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Baseball Patriot League championship series, Saturday DH starts at noon at Doubleday Field See page 19.



"The winner of the 2008-09 Cadet Choice Award is ..."

Michael Usan (right), executive producer of "The Dark Knight," holds the 2008-09 Cadet Choice Award he received from the Corps of Cadets during a lunchtime ceremony May 8. The Cadet Choice Award is presented annually to the actor, screenwriters and producers of a movie character that best embodies value-based leadership. Pictured with Usan are Firstie Larry Choate; Cadet First Captain Ben Amsler; Firstie Cristin Browne, U.S. Corps of Cadets public affairs officer/S-2, who oversaw the contest; and Usan's wife, Nancy.

ERIC BARTELT/PV

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Buffalo Soldier Field lot gets pattern facelift

By Maj. Derek Stanton
Directorate of Emergency Services

The Directorate of Emergency Services in conjunction with the Directorate of Public Works has modified the traffic pattern at Buffalo Soldier Field parking lot.

The major change to traffic is for vehicles entering the parking lot from the east (Thayer Gate) will no longer be authorized to enter using the center lane.

That lane will only be accessed in and out from the west (Swift Road) and will be for parking only; not for through traffic.

The northern lane will be for vehicles entering the parking lot from the east, and the southern lane will be for vehicles entering the parking lot from the west.

The change is designed to establish a systematic flow of traffic to reduce the potential for traffic collisions.



Sobriety Checkpoint
Saturday and Sunday

West Point honors 6 distinguished graduates

By Emily Tower
Staff Writer

The West Point Association of Graduates plans to honor six distinguished graduates at 11 a.m. Tuesday during the alumni exercise and review ceremony on the Plain.

The distinguished graduate honor first was awarded in 1992. Awardees are nominated by presidents of West Point societies and U.S. Military Academy classes and are chosen by an AOG committee.

The committee selected retired Gen. John P. Abizaid, retired Lt. Gen. Robert F. Foley, retired Air Force Lt. Gen. James D. Hughes, retired Gen. Thomas A. Schwartz, retired Gen. Eric K. Shinseki and retired Gen. Donn A. Starry as this year's distinguished graduates.

John P. Abizaid, Class of 1973: Abizaid was commissioned into the infantry and served at Fort Bragg, N.C., and Fort Lewis, Wash., before attending the Defense Language Institute. He also studied at the University of Jordan in Amman via an Olmstead Scholarship and at Harvard.

As a captain, he deployed to Grenada in command of a company of the 1st Ranger

Battalion. He later deployed to Northern Iraq in 1991 in command of the 325th Airborne Battalion Combat Team. As a brigade commander, he led efforts in Haiti in 1995.

He also served as executive assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, special assistant to the Army Vice Chief of Staff and United Nations observer and operations officer for Observer Group Lebanon in 1985-86.

As a general officer, Abizaid was the 66th Commandant of Cadets, assistant division commander of the 1st Armored and 1st Infantry Divisions, commander of the 1st Infantry when it deployed to Kosovo and was combatant commander of U.S. Central Command, among other duties.

After he retired from the Army, Abizaid was named Annenberg Distinguished Visiting Fellow at the Hoover Institution, Stanford University. Among his many memberships and directorships, he is the Distinguished Chair of the Combating Terrorism Center at West Point.

Robert F. Foley, Class of 1963: Foley received the Medal of Honor for actions in Vietnam while serving as commander of Company A, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry

Regiment, 25th Infantry Division.

On Nov. 5, 1966, Foley's company encountered enemy forces after being ordered to assist another company. He ran to the enemy to command the company and was wounded, according to his Medal of Honor citation. He helped move several wounded Soldiers to medical care and charged the enemy with a machine gun he took from a wounded Soldier. All the while, he maintained order and continued to command the battlefield.

When enemy fire became too heavy, he ordered troops to take cover while he advanced on the enemy alone until wounded Soldiers could be evacuated.

He was wounded again by a grenade but refused medical treatment and continued to engage the enemy. He destroyed three enemy gun emplacement positions and kept up the fight for several hours until the mission was successful.

Following his service in Vietnam, Foley was requested by name to be a company tactical officer for the Corps of Cadets by then-Brig. Gen. Sam Walker, the Commandant of Cadets, in 1969.

Foley later commanded a battalion in
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New info will help with upcoming moves

Submitted by Directorate of Logistics

Those leaving West Point this summer will notice significant changes to the traditional personal property shipment process.

The Department of Defense spends nearly \$3 billion annually to transport and store household goods of Military personnel and their Families. To make this process more efficient and to provide top quality service for servicemembers, a new transportation system was developed. The Defense Personal Property System is the new engine of the personal property program.

Its goals are to:

- improve the quality of service from moving companies;
- streamline the claims process for loss or damage incurred during a move;
- implement an integrated information management system.

The DPPS is a single Web-based end-to-end solution and interface. It replaces an aging system and provides performance-based shipment distribution with 24-hour-a-day, seven-day-a-week online access and Web-based self-counseling as well as shipment tracking by status.

The system provides e-mail notifications, direct claims settlement with the transportation service provider and direct impact on quality through the Customer Satisfaction Survey process. The CSS is a very important part of the new program. After moving, be sure to provide comments regarding the service received from the carrier. This will impact the moves of other Families.

It is only through honest feedback that the carriers will be awarded or denied future government moves based on performance and customer satisfaction. The survey can be accessed through <https://icss.eta.sddc.army.mil/>

DPTMS provides parking and force protection info

Submitted by the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security

In an effort to keep traffic moving throughout post during Graduation Week, the following information is provided to help both residents and visitors.

"It includes activities not related to force protection measures, which are provided to alert residents and the workforce to events that could potentially restrict traffic on post," Joe Senger, from the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, said.

"Plan accordingly and allow more time for arrivals and for travel around the post," he added.

West Point personnel planning TDY trips during Graduation Week should not leave their vehicles parked in Clinton, Doubleday and other Central Area lots because of parking restrictions in effect during the week.

Doubleday Lot will be reserved parking for special pass holders only Tuesday, May 21 and May 22 from 10 p.m. the night before until the end of the review each day.

Tuesday

For the Alumni Wreath Laying Ceremony and Alumni Review, the following restrictions apply:

• Parking for the work force is allowed in the Central Post Area to include Clinton Lot throughout the day.

However, in support of the review 35 parking spaces will be blocked for handicapped parking.

• Doubleday Lot will be reserved parking for special pass holders only until the end of the review.

• Traffic control points will be established on Cullum, Washington, Ruger and Parke roads from 10 a.m.

• At approximately 10:10 a.m. traffic will be stopped from entering the Thayer Statue area until the end of the wreath laying ceremony.

• Washington and Cullum roads will re-open for normal traffic at the end of the ceremony.

May 21

Stony Lonesome Road will be closed to all vehicle traffic from the intersection with Washington Road (in the vicinity of the Catholic Chapel) to the intersection with Delafield Road near Michie Stadium and Mills Road from Herbert Hall to Stony Lonesome Road from 7:30 a.m. until about 8:10 a.m.

In support of the Superintendent's Awards Review, the following apply:

• Parking for the workforce will be allowed in the Central Post Area to include Clinton Lot throughout the day. However, 35 parking slots in Clinton Lot will be designated for handicapped parking only.

• Doubleday Lot will be reserved parking for special pass holders only until the end of the review.

May 22

In support of the Graduation Parade, the following restrictions apply:

• Parking for the workforce is allowed in the Central Post Area. However, Clinton Lot and the tennis court parking area will be designated for handicapped parking only and Doubleday Lot will be reserved parking for special pass holders only until the end of the review.

• At the end of the parade, Clinton and Double Day Lots will be re-opened and available for general parking until 4:30 p.m., when the lots are again reserved for guest and handicap parking for the graduation banquet.

The workforce is encouraged to park in the Old PX Lot (K Lot) and use the post shuttle.

May 23

In support of the Graduation Exercise, the following restrictions apply:

• Stony Lonesome Road will be closed from the intersection with Washington Road (in the vicinity of the Catholic Chapel) to the intersection with Schofield Place (entrance to Lusk housing area) from 7:45 a.m. until about 8:30 a.m.

• Thereafter, Stony Lonesome Road will only be open from the intersection with Washington Road to the intersection with Schofield Place until the completion of the graduation exercise.

• All roads around Michie Stadium will be blocked to traffic from 6 a.m. until the completion of the graduation exercise at around 11:30 a.m.

• Delafield Road will be open to move from the Central Post Area to the PX / Commissary area.

• Because of the heavy traffic expected at Stony Lonesome and Thayer Gates, those wishing to attend the ceremony who live off post and are authorized to use Washington Gate, (DOD decal and CAC card or military ID card) should do so.

• Park in the Old PX Lot (K Lot) and ride the shuttle bus to the Michie Stadium area. Families and visitors can enter Michie Stadium through security checkpoints established at gates 1, 3, 6 and 6A.

• Those entering the stadium will be searched with a magnetic wand.

Large bags, coolers, backpacks, unwrapped packages and umbrellas will not be allowed into the stadium.

Safety and security are a paramount concern during graduation week activities.

Everyone's help in the detection and reporting of criminal activities helps ensure that this year's graduation is a success.

Anyone observing suspicious behavior or activity is urged to promptly report it to the West Point Military Police at 938-3333.

Remember, if you see something, say something.

For more information, contact Senger at 938-8859.

Remember, the AER Campaign runs through Friday

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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1		7		3				
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3						1		
		6		9				

Difficulty: Medium

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SHARP

The members of the Sexual Harrassment/Assault Response and Prevention program are Col. Jeanette McMahan, 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 McMahan 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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Aschaffenburg, Germany; a brigade in Kitzingen, Germany; and was assistant division commander of the 2nd Infantry Division.

He became the 63rd Commandant of Cadets in 1992 and later became commanding general of Fifth U.S. Army.

Foley now is director of Army Emergency Relief.

James D. Hughes, Class of 1946: Hughes entered service in the Army Air Corps in 1946. After the Army Air Corps became the Air Force, Hughes, a fighter pilot, completed 6,300 flying hours and 101 combat missions. He was awarded two Distinguished Flying Crosses, nine Air Medals and the Purple Heart for his service in the Korean War.

He was chosen to be military aide to Vice President Nixon in 1957 and later served as military assistant to the president when Nixon won the election. During the Vietnam War, Hughes was an instructor pilot to Vietnamese Air Force pilots and received the Bronze Star and Air Medal.

He commanded from squadron level on up and was commander in chief of the Pacific Air Forces. After retiring from the Air Force, Hughes worked with Lockheed and established the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor in New Windsor.

Thomas A. Schwartz, Class of 1967: Schwartz was commissioned in the infantry. He served in Vietnam as a platoon leader and company commander and was awarded the Silver Star, Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

He also served as aide-de-camp to the commanding general of U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command, a company tactical officer at USMA, inspector general for the 1st Armored Division, infantry branch chief and chief of staff of the 4th Infantry Division and Combined Field Army in Korea, among many battalion and brigade commands.

He was assistant division commander of the 2nd Infantry Division and commanding general of the 4th Infantry and Fort Carson, Colo. He also was commanding general of III Corps and Fort Hood, Texas.

Schwartz also was commanding general of

U.S. Forces Command and was commander in chief of United Nations Command, Combined Forces Command and U.S. Forces Korea.

He and his wife also helped establish the Military Child Education Coalition and he has served as the organization's chairman of the board since 2004.

Eric K. Shinseki, Class of 1965: Shinseki served in Vietnam soon after graduation and received two Purple Heart medals. He later commanded an armored cavalry squadron, an armored brigade and the 1st Cavalry Division.

When he was promoted to general in 1997, he was tasked with being commanding general of U.S. Army Europe, commander of Allied Land Forces Central Europe and commander of NATO's Stabilization Force in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Two years later, Shinseki became the 34th Army Chief of Staff. After he retired from the Army, he was appointed as the Class of 1951 Chair on Leadership at West Point and served as an advisor to the Center for Public Leadership at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

Shinseki recently was selected to be secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Donn A. Starry, Class of 1948: Starry was commissioned in the transportation corps but transferred to armor. Following several assignments and schools, he took command of an armor battalion and then served in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense.

He deployed to Vietnam and earned the Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, Soldiers Medal, Bronze Star Medal for Valor, Purple Heart and nine Air Medals.

Starry commanded the Armor School and Fort Knox, Ky., and V Corps, which led to the collapse of the Soviet Union. He also was commanding general of U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command. He was instrumental in fielding the Abrams tank, Bradley Fighting Vehicle, Apache and Black Hawk helicopters and the Patriot Missile System.

He also received the Distinguished Service Medal and was assigned as commander in chief of U.S. Readiness Command.

NEWS NOTES

Major Aaron Hill (USMA class of 1997), assistant professor in the Dept. of Civil and Mechanical Engineering, was selected as the 2009 recipient of the American Society of Civil Engineers New Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award. Hill earned this national-level recognition through his demonstrated excellence in teaching, mentorship and curriculum development; his support to the civil engineering program at the National Military Academy of Afghanistan; and his service to the National Society of Black Engineers. He will receive the award at the ASEE Annual Conference in Austin, Texas, in June.

Firstie Samantha Turner, a civil engineering major, was selected as the second-place winner in the national Daniel W. Mead Ethics Essay Contest, sponsored by the American Society of Civil Engineers. In addition to the national recognition, Turner will receive an \$800 prize for her achievement.

Lieutenant Col. Mark Bridges, former advanced constitutional law instructor in the Dept. of Law, was the honor graduate for his Military Judge Course in Charlottesville, Va., and will be a military judge at Fort Carson, Colo.

Greg Parnell, associate professor in the Dept. of Systems Engineering, was selected as a Fellow of the International Council on Systems Engineering, which is the leading professional society for Systems Engineering. He will be officially installed July 20 at the international INCOSE meeting in Singapore.



Cow Olin Kennedy receives a book of Chekov short stories from **Nancy Tittler, Ph.D.**, in recognition of his third-place overall finish in the second year category at the 2009 New York State University Russian Competition April 25. The annual competition among New York schools in offering degrees in Russian was held at Binghamton University in Binghamton. MEGHAN MURPHY-LEE, Ph.D./DFL

Volunteer speakers still needed for Memorial Day events

Local communities are still making Memorial Day plans and speakers are still 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.

Surveys show military personnel better money managers

Dollar\$ and \$en\$e

A Reader's Guide to the Economic Crisis

(Editor's note: The Pointer View presents a special series about the current economic crisis, its causes, the impact it has on the world and possible solutions. The series contains interpretation of facts by experts and is not intended to be commentary about any political affiliation and does not necessarily reflect the official view of West Point, the U.S. Military Academy. This is the series' fourth story and discusses why military Families often are ahead of the economics curve.)

**Story and graphics
by Emily Tower
Staff Writer**

While much of the nation juggles financial burdens amid layoffs and an uncertain future, one group of people consistently seems to have it all under control.

Though servicemembers and their Families tend to be among the least compensated for their education, training and skill levels, they tend to be among the best at managing money matters, surveys show.

Troops and their Families fared considerably better than civilians in surveys conducted by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority Investor Education Foundation when it came to planning for retirement and savings.

Nearly half of military personnel surveyed were confident in their ability to retire comfortably and are more likely to have realistic expectations about how much money is required for retirement, the survey found.

Only 10 percent of servicemembers surveyed felt \$250,000 or less is plenty for retirement, while more than a quarter of civilians responding to the survey thought that was enough money.

On the other hand, 32 percent of surveyed servicemembers thought savings around \$1 million or more was enough for retirement, while only 18 percent of surveyed civilians agreed.

Experts say people might expect to live on 70-85 percent of their preretirement income after they retire, which can come from savings, pensions, investments such as the Thrift Savings Plan or a 401(k), Social Security, etc.

"The thought is you don't have the daily expenses for work any more," Michael Doorbal, coordinator of Army Community Service's Financial Readiness program at West Point and Certified Financial Planner candidate, said. "You don't need money for the clothes, lunch, gas or the subway, that kind of thing."

But, retirement needs—just like all financial plans—are different for each Family and should be tailored to individual goals.

"For most retirees, lifestyle changes will occur whether we plan for it or not," Doorbal said. "Some will prefer a very active lifestyle with lots of travel and maybe another career while others may go back to the farm and a simpler way of life. Regardless, there are costs to both, and we should plan for it accordingly. Keep in mind that the average retiree today spends about one third of his or her lifetime in retirement. In addition to the tools (such as retirement calculators) readily available, it is important to speak with a retirement specialist regarding the many factors involved in retirement planning. Where a person chooses to live, how active they will be, travel, hobbies, business, etc., become important parts of the retirement equation."

But, chances are, if you are a Soldier or the spouse of one, you already have spoken to someone about retirement planning or used a retirement calculator. All military personnel—regardless of rank—are more likely to use online retirement calculators than their civilians counterparts, the FINRA survey found. Surveyed officers were twice as likely than surveyed civilians to seek financial advice and six times more likely to use an online retirement calculator.

This could be because Soldiers have Financial Readiness available. Financial Readiness provides one-on-one financial counseling and classes to units and Family readiness groups—all for free. The FINRA survey showed these classes, especially, are part of the reason behind troops being better

money managers than civilians. About 25 percent of the servicemembers surveyed said they begin contributing to the Thrift Savings Plan, the DoD's retirement investment plan, after attending a class about it.

But contributing to a TSP or other investment option first requires money. That's where the steady military paycheck comes in. Not only is income almost guaranteed each month of a service contract, military personnel have received a pay raise each year for the last few years.

In a time of pay cuts in many civilian jobs, President Obama asked for a 2.9 percent pay increase for military personnel in the proposed fiscal year 2010 budget he released May 7. He also called for a 6 percent increase in Basic Allowance for Housing and a 5 percent increase in Basic Allowance for Subsistence.

Regardless of whether the increases are approved by

Congress, because a military paycheck is steady allows military personnel and their Families to plan and save for retirement better than civilians, Doorbal said.

Also, because military personnel have guaranteed retirement after at least 20 years of service, they can plan for a second career, Doorbal said.

"This provides further stability, which allows us to remain in the workplace and build other retirement income," Doorbal said. "Even for those servicemembers not sticking around through retirement, the training and education they receive is invaluable in helping them to secure better jobs on the outside—all of which add up to good sources of income for retirement planning."

But, what creates a near-guaranteed source of income for one member of the household tends to cause havoc in the

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Free entertainment opportunities at West Point

Having a good time doesn't have to cost a dime with these local opportunities.

Post Library

Who: Active-duty, military retirees, National Guard, reservists and their Families; cadets; DoD civilians; and DoD retirees.

What: Check out books, and watch for special events including periodic story hour for children.

When: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays and 1-5 p.m. Sundays.

Where: Bldg. 622 near Thayer Gate
More information: 938-2974

FMWR Fitness Center

Who: Active-duty, military retirees, National Guard, reservists and their Families; cadets; DoD civilians; and DoD retirees.

What: Fitness machines may be used free of charge. Classes are available for a fee.

When: 5:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m. weekdays, 7 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturdays, noon-6 p.m. Sundays.

Where: Bldg. 683 near cemetery
More information: 938-6490, www.westpointmwr.com/ACTIVITY/Fitness/Index.htm

West Point Museum

Who: General public

What: Galleries feature exhibits about weapons, West Point, the history of warfare, the history of the U.S. Army and American wars.

When: 10:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m. daily except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.

Where: Near visitor's center outside Thayer Gate

More information: www.usma.edu/Museum, museum@usma.edu

Cadet sporting events

Who: General public

What: Army baseball, cross country, golf, gymnastics, rifle, sprint football, swimming and diving, men's and women's soccer, softball, men's and women's tennis, track and field and volleyball.

When: Schedules can be found at www.goarmysports.com

Where: Various locations around post
More information: www.goarmysports.com

U.S. Military Academy Band

Who: General public

What: Concerts and recitals

When: See schedule at www.usma.edu/Band/schedule.htm.

Where: Eisenhower Hall, various chapels and several other locations on post and in surrounding communities.

More information: www.usma.edu/Band/default.asp

West Point Visitor's Center

Who: General public

What: Various displays about cadet life and the history of West Point can be seen for free. Guided tours of West Point also are available for a fee.

When: 9 a.m.-4:45 p.m. daily except Thanksgiving, Dec. 24-25 and Jan. 1-2
Where: outside Thayer Gate

More information: www.usma.edu/dcom/vic.htm

For more information about discounts on automotive services, entertainment and other opportunities, visit www.westpointmwr.com.

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career of another. Just as Financial Readiness exists to help the Army Family with financial advice for free, a program exists to help soften the blow for Army spouses who have a career that doesn't always transfer from post to post.

In the last four months, about 270 Army Family members, DoD civilians and transitioning Soldiers have attended workshops hosted by Employment Readiness, Amy-Jo Johnson, the program's coordinator, said. More than 300 have attended Employment Readiness job fairs. Another 50 have set job-related appointments with Johnson, and another 900 have called, e-mailed or had unscheduled appointments.

"In today's job market, the need for a cutting-edge resume, sharp interview skills and an effective job search has increased interest in the Employment Readiness Program," Johnson said.

Consequently, Employment Readiness has increased the number of workshops offered to Army Families. The program is hosting recruiting events each month that set up job interviews between Army Family members and area employers. A job fair is planned for September.

Several upcoming workshop topics include resumes, interview skills, creating a portfolio, opening a franchise, beginning a career in real estate and conducting an effective job search. For a schedule of workshops, call Employment Readiness at 938-5658.

Because the recession has made civilian job-hunting tricky for spouses and transitioning Soldiers, many Soldiers have decided to continue their access to steady income by re-enlisting, Master Sgt. Terry Titus, West Point command career counselor, said.

"Of course I feel the economy has a direct effect on re-enlistment," Titus said. "Why would a Soldier risk not getting a job when they are guaranteed a paycheck with the Army? The Army's re-enlistment numbers will usually increase when the economy is down."

West Point had until Sept. 30 to complete its fiscal year retention goal. The mark was met in January, Titus said. And that's in spite of some re-enlistment bonuses being discontinued.

In February, the Army ended re-enlistment bonuses for some Soldiers whose service contracts expire this fiscal year. The Army's retention goal for this fiscal year was 7,200, and that mark already has been surpassed by more than 700 Soldiers.

Currently, re-enlistment bonuses still are being offered for Soldiers with a certain rank, skill or military occupational specialty, such as airborne infantry, court reporters, Special Operations combat medics and CH-47 Chinook cargo helicopter mechanics. The bonuses could change after June 30, though, according to a memo provided by Titus.

But, even in times of economic strain, bonuses do not usually make or break re-enlistment deals, Titus said. The bargaining power often comes in options—choice of duty station, additional skills training or retraining into a different MOS.

"These are usually more important to a Soldier; however, receiving a bonus in addition to an option always helps," Titus said. "Soldiers always face a hard decision when it comes to deciding whether they will re-enlist. There isn't so much a fear of getting out, it is the uncertainty of the length of employment (in the civilian sector). Soldiers are in high demand in the civilian market. But Soldiers also know that the civilian market is dependent on the economy. Knowing this, a Soldier is more likely to re-enlist for a two-year period just to see where the economy is going and at the same time not make a larger commitment—re-enlisting for three, four, five or six years."

Just as the stability of a military paycheck has kept Soldiers close to the Army, it has drawn civilians in, too. While several factors—including less publicity of violence in Iraq and increased Army recruiting advertising and social media campaigns—have contributed to solid Army recruiting figures, the economy has played a role, Andy Entwistle, Albany Recruiting Battalion spokesman, said.

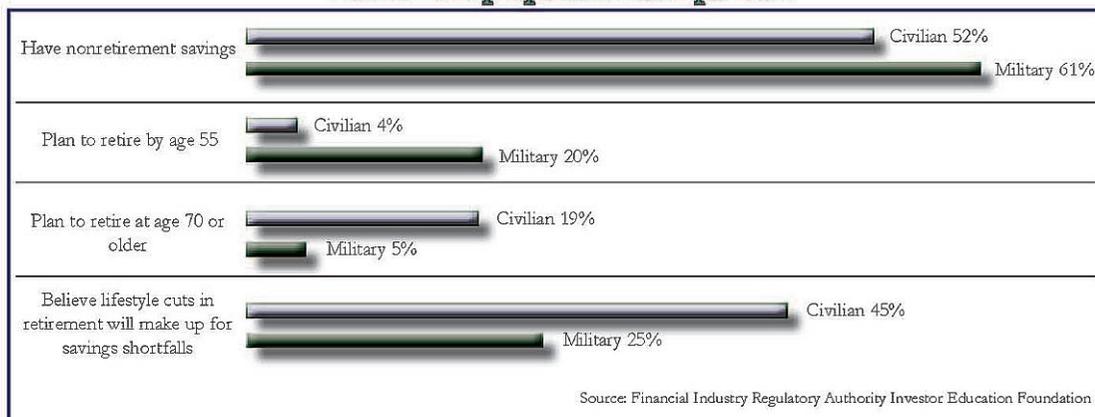
"Certainly we think the downturn in the economy has a lot to do with it, but I don't think anyone at any level has been able to put a pinpoint on a catalyst," he said.

Army Vice Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Chiarelli has said several times civilians started to become more receptive to recruiters around the end of 2007 when the economy began to slip.

Area recruiting numbers have increased in the last year, Entwistle said. Well into the fiscal year's third quarter, 82 percent of Albany Recruiting Battalion's year-to-date mission of 2,071 was reached as of May 7. This time last year, 76 percent of the year-to-date mission had been completed.

Army recruiters nationwide fulfilled 102 percent of last month's mission—3,995 contracts written with a mission of 3,900—according to figures released Monday by the Pentagon.

Retirement preparation comparison



Active-duty recruiters have hit at or slightly above 100 percent of their mission the last several months.

The Army Reserve has had drastically different numbers since the date Chiarelli cited as the turning point in the economic power behind Army recruiting.

Army Reserve recruiters were hitting about 80 percent of their missions monthly until 2008 when numbers jumped to as high as 120 percent of their goal. They hit 103 percent of their mission last month, according to the Pentagon.

Part of this is a recruiting mission reduction, which was caused, in part, by the high retention numbers across the Army. Albany Recruiting Battalion's third-quarter mission was reduced 19 percent from last year's mission for the same time period, Entwistle said.

Regardless, when people become interested in the Army, they seem to stay that way more frequently now. Future Soldier losses—applicants who sign a contract but fail to report to basic training—are down from 101 this time last year in Albany Recruiting Battalion to 86 this year, Entwistle said.

Also, potential applicants tend to have already done their research by the time they meet with recruiters and have looked through GoArmy.com, the Army's recruiting information Web site, to see what jobs, bonuses or options they might like.

This trend recently was reported to Army Secretary Pete Geren by Albany Recruiting Battalion recruiters.

COMING NEXT

Dollar\$ and \$en\$e

A Reader's Guide to the Economic Crisis

Part V looks into the economic future.

Cadet Summer Training sees big changes in 2009

By 2nd Lt. John Breneman
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Over the past few years, military assessments have shown West Point's military training program has some weaknesses including cadet understanding and mastery of troop-leading procedures, a need for more advanced first-aid training time and a desire for more diversity in Cadet Troop Leader Training/military school options.

To address these issues, the Cadet Advanced Training cell in the Dept. of Military Instruction, which is responsible for all summer training except Cadet Field Training and Cadet Basic Training, has added or abridged a variety of summer training opportunities to develop the vital cadet military competencies.

In 2008, the last three weeks of the cadet field training program were removed to become the Cadet Leader Development Training program for firsties.

About one-third of these cadets participated in the initial CLDT and by the summer of 2010, firstie participation is expected to be 100 percent.

This addition was primarily focused on addressing the issues in mastering troop-leading procedures and sending new second lieutenants to the Army with a strong confidence that they possess much of the necessary military knowledge and the physical ability required of them upon graduation.

In an anonymous survey given to the class of 2009 who participated in the first CLDT training, most described the training as a positive and intense training.

Comments included, "I felt that the 'kid gloves' came off during this training. We really had to see solutions through until the end." "Greatest training experience thus far ... It will be the most intensive tactical training that some cadets will receive in their entire lifetime and I think it builds a great foundation for those that will continue tactical training in the future. I feel more confident and able after CLDT and am very glad I had the opportunity to attend."

To address the issues surrounding the desire for diversity in the advanced training options, many new CTLT and military individual academic development school choices have been made available.

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Cadets will continue to participate in the Advanced Medical Training school, called Cadet Medical Intensive Training last summer, which is a 23-day intensive, hands-on course that addresses all of the necessary basic skills of a combat medic. It was created last summer and will have 110 slots available in this summer's course.

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observed need for more advanced first-aid training, the Advanced Medical Training school, a 23-day intensive, hands-on course addressing all of the necessary basic skills of a combat field medic, was created and has 110 slots for the 2009 summer.

Another major expansion is CTLTs. CTLT is a graduation requirement. Cadets must spend a month shadowing an Army platoon leader and, in some cases, serving as the platoon leader during training in an Army unit.

Over the past few years, cadets have been given opportunities for this 23-30 day period.

While most cadets will serve at a large state-side post, some cadets can go to places such as Honduras, Japan, Kuwait, Qatar, Senegal and Guantanamo Bay, to name a few.

This summer, cadets will train in 18 different countries for a wide-range of different experiences for CTLT alone.

Developing diverse, well-rounded, and well-trained cadets is

a high priority for the academy.

Ten years ago, the only options available for cadets desiring a military school were Airborne and Air Assault and for CTLT were large posts in the continental United States.

Now, the summers are quite varied and offer more than 20 military school options and 50 CTLT locations.

Cadets will perform their Cadet Troop Leader Training in 18 different countries this summer in a wide-range of different CTLT experiences. They will travel to places such as Honduras, Japan, Kuwait, Qatar, Senegal and Guantanamo Bay.

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Justice served in town of make believe

By Maj. Karen Sheppard
Office of the Staff Judge Advocate

The jury was split with the third graders of West Point Elementary School finding Pinocchio guilty of three counts of fibbing while the fourth graders returned a not guilty verdict.

The trial of The Town of Make Believe vs. Pinocchio was put on by the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate and the Department of Law in honor of Law Day May 1.

In 1958, President Eisenhower proclaimed the first Law Day a "day of national dedication to the principle of government under law." This year marked the 50th anniversary of Law Day, which remains in important civic observance, especially during this time of continued conflict abroad.

The Wicked Witch and the Little Pig were key witnesses for the prosecution with Puss in Boots as the defense's star witness.

Pinocchio took the stand, waiving his Fifth Amendment right to remain silent. His nose, which continued to grow during his testimony, was a clear indication to the third graders of his propensity to lie.

According to the Staff Judge Advocate, a government that is accountable under the law protects the fundamental rights of individuals. This statement is as true for Pinocchio as it is for anyone who stands accused of a crime. An attempt to foster this principle throughout the world starts with an appreciation for the justice system right here at home.

Pinocchio's Constitutional rights, including his right to a fair and speedy trial, right to remain silent and right to confront his accusers were on full display for the third and fourth graders to see.

His rights and the rights of all individuals are upheld by diverse, competent, independent and ethical law enforcement officials, advocates and judges.

The trial served to entertain and educate the students on how all members of society, from the Wicked Witch to the Little Pig, must appreciate and respect the rule of law, which, in turn, protects the fundamental rights of all individuals.



The Wicked Witch is sworn in by the baliff, third-grader Timothy Sullivan, during the Town of Make Believe vs. Pinocchio trial. The wizard/judge was portrayed by Col. Dave Wallace (far left), Department of Law.



Third graders (viewed) and fourth graders from the West Point Elementary School witnessed the trial of Pinocchio May 1 to celebrate Law Day.

Constitution Island provides backdrop for negotiation training

By Maj. Aram M. Donigian
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Leadership

Fifty-six cadets in the negotiation for leaders course recently took a non-traditional final examination during a 'deployment' to Constitution Island. They participated in a two-day simulation exercise designed to test the various skills they developed during the semester.

While the first American Soldiers to occupy the island more than 200 years ago established defensive positions, these cadets went on the offensive, using honed negotiation skills as their weapons.

"The final exercise combined everything we learned over the course of the semester and really showed the areas where we still need to improve," Firstie Sarah Yates said. "I was very impressed with the scenarios and how much they really tied all course concepts together."

Constitution Island was used to give the cadets the sense of deploying—getting them out of their comfort zones. On the first day, the cadets, in two- to four-person groups, conducted three separate, bi-lateral negotiations with an Iraqi Imam, an angry mother, two Iraqi policemen and two NATO officers. The role players primarily came from the Admissions Office Outreach team but also included two West Point spouses who assumed the angry mother roles.

"The role players really seemed to do their research and knew their parts very well, which made the negotiation more challenging," Firstie Justin Renken said.

Fellow Firstie Colin Parker added, "I felt truly uncomfortable when trying to negotiate."

Each scenario tested a different set of skills from the course.

"This exercise resulted in priceless experiences that will soon become a reality for many of us," Firstie Bryan Rodriguez said.

In dealing with the Iraqi Imam and angry mother characters, the cadets used tools tied to restoring relationships and establishing clear

communication. With the Iraqi police, they faced a hard-bargainer scenario, requiring them to recognize what the Iraqi police were doing and change the direction of the negotiation by implementing a variety of skills. Finally, the interaction with the NATO officers forced the cadets to dig beneath the positions of the other party, discover the NATO officers' true interests, creatively forge possible options for an agreement and use legitimate standards of fairness to reach a commitment.

On the second day, the cadets engaged in a multi-party negotiation with all six characters they had previously met. In this scenario, three months had passed, multiple promises had been broken, and now a school was threatened with security issues.

The cadets again went to work managing the complicated scenario by establishing a clear purpose for the meeting, getting buy-in from all parties about the process they would follow, identifying the necessary product that would result from the meeting and carefully dealing with each person.

The cadets quickly realized that the various parties had misaligned interests and priorities, all of which had to be addressed.

"These 'close-to-real-life' scenarios really established a foundation to reflect upon as I learn more about negotiating while deployed," Firstie Tyler W. Reed said. "It put me into a situation that I have never experienced and helped me understand the complexity of multiparty, cross-cultural negotiations."

Cadets were evaluated on their performance in conducting the negotiation and their preparation and after-action reviews.

An essential aspect of the course was to build the cadets' awareness of how the outcomes they achieve result more from their own assumptions and mindsets than from another party's actions.

"In some ways it was the most relevant and eye-opening training I've had at USMA," Firstie Spencer Garrison said. "Considering the kinds of complex missions that fall on junior officers today, I think every cadet should get exposure to this kind of experience."



Cow Stephen Koshansky discusses the security around a fictional school with Capt. Jon Lewis, portraying an Imam, and Kristen Donigian, portraying a neighborhood advisory council member, during a negotiation for leaders course exercise.

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Firstie Jon Black gathers information from 1st Lt. Matthew Pride, who is portraying an Iraqi Police chief.

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West Point Band NCOs play key role during Grad Week



The West Point Marching Band, made up of 88 non-commissioned officers, will be part of each review and parade during Graduation Week.

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(Editor's note: In honor of the Year of the Noncommissioned Officer, an Armywide celebration in 2009, the "Pointer View" is presenting a series of stories about the NCOs at West Point. For more information about the Year of the NCO, visit www4.army.mil/yearofthenco/home.php.)

By Staff Sgt. Mark Tonelli
West Point Band Publicity



The Army has designated 2009 as the Year of the NCO. Noncommissioned officers are the backbone of the Army and execute the day-to-day operations of the force. One of the largest units on post is the West Point Band, whose membership is 88 NCOs strong.

Of the Army's 105 active, Guard and Reserve bands, the West Point Band is designated by the Army as one of four special bands, along with the Fife and Drum Corps, 3rd

Infantry (Old Guard); the U.S. Army Band and the U.S. Army Field Band, all located in Washington. As the Army's oldest continuously serving band, its primary mission is to support the U.S. Corps of Cadets.

All band members are active-duty Soldiers and form a select group of musicians, chosen through a nationally competitive audition process. Many band members enlisted specifically to perform in the West Point Band, arriving at West Point with a considerable degree of professional experience and are often well-known in the civilian music world.

The majority hold bachelor's or master's degrees in music and some hold doctoral degrees. A position in the West Point band is "stabilized," a permanent duty assignment. Many band members spend their entire military career at West Point and retire from the band.

To most people, the Marching Band is the face of the West Point Band. It performs a vital role supporting reviews,

parades, football games and funerals. However, it is actually a combination of three distinct musical components—Field Music (called the Hellcats), the Concert Band and the Jazz Knights. Each functions autonomously, rehearsing regularly to perform its own repertoire.

The Hellcats, a 13-piece drum and bugle corps, have performed duties since the 1800s, sounding Reveille and Retreat and marching cadets to their meals in the mess hall each weekday.

The Jazz Knights are an 18-piece big band, focusing on jazz and other popular styles. At 50-pieces, the Concert Band performs classical music and pops. Chamber ensembles, such as brass quintets and jazz combos, are formed from the larger components to support various functions.

The band performs locally and accepts invitations to perform at prestigious music conferences, festivals and at universities and public schools across the country. Band members compose and arrange music, which is performed in concert and on radio and television often to support well-known guest artists.

West Point Band music is available to the public for free at the listening room page at www.westpoint.edu/band. The band hosts annual events such as the West Point Jazz Festival and The Conductor's Workshop.

A good cross-section of the band will be in action during Graduation Week. The Marching Band, with Field Music, will perform in the Alumni Review on Tuesday, at the Superintendent's Award Review on Thursday and at the Graduation Parade May 22. The band also will support the Awards Convocation and Banquet May 22, and the Jazz Knights will perform at the Graduation Hop. Chamber ensembles will support various functions including the Superintendent's Garden Reception.

The Concert Band and Field Music will perform at the Graduation Ceremony May 23.

But there's plenty of music before and after Grad Week. At 3 p.m. Sunday in Eisenhower Hall Theatre, the Concert Band hosts an Armed Forces Day Concert with special guests Jay Ungar and Molly Mason, best known for their music featured in the Ken Burns' documentary series "The Civil War." At 7:30 p.m. June 14, the popular summer concert series, Music Under The Stars, begins at Trophy Point Amphitheatre, with the Jazz Knights performing The Music of Duke Ellington. The series continues at 7:30 p.m. June 21 as the Concert Band presents Hudson Quadracentennial.

Concert schedule, band member biographies, photos, music and history can be found at www.westpoint.edu/band or by calling 938-2617. Visit the Jazz Knights at myspace.com/jazzknightsofwestpoint and become a fan of the West Point Band on Facebook.com.



The Hellcats field music component of the band, a 13-piece drum and bugle corps, sounds Reveille and Retreat daily and will play for the Alumni Wreath Ceremony as the alumni marches across Daigonal Walk to the Thayer Statue.

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Alumni and Graduation Week Schedules and Events

May 17-23

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
SUNDAY		
Noon - 6 p.m.	Alumni Class Registrations	Class Hotels
3 - 4 p.m.	Alumni Band Concert	Eisenhower Hall Theatre
6 p.m.	Alumni Social Activities	Various Locations
7 p.m.	Black Knight Awards Ceremony	Robinson Auditorium
MONDAY		
8 a.m.- 4 p.m.	Alumni Headquarters Open	Herbert Hall
10 - 11:40 a.m.	Qtrs. 100 Tours for Alumni	Qtrs. 100
11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Alumni Luncheons and Meetings	Various Locations
1:30 - 2:30 p.m.	Superintendent addresses Alumni	Eisenhower Hall Theatre
3 - 4:40 p.m.	Qtrs. 100 Tours for Alumni	Qtrs. 100
TUESDAY		
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Alumni Headquarters Open	Herbert Hall
10:05 a.m.	Assembly for Alumni Exercises	Thayer Walk
10:20 a.m.	Alumni March to Thayer Statue	Diagonal Walk
10:35 a.m.	Alumni Exercises	Thayer Statue
11 a.m.	Alumni Review & Distinguished Graduate Award Presentation	The Plain
12:15 - 1:15 p.m.	Alumni Luncheon & Superintendent's Address	Cadet Mess
2:30 - 3:30 p.m.	Commandant's Award Ceremony	Crest Hall, Eisenhower Hall
6 p.m.	Alumni Dinners	Class Sites
7:30 p.m.	Cadet Glee Club Concert	Eisenhower Hall Theatre
WEDNESDAY		
8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Association of Graduates Open	Herbert Hall
1 - 2:30 p.m.	Superintendent's Reception 1st Regiment	Superintendent's Garden Qtrs. 100
1 - 4 p.m.	Academic Awards Ceremonies	Various Locations
3 - 4:30 p.m.	Superintendent's Reception 2nd Regiment	Superintendent's Garden Qtrs. 100
1 - 6 p.m.	Cadet Club Open Houses	Various Locations
5 - 7 p.m.	Gospel Choir Concert	Arnold Aud., Mahan Hall
8 - 9 p.m.	Combined Choirs Concert	Cadet Chapel

THURSDAY		
10:50 - 11 a.m.	Cadet Drill Team Performance	The Plain
11 a.m.	Superintendent's Awards Review	The Plain
	<i>Inclement weather site</i>	<i>Robinson Auditorium, Thayer Hall</i>
Following Review	Cadet Parachute Team demo	The Plain
1 - 2:30 p.m.	Superintendent's Reception 3rd Regiment	Superintendent's Garden Qtrs. 100
1- 4 p.m.	Academic Awards Ceremonies	Various locations
3 - 4:30 p.m.	Superintendent's Reception 4th Regiment	Superintendent's Garden Qtrs. 100
7 p.m.	Catholic Baccalaureate Mass	Most Holy Trinity Chapel
	Protestant Baccalaureate Service	Cadet Chapel
	Jewish Baccalaureate Service	Jewish Chapel
	Eastern Orthodox Service	St. Martin's Chapel
FRIDAY		
10:30 a.m.	Graduation Parade	The Plain
2 - 2:45 p.m.	Awards Convocation	Eisenhower Hall Theatre
7 - 8:30 p.m.	Graduation Banquet	Cadet Mess
8:30 p.m. - 1 a.m.	Graduation Hop	Eisenhower Hall
SATURDAY		
7 a.m.	Shuttle buses begin running to Stadium	Parking lots
7 a.m.	Gates Open to public	Michie Stadium
9:35 a.m.	Entrance of the Class of 2009	Michie Stadium
10 a.m.	Graduation Exercises	Michie Stadium
After Graduation	Bar Pinning Ceremonies	Check with your cadet

- Park in designated lots (A-F, Buffalo Soldier Field) only. Visitors are encouraged to use the shuttle.
- Cadets are limited to three guests in the Cadet Mess for the graduation banquet.
- The graduation exercise will be conducted in Michie Stadium except in the case of severe weather. The severe weather site is Eisenhower Hall. Seating is limited. Tickets are required.
- Severe weather locations for non-ticketed attendees are Bartlett Hall, Rms. 211 and 412, and Thayer Hall, Rm. 144 and Robinson Auditorium.
- Reserved seating for the May 23 graduation ceremony is available by ticket only through members of the Class of 2009. Tickets for general public seating can be obtained 7-10 a.m. May 23 at Michie Stadium at Gates 1, 3, 6 and 6A. Tickets are free.
- Bar pinning shuttles start immediately after Graduation and run until 4 p.m. Depart Thayer Extension (behind Superintendent's Review Box) with continuous shuttle movement to parking lots: BSF, H-Lot (Commissary), K-Lot (Old PX) and Target Field. These shuttles will travel to the Central Post area and back to the parking areas.
- The West Point Ferry to Garrison will run continuously from South Dock from 6:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. May 23.

No tours during Graduation Week

West Point will not have tours of the academy grounds May 18-23. The Visitors Center information desk, West Point Gift Shop and the West Point Museum will be open to the public.

GRAD WEEK SHUTTLE SERVICE

Special graduation week shuttle service will provide transportation between lettered lots and all major West Point areas. This service will augment the daily shuttles and run 8 a.m.-11 p.m. Wed. and May 21 and 8 a.m.-1:30 a.m. May 22,

Minutes After the Hour

A Lot (pick up and drop off inside the lot)	0	30
Hollender Center	1	31
Herbert Hall	2	32
Buffalo Soldier Field	3	33
Visitors Center/ Pershing Center	5	35
Thayer Hotel (exit ramp)	7	37
Thayer/Mills intersection	8	38
Mahan Hall	9	39
West Point Club	10	40
Eisenhower Hall	12	42
K-Lot (Old PX)	14	44
H-Lot (Commissary/PX)	29	59

Note: Additional stops will be added Thursday evening to support the Baccalaureate Chapel Services.

ADDITIONAL SHUTTLES

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECEPTION—A special shuttle will run between A-Lot and the Superintendent's Garden Reception, noon-6 p.m. Wed. and May 21.

CONSTITUTION ISLAND—A special shuttle between Arvin (in front) and South Dock will run Noon-5:30 p.m. Wed. and May 21 for boat service to Constitution Island and back.

GRADUATION PARADE—A special shuttle will provide direct service May 22, starting at 8:30 a.m., between A-Lot and The Plain.

GRADUATION BANQUET—A special shuttle starting at 5:30 p.m., May 22, will run between A-Lot and the Graduation Banquet/Hop.

GRADUATION DAY—Special shuttles will provide direct service between the parking areas and the stadium, 7 a.m.-2 p.m. May 23.

GRAD WEEK PARKING

EVENT	GENERAL	HANDICAPPED
TUESDAY		
Alumni events	A-C Lots	Clinton Lot
WEDNESDAY		
Reception 1st & 2nd Reg.	A-C Lots	Arvin PDC
THURSDAY		
Supes Award Review	A-C Lots	Clinton Lot
Reception 3rd & 4th Reg.	A-C Lots	Arvin PDC
BACCALAUREATE		
Most Holy Trinity	A-C Lots	Chapel Lot
Jewish Chapel	A-C Lots	Chapel Lot
Cadet Chapel	A-C Lots	Chapel Lot
FRIDAY		
Graduation Parade	A-C Lots	Clinton Lot
Awards Convocation	A-C Lots	Eisenhower Hall
Graduation Banquet	A-C Lots	Clinton Lot
SATURDAY		
Graduation	A-F Lots/BSF	H Lot

SHUTTLE BUS SCHEDULES

Monday through Friday

NORTHBOUND SHUTTLE

First bus-6:15 a.m. Last at 4:45 p.m.

Pickup Area Min. After Hour

Pickup Area	Min.	After Hour
Pershing Center/Spellman	15	45
Thayer Hotel (exit ramp)	17	47
Mills/Thayer Road	18	48
Thayer/Cullum Road	19	49
Mahan Hall Tunnel	20	50
Library Corner	21	51
Thayer Statue	22	52
Bldg. 667A	23	53
Bldg. 681	24	54
Washington/Buckner	26	56
Keller Hospital	29	59
Post Laundry	30	60
Motor Pool	31	01
Child Development Center	45	15

SOUTHBOUND SHUTTLE

First bus-6:15 a.m., Last at 4:45 p.m.

Pickup Area Min. After Hour

Pickup Area	Min.	After Hour
Child Development Center	15	45
Motor Pool/Rest Stop	29	59
Post Laundry	30	60
Keller Hospital	31	01
Washington/Buckner	34	04
Bldg. 681	35	05
Bldg. 667A	36	06
Thayer Statue	37	07
Library Corner	38	08
Mahan Hall Tunnel	39	09
Thayer/Cullum Road	40	10
Buffalo Soldier Field	41	11
Bldg. 622/626	42	12
Pershing Center/Spellman	45	15

PLEASE NOTE: BUS DRIVERS WILL STOP TO PICK UP AND DISCHARGE RIDERS AT OTHER SAFE LOCATIONS WHEN SIGNALLED.

PLACES OF INTEREST:

Visitors Center and Gift Shop:
Sun.-Fri., 9 a.m.-4:45 p.m.
Sat. (May 23), 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

West Point Museum and Gift Shop:
Sun., 10:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m.
Mon.-Thurs., 9:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m.
Fri.-Sat., 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

AOG Gift Shop:
Mon.-Fri., 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Sat. (May 23), 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Fort Putnam:
Mon.-Sat., 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Constitution Island:
Wed.-Thurs., 1-5:30 p.m.

SECURITY ISSUES:

West Point is operating under a heightened security posture. All visitors must enter through Thayer Gate or Stony Lonesome Gate and should expect minor delays. Visitors should use the shuttle buses from the lettered lots (A-F) and Buffalo Soldier Field throughout the week. Everyone ages 16 and older must have valid photo ID in their possession at all times. All vehicles may be searched.

GRADUATION DAY:

Everyone must pass through metal detectors. The following items are not allowed: large bags, backpacks, coolers, umbrellas and all beverage containers (glass or plastic). Arrive early to avoid delays at the gates.

MOMC Luncheon full of fun, food and lessons

Story and photos by
Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

Despite gathering clouds, fog and the threat of thunderstorms, the 10th annual celebration of the Month of the Military Child at Victor Constant Ski Slope May 9 found more than 200 community members attending the event.

The event is West Point's celebration of the national Month of the Military Child, which included a variety of events including temporary tattooing, face painting, horseback riding and getting up close and personal with some wild animals from New York state wildlife expert and science teacher at Saugerties High School Brian

Robinson.

The annual event is hosted by the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

The MOMC event recognizes the importance and the contributions military children make to a Family because of the uncertainty they endure with moving every few years or having one or both parents deployed.

It lets the children know how important Family is to a Soldier.

The Month of the Military Child was started in April 1987 by then Defense Secretary Casper Weinberger.

"We have been here for two years and this is the first time we have been to this event," Mijin Roux said. "My son, Isaiah, is the right

age to enjoy these events."

Anna Mayo said she went to the celebration last year with her child, who was then just 3 months old.

"This is certainly a bargain," Mayo said. "Where else can you go for \$15 for four people and get hamburgers, hotdogs and get involved in the fun events for children?"

Mayo's son Bowen, 15 months, seemed enchanted with the giraffe moon bounce.

There were some yucky moments when wildlife expert Robinson fed a mouse to an owl to show how quick the owl can eat while explaining how the owl's digestive tract works.

Still, the children were fascinated and learned something, too.



Brian Robinson, a wildlife expert, gives a mouse to the owl at the Month of the Military Child luncheon May 9 at the Victor Constant Ski Slope.



Three-year-old Parker Smith takes a ride on Reveille led by Michell Carver, O'Neill High School volunteer. Children also enjoyed great food, games, face painting and temporary tattoos.



Bowen Mayo (left) and Kady Duffy, both 15 months old, enjoy the giraffe bouncy toy at the Month of the Military Child luncheon Saturday.

DPW NOTES

Fire hydrant flushing—
spring/summer 2009

Directorate of Public Works Operations and Maintenance Division, will be flushing fire hydrants on post from May 26–June 6.

The flushing of the hydrants is a method used to clear sediment buildup out of the main water lines. This is usually done on a six-month cycle.

All hydrants on post will be flushed during the designated two week period, pending water line emergencies and weather conditions, in accordance with the following schedule:

- Weeks of May 26 and June 1: Central Area, Thayer Road, Washington Road, Wilson Road, Buffalo Soldier Field Area, Ruger Road, South Post, Lee Area, Fitness

Center area, New Brick, Grey Ghost, Keller Army Community Hospital, Laundry, TMP maintenance and the Mint.

- Week of May 26: Lusk Housing, Holleder Center, Michie Stadium and areas south, Stony Lonesome areas including PX, commissary and the Child Development Center.

For the convenience of community members, the flushing of hydrants will not occur during the hours of 6-9 a.m. and 4-6 p.m. daily.

During flushing, high velocities in the water mains may create discolored water in the faucets.

This water will not be suitable for washing clothes because staining will result.

Although the water is considered safe, it is not recommended for drinking or cooking because of the

discoloration.

Some quarters/buildings may experience low water pressure. Both the low water pressure and discoloration should clear up in about two hours.

All community members are urged to run the water prior to use for consumption or laundry during the flushing process in their vicinity.

For more information, call Greg Jones, Water / Wastewater Treatment Branch at 938-2109.

Earth Day view of West Point from the Hudson

All community members are invited to join DPW and Steve Grove, the retired USMA historian, for our annual guided tour of West Point from the Hudson River from 1:30-4:30 p.m. June 6.

The tour is a part of U.S. Military Academy's Earth Day celebration, to recognize USMA's history as a part of the cultural heritage of America.

The tour is open to all members of the USMA community and their guests by reservation only.

The tour will depart the South Dock at 1:30 p.m. Guests may bring food and beverage on board with them because no other refreshments will be available.

The event is free, but because of the limited capacity of the boat, reservations are required.

For reservations, contact Kevin Kirkpatrick, Environmental Management Division at 938-5175 or Carol Schreib at 938-8000.

Buffalo Soldier parking lot to get a face lift

The Directorate of Emergency Services in conjunction with the Directorate of Public Works has modified the traffic pattern at Buffalo Soldier Field parking lot.

The major change to traffic is for vehicles entering the parking lot from the east (Thayer Gate) will no longer be authorized to enter using the center lane.

That lane will only be accessed in and out from the west (Swift Road) and will be for parking only; not for through traffic.

The northern lane will be for vehicles entering the parking lot from the east, and the southern lane will be for vehicles entering the parking lot from the west.

The change is designed to establish a systematic flow of traffic to reduce the potential for traffic collisions.

Cryderman and Christian retiring this summer

Story and photo
By Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

Shawne Cryderman, principal of West Point Elementary School, said teaching came naturally to her because ever since she can remember, she wanted to be a teacher. After 34 years of being an educator—30 of those years overseas in the Department of Defense Education Activity system—Cryderman has decided to retire this summer.

“My mom was a teacher and when I was in first grade, I would go home and ‘teach’ my twin brother and sister who are 27 months younger than I am. I would have my chalk board up and my brother would hold a flag,” Cryderman said.

Cryderman taught kindergarten through sixth grade and has taught everything from reading to physical education.

She taught in Korea, Italy, Turkey, Iceland and Okinawa and was an assistant principal or principal in Korea, Okinawa, Germany and West Point.

“I was a teacher for 16 years and have been an administrator for 18 years,” she said.

“When Lisa Bishop, a teacher and a good friend of mine died, it hit me very hard,” Cryderman said. “She died on Feb. 9 this year and she was due to retire this summer. On Feb. 9, 2008, another good friend, who just retired from DoDDS that previous fall, died. I also lost both my parents within the first year of coming to West Point.”

Cryderman loves being an educator but says it is time to move on and is excited at the prospect of

yet another adventure.

“I am building a house in Arizona,” she said. “It’s an adult community, and I plan to open a children’s theater, do community theater, ride my bike and play pickleball (a type of mini-tennis.)”

She said she loves being the principal at WPES, but the job was different than what she was used to and is a daily challenge.

“It was a delight being here because the children are very bright, very verbal and their parents have high expectations for them, but it was a daily challenge. I also loved working in the DODEA system; it has been an E-ticket ride.”

Joyce Christian, who has 35 years as an educator under her belt and is the assistant principal of West Point elementary school, is also retiring this summer.

“I started teaching in Tuscaloosa, Ala. at Vance Elementary School and taught there for five years,” Christian said. “A friend and I were both teachers and one of the kindergarten teachers had a daughter who was assigned to a DODEA school in Germany. She sent letters to her mom about all the wonderful things she was doing in Germany.”

“So my friend and I applied, and both of us were accepted and assigned to the same elementary school in Osterholz-scharmbeck, Germany. Osterholz-scharmbeck was the first American school complex that the U.S. built from the ground up, and we were part of the first faculty members,” she explained.

Christian worked in several different schools during her 23 years in Germany as a teacher, education



Shawne Cryderman, West Point Elementary School principal, confers with the fourth grade energy group and good citizens club. Cryderman will retire in August and plans to create a children's theater in Arizona, ride her bike and play pickleball—a kind of mini-tennis game.

program manager and as an assistant principal. Outside of her first five years teaching in Alabama, West Point is the only other assignment she has had in the States.

“I’ve taught grades four-six and was an assistant principal both here and in Germany,” Christian said.

Christian loved horses as a child and always wanted one of her own.

“Due to my parents divorce and my mother’s early death, I was on my own at age 19,” she said. “When

that happens, you don’t have the money for things like horses.”

Christian said as luck would have it, she lived near a riding stable during her last assignment in Germany.

Since her love for horses had not abated, she signed her daughter up for riding lessons.

“The riding instructor could see and understand that the mom was just as excited as the daughter about horses,” she said. “The instructor started to talk to me about a very

special breed of horses he had gotten involved with called the gypsy vanner, a rare breed of horse developed by the Romany gypsies of the United Kingdom. I became very passionate about them. They are noted for their flowing manes and feathered feet that make them look like they are flying when running.”

Christian said she plans to move to a horse farm she co-owns with friends and will be breeding and raising gypsy vanner horses.



Assistant Principal Joyce Christian is retiring this summer. She plans to breed gypsy vanner horses in Louisiana. Christian first started teaching in Alabama, and after five years, she spent an additional 23 years teaching in Germany.

Are you covered? A look at the federal Tort Claims Act

By Capt. Lev S. Jacoby
Office of the Staff Judge Advocate

The Federal Tort Claims Act is a law that allows non-servicemembers to make claims against and sue the federal government in some cases.

The government may be liable if federal employees (military or civilian), while acting in the scope of their official duties, negligently cause harm to another person. Moreover, the FTCA may shield the federal employee from personal liability.

For the FTCA to apply, the employee must have been acting within the scope of employment. This means acting pursuant to his or her job and not for a purely personal interest.

For example, consider an employee who drives a government-owned vehicle from West Point to an official conference in New York City. After the conference, which ends at noon, rather than drive straight back to West Point, the employee drives to Cape May, N.J., to spend the afternoon at the beach. On the way to Cape May, the employee sideswipes a car on the Garden State Parkway, damaging the car and injuring the driver.

In that case, the employee is unlikely to be found to have been in the scope of employment because of the unofficial and personal nature of the detour.

If the victim sues, the government is unlikely to be liable and would not provide legal representation on the employee's behalf.

The employee would have to seek coverage from his or her personal automobile insurer.

The result would be very different if the employee had driven straight back to West Point. If the accident occurred on the Palisades Parkway, most likely the government would be liable for any damages.

Not all detours will take an employee out of scope.

For example, an employee on official travel may drive the GOV to a restaurant to eat if the distance is reasonable. But a significant departure that does not foster the efficient business of the government may make the employee liable for an accident.

If driving a GOV, or a car rented by the government, prepare to respond to a potential accident by having a blank SF 91, Motor Vehicle Accident Report, in the vehicle before leaving.

If an accident happens, immediately contact local law enforcement so there will be a police report on the accident.

Before the other party to the accident leaves, make sure Sections I through IX of the SF 91 are complete. At the very least, get the other party's contact information.

Upon returning to West Point, have a supervisor complete the SF 91. Section X

includes a supervisor portion that determines the scope of employment when the accident occurred.

A complete and accurate SF 91 will help the Claims Office prepare for a claim that may be filed and to investigate and adjudicate it after filing. The Claims Office should be notified about the incident at 938-2016.

Should accidents occur, as long as federal employees are acting within the scope of their employment, they are unlikely to be held personally liable for negligent acts.

Accordingly, employees should be careful to comply with applicable regulations concerning use of GOVs and use them only for official business.

Childbirth Preparation Classes

Childbirth preparation classes will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 26, June 2 and 9 at the Keller Army Community Hospital second-floor classroom.

The childbirth preparation classes are part of a four-week series.

Call obstetrics to register at 938-3210.

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.

New emergency room patient parking

There is new patient parking at Keller Hospital for emergency room patients only, located in the ambulance round-about.

It can be accessed through the ambulance entrance on Washington Road.

Medical appointments

Appointment no shows occur when patients arrive more than 10 minutes after their appointment time or miss appointments entirely.

Help Keller Army Community Hospital save these valuable appointments for everyone by:

- having calendars handy when making appointments;
- allowing enough travel and parking time to arrive at the appointment 15 minutes early;
- calling 938-7992 or 800-552-2907 to cancel an appointment as soon as possible.

The Keller Appointment Center is open 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. weekdays.



Mother's Day essay contest winner

Jessica Meyer, 10, a straight-A student in fifth grade, hugs her mom, Melissa, the mother of four daughters and one son, outside of their quarters May 6. Jessica wrote the winning essay for the Mother's Day essay contest, sponsored by the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation. She won a spa day and four brunch tickets for the West Point Club for her mom. Jessica said she asked her sister, Mandy, to look over the first draft of the essay, who said it was too choppy, so she rewrote it. Melissa said she was very proud of Jessica for writing the essay.

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What's Happening

Safety seat inspections

Child safety seat inspections will be performed from 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. today 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. today 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. Saturday 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.

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 Saturday 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.

Volkssport Club

The West Point Volkssport Club is walking a Central Valley trail through Woodbury Common Outlet Sunday.

Registration is 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Central Valley Elementary School on N.Y. State Route 32. Walkers must finish by 4 p.m.

The five-kilometer and 10-kilometer trails will go through village neighborhoods on sidewalks, streets and some gravel paths as well as a complete circuit of the outdoor paved walks at Woodbury Common Outlet.

For more information, call Mike Green at 781-6801.

Memorial service

The annual Mickey Marcus Memorial Service, honoring Col. David "Mickey" Marcus and other U.S. and Canadian volunteers who were killed during Israel's War of Independence, is scheduled for 11 a.m.-noon Sunday at the Jewish Chapel.

A coffee hour precedes the event

at 10 a.m. in the Chapel Social Hall.

Graveside honors will be rendered in the West Point Cemetery at 12:15 p.m. Chaplain (Maj.) Carlos Huerta is scheduled to be keynote speaker.

Asaf Shariv, consul general of the State of Israel, is scheduled to present greetings from the government of Israel.

For more information, call the chapel at 938-2766.

Blood drive

The National Purple Heart Hall of Honor is hosting a blood drive with the American Red Cross Blood Drive 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. May 21.

The National Purple Heart Hall of Honor is located at 374 Temple Hill Road (Route 300) in New Windsor.

For more information or to make a reservation to donate, call 561-1765 or visit www.thepurpleheart.com.

Book signing

Craig Mullaney is scheduled to sign copies of his book "The Unforgiving Minute" from 12:30-4 p.m. May 21 at the Cadet Bookstore located on the fourth floor of Thayer Hall. For more information, call 938-5193.

Memorial Day program

Purple Heart recipients will share their memories, reflections and poetry during a Memorial Day program 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. May 25 at the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor, 374 Temple Hill Road (Route 300) in New Windsor.

A concert with Linda Russel will follow at 2 p.m. at New Windsor

Cantonment State Historic Site.

For more information, call 561-1765 or visit www.thepurpleheart.com.

Free college class

The Army Education Center is planning a free college class for noncommissioned officers from 5-8:30 p.m. June 1-5.

Students who complete the class will earn one semester hour of college credit from Central Texas College. The class—MTHR 1170, preparing efficiency reports—will meet at the Army Education Center, 683 Buckner Loop.

For registration information, call 938-3464/5389.

Blood drive

Hudson Valley Blood Services and the Highland Falls Fire Department are hosting a blood drive 9 a.m.-noon June 6 at the fire department, 9 Mountain Ave. Walk-ins are welcome.

To make an appointment or for more information, contact Kim Lee at 446-4221 or kim.lee@hffd.net.

Alumni Golf Outing

The 16th Annual Alumni Golf Outing is scheduled for June 11-13.

U.S. Military Academy graduates and their guests may participate.

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

New Cadet Visitation Day

Because of summer training, the New Cadet Visitation Day, also known as the Ice Cream Social, will take place from 1:30-5:30 p.m. July 15.

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Black and Gold volunteer awards

The Black and Gold Volunteer Recognition Ceremony was held May 7 at the Army Community Service Building. This month's recipients of the volunteer awards are: front row (left to right) Jennifer Rice, Lisa Adams, Chris Franciskowicz, Karen Schlicht, Stephanie Harvie, Sarah Oh, Maj. Paul Oh, Jane Spies and Sgt. 1st Class Aletha Holliday. Back row (left to right) Scott Berkoben, Col. Gary Griggs, Maj. Robert Romans, Carrie Shekleton, Angela Trzepakowski, Shannon Williams, Mary Ann Fiaschetti, Amy Lynn Cutright and Sgt. 1st Class Andre Rush. Garrison commander Col. Dan Bruno (left) recognized the group.

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BBC LifeWorks events

Spring fling beautify your yard and community

Round up the Family and join Balfour Beatty Communities between 4-7 p.m. Friday at the Maintenance Dock—695 Buckner Loop.

BBC will be giving away free mulch and free spring flower packs.

Balfour Beatty will provide snacks and cold drinks.

May Yard of the Month contest

Participate in May's Yard of the Month because you might be our next winner.

Balfour Beatty Communities will be judging homes for the May Yard of the Month contest in every neighborhood on neatness, presentation, effort and, most of all, curb appeal.

A winner will be selected and awarded \$25.

Balfour Beatty Communities will be judging the Yard of the Month May 28.

FMWR Blurbs

AER campaign

Army Emergency Relief campaign ends Friday. For more information, contact Amy Weyhrauch at 938-5839 or amy.weyhrauch@us.army.mil.

West Point 5/10k

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

For more information, call 938-6497.

Membership Appreciation Night

Membership Appreciation Night is scheduled for 5-8 p.m. Friday at the West Point Club.

A free buffet and dessert bar will be offered for club members.

Live entertainment and prizes also are planned.

For more information, call 938-5120.

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 session will be held 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. Saturday.

To register, call (212) 875-2253.

Teen workshops

Two free workshops are planned for teens.

How can I become rich is planned for 3:15-4:15 p.m. Saturday, and communication and team work skills for the workplace is scheduled for 3:15-4:15 p.m. June 23.

Both workshops take place 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 the class.

NASCAR tickets

Tickets for the Pocono 500 will be available at ITR beginning noon Wednesday. Tickets for the race, which takes place at 2 p.m. June 7, are for active-duty and retirees only and will be distributed in pairs of two.

Tickets are not for resale and are nontransferable.

Ticket-holders might be required to show military ID at the race. ITR is located at 695 Buckner Loop.

Brunch cruise

A brunch cruise down the Hudson River is planned to celebrate the 400th anniversary of Henry Hudson's discovering the river.

The brunch is scheduled for 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. June 7.

For reservations, call 446-5545.

Career workshops

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

Job interviews for military Families interested in employment with Occupations Inc. and Family Empowerment are scheduled for May 21 and June 18 at ACS, Bldg. 622.

To schedule an interview, call 938-5658.

Workshops

A workshop about starting a franchise is scheduled for 9:30-11:30 a.m. June 9, resume success is scheduled for 1:30-3 p.m. June 12 and interview techniques and dressing for success is scheduled for 10-11:30 a.m. June 26 at ACS, Bldg. 622.

For more information or to register, call 938-5658.

English classes

English Language Learners, an English as a second language class, meets 9-10:30 a.m. for beginners and 10:35 a.m.-12:15 p.m. for intermediate and advanced Tuesdays and Thursdays through July 2.

Free childcare is available.

For more information, call 938-3487.

Preschool enrollment

Enrollment for part-day preschool for academic year 2009-10 will be held at 8 a.m. today and Friday for Families of deployed Soldiers and warriors in transition, Monday-May 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 Child Development Services, Bldg. 1207.

For more information, call 938-3921.

SFAC classes

A job-fair preparation class is scheduled for 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Soldier and Family Assistance Center, Bldg. 626.

For more information, call Peggie Taylor at 938-0634.

A class about Traumatic Service Members Group Life Insurance is scheduled for 10-11:30 a.m. May 26 at the SFAC.

For more information, call Megan Calero

at 938-0632.

Warriors in transition and their Families have priority, but the classes are open to all on a space-available basis.

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 June 8-19 by stopping by the library or by calling 938-2974.

Running group

A beginner's running group meets through May 29.

Beginning runners will work toward a two-mile goal.

Runs are led by Certified Personal Trainer Andrea Ingram.

Contact everywomanfitness@hotmail.com or FMWR Fitness at 938-6490 to sign up or for information.

Triathlon training group

A women's triathlon training group will meet June 8-Aug. 30 to prepare for the Diamond Girl New York All-Women's Sprint Triathlon at Harriman State Park/Lake Sebago.

The group is led by Certified Personal Trainer Dana White.

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

SKIES Instructional Program

CYS Services SKIES Instructional Program Sessions are ongoing.

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

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Command Channel 8/23

May 14-23

Army Newswatch (broadcast times)
Thursday-Friday,
Monday-May 21

8:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.
May 22

8:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Graduation Dinner (Live) 6 p.m.
May 23

Graduation (Live) 10 a.m.

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Friday	-- Fast and Furious, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday	-- Monsters Vs. Aliens, PG, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday	-- Knowing, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.
May 22	-- 17 Again, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
May 23	-- Dragonball: Evolution, PG, 7:30 p.m.
May 29	-- State of Play, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
May 30	-- Hannah Montana: The Movie, G, 7:30 p.m.

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Baseball defeats HC, two wins from NCAAs

Story and photos by
Eric S. Bartelt
Assistant Editor

Yearling pitcher Kirk Porter threw eight shutout innings while Yearlings designated hitter Joey Henshaw and left fielder Ben Koenigsfeld homered during a six-run fourth inning to power Army past Holy Cross 11-0 in the crucial third game of the Patriot League Tournament best-of-three semifinal series Sunday at Doubleday Field.

The game three win over the No. 3 seed Crusaders advanced Army (31-18) to this weekend's Patriot League Championship Series where the No. 2 seeded Black Knights will host No. 4 seeded Lafayette. The first game of the doubleheader Saturday will begin at noon with the second game to follow 30 minutes later. Game three, if necessary, will take place Sunday at 1 p.m.

Holy Cross (22-27) and Army split the first two games May 9 as Army took the opener 5-1 before the Crusaders' come-from-behind win in game two, 5-3.

Cow pitcher Matt Fouch gave up only one run in eight innings to win game one while Yearling pitcher/first baseman Kevin McKague came in relief to strikeout two of the three batters he faced in a 1-2-3 ninth inning. Henshaw ripped a two-run single before McKague knocked a three-run homer in the third inning to power the Black Knights to victory.

Holy Cross' strong pitching would neutralize Army's bats in game two to force the decisive game three Sunday.

Game three was a pitcher's duel for the first two-and-a-half innings before the Black Knights took control of the game.

Holy Cross junior pitcher Bobby

Holmes, who held Army scoreless in three innings of relief in game two, started to fade in the third inning by giving up a one-out single to Firstie center fielder Andy Ernesto. One pitch later, Yearling shortstop Clint Moore ripped a double off the base of the left-center field fence to score Ernesto and give the Black Knights a 1-0 lead.

Subsequently, with Moore and Henshaw, who walked after Moore, on base with two outs, Koenigsfeld deposited a shot to the right-center field gap to plate both runners and extend Army's lead to 3-0 in the third.

Koenigsfeld, who pitched game two and got the losing decision, made the most of his opportunity to redeem himself not less than 24 hours later by having one of the biggest days of his collegiate career.

"It was disappointing (to lose game two) because it was a game we probably should have won if I had pitched better," Koenigsfeld, who gave up five runs, three earned in six innings in game two, explained. "But, today, I got an opportunity to hit and I did whatever I could to help the team win.

"It's a great feeling because when something like that happens (the day before) you feel like you let everybody down," the Patriot League Pitcher of the Year added, "but to comeback and help the team out (hitting) was a huge weight off my shoulders."

The Black Knights sealed their victory in the fourth inning by adding six runs to their lead highlighted by Henshaw's three-run homer, his 11th home run of the season, to put Army up 7-0. After McKague reached on an infield single, Koenigsfeld then launched a two-run shot to left field to give



Yearling designated hitter Joey Henshaw lines a three-run homer to the opposite field in the fourth inning of game three of the Patriot League Tournament best-of-three semifinal series Sunday. The home run was his 11th of the season, which places Henshaw one behind the school record of 12, which was accomplished by Mike Scioletti (1997) and Schuyler Williamson (2004).

Army a 9-0 advantage.

Koenigsfeld finished the day 2-for-5 with four runs batted in, including his sixth homer of the season, to erase his previous day's performance out of his mind. Head coach Joe Sottolano knew it was in Koenigsfeld to bounce back strong, even though he knew it was going to be a challenge for him.

"Emotionally, that's not an easy thing to do, but Benny is maturing and doing some great things," Sottolano said. "He's been there for us all year and there's no reason to think he wouldn't be there again.

"He did a tremendous job today and we're all pleased that he's on our team," he added. "We're proud of the decisions he made and the

effort he gave us."

Army would tack on runs in the fifth and eighth innings on Firstie right fielder Kyle Fleming's sixth home run of the season and an RBI single by Plebe catcher J.T. Watkins, respectively.

But as much as Army's hitting took over the game, it was Porter's solid eight-inning, five-hit, shutout

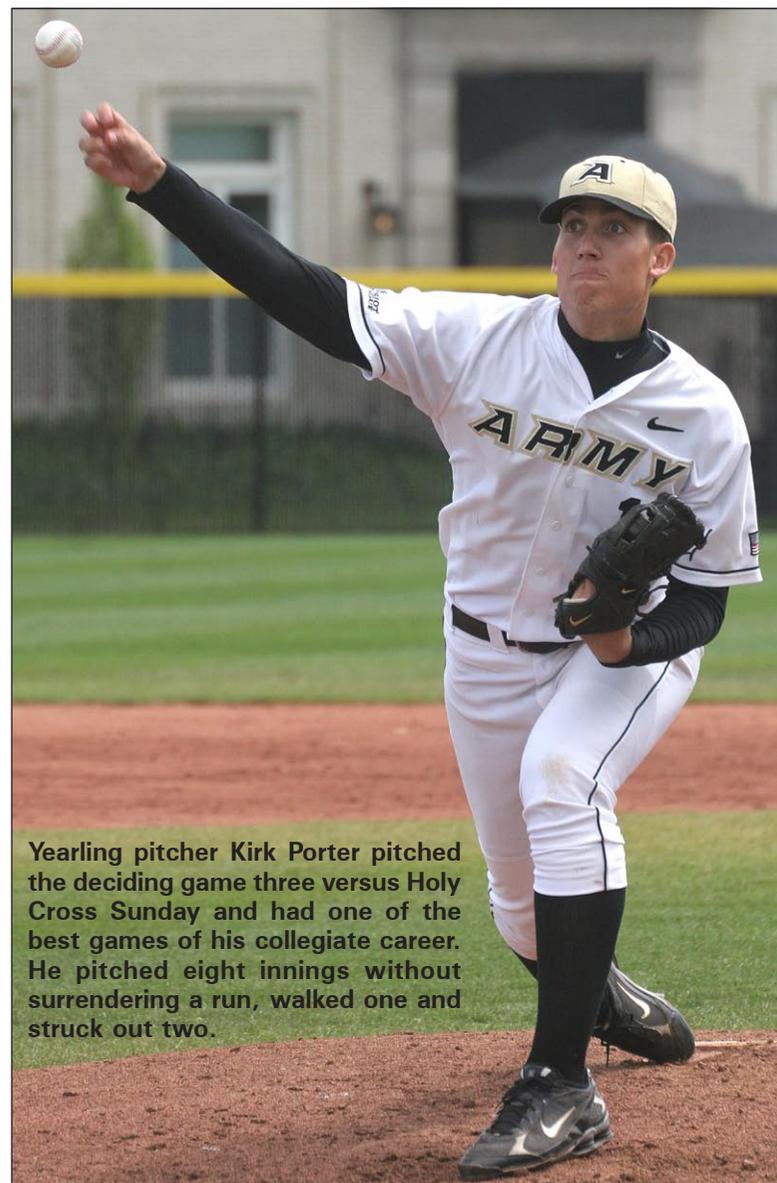
effort that kept the Black Knights one step ahead of Holy Cross throughout the day.

Porter had command of all of his pitches that limited the Crusaders from getting a runner to third base all day. Porter also held the Patriot League Player of the Year, Crusader third baseman Matt Perry, hitless (0-

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Yearling shortstop Clint Moore (left) does a fist pump as Plebe second baseman Zach Price completes a double play during game one May 9 versus Holy Cross. The double play was one of three in that game and seven overall through the three-game series won by Army.



Yearling pitcher Kirk Porter pitched the deciding game three versus Holy Cross Sunday and had one of the best games of his collegiate career. He pitched eight innings without surrendering a run, walked one and struck out two.

Women's tennis loses 4-0 to No. 6 Miami

By Tracy Nelson
Athletic Communications

CORAL GABLES, Fla.—The 2009 season came to an end for the Army women's tennis team, as the Black Knights faltered against No. 6 ranked Miami (Fla.), 4-0, at the Hurricanes' Neil Schiff Tennis Center in NCAA Regional action May 8.

Army won the Patriot League's automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament after capturing the program's fifth-straight conference title two weeks ago. Army was making its ninth NCAA appearance.

The Black Knights met the Hurricanes for the first time in program history. Number 6 Miami (Fla.) was the highest nationally ranked opponent Army has faced since No. 3-ranked Southern California in the 2006 NCAA Regional.

With its Top 4 singles players ranked in the nation's Top 50 and a pair of Top 60 doubles teams, Miami cruised into the regional final in front of 1,184 spectators and in 95-degree temperatures at its home facility.

The Black Knights managed to win four doubles games and five on the singles side, but it was not enough to outlast the powerful Hurricanes. Army's record fell to 24-9 on the season, while Miami advanced and improved to 24-4 overall.

Army hung with Miami for the first couple of points in all three doubles matches before bowing at first and third doubles to allow



Cow Kristin Beehler avoided getting shutout in her matches in singles and doubles against No. 6 ranked Miami (Fla.) in NCAA Regional action May 8. Army lost 4-0 against the Hurricanes.

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Miami to capture the all-important doubles point and go ahead by a 1-0 score.

Firstie Sarah Giles-Madden and Yearling Robie Verano suffered their first loss as a doubles pair this spring. In the first match to finish, the duo fell to Miami's Gabriela Mejia and Claudia Wasilewski (8-1) at No. 3 doubles.

Firstie Niki Flach and Yearling Michael Tollerton then moved to 16-7 on the year, as 19th ranked

Michaela Kissell and Laura Vallverdu out-did the Army tandem in the top flight (8-1) to secure the doubles point for the Hurricanes. No. 51 Julia Cohen and Bianca Eichkorn of Miami led Army's second doubles team of Yearling Anne Houghton and Cow Kristin Beehler by a 7-2 score but did not finish.

In singles action, Miami seized control of the top two flights in the early going, as Cohen and

Vallverdu took a 3-0 lead in their first sets against Houghton (No. 1) and Flach (No. 2), respectively. Both Houghton and Flach lost by identical 6-0, 6-0 scores against the No. 3 and No. 24 singles players in the nation, respectively. Flach's match was the first to finish, while Houghton's was not far behind as Miami surged in front, 3-0.

Miami's Claudia Wasilewski went on to clinch the match for the Hurricanes with a 6-1, 6-0

win over Army's Verano at No. 6 singles. Verano, along with Giles-Madden and Beehler, managed to avoid a shutout with their points all coming early on in the match. The loss was Verano's first since Feb. 8, as the Edinburg, Texas, native rode a 12-match win streak into the postseason.

No. 37-ranked Florida International edged No. 42-ranked Princeton, 4-3, in a thrilling match to start the day.

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Yearling left fielder Ben Koenigsfeld gets congratulations from his teammates after his two-run homer in the fourth inning put Army ahead 9-0. He finished the series' deciding game 2-for-5 with a home run, double and four runs batted in.

for-4) and got him to hit in one of two double plays on the afternoon.

"He was outstanding," Sottolano said. "Kirk had a big game, no question, and right from the first inning it seemed evident that he was up for the challenge. He really came out with conviction, located the ball extremely well and had one focus in mind and that gave us exactly what we needed."

Porter, who upped his record to 6-3 on the season, got into a couple of jams during the game with runners at first and second but like the two previous games in the semifinal series the defense came up big.

The defense came up with two double plays on Sunday, and totaled seven throughout the weekend, which gives them 58 double plays for the season—just three shy of the school-record set in 2005.

"(The defense is) great," Porter said. "When I got down and walked someone, the next pitch I got a big double play out of them to end the inning. (A great defense) shortens up the game and gets everyone rolling. It's just awesome when the defense backs you up the way they did (all weekend)."

Now with Holy Cross in the rearview, Army is looking forward to hosting the PL championship series and a chance to get back to the NCAA Regionals for the first time since 2005.

"It's a great feeling to get to the Patriot League Championship (this) week and having home field advantage and the home fans behind us," Porter said. "We can't ask for anything more."

Army defeated Lafayette three of four times this season when they faced one another April 25-26 in Easton, Pa.

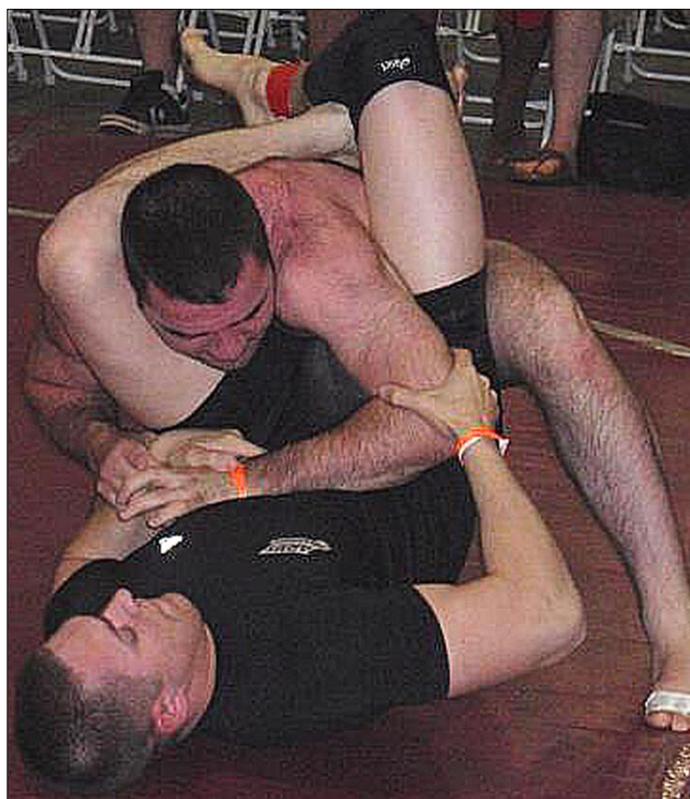
The Black Knights were a juggernaut offensively when they scored 44 runs and belted 12 home runs in those four games; however, the team is taking nothing for granted especially after the Leopards defeated No. 1 seed Bucknell Sunday.

"We're feeling confident because we did well against Lafayette, but they are a good team so we know we're going to have to take care of business to advance," Koenigsfeld said. "As long as our pitching keeps us in the game, our offense is capable of anything. We're excited to get this opportunity."

CLUB RESULTS

Cow Arthur Dominiak (bottom position) applies a submission called a triangle on his opponent. Dominiak placed second in the men's advanced no-gi light heavyweight division at the NAGA Northeast Ground Fighting Championship May 2 in Edison, N.J. While Dominiak controlled his opponent in the Guard for the majority of the match, his opponent was able to accumulate more points at the end of the match to solidify the victory.

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• **Grappling Team:** The U.S. Military Academy grappling team dominated at the NAGA Northeast Ground Fighting Championship May 2 in Edison, N.J. Firstie Sean "The Ankle Assassin" Davies earned first place in the men's no-gi beginner featherweight division through superior conditioning, a dominating mindset and with his profound knowledge of ankle locks.

Davies won the championship match in devastating fashion placing his opponent in his signature ankle lock move making his opponent tap in 30 seconds.

Plebe Colby Brunette had an impressive showing as he ran through the men's beginner no-gi lightweight division and earned second place.

Yearling William Yankauskas earned first place by steamrolling through the men's beginner light heavyweight class.

Cow Travis Anderson placed second in the men's advance no-gi division. Anderson also fought in the men's advance absolute class (all weight classes combined) and in his third-place match competed against celebrity Bill Duff from the History Channel's "Human Weapon." Duff edged out Anderson for the decision based on points scored, but it didn't hurt that Duff, an ex-professional football player, weighed 280 pounds to Anderson's 179 pounds. Although Anderson lost the decision, his fight was one of the most exciting fights of the day.

Cow Art Dominiak placed second in the men's advanced no-gi light heavyweight division. While Dominiak controlled his opponent in the Guard for the majority of the match, his opponent was able to accumulate more points at the end of the match to solidify the victory.

Yearling William Nagy placed second in the men's no-gi heavyweight division. Nagy was winning the championship round by imposing his will on his opponent, but with mere seconds left in the match Nagy found himself caught in an ankle lock and was forced to submit.

Yearling Travis Zahnow exhibited poise and a keen understanding of positioning in his grappling debut. Zahnow made it to the third medal round and lost a heartbreaking match

for the bronze.

Yearling Michael Eoute showed that USMA produces warrior leaders of character by demonstrating great sportsmanship after losing to another opponent because of his trickery and use of foul tactics.

And, once again, Maj. James Smith, the team officer-in-charge, led by example by placing first in the men's beginner masters no-gi cruiserweight division and first in the men's beginner no-gi cruiserweight division. Smith had some very exciting fights and also was able to demonstrate his credo that "conditioning is his best submission."

• **Men's Handball Team:** The Army Men's Handball Team finished an incredibly successful season May 9-10 in Elgin, Ill., at the 2009 USA Handball Open Nationals Tournament.

This year's tournament was the culmination of USA Handball's season and pitted the country's Top 20 teams against each other in a mixed bracket and round-robin format.

Army started off extremely strong by defeating a Chicago team in a decisive 30-4 victory. The same day, Army faced off against the Florida Hurricanes, a talented team of predominantly former Cuban national team players. At the end of regulation, Army and Florida fought each other to a 22-22 standstill, resulting in an overtime shootout.

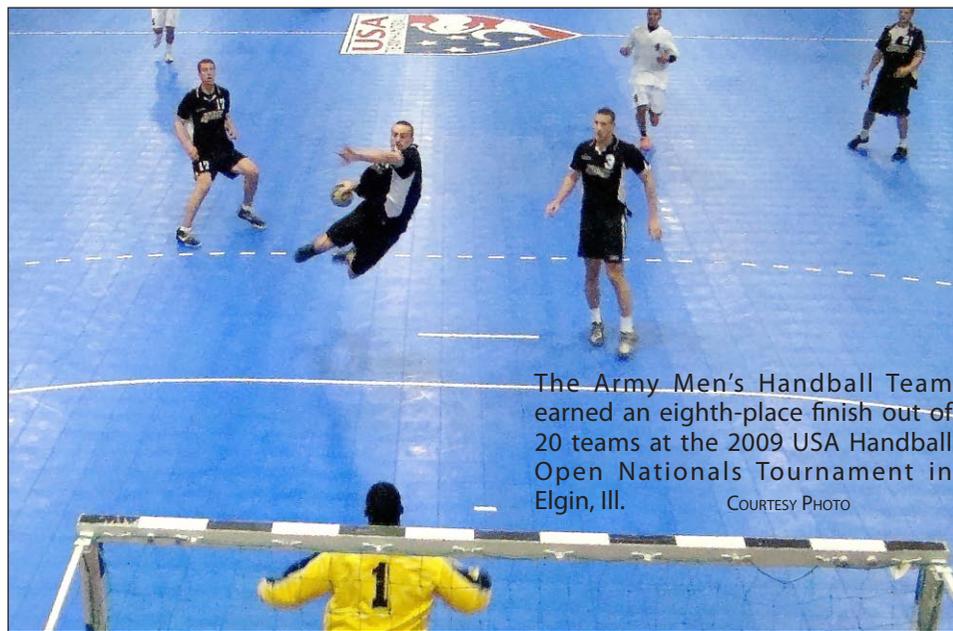
Army's three firstie players, Captain Brian Walsh, Justin Key and Jake Abramowitz, sealed the victory for Army by scoring on all three attempts, while Yearling goalie Tim Wagner blocked one of Florida's three shots to send Army into the Elite Eight in thrilling fashion.

Despite the heroics and spark from the bracket play, Army failed to overcome a key injury and lost close contests to Los Angeles, Atlanta and a Houston team that took second overall.

Although the Army players were not completely satisfied, Army finished an impressive eighth overall of 20 teams, a strong effort against a very competitive field.

The 2008-09 season was one of Army Handball's most successful seasons in recent history. Army added a gold medal from the Blue Cup Tournament in North Carolina, one that Army had not won since the 1990s, and secured their third consecutive College National Championship in Colorado Springs, Colo.

As the incredible year comes to a close, Army looks toward next year to repeat on the successes from this season and to build as a team to reach further success in USA Handball.



The Army Men's Handball Team earned an eighth-place finish out of 20 teams at the 2009 USA Handball Open Nationals Tournament in Elgin, Ill.

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Triathlon earns Duathlon championship

USA Triathlon announced their All-American list, and seven West Point triathlon team members made the list. Firsties Nick Vandam and Nick Sterghos and Cow Ashley Morgan were declared full All-Americans. Firstie Kari Vahle and Cows Rob Sherry, Brian Lagasse and Andy Stock were named All-American Honorable Mention. The team results for the Duathlon National Championships were also announced and West Point Triathlon team won its first Collegiate National Championship. Duathlon is a run-bike-run event, as opposed to a swim-bike-run. West Point beat out the contingent from Navy, Virginia Tech, and North Carolina State among other schools.

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Sports calendar

May 14-21

SATURDAY -- BASEBALL VS. LAFAYETTE (DH), DOUBLEDAY FIELD, PATRIOT LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES, NOON.

SUNDAY -- BASEBALL VS. LAFAYETTE (GAME 3, IF NECESSARY), DOUBLEDAY FIELD, PATRIOT LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES, 1 P.M.

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No HOME EVENTS SCHEDULED.