. He now gets to see his designs work in space.

"One of the side benefits, personally, for me to being on the space station is the fact that I'll be able to see all this hardware that I'd worked on 10 years ago and see it actually being implemented as part of our space station," Kopra said.

Kopra was selected to become an astronaut in 2000 and has been training for space ever since.

Endeavour is scheduled to return to Kennedy Space Center June 29.



Astronauts Col. Tim Kopra (left), USMA class of 1985, and Dave Wolf, both STS-127 mission specialists, participate in a March training session in the Mission Simulation Development Facility at NASA's Johnson Space Center. Kopra is scheduled to join Expedition 20 as the flight engineer after launching to the International Space Station with the STS-127 crew.

JAMES BLAIR/NASA

DOIM switch means some personnel supervision changes, but stronger computer security

By Emily Tower
Staff Writer

A change so slight most people won't recognize it should mean big things for information security at West Point, an official said last week.

The Directorate of Information Management now is under the operational control of 93rd Signal Brigade, 7th Signal Command (Theater).

The change from being organized under the West Point Garrison took place June 1.

All DOIMs in the continental United States are being transferred to the 7th Signal to standardize operations. DOIMs provide computer systems and networks; telephone, 911 service and nontactical radio systems; and security alarms, among other services, to Army posts.

"This will hopefully help everyone gain some synergy and make things more efficient and more secure," West Point DOIM Director Paul Scullion said June 4.

The idea behind the change is to make networks across the Army more secure and other DOIM functions more efficient.

Scullion gave computer program patches as an example. Because software vulnerabilities are discovered constantly and patches to correct the problems frequently need to be installed, having one central command from which all DOIMs receive instructions makes sense, Scullion said.

Plus, the West Point network is plugged into the greater Army network, and a problem or security breach at West Point could affect other posts just as problems at other posts could affect West Point.

This further created a need for a central command for all DOIMs.

Soldiers and civilians around post shouldn't notice much of a difference, Scullion said.

"From a customer's perspective, it should be pretty transparent," he said, adding that DOIM services still will be provided without interruption.

One aspect of DOIM does not come under 7th Signal. The visual information division now falls under the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security.

DPTMS Director Charly Peddy said he has met his new staff members.

"They are excellent, dedicated people who like what they do and are very good at it," Peddy said.

Customers still will fill out Footprints work orders to request photographers and graphic artists at www-usma.edu/DOIM/ for at least the next month, Lisa Stagliano, multimedia supervisor, said.

A new site for work orders has not yet been set up.

The change to 7th Signal and DPTMS hardly will be noticeable to DOIM employees, Scullion said. Only a handful of people have a new supervisor or office. And nobody will lose a job to the change, he said.

"The Army does like to standardize things, so in some of the divisions, the name could change," Scullion said. "But zero people will lose their jobs, which is a very good thing."

DOIM employees still will be competitive in the unrelated reduction-in-force actions ongoing in response to the commercial activity study of the Directorate of Public Works. West Point leadership announced in March that Georgia-based Ginn Group will provide public works operations and maintenance functions to West Point, which affects more than 300 civilian employees.

West Point's Civilian Personnel Advisory Center will place as many displaced DPW employees as possible in currently existing jobs, which could mean some employees across post—including DOIM—could lose their jobs.

"In the RIF, we will be no different than others," Scullion said. "I'm saying nobody is losing their job because of this (reorganization to 7th Signal) action. But concurrently, the RIF is taking place."

Later this year, DOIM's name will change, Scullion said. It will become a U.S. Army Signal Network Enterprise Center.

The name change will draw attention to the reassignment of DOIMs and serve as a branding tool, Scullion said.

West Point's DOIM remains under the administrative control of the garrison until the next fiscal year, which begins Oct. 1, Scullion said. At that time, all DOIMs across the continental United States will completely transfer to 7th Signal.

"This is a win-win situation for the Army," Chris Poulsen, chief information officer for Installation Management Command, under which the West Point Garrison falls, said in a statement. "We're enhancing computer network defense, unifying the Army's global networks and providing enhanced enterprise capabilities."

Resolution of the Continental Congress

14 June 1775

(as written then)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 1775

The Congress met and agreeable to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the state of America. After some time spent thereon, the president resumed the chair, and Mr [Samuel] Ward reported, that not having yet come to a conclusion they desired him to move for leave to sit again. At the same time they desired him to report some resolutions which they had come into.

The resolutions being read, were adopted as follows:

Resolved, That six companies of expert riflemen, be immediately raised in Pen[n]sylvania, two in Maryland, and two in Virginia; that each company consist of a captain, three lieutenants, four serjeants, four corporals, a drummer or trumpeter, and sixty-eight privates.

That each company, as soon as compleated, shall march and join the army near Boston, to be there employed as light infantry, under the command of the chief Officer in that army.

That the pay of the Officers and privates be as follows, viz. a captain @ 20 dollars per month; a lieutenant @ 13 and 1/2 dollars; a serjeant @ 8 dollars; a corporal @ 7 and 1/2 dollars; drummer or [trumpeter] @ 7 1/2 dollars; privates @ 6B and 2/3 dollars; to find their own arms and cloaths.

That the form of the enlistment be in the following words:

I have, this day, voluntarily enlisted myself, as a soldier, in the American continental army, for one year, unless sooner discharged. And I do bind myself to conform, in all instances, to such rules and regulations, as are, or shall be, established for the government of the said Army.

Upon motion, Resolved, That Mr. [George] Washington, Mr. [Philip] Schuyler, Mr. [Silas] Deane, Mr. [Thomas] Cushing, and Mr. [Joseph] Hewes be a committee to bring in a dra't of Rules and regulations for the government of the army.

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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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Supe, coach visit CTLT cadets, grads downrange

By Sgt. Alexander Burnett
11th ADA Bde. PAO

QATAR—Lieutenant Gen. Buster Hagenbeck, U.S. Military Academy Superintendent, and Rich Ellerson, head coach of the West Point football team, visited C Battery, 1st Battalion, 43rd Air Defense Artillery's Patriot tactical site in the Central Command theater of operations June 4.

Hagenbeck visited to observe USMA cadets operating in a deployed environment during their Cadet Troop Leadership Training. Firsties Juan Trevino and Alex Saul, who are attached to B and C batteries 1-43 ADA, respectively, spearheaded the mission orientation to their superintendent. After introducing

themselves and their mentors, the cadets gave an introduction about the basic responsibilities of a forward deployed air defense platoon leader.

The superintendent's introduction to Patriot operations began in the battery command post. Saul explained the key U.S. and coalition assets air defenders protect and their contribution to the war on terror. He also detailed the two chains of command and control present in every air defense unit at the battery, battalion and brigade levels—one chain in the Army, command, and one chain in the Air Force, control.

"We wanted to show (Hagenbeck) the chain of command we need in place when



Firstie Juan Trevino briefs Superintendent Lt. Gen. Buster Hagenbeck on the Patriot launcher during the superintendent's visit to the Central Command theater of operations June 4.
SGT. ALEXANDER BURNETT/11TH ADA BDE. PAO

it comes time to engage a threat," 1st Lt. Benjamin Smith, B Btry., 1-43 ADA fire control platoon leader, said. "A Soldier unfamiliar with air defense would not understand how our 'Joint Kill Chain' works."

The cadets then escorted Hagenbeck to the engagement control station where Trevino described how a threat would be identified and engaged. He also detailed how an air battle is conducted.

Saul and Trevino concluded with an orientation of the radar and missile launchers.

Saul explained the capabilities of the radar used at a tactical site. Trevino detailed the differences between Patriot launchers, the capabilities of various missiles and how Patriot missiles intercept targets.

"Lt. Gen. Hagenbeck walked away from this with knowledge about the Patriot mission and all the elements that come together to make it successful," 2nd Lt. David Preston, the C Btry., 1-43 ADA support platoon leader, said. "The cadets did a great job."

Hagenbeck concluded his visit by showing his appreciation and the importance of having cadets conduct their CTLT training in a deployed environment.

"This is a great opportunity for our cadets," Hagenbeck said. "You (Trevino and Saul) are gaining a valuable experience including what it means to plan and execute in a deployed environment. This is what will be expected of you as young officers."

The cadets were presented with the superintendent's coin for their outstanding performance.

"It was great being able to tell our superintendent about the mission we are executing while in CENTCOM," Saul said.



West Point Head Football Coach Rich Ellerson (right) presented a WP football shirt to Gen. Raymond Odierno, Multi-National Force—Iraq commander and USMA class of 1976, June 6 as part of his and Superintendent Lt. Gen. Buster Hagenbeck's visits to a number of units in Central Command. The trip was organized to see what cadets were doing during their Cadet Troop Leadership Training and meet with graduates to keep them posted on what's new at West Point and what to expect from the football team during the 2009 season.

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NEWS NOTES

Military training is being conducted on the West Point reservation and Camp Smith.

Area residents can expect to hear summer training activities during June, July and August at West Point from the Camp Buckner and Lake Frederick areas and Camp Smith in Peekskill.

Training opportunities for the cadets include infantry operations, artillery firing, weapons training, aviation operations, military engineering projects, training in field communications, demolitions and survival skills techniques.

Noise levels will be sporadic starting Monday through mid-August with increased activity during specialized training operations from June 19-28.

Training is carried out to simulate the physical and mental challenges cadets will face when they become officers in the U.S. Army.

Major Michael U. Nnadozie, currently serving as the chief of Allergy and Immunization Clinic and Family Nurse Practitioner at Keller Army Community Hospital, was one of 40 graduates from the College of Nursing at The University of Tennessee Health Science Center, where he earned a Doctorate of Nursing Practice degree May 29.

Balfour Beatty Communities runs 2009 housing draw

By Linda Mastin
Web and Print Publications Branch Chief

The final officer of the Fiscal year 2009 list received housing; and there was even one house and one apartment remaining at the end of this year's Summer Assignment

Process, better known as the housing draw, June 3-4 in Arnold Auditorium at Mahan Hall.

Michael Colacicco, Residential Communities Initiative manager, said the housing draw went well considering it was Balfour Beatty Communities' first draw and there was an extreme shortage of housing. Additionally, several key

members of the Housing Tiger Team assisted Balfour Beatty in the draw.

"The revised draw process is the result of many months of coordination and discussion between Balfour Beatty Communities and the West Point Housing Tiger Team. No other installation under BBC management has such a process. The end result exemplifies how a housing partnership should operate," Rich Wagner, project director for Balfour Beatty Communities, said.

Colacicco said particular care was made to ensure that both the company-grade and field-grade housing lists were configured properly according to the published process and last-minute corrections were made on the spot based on questions asked by draw attendees.

The list numbers really don't reflect the overall housing situation. Some officers who would have participated in the draw in past years chose not to this year because of the published information that only 50-60 percent of inbound officers would get housing, so fewer attendees came than might have in past draws.

For the company-grade draw, 20 available houses were all assigned, and although there were 35 officers on the final list, only 30 came to the draw, so 10 did not receive on-post housing.

For the field-grade draw, 47 available houses and all but two were assigned. Although there were 77 officers on the final list, the 45 officers who wanted the quarters that were available all got houses.

The reduction in available housing this year for inbound officers was caused by the planned demolition of 82 units in Stony Lonesome I and the need to relocate 45 Families to other housing on West Point. Those Families received priority for the assignment of available housing.

While there were some issues and questions that arose during the draw, they will be addressed in the after-action report at a later date.



Garrison staff and guests start Army 234th Birthday celebration on the WP ferry

Guests and garrison staff watch Col. Dan Bruno, garrison commander; retired Master Sgt. Robert Zaborowski, Commander of the Highland Falls American Legion Post 633, and Command Sgt. Maj. Violet McNeirney, garrison senior noncommissioned officer, cut the first of many birthday cakes celebrating the 234th Birthday of the U.S. Army aboard the West Point Ferry while waiting for the Quadricentennial flotilla to come up the Hudson River Sunday. Another Birthday ceremony is scheduled for noon June 16 at the West Point Club Grand Ballroom and is open to the public. Various activities involving Child, Youth and School Services later next week will also include a cake cutting.

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The Corps of Cadets needs your help.

10 a.m.-1 p.m., June 26

Help the cadet basic training cadre hone their leadership skills and volunteer to be a cadet for a day. Volunteers must be between the ages of 13-55 and able-bodied.

Upon completion of the rehearsal, light refreshments will be provided and personalized certificates awarded.

Lunch will not be provided, but snacks and water may be carried in your bag.

Volunteers must be at Eisenhower Hall, Crest Hall no later than 9:45 a.m. Parking is available at Eisenhower Hall, Gillis Field House and Buffalo Soldier Field.

The rehearsal begins promptly at 10 a.m. and ends about 1 p.m. Participants will be bused from Eisenhower Hall through the Cadet Central Area during the rehearsal. At the conclusion of the event, transportation will be available to take participants back to Eisenhower Hall.

Dress comfortably in proper seasonal attire and bring one piece of luggage or a duffel bag, marked with your name, to simulate that of a cadet candidate reporting.

All vehicles that do not have a DOD sticker must enter through Thayer or Stony Lonesome gates.

Plan to arrive early for security searches. All personnel 16 and older must have valid photo identification in their possession at all times.

To register, go to www.usma.edu/uscc/ or call Yolene Carey or the USCC administrative staff at 938-3772/4405.

Summer is a time for fun, but there are hazards

Submitted by the Community Awareness Campaign Committee

June is Summer Hazards Safety Month. As summer approaches, people go camping, go to the beaches and have backyard barbecues.

Keep the hazards of being outdoors in mind during the summer months to include lightning storms, snake bites, bee stings and heat-related illnesses. Below are various hazards to be aware of during the summer.



Lightning and thunderstorms:

- Do not seek shelter under a tree during thunderstorms. Try to get inside a large building or a vehicle. In the woods, seek shelter in a low area under a thick growth of trees. In an open field, go to a ravine, valley or other low-lying areas, drop to your knees and bend forward, putting your head on your knees and not on the ground;

- Do not take a bath or shower during electrical storms; Stay away from windows and do not touch large metal household appliances;

- Boaters who cannot make it to shore before a storm strikes should crouch in the middle of their boats or get below deck.

Snakebites:

- If bitten by a snake, stay calm so that venom does not circulate too rapidly in the bloodstream,

- Do not try to cut the bite, suck out the poison, apply tourniquets or apply ice to a snakebite wound;
- Seek immediate medical attention.

Ticks:

- Ticks can carry Lyme disease, so avoid grassy and wooded areas where they are prevalent;

- Wear long pants tucked into your socks and long-sleeve shirts to prevent ticks from contacting the skin;

- Use an insect repellent containing up to 30 percent DEET;

- Frequently check skin and clothing so that ticks and other insects can be removed before they bite.

Bee stings:

- Bee stings can be life threatening to people who are highly allergic;

- If stung by a bee, remove the stinger by gently scraping it off the skin.

Wild or stray animals:

- Do not feed or try to rescue stray or wild animals to avoid being bitten and possibly getting rabies.

Heat-related illnesses or injuries:

- Avoid exertion during the hottest periods of the day;

- Wear light-colored, loose clothing that permits air to flow around the skin;

- Drink plenty of water or sports drinks containing electrolyte solutions;

- Symptoms of mild heat exhaustion include weakness, dizziness, shortness of breath and fainting. Symptoms usually subside in a cool environment and with rest;

- Symptoms of more serious heat complications can include muscle cramps, headache, nausea and vomiting;

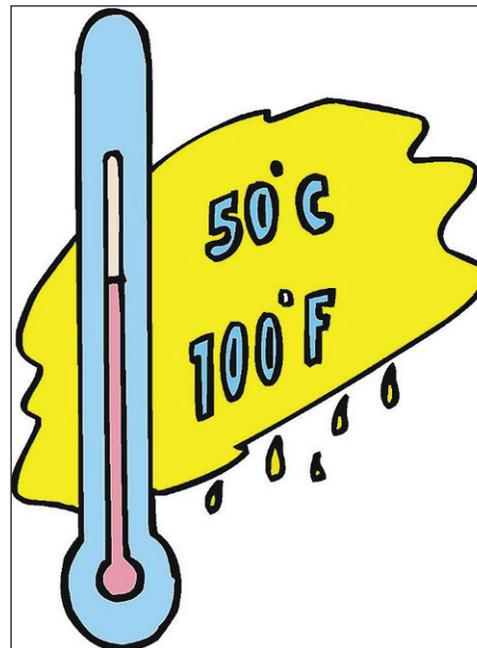
- Heatstroke occurs when the body loses its ability to cool itself and high body temperatures occur. It is a life-threatening situation. Symptoms include rapid heartbeat, rapid breathing, low blood pressure, confusion, seizures or coma.

To administer first aid, cool the body with ice-water soaks and a fan. Seek immediate medical attention.

Alcohol:

- Alcohol, boats and swimming don't mix;

- More than 50 percent of the boating accidents that result in death can be traced to alcohol impairment.



Elementary children form energy committee

Story and photo by
Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

Five enterprising young men and women in the third and fourth grades formed an energy committee to spread energy awareness and conservation around West Point Elementary School and the community.

Shawne Cryderman, WPES principal, received a call from the Directorate of Public Works asking that the children work with DPW on West Point's energy awareness program.

"I immediately called third-grader Isaac Dabkowski to help with this," Cryderman said. "He asked if he could bring other children in with him. I gave them six weeks to think about a project, and they came back in three weeks with ideas."

The children decided to create a poster, but they wanted to do something more.

"Dabkowski came up with a (green) light switch cover," she said. "I made a template by taking a light switchplate off and drawing around it to make it easier for the children to work on."

The youngsters so impressed DPW Director Matt Talaber, Facilities Engineer Geri Wildenberg and Cryderman that the five—Isaac Dabkowski, Ashley Grande, Matthew Moss (who was unable to attend), Joseph Minus and Koy Randall—were recognized with certificates declaring each child West Point Junior Energy Awareness Engineers at a small ceremony at the school June 5.

Martha Hinote, DPW customer service representative, said she will be using the poster design for Earth Day celebrations next year. The green light switch covers will be used in buildings around post.



West Point Junior Energy Awareness Engineers and West Point Elementary School students (from left-front row) Joseph Minus, Isaac Dabkowski, Ashley Grande and Koy Randall—missing is Matthew Moss—third and fourth graders who teamed up to form an energy awareness committee at the school, received hard hats and certificates in recognition and appreciation for their efforts from the Directorate of Public Works. A recognition ceremony at the school was held June 5. Director of Public Works Matt Talaber; Facilities Engineer Geri Wildenberg; Environmental Protection Assistant Steve Polacek; Jessica Fischer and Mary Sardo, Oakridge Institute of Science Education interns; and Martha Hinote, customer service assistant at DPW all participated in congratulating the children. Talaber told the committee their light switch cover design will be used in buildings throughout West Point and their poster design will be part of DPW's Earth Day celebration materials that will be distributed in 2010.

June is Men's Health Month, so encourage awareness

Submitted by Keller Preventive
Medicine Dept.

Men's Health Month, started as National Men's Health Week, was established in 1994 by Congress to show how simple, diagnostic and screening tests can save lives.

It helps heighten the awareness of preventable health problems and encourage early detection and treatment of disease among men and boys. With the importance placed on health, it has grown to a monthlong educational event.

Alarming statistics show that men's health is at great risk. On average, men die almost six years younger than women and suffer higher mortality rates for the top causes of death, according to the Men's Health Network.

Men should speak with their doctors about the following during their next physical exam:

- Cholesterol checks;
- Blood pressure;
- Colorectal cancer tests;
- Diabetes tests;
- Depression;
- Sexually transmitted diseases;
- Prostate cancer screening.

Knowing what to talk to a doctor about is most important. Keller Army Community Hospital suggests that men make June the month for scheduling an appointment with their health care providers.

A simple annual checkup with a doctor

can add years to one's life.

Call the KACH appointment center at 938-7992 to make an appointment.

To have a healthier lifestyle, men should:

- Eat healthy. Have a balanced diet and watch portion sizes;
- Maintain a healthy weight. Being overweight or obese increases risk for many preventable diseases such as diabetes and high blood pressure;
- Get moving. Find fun ways to stay in shape and feel good;
- Be smoke free. Help lines, counseling, medications and various forms of support are available to help quit;
- Get routine exams and screening. Routine exams and screenings can help save lives;
- Get appropriate vaccinations. Keeping up with vaccinations helps protect one from illness and disease;
- Manage stress. Find an equal balance between obligations to one's employer and one's Family;
- Know yourself and your risk. Know what diseases you are at an increased risk for developing;
- Be safe. Fasten seat belts, apply sunscreen, wear bike helmets, among other safety actions;
- Be good to yourself. Pay attention to your health and make healthy living a part of your life.



Department of Mathematical Sciences' Edward Swim congratulates now 2nd Lts. Sean Clement and Timothy Newlin and Yearling Joseph Lucas on their Outstanding Winner status for their Interdisciplinary Contest in Modeling paper from the Consortium for Mathematics and its Applications. Theirs was one of two teams out of 2,000 to be recognized.

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From private practice to West Point— Veterinarian takes on new role

Story and photo by
Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

West Point's new veterinarian arrived in April at her first duty station to take the reins of the veterinary clinic here. She replaces veterinarian Maj. Dan Wakefield, who left October 2008.

Captain Dixie Burner is not new to dealing with animals as she grew up on a dairy farm in Ohio and naturally developed a love for them.

"We raised cows, but also raised horses," she said. "I initially wanted to go into farm medicine but went into equine medicine instead."

After graduating veterinary college at Ohio State University in 1997, she interned in equine surgery in California. She then moved to Ocala, Fla., where she worked in a private veterinary practice before deciding to join the Army.

"I decided to join the Army through direct accession because (the Army) has phenomenal educational opportunities for all officers," she said. "I was ready for a change and a new challenge. The Army veterinarian's duty is more varied than in private practice."

Burner said she is interested in civil affairs missions or humanitarian work in the future.

"The Army sends a lot of veterinarians to other countries," she said. "For example, the Army is sending veterinarians to the Horn of Africa to work in preventive medicine to establish healthy communities there. A lot of third world countries don't understand that there is a direct relationship between nutrition and clean water to how much milk the cow produces."

Burner is married to retired Marine Lt. Col. Jack Burner who is supportive of her

decision to join the Army.

"After 20 years in the Marines, he's enjoying being a dependent for once in his life," Burner said with a laugh. "Actually, I get to spend more time with him than I did when in private practice—No more 18-hour days."

The veterinary clinic—home of the Army mule mascots, Raider, Ranger II and General Scott—has changed in one area. The clinic no longer has a stray facility.

"The new policy is we don't take strays," she said. "No bases are allowed to have a stray facility."

"However, if someone finds a stray," she added, "we will scan for a microchip and contact the owner, if we can find (him or her). We will work with the military police or anyone who has found a stray. Our primary mission is animal care."

The clinic is open 8-4:30 p.m. Monday-Wednesday and Friday. The front desk is open for sales on Thursdays. Animal clinics are conducted 8-4 p.m. Tuesday and also 9 a.m.-noon Friday.

There will be a walk-in vaccine clinic from 1-4 p.m. June 26, which includes a minimal exam and vaccinations.

Vaccinations can include rabies, Lyme disease, kennel cough and distemper.

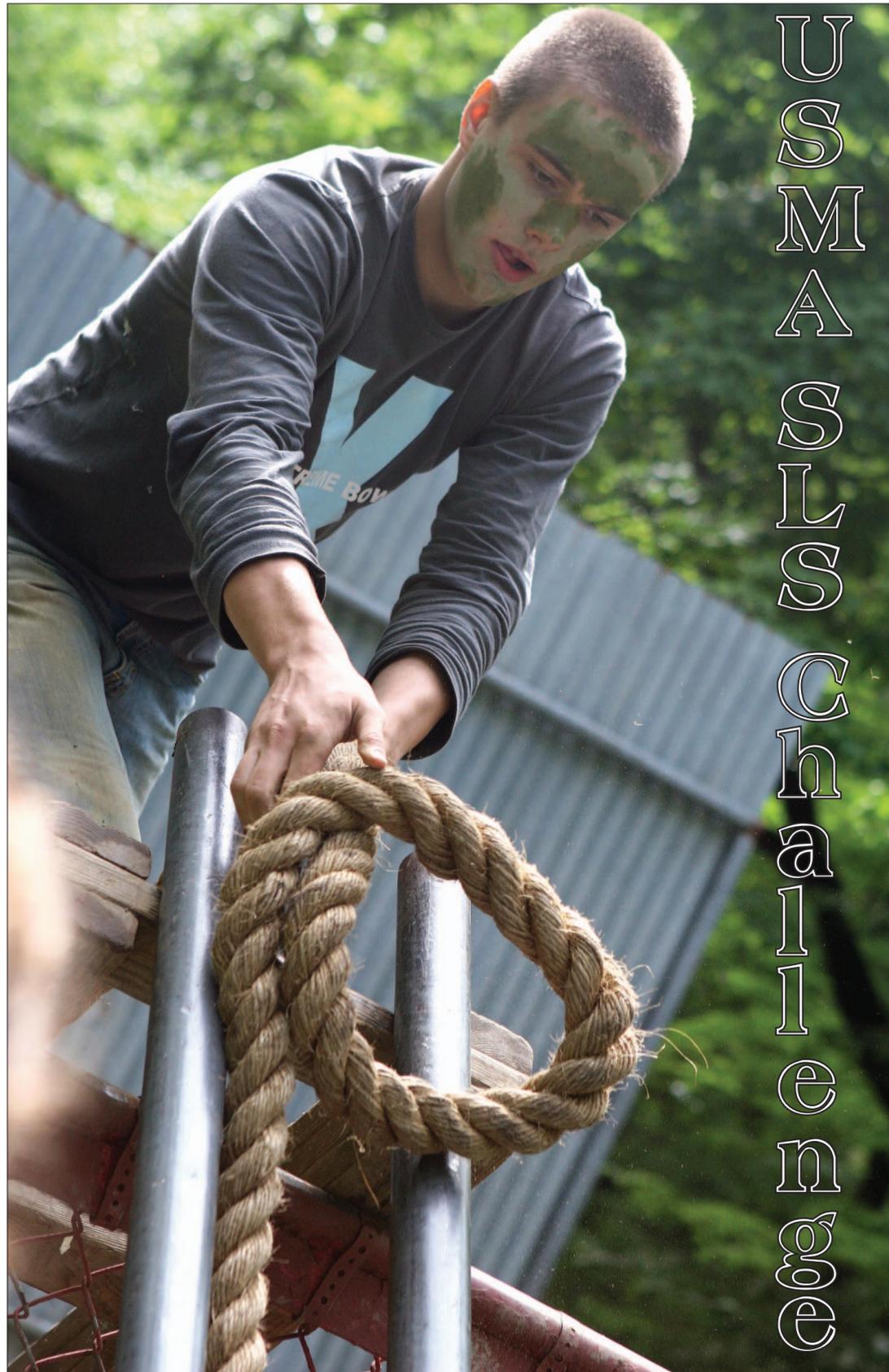
The clinic offers services for microchipping, spaying and neutering, in-house blood draws, ultrasounds and digital X-rays. The clinic does offer minor surgical procedures such as lumpectomies and dental work.

Flea and tick prevention is available at the front desk.

"I think it is important for people to keep their animals healthy by getting them vaccinated and examined for heartworm or Lyme disease," she said. "I'm here full time."



Captain Dixie Burner is the new West Point Veterinarian. Burner, who had a private veterinary practice in Ocala, Fla., specializing in equine medicine, came to the Army through direct accession to the Veterinary Corps. She arrived at her first duty station, West Point, in April. Spc. Carol Albino assists Burner in checking out a stray manx cat that recently gave birth to kittens.



Daniel Bryce feeds a rope down a set of poles his squad set up over a trap at the Leaders Reaction Course June 4 in the West Point training area. Bryce and about 1,000 other high school students from around the country visited West Point the past two weeks for the Summer Leaders Seminar to see if the U.S. Military Academy would be a good fit for their post-high school education.

USMA SLS Challenge Over



Colonel Russell Lachance, an instructor in the U.S. Military Academy's Dept. of Chemistry and Life Sciences, sprays hairspray into the "fuel tank" of a make-shift gun while Evelyn Payne prepares to shoot a wad of foam wrapped with duct tape from it during a Summer Leaders Seminar workshop June 3 in Bartlett Hall. The gun is designed to use ingredients in aerosol cans to fire a projectile. While it is designed to shoot potatoes, the foam is safer for indoor demonstrations. Payne and about 1,000 other high school students visited West Point during the SLS to get a feel for USMA to see if they'd like to attend after high school.



Wade Moore, right, and Zachary Williams help Meghan Davidson down a set of poles their squad set up to escape a trap at the Leaders Reaction Course June 4 in the West Point training area.

Story and photos by Emily Tower Staff Writer

Bloody jeans, a pistol, shell casings and a knife were waiting in the U.S. Military Academy's Jefferson Hall last week for a group of high school students.

Someone killed Jesse James, and they had to figure out who.

A team of prosecutors had to sort through autopsy and ballistics reports, statements from investigators Kojak and Sherlock Holmes and prepare a case against their suspect—Pat Garrett.

All the while, defense attorneys tried to discredit evidence and witnesses to prove their client's innocence in front of a real Army lawyer wearing a judge's black robe.

Prosecuting, defending and testifying in such

a high-profile trial—Garrett was acquitted, by the way—was only the beginning. The students had to escape from a prisoner of war camp, recover ammunition from a jungle under enemy fire, make batteries out of fruit, write software and build robots. They wrote legislation about expanding the military draft and doing away with the Electoral College. They learned to speak some Chinese and Arabic, how to use satellites and what philosophical gems can be found in the dimwitted but profound pop-culture icon Homer Simpson.

The students also participated in physical training, war fighter simulations and intramural sports. They lived in West Point's barracks and enjoyed Cadet Mess Hall fare. Sometimes, they got to sample the notorious Meals Ready to Eat while resting among trees, bugs and dirt after completing an obstacle course. They had accountability formations and went to bed after Taps.

In other words, they got to live like a USMA cadet.

About 1,000 rising seniors from around the country tried out the academy to see if it fits their post-high school education goals.

The students, split into groups of 500, completed one of two weeklong Summer Leaders Seminars held May 30-June 5 and June 6-Friday.

About 4,000 students applied to attend SLS. Students were selected based on their college entrance exam scores, grade point average and class rank.

Each student who completed SLS got to open an admissions file and begin applying to become part of the Corps of Cadets.

The students came to SLS for a few reasons. Many knew they wanted to serve in the military as officers but weren't sure which branch of service they wanted or which source of commissioning was right for them.

Others were mainly interested in a solid education and were on a quest for the college they felt would provide the best one.

But one thing most students had in common was being intimidated by West Point. They had visions of war movies and harsh drill sergeants.

"At first, I thought it would be too much hard work and not enough free time," Jack Worthington of Memphis, Tenn., said. "There isn't much free time, but I have found I really do enjoy the hard work."

Worthington admits he came to SLS because his parents wanted him to. But after a week of sampling USMA, he understood the wisdom behind his parents' plan.

"West Point is my first (college) choice, and it wasn't before," Worthington said five days into his SLS. "I thought it would be too difficult and I wouldn't fit in, but when you start to practice everything, it starts to feel normal."

The students experienced a couple of transformations in their week at West Point. They arrived as timid strangers and left as confident teams.

"It was amazing to see how quickly our squad came together," Frances McCloskey of Sierra Madre, Calif., said. "At first, it was awkward, and nobody really talked to each other. But once we started doing PT and all that, we really bonded. Now we don't really want to go anywhere without each other."

The squads—each led by a USMA cadet—learned the value of teamwork and solving problems together through many aspects of the SLS including a trip through the Leaders Reaction Course, a set of obstacle courses that are just as mentally challenging as they are physically challenging. Each LRC station consists of a puzzle, such as crossing imaginary booby traps and bodies of water with limited supplies and time.

The squads also were challenged with the daunting Confidence Course Marne, a giant obstacle

course at Camp Buckner; a bayonet course and simulators, including the America's Army simulator often used by regular Army and Reserve recruiters to help civilians determine whether they are Army Strong.

Students also had their smarts exercised with several academic workshops designed to provide samples of the variety of majors and courses of study available at USMA. The workshops were taught by USMA faculty, who skillfully sneaked in some learning while dazzling students with hands-on lab sessions.

Some students learned how to turn vegetables into artillery in a physics workshop. But before they could fire a rocket-launcher designed to shoot potatoes, they had to learn how the contraption worked. As Col. Russell Lachance, a Dept. of Chemistry and Life Sciences instructor, showed the students how to aim for the target—a stuffed goat mascot of rival U.S. Naval Academy. He explained how a can of hair spray or deodorant can be fuel for combustion. Because the students were inside for the demonstration, they shot pieces of foam wrapped in duct tape—projectiles safer than clunky potatoes—to take out the goat foe.

Others walked among the fallen in the West Point Cemetery in a history workshop. They toured Revolutionary War sites and learned about strategies, equipment and weapons.

An English workshop was Worthington's favorite. He was expecting something with language exercises. Instead, he participated in a seminar about how American society hashes out philosophical quandaries through popular culture and what can be learned about the essentials of democracy—such as critical thinking, using reason and how to disagree in a constructive manner—from "Seinfeld," "Monty Python," "The Matrix" and other movies and television shows.

"The whole class was really interesting," he said.

The most interesting aspect of SLS for some students was seeing how USMA balanced discipline with having fun.

"I was worried it would be all uptight and military," Sarah Collins of Belleville, Ill., said. "But there are a lot of good people here. They have a drive and want to do good things. I admire the cadets. They are really sincere and have something they believe in, and I can respect that. They can goof off and have fun with us but still be in charge of us."

The cadets who led squads volunteered for the duty to practice leadership skills. They don't often get to lead civilians.

"This is my first real chance to lead," Cow Jeff Klug, who participated in SLS before coming to West Point, said. "It's really motivating. I'm hoarse from calling the cadences with them. I'll yell a chant, and they'll all yell it back. And seeing the candidates all bond, it's really motivating."

What's Happening

Sale

The USMA Bookstore is hosting an art supply sale and book clearance sale.

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

For more information, call 938-5193.

Alumni Golf Outing

The 16th annual Alumni Golf Outing is scheduled for today-Saturday.

For more information, visit www.usma.edu/daa or call 938-3700/3024.

Vacation Bible school

Vacation Bible school is scheduled for 9 a.m.-noon Monday-June 19 at West Point Elementary School.

Registration forms are available at the Post Chapel Annex across the street from the Post Chapel.

Participants may pick up T-shirts

and CDs 10 a.m.-noon Tuesday.

Volunteers still are needed to help with crafts, drama teaching, kitchen, outdoor games, music, decorations and other activities.

For more information, contact Melissa Prosperie at 859-4351 or mprosperie@hvc.rr.com.

Harborcraft reservation lottery

The harborcraft reservation lottery process is underway.

Requests for nonofficial functions for Aug. 1-Oct. 25 will be accepted through the lottery.

Remaining dates following the lottery will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Sign-up for the lottery through June 21.

Sequence numbers will be released June 22, and available dates will be posted June 23. Selections and reservations will be taken June 24-26. Any remaining dates will be made available July 6.

For more information or to sign-up, e-mail yr9594@usma.edu, call 938-3011/2137, fax 938-6855 or visit the South Dock, Bldg. 682.

Include name, rank/title, department, duty phone and home phone numbers.

Closures

Mine Torne Road and Stilwell Lake will be closed at different times throughout the coming weeks to accommodate Cadet Summer Training.

Lake Popolopen will remain open for fishing.

Mine Torne Road is scheduled to be closed from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday-Tuesday, June 19-23 and 26-28; 3 a.m.-2 p.m. June 17; 10 a.m.-2 p.m. July 6 and 16; 5:30-8:30 a.m. July 7 and 18; and 3-7 a.m. July 26.

Stilwell Lake is scheduled to be closed 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday-Tuesday, June 19-23 and June 26-28.

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

Retiree Council meeting

The quarterly West Point Retiree Council meeting is 9:30 a.m. June 20 at ACS, Bldg. 622.

The meeting is open to all military retirees, regardless of service, and spouses and widows or widowers of military retirees.

The council chairman is retired Brig. Gen. Bob Winzinger.

Contact Gail Reynolds at 938-4217 with any questions.

Garrison award ceremony

The West Point community is invited to attend the garrison award ceremony at 3:30 p.m. June 24 at Eisenhower Hall's Crest Hall.

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 Stony Lonesome II playground June 24, Grey Ghost playground July 1, Biddle Loop playground July 8, New Brick playground July 15, 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.

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.

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.

West Point Boys Basketball Camp

The West Point Boys Basketball Camp takes place July 5-9 for boys ages 8-18.

Overnight and day slots are available.

For more information, contact Capt. Sean O'Keefe at 938-2419 or sean.okeefe@usma.edu.

Ask about military, staff and faculty discounts.

Credit union summer hours

The cadet branch of Pentagon Federal Credit Union in Taylor Hall will observe summer hours through Aug. 10. The branch will be open 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesdays.

Bookstore summer hours

The USMA Bookstore, located on the fourth floor of Thayer Hall, is observing summer hours and will be open 9 a.m.-3 p.m. weekdays.

Raffle

American Legion Post 28 is raffling a motorcycle made by Orange County Choppers to raise money for Families of Deploying New York and Vermont National Guard Soldiers.

For more information about purchasing tickets, call Jason Brownfield at (802) 673-9712.

Gymnastics day camp

The West Point Gymnastics Club is offering gymnastics day camp for children ages 7 and older July 6-10 and 13-17.

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

Keller Corner

Childbirth preparation classes

The next four-week series of childbirth preparation classes will be held from 6-8 p.m. July 7, 14, 21 and 28 at KACH second floor classroom. Call OBU at 938-3210 to register.

KACH July closures

All outpatient clinics, laboratory, pharmacy and radiology will be closed July 3 (Independence Day) and July 6 (training holiday).

The emergency room will remain open.

Household sharps

Turn-in procedures of used sharps at Keller Army Community Hospital are as follows:

Containment

First, contain the sharps safely at home.

- Use a puncture-proof plastic container with a tight-fitting screw top. A plastic soda bottle or bleach bottle is good. Don't use glass because it can break. Coffee cans are not recommended because the plastic lids come off too easily;

- Label the container clearly. Write "Infectious" or "Regulated Medical Waste" with a waterproof marker directly on the container;

- When the container is full, screw on the cap tightly. Seal it with heavy-duty tape to be extra safe.

Turn-in/disposal

There are different options for getting rid of used sharps. To turn them in at KACH, follow these procedures.

The KACH emergency room will accept used sharps.

If possible, call ahead at 938-4004.

- Do not leave used sharps on the back loading dock or drop them off anywhere else in the hospital except the emergency room.

Other options

- Call your primary doctor, pharmacy or clinic (if other than KACH) and ask if they also accept sharps for disposal;

- Ask your diabetes educator about sharps disposal programs;

- Some communities have special household medical waste collection days or allow sharps to be disposed of in household trash. Call your public works for specific information;

- Call the New York State Department of Health at (518)474-1222. Ask for a list of licensed medical waste transporters who provide collection services to your area.

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FMWR Blurbs

Workshops

ACS Employment Readiness is offering a secrets to resume success workshop at 1:30-3 p.m. Friday and dressing for success at 10-11:30 a.m. June 26.

Both workshops will be held at ACS, Bldg. 622.

For more information, call 938-5658.

Defensive driving

A defensive driving class is scheduled for 6-9 p.m. Saturday at ACS, Bldg. 622.

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

Ballroom dancing

Ballroom dancing is scheduled for noon-4 p.m. Sunday at the West Point Club's Grand Ballroom.

A summer luncheon buffet will be served.

For more information, call 446-5545.

Beginner's 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.

Teen strength training

An introduction to strength training class for teens is scheduled for 7-7:45 a.m. Monday-June 18 at the MWR Fitness Center.

The class is open to teens ages 13 and older. To register, call 938-6490.

Army birthday celebration

A cake cutting celebrating the Army's 234th birthday is scheduled for noon Tuesday

at the West Point Club's Grand Ballroom. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information, call 938-5120.

PowerPoint classes

ACS Employment Readiness is offering PowerPoint classes. Introduction classes are scheduled for 10-11:30 a.m. June 23 and 25.

Advanced classes are scheduled for 10-11:30 a.m. June 30 and July 2.

Classes will be held at the Army Education Center, Bldg. 683. Registration is required.

For more information, call 938-5658.

English Language Learners

English Language Learners, an English-as-a-second-language class, is scheduled for 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.

Job interviews

Job interviews for all military Family members interested in employment with Occupations Inc. and Family Empowerment are being held June 18 at ACS, Bldg. 622.

Call 938-5658 to schedule an interview.

Father's Day picnic

A Father's Day picnic is scheduled for noon-4 p.m. June 21 at South Dock.

A disc jockey, games for children and adults and barbecue menu are planned.

For reservations, call the West Point Club at 446-5504.

Summer reading program

The West Point Post Library Summer Reading Program is scheduled for June

22-July 31 and is open to all West Point community children ages 3-12.

Register through June 19 by stopping by the library or by calling 938-2974.

Army Ten-Miler

FMWR is sending a team of four active-duty Soldiers to Washington for the Army Ten-Miler Oct. 4.

For more information, contact Sheryle Miller by June 19 at 938-6497 or sheryle.miller@usma.edu.

Teen workshop

A free workshop for teens about communication and teamwork skills for the workplace takes place at 3:15-4:15 p.m. June 23 at the Youth Center Technology Center, Bldg. 500.

Register at Bldg. 500 or call Employment Readiness at 938-5658/5653.

All students must have a current CYSS membership before registering for class.

Newcomer's brief

The West Point Newcomer's Orientation and Welcome Brief is scheduled for 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. July 1 at ACS, Bldg. 622.

A guided bus tour of West Point will follow at 1-3 p.m.

For more information, call 938-4612.

Crisis line

The Military One Source Crisis Line provides up to 12 free short-term counseling sessions.

For more information, call 1-800-342-9647 or 1-800-346-9188. A Spanish line is available at 1-877-888-0727.

Information also can be found at www.militaryonesource.com.

militaryonesource.com.

Morgan Farm

Pet kenneling is available at Morgan Farm. Openings also are available at the facility's summer riding camp.

Families of deployed Soldiers receive a discount.

For more information, call 938-3926.

Instructor needed

A certified Les Mills body pump instructor is needed to work at the MWR Fitness Center. If interested, contact Rita Tenuta at 938-6490 or 446-3630.

FMWR summer swim season

Delafield and Round Pond summer swim passes go on sale Friday for the summer swim season. These passes will also go on sale at ITR Monday.

Delafield Pond opens 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday. Round Pond will open noon-6 p.m. Friday.

Both ponds will be open seven days a week throughout the summer.

For more information, call 938-5158.

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.

BBC LifeWorks events

Through Tuesday—You made the grade program

Have children bring their report cards with a B or better to BBC and receive a prize coupon. Each student may receive one prize per report card.

Saturday—Flag Day celebration

The Balfour Beatty Communities car will be driving around the community giving out stars, stripes and ice cream to everyone outside. Listen for the bell in the afternoon as the car comes through each neighborhood.

June 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 by June 30.

Command Channel 8/23

June 11-18

Army Newswatch (broadcast times)
Thursday-Friday, Monday-Wednesday,
June 18

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

2009 Dance Recital
(broadcast times)

Thursday—10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m

TSP TICKER

JUNE share prices (as of 6/5)

C Fund —	- 0.03	(11.0042)
S Fund —	+ 0.02	(13.5367)
I Fund —	- 0.39	(15.3506)

NOW SHOWING

in the movie theater at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752

Friday -- Obsessed, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday -- Ghost of Girlfriends Past, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

June 19 -- Earth, PG, 7:30 p.m.

June 20 -- Angels and Demons, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

June 26 -- Star Trek, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

June 27 -- X-Men Origins: Wolverine, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

THE THEATER SCHEDULE ALSO CAN BE FOUND AT

WWW.AAFES.COM

West Point Band's Summer Concert Series starts Sun.

By Staff Sgt. Mark Tonelli
West Point Band Publicity

Sunday nights will sparkle this summer with music from West Point's own professional musical organization, the West Point Band. The Music Under The Stars series takes place at the Trophy Point Amphitheatre, which overlooks the Hudson River.

Concerts will feature a wide spectrum of music to please discerning aficionados and casual listeners alike and are performed by the West Point Concert Band and Jazz Knights on alternating weeks.

The concerts are free and open to the public.

The series kicks off at 7:30 p.m. Sunday with the Jazz Knights and The Music of Duke Ellington. Ellington, an innovator without peer, and his orchestra broadcasted a new sound in 1927 from Harlem's Cotton Club.

For the next 50 years, Ellington set the bar high through startling extended works that pushed the boundaries of jazz.

With his longtime collaborator, Billy Strayhorn, Ellington penned tunes performed the world over such as "Take The A Train," and "It Don't Mean A Thing (If It Ain't Got That Swing)."

The 18-piece Jazz Knights will offer a variety of Ellington gems featuring the virtuoso talents of its members. Among the pieces are the double-bass feature "Jack The Bear," the haunting "Chelsea Bridge," the swinging "In A Mellow Tone," and "Raincheck," from a

classic tribute album to Strayhorn, which was recorded the week of his death in 1967.

The Concert Band presents Hudson Quadracentennial at 7:30 p.m. June 21, commemorating the 400-year anniversary of Henry Hudson's historic voyage down the river that bears his name. For the occasion, the 49-piece ensemble will premiere "1609: The Half Moon Makes Weigh," composed by West Point Band arranger Master Sgt. Douglas Richard.

The piece is a musical narrative of Hudson's journey into New York Bay. Oboist Sgt. Maj. James Mullins will be featured on Kessler's "Hudson River Rhapsody." Master Sgt. Julie Ditzel, Sgt. 1st Class MaryKay Messenger and Staff Sgt. Carla Moebius combine their voices for the "Andrew Sisters Medley." The concert marks 1st Lt. Dae Kim's conducting debut as the new deputy commander of the West Point Band.

No summer concert series would be complete without an Independence Day celebration. A Star Spangled Spectacular takes place at 8 p.m. July 4 and features music from America's patriotic catalogue. Fireworks soar over Trophy Point while the Concert Band generates its own pyrotechnics with help from the U.S. Army Garrison Military Police Company as they produce cannon fire for the concert's grand finale.

Themes to suit all musical tastes keep coming throughout the summer. Bring a blanket, some chairs and a bite to eat as you enjoy



The West Point Band's Summer Concert Series is highlighted by the Independence Day celebration. A Star Spangled Spectacular takes place at 8 p.m. July 4 and features music from America's patriotic catalogue. Fireworks soar over Trophy Point while the Concert Band generates its own pyrotechnics with help from Headquarters and Headquarters Company as they produce cannon fire for the concert's grand finale.

COURTESY PHOTO

the music.

Below are additional concerts, on Sundays except as noted. Please visit the band's Web site at www.westpoint.edu/band for details:

• June 28 6:30 p.m.—West Point Band Alumni Concert: *Rockin' with the Nite Riders*;

• July 12 7:30 p.m.—Jazz Knights: *The Music of Mike Abene*;

• July 19 7:30 p.m.—Jazz Knights: *with special guest saxophonist Antonio Hart*;

• July 26 7:30 p.m.—Concert Band: *Dances of Enchantment*;

• Aug. 2 7:30 p.m.—Concert Band: *The Year of the NCO*;

• Aug. 9 7:30 p.m.—Jazz Knights: *with special guest saxophonist Bob Mintzer*;

• Aug. 16 7:30 p.m.—Concert Band: *with special guest Jim Walker, flute, A Night at the Opera*;

• Aug. 23 7:30 p.m.—Jazz Knights play *"The Sound of Music"*;

• Aug. 30 7:30 p.m.—Concert Band: *Bandancing*;

Sept. 5 (Sat.) 6 p.m.—Hellcats, Jazz Knights, and Concert Band: *1812 Concert*;

If you're coming to a concert from off-post, please allow extra travel time for the 100 percent

vehicle and photo identification inspection at Stony Lonesome and Thayer gates. Because of changing security requirements at West Point, call the band's hotline at 938-2617, or check www.usma.edu/special before leaving for the concert or for concert information, cancellations and updates.

PX offers education rewards for students

DALLAS (AAFES)—Children of active-duty military personnel attend, on average, six to nine different school systems from kindergarten to 12th grade, a Department of Defense source said.

As a military command, with a motto of "we go where you go," the Army and Air Force Exchange Service is attuned to the distinct challenges military children face in their educational pursuits.

Beyond being a destination for school supplies and clothes, BXs and PXs offer an array of free and discounted products to students who excel in the classroom through its "You Made the Grade" program.

Now in its ninth year, AAFES' education rewards initiative is anchored by a booklet full of complimentary offers for students—in first through 12th grades—who maintain a B average or better.

The current "You Made the Grade" booklet includes coupons for a free regular 6-inch combo meal from Subway, complimentary admission to a Reel Time theater

movie and \$2 off any new release DVD.

Each booklet also contains an entry form for a quarterly drawing in which three winners are randomly awarded savings bonds in \$2,000, \$3,000 or \$5,000 denominations.

"All authorized exchange shoppers, who are full-time students, are eligible to pick up a booklet and register for the savings bonds every time they receive a qualifying report card," AAFES' Senior Enlisted Advisor Chief Master Sgt. Jeffry Helm, said. "The program offers a terrific practical learning experience for our military students. It pays to learn."

To receive the AAFES "You Made the Grade" booklet, students must present a valid military ID card and proof of a B or better average to their local BX/PX.

Students may receive one coupon package and enter the savings bond drawing for every qualifying report card.

Military Families can contact their local AAFES main store manager or general manager for more information at 446-5404.

DPW NOTES

Construction of ODIA housing to begin Monday

The construction of three new Directorate of Intercollegiate Athletics houses along South Moore Loop is expected to begin with site preparation Monday.

The houses will be constructed to the north of West Moore Loop.

Residents and community members in the area should expect construction activity and construction vehicle traffic in the

immediate area.

Additional information such as road closures and utility outages will be announced by Balfour Beatty Communities for housing residents and the Directorate of Public Works for public building occupants.

The duration of the work is approximately 18 months.

If you have any questions, contact Louis Cirillo at 938-4130 or Rich Lark at 938-6787.



Overhead view of construction of three new Directorate of Intercollegiate Athletics houses north of West Moore Loop.

West Point Band
Music Under the Stars

Jazz Knights

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Duke Ellington

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Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington awarded games

By Bob Beretta
Athletic Communications

The city of Philadelphia has been synonymous with the Army-Navy football classic over the years, hosting 81 of the previous 109 service-academy battles. Army and Navy will build on that rich tradition in the years ahead with Tuesday's announcement that Philadelphia and Lincoln Financial Field will serve as the host of "America's Game" five times during an eight-year span—2010, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2017.

In making the announcement, U.S. Military Academy Director of Athletics Kevin Anderson and U.S. Naval Academy Director of Athletics Chet Gladchuk also announced that for the first time in series history the game will be played on the doorstep of the nation's capital.

The 2011 Army-Navy game is slated to be played at FedEx Field, located just outside Washington, D.C. The game will carry added significance as it will mark the 10-year anniversary

of the 2001 terrorist attacks on the United States.

Additionally, the 2014 and 2016 Army-Navy classics will be played at Baltimore's M&T Bank Stadium. The 2014 Army-Navy game will coincide with the city's celebration of the 200th anniversary of Francis Scott Key's writing of "The Star Spangled Banner" while stationed at Fort McHenry in Baltimore.

"I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the representatives from the cities of Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington, D.C., who assisted in this process," Anderson said. "Their extraordinary efforts made the selection process extremely difficult and presented our committee several outstanding options. The Army-Navy game is 'America's Game' and remains one of the most treasured spectacles in all of college football.

"That was very evident by the interest displayed in hosting the game," he added. "We are excited about bringing the game back to Philadelphia and Baltimore, and for the first time,

holding the game in our nation's capital."

The process for securing a long-term home for future Army-Navy football games officially began last August with the service academies distributing a formal "Request for Proposal."

The academies accepted bids from prospective host cities through the middle of November with site visits conducted during the months of February, March and April.

The first Army-Navy game was played in 1890 at West Point and the second in Annapolis one year later. In 1899, Philadelphia's Franklin Field became the game site.

The "City of Brotherly Love" has dominated as host city for the Army-Navy game since that time. Fourteen different stadiums have hosted the event, four of those located in Philadelphia and two in Baltimore.

For the 14th straight year, CBS Sports will televise the Army-Navy classic to a national and worldwide (via American Forces Network) audience at 2:30 p.m. Dec. 12.

A special 30-minute pregame show will be televised on CBS leading up to the game broadcast.

The Army-Navy game will be the only major college football game played that day.



'Free at last'

"Free at last" was among some of the comments heard during the last day of school Monday at the West Point Elementary School. School buses traditionally make a few loops around the school parking area while children and teachers wave good-bye for the summer.

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** FUTURE ARMY-NAVY GAME SITES

- Dec. 11, 2010—Lincoln Financial Field (Philadelphia);
- Dec. 10, 2011—FedExField (Washington, D.C.);
- Dec. 8, 2012—Lincoln Financial Field;
- Dec. 14, 2013—Lincoln Financial Field;
- Dec. 13, 2014—M&T Bank Stadium (Baltimore);
- Dec. 12, 2015—Lincoln Financial Field;
- Dec. 10, 2016—M&T Bank Stadium;
- Dec. 9, 2017—Lincoln Financial Field.