



Patton statue is back

The statue of Gen. George S. Patton, USMA class of 1909, is settled onto its temporary resting place near Jefferson Hall Monday so he can look over the Plain in time for the class of 2009's graduation May 23. The statue, which is currently covered until the official relocation and unveiling ceremony scheduled from 12:45-1:40 p.m. May 15, was repositioned by workers from the Directorate of Public Works using a sling and large crane. Patton's statue was removed four years ago to make room for the construction of Jefferson Hall. Bartlett Hall is scheduled for renovations and, when those are complete, the statue will be moved again to its permanent location. EMILY TOWER/PV

SECDEF is speaker for class of 2009 graduation

By Emily Tower
Staff Writer

The last time Defense Secretary Robert Gates visited West Point, he wondered during his address to the Corps of Cadets which would be more exciting—speaking at an ordinary U.S. Military Academy engagement or at graduation.

He gets to find out in about two weeks.

When he visited USMA April 21, 2008, Gates joked his ordinary speaking engagement was “better than commencement because at commencement the firsties—by then near second lieutenants—would only be thinking about how fast they could get off post.”

All joking—and telling stories about falling asleep in meetings with the president—aside, Gates admitted during his remarks he regretted not being able to attend the class of 2008's graduation because of an overseas commitment.

But Gates has confirmed he will address the class of 2009 when they receive their bachelor's degrees and enter the military as young officers. Graduation is scheduled for 10 a.m. May 23 at Michie Stadium.

While the topic of Gates' graduation remarks has not yet been made public, he already has publicly expressed his admiration of USMA cadets and outlined their responsibility to the United States.

He said last April how much he respects cadets because they chose military service knowing they would eventually deploy to combat zones.

“Each of you—with your talents, intelligence and record of accomplishments—could have chosen something easier or safer or, of course, better paid,” Gates said when he addressed the Corps of Cadets last year. “But you took on the mantle of duty, honor and country and passed down the Long Gray Line—the men and women who walked these halls and strode these grounds before you. For that, you have the profound gratitude and eternal admiration of the American people.”

“It is undoubtedly politically incorrect for me to say that I feel personally responsible

for each and every one of you as if you were my own sons and daughters,” he continued, reportedly choking up. “And so my only prayer is that you serve with honor and return home safely. And I personally thank you.”

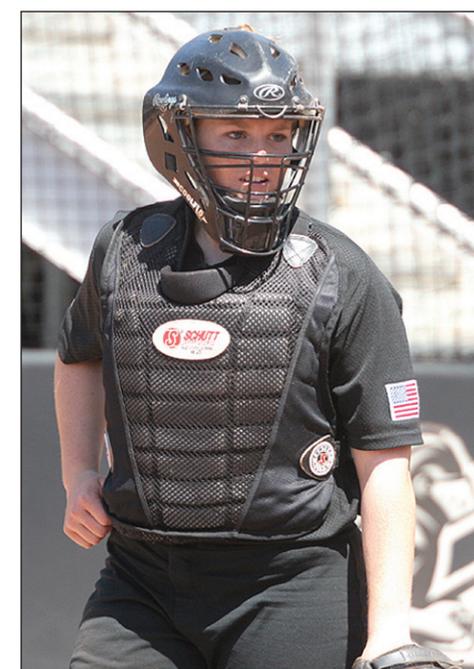
Gates challenged the cadets to follow three rules established by Gen. George Marshall when considering how best to lead—especially when considering so many life-and-death decisions are being made by junior leaders on today's battlefields. The rules are to “provide blunt, candid advice always; to keep disagreements private; to implement faithfully decisions that go against you,” Gates said.

“When you are commissioned, it will all too quickly be your judgment and your leadership that your Soldiers will rely on,” Gates, a former Air Force officer, told the Corps of Cadets. “As you prepare for this awesome responsibility, learn all the lessons you can here from heroes with real-world experience and wisdom in and out of the classroom.”

Gates, a Kansas native, has been defense secretary since 2006. Before that, he was the president of Texas A&M University and interim dean of the George Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M.

Most of Gates' professional career has been with the CIA. He was director of central intelligence from 1991-93, deputy director of central intelligence from 1986-89 and assistant to the president and deputy national security adviser at the White House from 1989-91. He was an intelligence professional for about 25 years before that.

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Post office offers special graduation day postmark

By Tom Gaynor
U.S. Postal Service

The U.S. Postal Service is offering a special pictorial U.S. Military Academy graduation day station postmark at the West Point Post Office at 634 Swift Road starting May 23.

For those who cannot get to the Post Office but wish to obtain the pictorial, the postmark can be obtained by submitting a mail order request.

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

the requested pictorial postmark date.

All requests must include a stamped envelope or postcard bearing at least the minimum First-Class mail postage. Items submitted for postmark may not include postage issued after the date of the requested postmark. Such items will be returned with no postmark added.

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

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Mail before June 22.

Customers can also send stamped envelopes and postcards without addresses for postmark, as long as they supply a larger envelope with adequate postage and a return address.

After applying the pictorial postmark, the Postal Service returns the items (with or without addresses) under an addressed protective cover.

Appreciating military spouses is a postwide theme Friday

From staff reports

Friday is Military Spouse Appreciation Day, and there are several activities and events organized throughout West Point for spouses. Check the Leisure section for specific listings.

Army Secretary Pete Geren, Army Chief of Staff Gen. George Casey and Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth Preston in a joint memorandum said "our spouses are the backbone of the American Army Family."

Twenty-five years ago, President Reagan signed a proclamation officially recognizing Military Spouse Day. The commemoration is held the Friday before Mother's Day every year to show appreciation for the sacrifices of military spouses.

To pay tribute to military spouses, the "Pointer View" asked West Point senior leaders' spouses to answer some questions about military life.

Judy Hagenbeck, wife of Superintendent Lt. Gen. Buster Hagenbeck, began her answers by saying "the Army is not just a job, but a way of life and it's not for everyone. But, those (who) choose the Army life will find a unique and rewarding experience. We live a life filled with the highest highs and the lowest lows, like no other profession."

She also said her No. 1 suggestion is to try to stick to a normal Family routine during deployments. This should help make homecomings easier.

In response to a question about navigating the Army's maze of acronyms, programs, living on- vs. off-post, etc., she said, "The home or hub for all our Family needs can be found at the Army Community Services building. They exist on all installations and provide a wealth of knowledge to improve our quality of life."

When asked for advice about surviving deployments, redeployment and why being connected to other Army spouses can help, Hagenbeck said, "stay connected to your unit and the programs offered at ACS ... and through our wonderful chaplains' programs. These two agencies are very good at what they do in meeting the needs of deployed Soldiers and their Families. ... (not staying within the Army community during such situations) takes you away from the undeniable support Army spouses can be to each other."

Brenda Linnington, wife of Commandant of Cadets Brig. Gen. Michael Linnington, summed up her thoughts on the role of Army spouses and Army life by saying, "In my over 50 years of living in Army communities all over the world (Army brat, cadet, active and Reserve officer and spouse), I believe that all Families can enjoy and thrive within the Army community and that during peacetime and wartime, it is a great place in which to live. That said, I promote three simple notions when I talk to Army spouses about my views on Army life:

"1. Take care of yourself: This old adage is tried and true. If you don't take care of yourself, you can't take care of others.

... Do the things that make you happy—go on a daily run, be home with your children, work outside your home, volunteer. All of these things are positive endeavors and promote mental, physical, emotional and spiritual well-being.

"2. Take care of your Family: Devotion to your Family, whether with or without children, is the greatest contribution you can make to our country. Raising children to be good citizens, who will contribute in a positive way, is important and noble. Taking care of your Family means knowing what support measures are available to you. So, be 'in the know,' let knowledge be power and learn about all that your community has to offer your Family.

"3. Take an interest in your community but not at the expense of 1 and 2. For most of us, this means volunteering for your (Family readiness group), ACS, Red Cross, spouse's club, child's school, etc. It also means getting to know your neighbors or simply lending a hand to another spouse in need. These are great outlets for stress and wonderful ways to enjoy friendships while at the same time creating a sense of belonging, something we all need, to your community."

Gee Won Gentile, wife of history professor Col. Gian Gentile, explained that before their return to West Point her husband commanded 8th Squadron, 10th Cavalry Regiment, of the 4th Infantry Division, which was deployed to Baghdad for all of 2006, and she was the squadron FRG leader. Her advice included the following:

"Within the Army Family team, the rank of a (spouse's Soldier) should never, ever be an obstacle or barrier for a spouse to seek help and communication.

"Being involved means being connected, being connected means sharing information, and having information means being aware of things, so involvement of spouses in FRGs (is) really, really important for this.

"Trust your FRG leaders and friends. Do your best to work off of facts given and shared with you by the rear detachment chain of command and the FRGs. Be patient and don't be afraid to ask for help if you think you or your (spouse) needs it.

"To survive deployment and then reintegrate your spouse back into the Family, try to keep doing what was important to you before he left like religion, education, work, exercise, things like that. Talk to your kids a lot about what you think they need to know about what their dad is doing and be honest with them. Use letters, the Internet, telephone for them to stay in touch with him. Tell your kids that it is OK to be worried but also positive about his deployment and that he is doing important work.

"It is important to stay connected within the FRGs because information is shared through the FRG and if you need help that is the best place to get it or get pointed in the right direction.

"When noticing another spouse who appears to need assistance, what can you do? These kinds of situations are hard. The best advice is to try to, in a friendly way, reach out to her, maybe take her to lunch or something like that, and explain how being a part of the FRG can help during the deployment. But

it is also important to tell her that she can decide how much or little she gets involved.

"To prepare for deployment, try to spend quality time together. Talk to each other about what the separation will be like, how you will communicate during the deployment, how you both plan to cope with the separation. Be honest with yourselves that you will be separated and it will be difficult but you will make it through because you love each other."

Command Sgt. Maj. Violet McNeirney, garrison senior noncommissioned officer, mother and Army spouse, had basically the same perspective as the other wives.

She said, "There's never a dull moment in my life, and I try to treasure as much of it as I can. As a military spouse of 15 years, I have experienced some tremendous highs and a few lows, and through it all, I consider myself truly blessed.

"We experienced the same issues as any military couple, sometimes a little more, especially being in the same line of work.

"Then we have to figure who does what because, technically, my husband and I are both military spouses. We've done just about everything together, professionally and personally.

"Our jobs demand a lot from us, but we understood that going in. Sometimes ... through different assignments, deployments, being drill sergeants (together), first sergeants and now as (command sergeants major), it doesn't get any easier and, even now, we're separated by deployment but we work it out somehow.

"My role as a spouse is even more important because I have to provide a home for our son without his father and try to fill that void as much as I can and at the same time give my husband the ease of mind to know that I have everything under control and am holding down the home front without him.

"Although I believe being a Soldier gives me an edge in maneuvering through the sometimes complicated labyrinth of Army life that new and even experienced spouses face, nothing prepared me for managing a Family and household as a single parent, but that's when the Army community reaches out like a life line.

"My life is a constant balancing act with being a Soldier, a wife and a mother and putting my priorities into perspective is my struggle. I have given up on trying to be perfect. I just try to do the best job I can and pray to God to give me the strength to do so. I wouldn't trade my life or experiences. Being a Soldier is great, but being a military spouse and mother is icing on my cake."

Volunteer speakers needed for Memorial Day events

Local communities are starting to make their Memorial Day plans now and speakers are needed.

Volunteers should contact Dave Brzywczy at 938-3614 or via e-mail at David.Brzywczy@usma.edu.

A basic speech, which can be tailored for personal use, will be provided by Department of the Army.

Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

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.

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Difficulty: Easy

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CME Capstone project helps Occupations, Inc.

Story and photo by
Kathy Eastwood
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MIDDLETOWN—Firsties Erin McQuarrie, Eric Hanson and Christopher Larson, civil and mechanical engineering majors, developed a tea box dispenser and counter for assembly line workers at Occupations Inc. in Middletown for their capstone project.

Occupations Inc. is a community-based, not-for-profit rehabilitation organization dedicated to improving the lives of more than 12,000 Orange County residents each year, according to www.occupations.org.

The project advisor said the idea for developing a dispenser came about through a NISH (at one time known as the National Institute for the Severely Handicapped) conference.

“We usually went through the SPIN or Special People in the Northeast organization and hadn’t heard of NISH before,” Lt. Col. Robert Rabb, mechanical engineering assistant professor in the Dept. of Civil and Mechanical Engineering, said. “I found out that NISH was part of Occupations Inc., which had talked about a problem with the assembly line improvements. Since it was close, we decided to take that on.”

On the assembly line, two workers lay card stock on a conveyer belt, add hot glue from an automatic dispenser and place two tea bags from one of the dispensed boxes of tea on the glued area. The card is folded, placed in another box and counted for delivery to a national hotel chain—the customer. The cards of tea bags are used as refreshments and displayed in the customer’s hotel rooms across America.

“We built an ‘L’ shaped device, which is easy and safe, to count tea boxes,” McQuarrie said. “We counted the tea boxes instead of the individual bags, because they were too small. The assembly line workers were paid by dividing the total amount of tea bags counted during the day, which isn’t



Firstie Erin McQuarrie places tea boxes in a tea box dispenser made as part of a CME capstone project as worker Rita Klein tries it out. The dispenser counts tea boxes, giving individual workers an accurate accounting of the tea bags they placed during the day.

really fair.”

The dispensers calculate the total number of boxes each worker completes and, since they get paid by the number of boxes they transfer to cards, they are now being paid for their actual labor, not just an average for everyone, McQuarrie said.

Eight devices were built. They allow the uncarded boxes of tea (each tea box holds 28 tea bags) to be placed in a dispenser that automatically drops a box as soon as one is taken out. The workers remove the bags from these boxes and orient the individual tea bags for correct placement on the cards.

The new mechanism also has a ratchet counter which

counts the boxes.

“The device went through four revisions,” McQuarrie said. “The first one was an angle-iron design that was welded together with steel rods and a metal pusher, but the ‘pusher’ was difficult to use and caused misalignment. The device was also too heavy and the pusher was difficult to make.”

The prototypes were tested at Occupations, and the workers provided feedback to the cadets. The final design allows for safe removal of the tea boxes by hand, activating the counter.

“The device cost about \$70 to make and was easy. It took less than an hour and we came in well under budget,” McQuarrie said. “On top of that, the device can be modified to work in other applications/jobs that could come up at different sites, such as cosmetic samples or powdered drink mixes.”

The workers appeared to be enthusiastic about the device and liked the final design, as did management.

“I think (this device) works out great,” said Ron Beradino, from Occupations operations. “It’s simple enough and will make things a lot easier.”

NEWS NOTES

‘Pointer View’ gets new look

The “Pointer View” has a new look. The flag, the name of the paper on the front page, has changed font type. It is now the same as the West Point wordmark (in the mast on page 2). The colors are also used differently. Since the official West Point gold, previously used as the main color, is a little pale, especially on newsprint, the staff decided to use black as the main color with a gold outline and incorporated the gray in the design. The “long gray” folio lines are on each page.

Ivy league tuition waived

Columbia University School of General Studies, founded in 1947 in response to military veterans returning from World War II, will provide eligible student-veterans with a 50 percent tuition waiver beginning Aug. 1 through the Yellow Ribbon GI Education Enhancement Program, part of the Post-9/11 GI Bill. After the matching grant is provided by the Dept. of Veterans Affairs, the entire cost of education is expected to be covered. Learn more about this program at www.columbia.edu/cu/gi/military, contact the admissions office at (212) 854-2772, or e-mail at gs_future@columbia.edu. Learn more about the Yellow Ribbon program at www.military.com/money-for-school/gi-bill/yellow-ribbon-program-explained.

DPW’s Denniston, 60, dies unexpectedly

From staff reports

Edward A. Denniston, an electrician in the Directorate of Public Works Electrical Branch for more than 35 years, died unexpectedly at his Cornwall home April 29.

“Eddie’s skill as an electrician and his overall positive attitude will be missed,” Matt Talaber, DPW director, said.

“His passion for life was contagious, bringing happiness to those around him. His loss will be



Edward Denniston

greatly felt throughout DPW,” he continued.

He is survived by his mother, Ann Denniston; the mother of his children, Bonnie Denniston McIntyre; his son, Scott, and daughter, Courtney; and other family in and around the local area.

Denniston, a proud Vietnam Marine veteran, was also a devoted Green Bay Packers fan.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Tuesday at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Newburgh followed by burial with military honors at St. Francis Cemetery in New Windsor.

**Remember, the AER
Campaign runs through
May 15**

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.

Inventions, research presented during Projects Day

Story and photos by
Emily Tower
Staff Writer

It's easy for Firstie Brian Haley to list one of the most rewarding experiences in his four years at the U.S. Military Academy—Dumpster diving.

"Going on the Dumpster dive and looking through everything and seeing how things could be turned into something useful was really cool," Haley said last week when he and his teammates presented their reason for digging through trash to a room of critics and curious onlookers.

Haley and Firsties Christopher Chatellier and Yujen Lein took several journeys through junkyards to develop a functioning wind turbine made entirely out of trash for their capstone project.

All firsties presented more than 230 capstone projects and these April 30 during USMA's annual Projects Day. Projects included everything from inventions to research papers to scientific experiments.

Cadets invented a concrete canoe, unmanned aerial vehicles, robots and a bionic foot, to name a few. They wrote

theses about micro brewing, Iranian nuclear politics and control of the CIA under Presidents Eisenhower and Kennedy. They studied how to improve Army sporting events ticket processes and transportation to Stewart Airport.

When it came to making a wind turbine out of junk, Haley, Chatellier and Lein hoped to create enough energy to power a toaster oven. Their hope was to develop a machine that could provide power to third-world countries.

While the trio began with trash heaps, their plan was to recycle ordinary material found anywhere and make it something useful.

"We knew people (in third-world countries) wouldn't have junkyards to go through," Chatellier said. "So, we wanted to use common goods found in a household."

Inventing a wind turbine wouldn't be difficult—except for the fact they could not build anything unless the parts came from trash. They found aluminum sheets, aluminum tubes from air conditioning units and several motors from fans and lawn mowers. If they were using trash in a third-world country, they wouldn't expect to find aluminum, so they would use wood instead, Lein said. But for the prototype, aluminum would do.

Still, they needed something to hold everything together. They thought most third-world countries would have bicycles, so they found a couple on Craigslist. They used the bikes' frames and gears in the turbine.

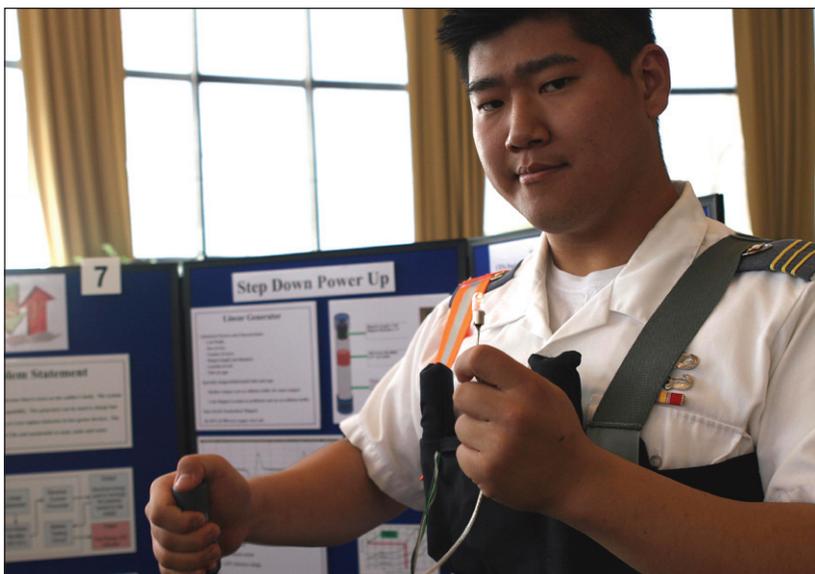
The result was a working wind turbine for a grand total of \$80. Unfortunately, it did not generate enough power to heat a toaster oven. Chatellier thought more time would have helped the team figure out how to generate more power.

"Maybe if we didn't have West Point and all the commitments, we would have gotten there," Chatellier said.

Several projects, such as the wind turbine, included room for cadets to pick up the projects next year and improve upon them. Firstie Jonathan Meyers' project could use a much larger data set next time, he said.

Meyers wrote software for BlackBerrys and used it to track users' movements. Every 30 seconds to a minute, the BlackBerrys would send back to Meyers' server information about where the users were including altitude, latitude and longitude.

"It's an improvement on the Facebook



Firstie Daniel Lee demonstrates how simple movement, such as shaking a canister, can generate power to light a small lightbulb while presenting an invention designed to use Soldiers' motion to charge batteries during the Projects Day presentations April 30. Lee and Firsties Tossapol Sakawkanokrat, John Wagner and Jacob Weber designed the device, which is worn around the chest.



Titania (Firstie Adam Bishop) discusses love with a transformed Nick Bottom (Black Jack) during an interpretation of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" in part of "Seduced by Shakespeare." The play was presented April 30 in Robinson Auditorium by the English Dept. as part of Projects Day.

status," Meyers said. "We're using the simple technology people use to keep up with their friends and in different and phenomenal ways."

Instead of someone typing in Facebook or Twitter where they are and what they are doing, the BlackBerry automatically updates where the person is—provided the person remembered to carry the BlackBerry and keep it charged. Because some of Meyers' handful of test subjects didn't always have a working BlackBerry with them, he found a much larger data set—say, 100 people—would be much more effective.

Still, he was able to test a program that could potentially track terrorists, Soldiers on patrol or employees—as long as they keep the BlackBerrys on.

Meyers plans to present his invention to the International Workshop on Network Sciences in Italy and the International Conference on Information and Knowledge Engineering in Las Vegas in the coming weeks.

Just as Meyers built upon Facebook and BlackBerry technology, cadets studying English took their area's master—William Shakespeare—and added their own twists.

About 20 cadets produced the play "Seduced by Shakespeare," which was written by the Bard of Avon himself with a little help from Elizabeth Samet, USMA Dept. of English associate professor. The play featured scenes of seduction and wooing from six of Shakespeare's most beloved works—"The Taming of the Shrew," "Richard III," "A Midsummer Night's Dream," "Twelfth Night," "Macbeth" and "Henry V."

A cynical critic, played by Firstie Colin Durant, tied the scenes together. While a couple of portions were dramatic, the majority of the play featured comedic twists. "The Taming of the Shrew" took place in Atlanta and featured an overall-clad Kate who enjoyed fishing. "Twelfth Night" took place in Manhattan, and "Henry V" featured Queen Henrietta of England attempting to convince Prince Louis of France of her love at a swanky tennis club.

"A Midsummer Night's Dream" stuck a little closer to Shakespeare's original plot with the help of a beloved member of the West Point community. Tatania, played by Firstie Adam Bishop, fell in love with a forest animal. Just as in the original play, Tatania fell for Nick Bottom, whose head had been turned into that of a donkey. Bottom was portrayed by none other than USMA's own Black Jack.

While Black Jack often is a mule of few words, he did speak during the play bemoaning "what an ass" he has become.

Celebrating Asian Pacific American Heritage month

By Maj. Evangeline G. Rosel
West Point Equal Opportunity
Office

Expressions of ethnic dances, martial arts exhibitions and food samplings of Chinese, Korean and Filipino cuisine were part of the West Point Equal Opportunity Office and Simon Center for Professional Military Ethic's eighth annual Asian Pacific American Heritage Month observance May 1.

Despite forecasts of thunderstorms, more than 450 West Point and Highland Falls community members gathered at Trophy Point to take part in the celebration. The rain let up just as the celebration began with performances by the Alay Philippine Cultural Dance Group from Danbury, Conn., and demonstrations by various martial arts cadet clubs such as Kendo, Judo and Taekwondo.

Cadets also performed the traditional Hawaiian hula dance and the Haka dance, which originated in New Zealand. The Asian Pacific Awareness Club, headed by Col. Bryan Goda and Firsties Jennifer Acojedo and Antonio Manzano, planned and coordinated the show, which allowed the crowd to see and experience the various and distinct cultures celebrated each May during Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

As the month progresses, the EEO office encourages everyone to continue to commemorate the rich history of Asian Pacific Americans, one that has helped to define what it means to be an American.

Asian Pacific Americans make up more than 5 percent of the

nation's population with more than 16 million U.S. residents who claim they are of Asian, Hawaiian Native or Pacific Islander descent.

There are currently more than 250,000 Asian Pacific Islanders who have served in the U.S. military.

Asian Pacific Islanders are one of the fastest-growing ethnic groups in the United States.

To emphasize the importance of equal opportunity and diversity, the observance began with the graduation of 10 Soldiers who had recently completed the Equal Opportunity Leaders Course, a 60-hour course that gives Soldiers the skill sets and knowledge to educate, train and promote equal opportunity in their respective units.

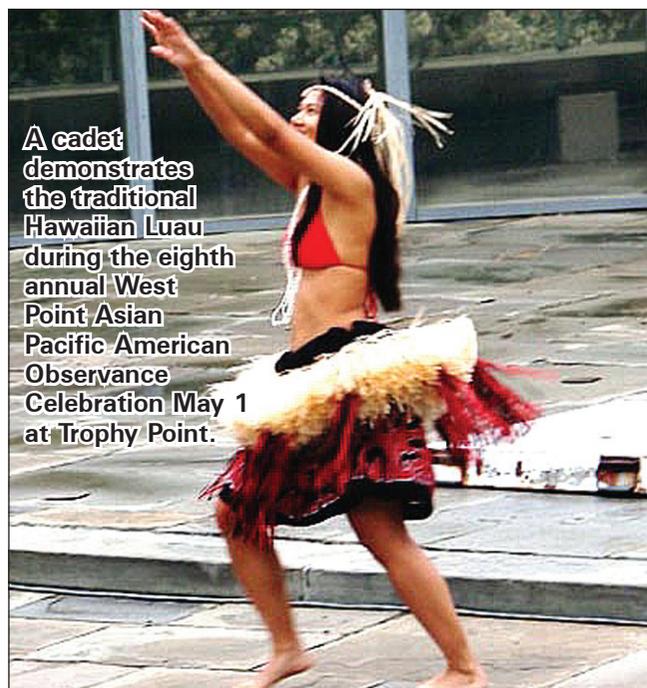
The course culminated with a final exam and an individual presentation on different ethnic groups.

Garrison Commander Col. Dan Bruno presented EOLC certificates of completion to 1st Lt. Jessie Mooney, Military Police Company; Staff Sgt. Jeremy Dean, USMA Preparatory School; Staff Sgt. Isaac Johnson, Warrior Transition Unit; Staff Sgt. Thomas Hewitt, MEDDAC; Staff Sgt. Marie Ransom, MEDDAC; Staff Sgt. Michael Wagner, MEDDAC; Staff Sgt. Kathy Yusuf, MEDDAC; Sgt. Maurice Coats, WTU; Sgt. Cierra Ortiz, MP Company; and Sgt. Latoya Pratt; Veterinarian Services.



Cadets performed the Haka Dance during the eighth annual West Point Asian Pacific American Observance Celebration May 1 at Trophy Point. A Haka is a traditional posture dance form with shouted accompaniment of the Maori of New Zealand.

COURTESY PHOTOS



A cadet demonstrates the traditional Hawaiian Luau during the eighth annual West Point Asian Pacific American Observance Celebration May 1 at Trophy Point.

Historic weapons teach future leaders versatility

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

Approximately 50 cadets went back in time May 2 to become better leaders in the future.

The cadets took part in the History Dept.'s annual historic weapons shoot on Range 5.

The event is part of the department's History 301/302, History of the Military Art, curriculum.

Range 5 is a familiarization range, and cadets received instruction on, and the opportunity to fire, 14 different weapons from our country's conflicts—weapons used by American forces as well as the enemy.

"This brings history home to them," Maj. Michael Bonura, a history professor and organizer of the range, said. "They see differences between the ways armies fight through the weapons they fight with."

This was Firstie Jordan Terry's, a history major, third time participating in the weapons shoot.

Terry said it is imperative that cadets gain a sense of familiarity in handling a weapon they know little, if nothing, about.

"We should be confident to handle, to pick up and use, or pick up and make safe, a foreign weapon if we come across it on the battlefield," Terry said.

Bonura, a 1997 West Point graduate, said that many of the history instructors have had weapons like the ones on the range in their unit arms rooms in Iraq or Afghanistan.

Before moving to the firing line for their hands-on training, the cadets received a demonstration on American weapons throughout the years, from the Revolutionary War to World War II, from the Orange County Civil War Re-enactors. The demo showed the ease and speed with which warfare has increased over the years.

The Revolutionary War soldier took more than two minutes to load and fire his musket—once.

Nearly 200 years later, the World War II fighter was able to use his rifle to engage his target multiple times in a fraction of that time. Then, when his rifle was empty, he drew his sidearm



A cadet pours ammunition into the barrel of a musket during the annual historic weapons shoot, which offers cadets an opportunity to learn about different weapons systems that service members used in past wars.

and emptied its clip.

Cadets moved up and down the firing line filling ammo clips before moving to the firing position for their opportunity to shoot down range.

Terry, a Louisville, Ky., native, positioned at the M1/M2 Carbine station, said firers received a brief introduction to the weapon they were about to fire and how it was used in war.

Then the cadets got the opportunity to fire.

The Browning automatic rifle was easily one of the more popular weapons being fired.

"It's one of the sexier weapons out here," Terry said.

Plebe Isaac Cluff said the day "makes history real" and that his favorite weapon was the MG3, a German machine gun.

"It's the first machine gun I've ever fired," the Payson, Ariz., native, said. "I like to shoot and lots of these guns you see them in movies."

Bonura, a 12-year veteran originally from Brooklyn, said not only do they (cadets) see the weapons in movies, but some of the cadets are familiar with them from video games, such as "Call of Duty" and "Medal of Honor" series, they play.

All of the weapons fired, with the exception of the muskets provided by the re-enactors, are owned and maintained by the History Dept. using money from the Col. Vincent J. Esposito Endowment.

Bonura said the historical weapons shoot has been taking place for at least 20 years and is used not only as a tool to teach but also to recruit underclassmen to become history majors.



Cadets watch a demonstration about American weapons from the Revolutionary War through World War II as part of the historic weapons shoot May 2. The shoot offered cadets an opportunity to learn about and fire weapons used by American servicemembers and enemy fighters.

3,000-plus scouts join the Corps of Cadets

Story and photos by
Plebe Stan Harris
Scoutmasters Council Historian

The 47th West Point Camporee brought 141 Boy, Girl and Venture Scout troops, about 3,200 people, to Lake Frederick May 1-3 for the most selective scouting event in the nation. Scout troops came from the tri-state area from as far away as Virginia, Michigan, Ohio and California.

There were more than 280 Girl Scout, Boy Scout, and Venture troops who applied to the 2009 Camporee but fewer than half are accepted every year. Cow Brad Davis, Scout Council S-1, manages the selection process for the various application categories, including troop size and whether they intend to drive or backpack over Bull Pond Hill to the campsite.

"The Scoutmaster's Council strives to keep variety in the camporee by inviting different types of troops and by picking troops from across the country. It is as much about coming to West Point as it is about meeting other junior leaders from across the nation," Davis said.

Lt. Col. John Graham, Council officer representative, said, "these scouting organizations and the U.S. Military Academy share many of the same ideals of leader and character development. This is evident in each incoming USMA class—between 30-40 percent of the new cadet classes are Boy and Girl Scout participants. The Camporee also serves as a leadership laboratory for the cadets. You can imagine the coordination required to organize a three-day event on the open fields of MWR's Lake Frederick complex."

This year's camporee focused on leadership. Firstie Matthew Schlesinger, cadet-in-charge of the Council, said "I challenged every scout troop to rise to the scout motto and complete their goals. To help them meet the challenge, I assigned one cadet as a mentor to every scout troop."

For the visiting scout troops, the camporee is a test of junior leadership. Points were awarded in different categories including the grenade toss, fire starting, Swiss seat making, orienteering, knot tying, camouflage, wilderness survival and spirit. This year, the Top 3 finishers included a Venture, a Girl Scout and a Boy Scout troop.

Schlesinger also focused on cadet leadership development. Only two other firsties were on his primary staff, Derek Brown and Brian Kent. The rest of the staff were cows, yearlings and

even a plebe.

"We used this camporee to develop next year's club leadership. A few new innovations in parking and inprocessing worked great with this junior team," Brown said.

Since inception, the camporee has been a celebration of the ties between cadets and their scout troops. Cadet sponsorship is the most heavily weighted criteria in the invitation list.

About 100 of this year's troops have a direct relationship with a cadet. The cadet sponsors give their time planning and executing the camporee as an opportunity to thank the scout troop that nurtured and developed their desire to serve this country and live the scouting life.

This year's bonfire was the biggest ever. After lighting the huge woodpile, the evening was topped with talent shows, skits and music that carried across Central Valley. One scoutmaster commented, "This show is awesome. I don't think many people understand how 'cool' scouting really is."

The most impressive of the troops are called Lightfighters. This year, more than 30 of the troops took the challenge. While other troops back their vehicles up to their campsite and deposit tents and sleeping bags, the Lightfighters take the hard way.

They leave their vehicles behind at Camp Natural Bridge and hike the backwoods to Lake Frederick, including the infamous Bull Pond Hill. These troops are rewarded upon arrival with a special tab to be worn above the camporee patch on their uniforms and bragging rights.

Brigadier Gen. Minchael Linnington, Commandant of Cadets, presided over the closing ceremony and parade. Linnington, a West Point Camporee veteran, came with bags of Army uniform pins to trade with the visiting scouts.

After one trade of push ups for an eagle (colonel rank), the scout asked, "Are these as good as a yellow cadet brass? I was kind of hoping for one of those."

In reviewing the activities of the weekend, Linnington commented on how well-organized everything was.

"I am so impressed with this cadet-run event. Every comment from the visiting scouts is a testament to our cadets and their leadership," Linnington said.

The camporee depends upon a great deal of support from across West Point. The Garrison provides the use of the campsite, expertise and supporting materials.

"This is the first year that the camporee was entirely coordinated by staff. The garrison leaders worked directly with my team of fellow cadets



Brigadier Gen. Michael Linnington trades brass with a special needs scout from Dutchess County. One campsite at the camporee is set up to support scouts with special needs.

instead of going through the club OIC. We learned a lot that will pay off when we are platoon leaders," Kent said.

In fact, the Scoutmaster's Club is actually too small to run the entire event.

"We depend on other cadet clubs (to) provide demonstrations to include sky diving, weapons displays, rope bridges, radio operations, music and first aid," Yearling Cliff Lutz, Camporee operations officer said.

Without the whole USMA team the camporee would just be a bonfire by a lake.



Plebes Jason Crose and Nick Stark-King assist a scout in getting off of the one rope bridge.

Yearlings inspired through cemetery tour

Story and photos by
Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

As part of the Professional Military Ethic Education program, the yearling class of 2011 participated in the fourth annual Inspiration to Serve cemetery tour April 30. The tour is designed to inspire cadets as they approach Commitment Day.

"The tour (is a way) to create a bond between cadets and those who have gone before them and to reflect on the accomplishments of fallen graduates of the U.S. Military Academy and others who have made significant impact shaping the Long Gray Line," Maj. Chad DeBos, education officer for SCPME, said.

Roughly 900 cadets passed through the front gate of the West Point cemetery and learned about the legacies of 24 American patriots and historical figures from friends, family and former classmates.

Lieutenant Col. Ted Reich, associate professor in the English Dept., spoke to

cadets about his friend and classmate (class of 1991) Maj. William Hecker III, who was killed by an improvised explosive device in Iraq Jan. 5, 2006.

"I wish we had something like this when I was a cadet," Reich said. "I think we had tours on the historical aspect of the cemetery, but that was about it. Now we have people who will bring (the fallen) to life so cadets can get a real sense of that person."

Cow Andy Ferrara spoke to cadets about his brother, Capt. Matthew Ferrara, (class of 2005), who was killed in Afghanistan Nov. 9, 2007. Ferrara followed his brothers, Marcus (class of 1997) and Matthew, to West Point.

Cow Daniel Hall believes one problem with cadets is they don't have an appreciation of the traditions at West Point or what others have given to West Point and the Army.

"The tour (last year) was an inspiration to me," Hall said. "It's not only the history of the cemetery, but the personal stories we heard about those who are here. Some were not much older than us."



Cow Andy Ferrara presents his brother, Capt. Matthew Ferrara (class of 2005), to the yearlings during the fourth annual cemetery tour April 30. Matthew died in Afghanistan Nov. 9, 2007. The tour will bring those who have gone before them to life for a brief moment to realize what can be accomplished as a career officer in the Army.



Chaplain (Maj.) Carlos Huerta presents Capt. Vincent Generoso, class of 1996, to the yearling class at the fourth annual cemetery tour April 30. Huerta was a good friend of Generoso, who succumbed to cancer in 2005.



MIT Soldier Design winners

Team WACT (Weapon Activated Controlled Turret), with Firstie members Nathaniel Clark, Wesley Kotz, Thomas Anderson and Briana Stremick, advised by Gunnar Tamm, Ph.D., and Ozer Arnas, Ph.D., Dept. of Civil and Mechanical Engineering, "wracked" up another win at Projects Day winning the new Scott Clark Award for Innovation. The team is seeking to patent the novel design idea that also won them this year's first place team award at the sixth annual MIT Soldier Design Competition. They presented their designs focused on helping Soldiers and came away victorious for the third year in a row, claiming the first-place school trophy and a majority of the prizes. The third-place award went to Team Photo Trail's sole member, Firstie Roy Ragsdale, advised by Col. Grant Jacoby of Dept. of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, and was a low-cost, low-power, light-weight system that automatically captures, processes and overlays geo-rectified imagery for instant use by Soldiers.

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A Spouse's Point of View

Truth, Justice and the American Way

By Janine Boldrin

As a little girl, I wanted to be Wonder Woman. I would spin in front of my bedroom mirror over and over again expecting that (eventually) I would turn into my favorite superhero just as Lynda Carter did in the television show. But instead of my Strawberry Shortcake nightgown turning into Wonder Woman's dazzling red, white and blue costume, I just ended up with a bad headache from spinning around too much.

Now, more than 25 years later, I still look up to women of wonder.

They are the military spouses who have battled for good often in the middle of difficult circumstances. And, in my years as an Army spouse, I have considered these women to be my informal mentors whose "superpowers" I aspire to having.

My friend Jana was one of the first Army wives I met. And she possessed the power of "x-ray vision." Jana, the wife of a sergeant, had the ability to see through the fog of Army wife life and gave me a perspective that I still try to keep in mind today. She taught me the importance of seeing the person first and their military persona second. And she showed me that it is possible to still seek out your own dreams amidst the tumult of military life.

The superpower of "compassionate conduct" was something I saw best exhibited by an Army wife at our third duty station. Kim, the wife of a brigade commander, was the type of person who tried to remember each spouse's name and always showed a genuine interest in how you were doing.

I often wish I possessed her ability to be reserved in her criticism and thoughtful in her responses. Superheroes show kindness and help others and that was the kind of person this military spouse was ... the Green Lantern

of Army Wives.

Challenging times can break people but also make others great leaders. Esther was another spouse "superhero" I met who had the power of "super strength." With little thought for her own sanity, this superhero wife led the Families through deployments by leaping tall issues with a single bound and solving problems faster than a speeding bullet. And her super emotional strength was put into action in the most difficult of deployment circumstances.

I still witness the superpowers of Army wives at work. There is the League of Casserole Dishes who was called into action when my baby arrived. The Volunteer Maven next door who is always ready when there is a position to be filled. The Lady of Empathy, an experienced spouse, who extends a hand of kindness and mentorship to younger spouses. And the strongest superhero of all, the Duchess of Deployment, who faces the upcoming months with strength, determination and hope.

There are many military spouses that go about their daily business with capes tucked underneath their jackets performing feats both big and small.

Without the aid of a Lasso of Truth, an invisible jet or the sparkly red, white and blue costume, they use their superpowers for good. They are armed with a military identification card and Tricare on speed dial and the knowledge that the person they offer help to today may be the person who will help them tomorrow.

(Editor's note: Janine Boldrin is a writer, a mother and an Army spouse. To contact her about your experiences as a military spouse at West Point email her at janineboldrin@gmail.com. On Friday, take a moment to celebrate your role as a military spouse by attending some of the events around West Point on Military Spouse Appreciation Day.)

Keller Corner

Childbirth Preparation Classes

Classes will be held monthly. The next series will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 19, 26, June 2 and 9 in KACH second floor classroom.

Call obstetrics to register at 938-3210.

Preventive Medicine & Wellness move

Preventive Medicine & Wellness will be moving back to their former location in Bldg. 606 floor 3M Friday.

PM&W includes the following services, occupational health, public health nursing,

industrial hygiene and environmental science.

The department will be closed this afternoon and all day Friday, May 11-12.

For more information, call 938-3055 for occupational health or 938-2676 for public health nursing and preventive medicine.

KACH closure

All outpatient clinics, laboratory, pharmacy and radiology will be closed May 25 in observance of Memorial Day.

The emergency room will remain open.

BBC LifeWorks events

Contest for completing the DA residents survey

Complete the Headquarters, Department of the Army Survey (On-Post), being sent to residents the week of May 9, mail it and then come to the Balfour Beatty Communities office at 132 Bartlett Loop to complete an entry form for upcoming drawings.

A winner's name remains for all the drawings. Prizes include \$50 gift cards, river cruises, gift basket from Woodbury Commons Outlets and an overnight stay at the Hampton Inn in Woodbury. The grand prize is a flat screen TV.

Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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Command Channel 8/23 May 7-14

Army Newswatch (broadcast times) Thursday-Friday, Monday-May 14
8:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

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What's Happening

Volkssport Club

The Volkssport Club of West Point is participating in a walking tour of Lower Manhattan Saturday. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. at the New Balance shoe store, 51 W. 42nd St.

The 11-kilometer trail visits the Hudson River Esplanade with views of Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty, South Street Seaport, Financial District, Stock Exchange and Ground Zero.

This walk qualifies for AVA special programs American Revolutions Walks, Cemetery Stroll, Courthouses, Islands, Riverwalk America and U.S. Presidents.

For more information, call 446-4709.

Mother's Day cruise

A Mother's Day Hudson cruise is scheduled for 2:30-5:30 p.m. Sunday. Entertainment will be provided by O'Neill High School Chorus. For information, call Linda Shoop at 446-8341.

Academic luncheon

The sixth annual Academic Luncheon celebrating teaching and learning at West Point will be held at 11:30 a.m. Monday at the West Point Club.

Keynote speaker will be Joseph Lowman, professor of psychology at the University of North Carolina

at Chapel Hill and author of "Mastering the Techniques of Teaching."

The West Point community is invited to attend.

Reservations are required by Monday. For more information, ticket prices and reservations, contact Kermit Allen at the Center for Teaching Excellence at 938-5502 or kermit.allen@usma.edu.

Safety seat inspections

Child safety seat inspections will be performed from 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. May 14 at the Stony Lonesome Road Fire Station.

Certified child passenger safety technicians from the Rockland County Sheriff's Department will inspect for proper installation and use and will check seats against a list of recalls.

The event is open to active-duty and DoD civilians on a first come, first-served basis. Inspections could take up to 30 minutes.

Bring military ID cards and children, if possible. For more information, call the West Point Safety Office at 938-3717.

Football concession meeting

All non-profit groups and cadet clubs interested in fundraising opportunities are invited to a football concession meeting 6-8 p.m. May 14 at Benny's Lounge in

Eisenhower Hall.

For more information or to R.S.V.P., contact Maria Hoagland at maria.hoagland@usma.edu.

Boater's safety course

A boater's safety course is scheduled for 9 a.m.-5 p.m. May 16 at the Education Center, Bldg. 683.

A boater's safety course is required in New York for anyone using a jet ski or anyone younger than 18 operating a motorized boat. The class is open to the West Point community, and attendees must be registered by Saturday.

To sign up or for more information, including fees, call 938-5964.

Youth football

Registration for the Junior Black Knights' 2009 season is at 10 a.m.-noon May 16 at the West Point Youth Center. Football players and cheerleaders ages 5-14 may sign up.

New players must bring a copy of their birth certificate, and all players must provide a 2009 medical consent form or physical.

For more information, including costs to participate, visit www.jrblackknights.com or call Ben Liotta at 558-5406 for football and Linda Green at 446-5615 for cheerleading.

NOW SHOWING

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Friday -- Race To Witch Mountain, PG, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday -- Monsters Vs. Aliens, PG, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday -- Fast and Furious, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.
May 15 -- Fast and Furious, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
May 16 -- Monsters Vs. Aliens, PG, 7:30 p.m.
May 16 -- Knowing, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.

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



Fishing derby fun

Some community members braved the cold and wind to come to the annual fishing derby at Round Pond May 2. Roxa Aquilar (left) caught a trout and dad, Alexander, confirms that a fish is on the end of the pole.

FMWR Blurbs

AER campaign

Army Emergency Relief campaign will continue through May 15.

For more information, contact Amy Weyhrauch at 938-5839 or amy.weyhrauch@us.army.mil.

Appreciation dinner

Military Spouse Appreciation Dinner a la carte is scheduled for 5-9 p.m. Friday at the West Point Club.

Buy one dinner, get a free dinner of equal or less value.

For more information, call 938-5120.

Job fair

In support of Military Spouse Appreciation Day, representatives from the Army Community Services Employment Readiness Program and Soldier and Family Assistance Center will be at AAFES 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Friday during the AAFES mini job fair for spouses.

Spouses will be offered the opportunity to take free interest assessments and receive information about upcoming events that are designed for spouses searching for employment.

For more information, call 938-5658.

MOMC luncheon

Month of the Military Child luncheon is scheduled for 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday at the Victor Constant Ski Lodge.

There is no charge for Families of deployed Soldiers. Tickets are on sale at the CDC, Bldg. 1207.

For more information, call 938-3921.

Mother's Day brunch

Mother's Day Brunch is scheduled for Sunday at the West Point Club.

Two seatings are available—11 a.m. in the Pierce Dining Room and 1 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom.

For reservations, call 938-5120.

Appreciation night

Membership Appreciation Night is

scheduled for 5-8 p.m. May 15 at the West Point Club.

A free buffet and dessert bar will be offered for club members. There is a fee for nonmembers. Live entertainment is planned, and prizes will be given away.

For more information, call 938-5120.

Teen workshops

A free workshop for teens about how to become rich is scheduled for 3:15-4:15 p.m. May 19, and a workshop about communication and teamwork skills for the workplace is scheduled from 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.

Employment workshop

ACS Employment Readiness Program is hosting a workshop about careers in real estate from 1:30-3 p.m. May 21 and a medical transcription information session from 10-11:30 a.m. May 22.

Reservations are required and may be made by calling 938-5658. All workshops will be held at ACS, Bldg. 622.

Job interviews

Interviews are being held May 21 and June 18 at ACS, Bldg. 622, for all military Family members interested in employment with Occupations Inc. and Family Empowerment.

Call 938-5658 to schedule an interview.

Workshops

ACS Employment Readiness Program is hosting a workshop about conducting an effective job search from 9:30-11 a.m. May 14, how to start a franchise from 9:30-11:30 a.m. June 9, secrets to resume success from 1:30-3 p.m. June 12 and interviewing and dressing for success from 10-11:30 a.m. June 26.

All workshops are held at ACS, Bldg. 622. Call 938-5658 to register.

English classes

English for Language Learners, an English as a second language class, is offered 9-10:30 a.m. for beginners and 10:35 a.m.-12:15 p.m. for advanced students Tuesdays and Thursdays through July 2 at ACS, Bldg. 622.

Free child care is available.

For more information, call ACS Relocation

Program at 938-3487.

Military Spouse Appreciation Day

Military Spouse Appreciation Day is Friday. The West Point Club will be hosting Bunco night in honor of the military spouse tonight.

On Friday, several organizations will share their appreciation of military spouses.

The West Point Post Exchange will feature a 5 percent discount off total purchases (maximum of \$50 off) and gift card drawings throughout the day.

The Flower Shop will offer \$3 off the purchase of a flower arrangement valued at \$30 or more.

The Frame Shop will be giving a 10 percent discount off the purchase of a military spouse's plaque.

A Travel Trade Show with Orange County Tourism Board is planned at the Jewish Chapel.

The West Point Commissary will be hosting a drawing for a free washer and dryer.

The West Point Bowling Center will offer discount bowling.

Buy a large bucket of golf balls at the West Point Golf Course and receive a free small bucket for a military spouse. Get a free greens fee for a spouse with one paid green and cart fee.

The West Point Club is offering half-price pizza and free dining for the military spouse with a lunch purchase.

Preschool enrollment

Enrollment for part-day preschool for academic year 2009-10 will be held at 8 a.m. Monday-May 15 for Families of deployed Soldiers and warriors in transition, May 18-22 for other military children and May 25-29 for children of DOD civilians.

No phone calls will be taken to register for this program. To register, visit the Child Development Services Center, Bldg. 1207.

For more information, call 938-3921.

Red Cross training

The American Red Cross of Greater New York and West Point FMWR will be offering a free course in CPR/AED for adults, children and infants for military personnel and their Families.

The course is ideal for daycare providers, teachers, parents or anyone who cares for children.

The session will be held 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. May 16. To register, call (212) 875-2253.

SFAC Classes

The Soldier and Family Assistance Center is presenting a job fair preparation class from 10-11:30 a.m. May 19 and a Traumatic Servicemembers Group Life Insurance class from 10-11:30 a.m. May 26 in Bldg. 626.

Registration is required and is open to warriors-in-transition and their Families first. To register for the job fair class, call Peggie Taylor at 938-0634.

To register for the TSGLI class, call Megan Calero at 938-0632.

Army Ten-Miler

FMWR will send four active-duty Soldiers—one male and one female in the open division and one male and one female ages 40 and older in the master's division—to the Army Ten-Miler Oct. 4 in Washington. FMWR will be using the West Point 10k May 16 as a qualifier for the Army Ten-Miler Team.

Once registered for the West Point 10k, send an e-mail to sheryle.miller@usma.edu to be considered for the Army Ten-Miler Team. For more information, call 938-6497.

West Point 5/10k

Registration for the West Point 5/10k continues through May 14. Race day is May 16. To register online, visit www.active.com and enter keyword "west point."

For more information, call 938-6497.

Running group

FMWR Fitness will have a beginner's running group through May 29.

Beginning runners will work toward a two-mile goal. The group will be led by Certified Personal Trainer Andrea Ingram.

For more information or to sign up, call 938-6490 or e-mail everywomanfitness@hotmail.com.

Job listings

The Employment Readiness Program offers weekly job listings to military Family members. This is a free service.

To list available openings with the Employment Readiness Program, e-mail amyjo.johnson@usma.edu.

SKIES Instructional Program

CYS Services SKIES Instructional Program Sessions are ongoing.

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

DePolo, McClain to lead softball's new era

By Eric S. Bartelt
Assistant Editor

It was a bittersweet ending to the 2009 season for the Army softball team. They walked off the field cautiously jubilant after a 3-2 win over Bucknell in Jim Flowers' final game as head coach April 26 but later in the day had their playoff dreams crushed with Lafayette's come-from-behind victory over Colgate.

It marked the first time Army softball (21-34) hasn't participated in postseason play since 1999; however, the thought of not making the playoffs will serve as a prime motivator heading into next season for the young squad.

"We can't take anything for granted," Cow catcher Erin McClain said. "We have to make sure that in every single practice and every single game we're utilizing the time we have and we're maximizing our opportunities to win."

McClain served as co-captain this season with the team's only firstie, centerfielder Sarah Yates, and regardless of her highly positive attitude for next fall, McClain is still disheartened by this year's ending.

"It was very disappointing because we thought with our new class (of plebes) that came in that we had a good shot of actually winning the Patriot League," McClain said. "To not even make it was a huge upset in my mind."

McClain finished the season second in team batting at .315, behind only plebe first basemen Alexis AuBuchon's exceptional .359 batting average, which is the third time in as many years that she finished in the Top 3 on the team in hitting. However, she was more excited to return to her security blanket in the field—behind the plate—after spending most of the past two seasons playing third base.

"I love playing catcher. I like catching because I'm comfortable with it and I've been catching since I was 4 years old—it's always been my position," McClain explained.

"I love it because you are directly involved in every single (defensive) play. I like the mental aspect of it where I can think of every single pitch that I call—I enjoy it."

McClain was upset her plebe year after Melissa Garza got hurt, which led to a shift in the entire infield and took her from catcher to third base.

McClain made the move without much hassle, despite her feelings, because she knew it would help the team even though, "it was a position I wasn't familiar with and that threw me out of my comfort zone."

Assistant coach Michelle DePolo, now Army's new head softball coach, and Flowers trusted McClain to call every game this year and that gave her much confidence in returning to that position.

"That says a lot about a coach to respect a player and trust a player to make the right call," McClain said. "A lot of other teams don't let their catchers do that. It's a good feeling to have their trust."

DePolo sees McClain as the complete package, hitting and fielding, and a great leader for the team. DePolo believes McClain has the intangibles to be the leader that takes the team back to the postseason next year.

"She's always looking to see what she can do better and embracing the role of coming to the plate with runners on base," DePolo said. "She is a great hitter by nature. She has the confidence and ability to carry the team."

"Defensively, any pitcher is only as good as its catcher and that really held true with our catcher and pitchers this year," DePolo added. "(McClain) took hold of a young, inexperienced (pitching) staff at the college level, I let her call all the games and I completely trusted her. She knows what she's doing and she controls the tempo out there."

Besides McClain, DePolo has a team filled with rising stars and is excited about next year because she saw great promise from many of the plebes who started feeling comfortable in their roles by the end



Cow catcher Erin McClain finished second on the Army softball team in batting with a .315 average and runs batted in with 25 while leading the team in doubles with 11. It is the third straight season she has finished in the Top 3 in average.

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of the season.

It started with a pitching staff that relied heavily on 2008 graduate Veronica Barth the previous two seasons, which left them with a pitching staff this year with a career record of 3-21. It was a learning experience, especially with McClain becoming the full-time catcher for the first time, but the team came away in a much better position than how they finished the previous season.

"We entered with a completely new staff, but we cut our team (earned run average) by nearly two runs (5.08 to 3.67) and that's huge," DePolo said. "(Plebe) Shawna (Bleyl) did a great job stepping up on the mound. She came in without any intentions of pitching at all."

"(Bleyl) pitched in the past, but prefers to play in the field," she added. "She did a tremendous job shouldering most of the league games for us."

DePolo felt many of the freshmen

made an impact offensively and defensively, which included playing as many as six in the starting lineup on occasion. DePolo was impressed by plebe infielders AuBuchon, Clara Navarro and Rachael Duval and outfielder Reanna Johnson. Duval led the team in home runs with six while Johnson finished third in batting behind AuBuchon and McClain with a .298 batting average.

"Sarah Yates did a great job mentoring Reanna Johnson and (Johnson) was a great surprise," DePolo said. "She did a great job coming along throughout the season. She struggled a lot coming in on balls early in the season, but then she turned out to be great at it by the end. It was a matter of getting reps and getting things done."

Next fall, DePolo will feel a little bit like a plebe herself, although she has been an assistant the last two years at Army it will be her first experience as head coach at the Division I level.

The 2003 graduate and three-sport (softball, basketball, soccer) athlete from Georgian Court will take over for Flowers, who guided the Army softball team for the past 19 years.

DePolo knows she is not quite the same personality as Flowers, but said it's important to stay true to herself and not to be something she is not in guiding the team.

"There are a lot of ways to be successful as a coach, but the most important thing is to be true to yourself," DePolo said. "You can't fake anything because it's going to come out eventually and then you're going to be worse off than ever. The one thing I've done over the past two years is get to know myself really well ... things I like about myself, dislike, things I'm working

on, things I'm proficient at and I'm trying to be consistent and always optimistic.

"I'm a huge believer in that everything is done and your successes and pitfalls are found and analyzed at practices—it's done when no one else is looking," she added. "So when it comes to game day for the team and the coaching staff, it should be easier than any other day—it's pure execution. I try not to turn it up or down on game day, I like to be as consistent as possible regardless of whether we're winning or losing and it's something we try to drive home with the girls."

Next year will be full of obstacles for DePolo from trying to get the team back into the postseason to taking over an academy softball diamond legend in Flowers, but she's overcome much more in the past.

DePolo was born with a hole in a valve in her heart, which later required two open-heart surgeries as an infant. But, that didn't stop her from being successful in life and maximizing her potential as an athlete and as a coach.

With her determination and excellent recruiting skills that brought in a strong group of plebes this past year and another expected strong class next year, the team is ready to perform its playoff best for her.

"I think everyone is pretty excited and we feel like it's a new start (with DePolo as coach)," McClain said. "We have a group of freshmen who are talented and really contributed to the team this year. With a new coach, who brought them in and has a connection to them, we feel like the program is going to change in a positive way. We believe we'll win a lot more games next year."



New Army head softball coach Michelle DePolo (right) takes over for Jim Flowers next season. Flowers guided Army for the past 19 years while DePolo earns her first Division I level head coaching job.

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Army men earn 17th PL track and field title

By Mark Brumbaugh
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The Army men's track and field team won 10 of the 22 contested events to cruise to their 17th Patriot League Outdoor Track and Field Championship in 18 years May 2 at Shea Stadium. The Army win gives the men's team their first sweep of the cross country (fall), indoor track (winter) and outdoor track (spring) Patriot League Championships since 2001-02.

Yearling Domonick Sylve (110-meter hurdles), Yearling Alfred McDaniel (100 meters), Plebe Michael Hutchins (400 meters), Cow Andrew Tingan (800 meters), Yearling Torre Santiago (1,500 meters), Firstie Jonathan Anderson (10,000 meters), Plebe Tom Wagner (high jump) and junior Adam Schwartz (discus) all won individual titles. Army's 4x100- and 4x400-meter relay teams were victorious, as well.

Plebe Jermaine Wright (200 meters), Yearling Chris Michels (400 meters), Cow Andrew Ferrara (800 meters), Hutchins (high jump and long jump), Firstie Archie Smith (triple jump), Plebe Trent Kraychir (hammer), Cow Kirk Chitwood (steeplechase) and Cow Matt Nulk all earned Second-Team All-Patriot League honors.

Sylve was named the Most Outstanding Male Track Athlete of the Meet after defending his title in the 110m hurdles by matching his personal-best, NCAA regional

qualifying time of 14.07 seconds. He won in 2008 with the same time.

The Long Beach, Calif., native also medaled in the 100m dash with a third-place finish in a personal-best 10.86 seconds. Wright was fourth in 10.86 seconds. McDaniel, Sylve, Wright and Cow Zach Batcho led Army to their fifth consecutive title in the 4x100-meter relay with a season-best time of 41.52 seconds.

"Domonick Sylve just missed the Patriot League record (of 14.03) that's been standing for over a decade. (Army hurdler) T.J. Peterson's record is one of the strongest conference records," said head coach Troy Engle. "Dom's back where he was last year at this time. He's the real deal."

Hutchins was named the Most Outstanding Male Rookie of the Meet after winning in his first attempt at the 400-meter dash since his victorious Patriot League indoor championship debut in the event. The Saint Charles, Mo., native finished in 48.73 seconds. Michels followed in 48.95 while Firstie Larry Choate also scored in fourth place in 49.44 seconds.

"I bet Hutch wishes he never volunteered for that 'B' 4x400 relay in Boston (in February) when we identified his talent at 400 meters," Engle joked. "Hutch will do anything that he can for the team, and he doesn't even need to be asked. He's the consummate team player. One thing that separates the Army track and field program



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from most other programs is that we have a team of 40 that, on any given day, will take the field like that. Hutch is that rare combination of phenomenal talent and a great team spirit."

The plebe Army duo of Wagner and Hutchins claimed the Top 2 places in the high jump. Wagner posted a personal-best, IC4A qualifying mark of 6-8 3/4 to win while Hutchins was the runner up at 6-6 3/4. Hutchins was also second in the long jump with a leap of 23-0 on May 1.

Army has now swept the cross country and track trio of championships seven times, also doing so before in 1993-94, 1994-95, 1995-96, 1996-97 and 2000-01.

The win marks the fifth time Army has swept the three Star Meets and Patriot League Championships in the same year. Army previously completed the feat in four consecutive years (1993-94, 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97).

"This team has set a standard now of very high performances when the chips are in the pot," Engle said. "Navy meets and Patriot League meets seem to be their bread-and-butter. Everyone steps it up. We also did this without the services of Brandon Thurman, who was out with a lingering injury. To win big without a guy like that is just a testament to the incredible, high-level performances the team has had all year."

Engle, in his first year at the helm of the Army track and field program, was named the men's Patriot League track coach of the year. He received the same honor at the indoor meet in February.

McDaniel qualified for the IC4A Championships by defending his title in the 100m dash. He placed first in a personal-best 10.68 seconds.

Army also finished first and second in the 800m run. Tingan claimed his first career Patriot

League championship in 1:52.53 while the Patriot League Outdoor Track Scholar Athlete of the Year, Andy Ferrara, was second in 1:53.02.

Schwartz won the discus with a throw of 162 feet, one inch to lead a group of four Army scorers. Cow Kurt Bujewski was third (156-2), Firstie Michael Simmons was fifth (146-10) and Nulk was sixth (145-5).

Santiago cruised to victory in the 1500-meter run in a personal-best, IC4A qualifying 3:48.53.

The Black Knights capped the day with a win in the 4x400m relay. Choate anchored the winning effort

by crossing the line in 3:17.57. Tingan, Michels and Ferrara ran the first three legs.

On May 1, Anderson successfully fended off a late challenge from Holy Cross's Brad Mish to defend his title in the 10,000-meter run.

The Cinnaminson, N.J., native held on for the narrow victory, crossing the line in a personal-best, IC4A qualifying 30 minutes, 43.21 seconds. Mish was a mere fourth-tenths behind in 30:43.61.

The IC4A and ECAC Championships are next for the Army track and field teams. Those meets will take place at Princeton, N.J., from May 15-17.



Yearling Domonick Sylve was named the Most Outstanding Male Track Athlete of the Meet after defending his 110-meter hurdles title by matching his personal-best, NCAA regional qualifying time 14.07 seconds.

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Sports calendar May 7-17

FRIDAY -- WOMEN'S TENNIS,
NCAA REGIONALS @ MIAMI
(FLA.), 1 P.M.

SUNDAY -- BASEBALL VS. HOLY
CROSS (GAME 3, IF NECESSARY),
DOUBLEDAY FIELD, PATRIOT LEAGUE
TOURNAMENT SEMIFINALS, 1 P.M.

SATURDAY -- BASEBALL VS. HOLY
CROSS (DH), DOUBLEDAY FIELD,
PATRIOT LEAGUE TOURNAMENT
SEMIFINALS, NOON.

Club

NO HOME EVENTS SCHEDULED.

Noontime Volleyball Standings

*Standings as of May 4

NORTH DIVISION		SOUTH DIVISION	
W - L		W - L	
16 - 4	1. ODIA/PAO	16 - 4	1. CME
14 - 6	2. MATH #1	14 - 6	2. D/SE
14 - 6	3. SOC. SCI. #1	14 - 6	3. Physics
13 - 7	4. DPE	14 - 6	4. D/LAW
12 - 8	5. EECS	12 - 8	5. NSSB
11 - 9	6. GENE	12 - 8	6. USMA Band
11 - 9	7. MATH #2	9 - 11	7. SOC. SCI. #2
10 - 10	8. BTD/USCC	9 - 11	8. English
5 - 15	9. DMI	5 - 15	9. CLS
3 - 17	10. History	5 - 15	10. MATH #3
1 - 19	11. DFL	0 - 20	11. MEDDAC

Baseball routs NJIT 17-0; hosts PL semifinals

By Bob Beretta
Athletic Communications

Firstie right fielder Kyle Fleming ripped a grand slam home run and Yearling shortstop Clint Moore added a three-run shot as Army completed a three-game weekend sweep of NJIT by shutting out the Highlanders 17-0 on Senior Day, Sunday at soggy Doubleday Field.

With a steady light rain falling throughout the contest, Army jumped on NJIT starter Chris Parenti for five runs on five hits in the bottom of the first inning and never looked back, running its season-long winning streak to six games.

Army (28-17) took a 3-0 lead after sending its first three batters to the plate as Plebe second baseman Zach Price drew a leadoff walk and advanced to third on Firstie center fielder Andy Ernesto's double to the gap in left-center field. Moore followed with his fifth home run in six games, a three-run shot over the fence in left-center field.

After Yearling first baseman Kevin McKague grounded out, Firstie designated hitter J.P. Polchinski was hit by a pitch, the first of seven Army batters to be hit by pitches on Sunday.

Yearling left fielder Ben Koenigsfeld and Fleming singled to load the bases before Firstie third baseman Tony Capozzi's groundout



Yearling shortstop Clint Moore extended his hitting to 12 games Sunday in a 17-0 victory over NJIT. He has been hitting lights out the past nine games by racking up a robust .581 batting average (18-for-31) with six home runs and 26 runs batted in.

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to first plated Polchinski with Army's fourth run of the first inning. An RBI single up the middle by Plebe catcher J.T. Watkins stretched Army's lead to 5-0 as the Black Knights sent 10 batters to the plate in the opening stanza.

The Black Knights added an unearned run in the second inning, then benefitted from a two-out rally to push across two more runs

off Parenti in the third. Watkins ignited Army's offense in the third with a double down the left-field line. Price singled up the middle to score Watkins and Ernesto's second double of the day delivered Price, increasing the Black Knights' advantage to 8-0.

Army put the game out of reach against Highlander reliever Steven Ace with four runs on four hits in the

fourth inning to build its cushion to 12-0. A two-run double by Capozzi, Watkins' sacrifice fly and an RBI single by Ernesto accounted for the runs.

NJIT (4-28), meanwhile, mustered little offensively opposite Army pitchers Yearling Kirk Porter, Firstie Austin Grimes, Yearling Joey Henshaw and McKague. The Highlanders managed just two singles over the first seven innings and advanced its only runner into scoring position when Vincent DelVecchio smacked a leadoff single and moved to second on a groundout with two outs in the eighth. But NJIT was unable to advance a single runner to third base the entire game against Army's quartet of hurlers.

Porter improved his record to 5-3, firing five shutout innings. He allowed only a single and a double while striking out four and walking one. Grimes followed with a perfect inning of relief in the sixth. Henshaw yielded only DelVecchio's single over his two-inning stint, while McKague retired the side in order in the ninth, closing out the Black Knights' three-hit shutout.

The Black Knights capped their sixth straight double digit scoring

output with five runs on five hits in the seventh inning. Fleming's first career grand slam homer, and fifth round-tripper of the season, highlighted the inning. His line shot over the right-field fence marked the Black Knights' second grand slam in two days.

Ernesto, one of six Army firsties to be honored before the game during Senior Day festivities, paced Army's 18-hit attack with a strong offensive showing. He went 4-for-6 with two doubles, two runs scored and three runs batted in. The Black Knights' standout center fielder also moved within one double of Army's career record (44).

Moore, meanwhile, continued his recent offensive tear. Though recording just two official plate appearances Sunday, the sophomore shortstop reached base during all six of his trips to the plate, drawing two walks, getting hit by a pair of pitches and reaching on an NJIT fielding error to complement his three-run homer in the first, which extended his hitting streak to 12 games.

Moore is batting a robust .581 (18-31) with three doubles, three triples, six home runs, 21 runs scored and 26 runs batted in during his last nine games. He has posted a slugging percentage of 1.452 and an on-base percentage of .667 during that span, collecting seven multiple hit showings and eight multi-RBI efforts. He has garnered multiple runs batted in during each of his last six games and has drawn within nine RBI of the single season school record of 67 established by Mike Scioletti in 1997.

Moore is batting .410 with 15 doubles, nine home runs, 49 runs scored and 58 runs batted in this spring. He has registered 111 total bases while posting a slugging percentage of .771 and an on-base mark of .497.

As regular season co-champion of the Patriot League, No. 2 seed Army will host No. 3 seed Holy Cross in a best-of-three Patriot League Tournament semifinal series this weekend at Doubleday Field.

The teams will play a doubleheader beginning at noon Saturday with game three, if necessary, set for Sunday at 1 p.m.

Powering past Marist



Yearling designated hitter Joey Henshaw smashed a home run and celebrated with head coach Joe Sottolano while rounding third base during Army's 10-3 victory over the Red Foxes April 29 at the fourth annual WPDH Hudson Valley Classic at Dutchess Stadium. Army evened the series at two apiece before a crowd of 2,754.

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CLUB RESULTS

• **Sailing team:** The Army sailing team capped off its spring season May 2 with a home win in the Army 2-on-2 team race regatta, beating RMC and four other teams to take the overall team race trophy with a final match record of 4-1.

Led by skippers Cow Erik Olsen and Yearling Alex Lovo and their crews Cow Ben Frost and Yearling Ed Hudelson, West Point sailed strongly in its matches, beating Columbia University, Royal Military College, University of Maryland, and varsity team Christopher Newport in head-to-head competitions.

The team lost its only match against Webb Institute in a race that came down to an all-out sprint to the finish in the last leg of the course.

This was West Point's first overall win of the spring season and places the team in great shape for a 23-regatta season next fall.

The final standing were: 1. West Point (4-1), 2. Maryland (3-2), 3. Webb Institute (3-2), 4. Christopher Newport (2-3), 5. RMC (2-3), 6. Columbia (1-4).