

View 2009 graduation online

From staff reports

The 2009 West Point graduation will stream live online on the West Point Web site (www.westpoint.edu) and the Pentagon Channel Web site (www.pentagonchannel.mil/media/) starting at 9:29 a.m. Saturday.

The Pentagon Channel also will have the complete event available for download roughly 24-48 hours after the live feed.

To download, go to the Pentagon Channel media page (www.pentagonchannel.mil/media/). There is a large banner saying "Click here to download broadcast quality programming from the Pentagon Channel."

West Point's Graduation can be downloaded for free and saved to a DVD. Since these files are broadcast quality, they are rather large MPG files and will take some time to download.

Also, users must sign up for a free password and username to start downloading the files.

Additionally, those unable to attend the graduation ceremony can also watch the commencement ON DEMAND because of the partnership between Comcast and the Pentagon Channel.

The two will bring coverage of this year's service academy graduations to Comcast Digital Cable customers throughout New Jersey, Delaware, southeastern and central Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia and Washington via Comcast's Local Video On Demand service.

Each graduation ceremony, available no later than four days following the commencements, can be viewed through mid-June, allowing digital cable customers to watch them any time with the ability to fast forward, rewind and pause selections at their convenience. These graduations are free of charge.

Customers can access Graduations ON DEMAND by tuning to channel 1 on their digital cable lineup or pressing the ON DEMAND button on their remote control, then clicking on the "Get Local" category followed by the "Academy Graduations" folder.

To determine exact dates the graduations will play in a particular area, Comcast customers should check their local listings because specific dates were not available at press time. The ceremony also will be broadcast live on command channels 8 and 23 at West Point only.

NOTICE

The American Federation of Government Employees Local 2367, representing bargaining unit employees at West Point, will hold an informational picket Friday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. outside Thayer and Stony Lonesome gates.

Please be particularly careful when driving through those gates during these hours and respect the employees and their right to picket.



Patton statue is unveiled

Official party members watch George Patton Waters and Benjamin Patton, two of Gen. George S. Patton Jr.'s grandchildren, unveil his statue at the corner of Jefferson Hall facing the Plain May 15. The statue will remain in that location until the construction on the old library is complete. Then it will move to its final location closer to Doubleday Field.

JOHN PELLINO/DOIM MMB

DPTMS provides parking and traffic information

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

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

Friday

In support of the graduation parade:

- Clinton Lot and the tennis court parking area are designated 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 Doubleday 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 should park in the Old PX Lot (K Lot) and use the post shuttle.

Saturday

In support of the graduation exercise:

- Stony Lonesome Road is 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 7:45-8:30 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 from the Central Post Area to the PX /Commissary area.

- Because of the heavy traffic expected at Stony Lonesome and Thayer Gates, those authorized to use Washington Gate, (DOD decal and CAC card or military ID card) should do so.

- Families and visitors can enter Michie Stadium through security checkpoints established at gates 1, 3, 6 and 6A. Everyone 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 of paramount concern during graduation week activities.

Monday

The West Point Memorial Day Commemoration Ceremony, which is open to the public, starts at 11:50 a.m. Monday at the Trophy Point at Battle Monument.

All traffic will be rerouted in this area from 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Vehicles exiting Clinton Lot during the ceremony will have to turn right on Cullum Road.

There will be cannon firing as part of the firing of volleys at about 12:01 p.m.

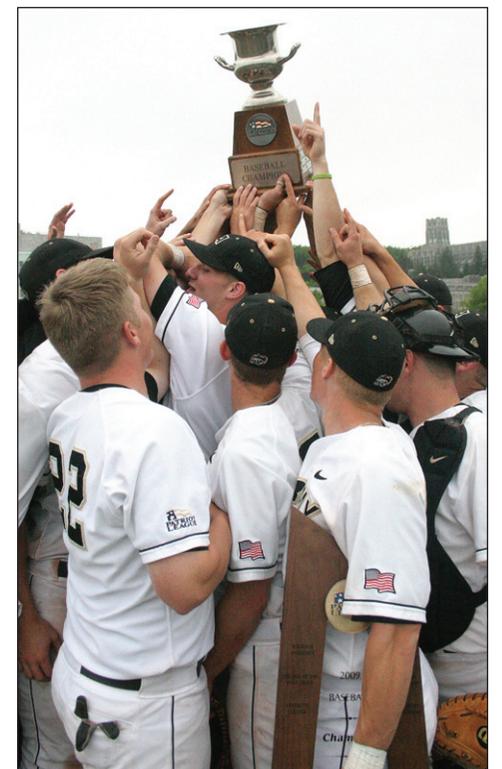
Anyone observing suspicious behavior or activity is urged to promptly report it to the

West Point Military Police at 938-3333.

Remember, if you see something, say something.

For more information, contact Joe Senger at 938-8859.

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Letter from the Supe to the Class of 2009

Dear Class of 2009,

Congratulations on your impending graduation and commissioning. You have almost completed the rigorous U.S. Military Academy requirements—academic, physical, military, social, ethical and spiritual—and I welcome you into the Long Gray Line.

Soon you will be officers, and Soldiers will rely on you. Soon you may be in battle, but as you entered the academy in a time of war, and reaffirmed your commitment under the same circumstances on A-Day, I know that all of you are willing and prepared to face the challenges of combat.

I am sure you also share my appreciation for the since-graduated upperclassmen (including those cadets in the red sash on R-Day 47 months ago), the tactical officers and noncommissioned officers, the faculty and the staff, and the officer representatives and sponsors who coached, taught and mentored you.

And let's not forget, as they are just as important to your leadership experience here, the underclassmen on whom you practiced your own coaching, teaching and mentoring. They will never forget you.

In the past four years, many memories have been born and many friendships forged. Your class has seen a lot of changes: Patton's statue disappeared and reappeared, summer training has evolved tremendously, and the number of cadets who have spent time abroad has soared. But some things over your tenure have remained the same: You have worked hard, you have done well, and your commitment to Duty, Honor and Country has remained steadfast.

I wish you the best of luck as you move from the Corps of Cadets to the Army's Officer Corps.

For your freedom and mine!

The Supe

Lt. Gen. Buster Hagenbeck
Superintendent

Fire in Highland Falls affects Families of 5 West Point employees

An apartment structure fire on Brennans Way in Highland Falls Tuesday completely destroyed the homes of Families of five West Point employees.

No one was injured and everyone has temporary lodging. The Red Cross is assisting the Families, but there may be a need for a variety of items to assist them in the future.

The Pointer View will publish information about the Families' needs as they become available, so members of the West Point community can help these Families get their lives back to normal.



Academy chaplain retires

Chaplain (Col.) John J. Cook III (center) stands with his Family (from left)—twin sons, Cows Joshua and Jonathan; wife, Deborah; daughter, Allison; and his parents, Priscilla and John—after his retirement ceremony May 14. Cook was the first captain for the USMA class of 1979 and served as a field artillery officer in the 82nd Airborne Division before leaving active duty in 1984 to attend divinity school. He returned to active duty in 1989 and has served as the U.S. Military Academy chaplain since July 2005 and as protestant cadet chaplain and pastor of the Cadet Chapel during previous assignments here.

CONNIE WAGNER/CHAPLAIN'S OFFICE

CORRECTION: Firstie Cristin Browne was misidentified on page 1 in the May 14 issue. She is the U.S. Corps of Cadets public affairs officer/S-2.

SHARP

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

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

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

Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

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

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Difficulty: Hard

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

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POINTER VIEW

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KACH provides H1N1 (swine) flu update

From staff reports

Some new H1N1 (swine) flu outbreaks continue to make news in the tri-state area but not in immediate vicinity of West Point.

Although H1N1 is not an immediate concern here, prevention always merits great emphasis.

“While the extent of the H1N1 flu appears to be under control in most locations, everyone at West Point should continue to take the proper precautions,” Col. Michael Deaton, Keller Army Community Hospital commander and academy surgeon, said. “Keller and the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security are still actively monitoring the situation throughout the area, but knowing the symptoms and following the hygiene guidelines should help defend against an outbreak.”

Since spring is a time for allergies and some of the symptoms of allergies are the same as the flu, misinterpreting allergy symptoms as flu symptoms is possible.

“If you have previously suffered from seasonal allergies and are having those same symptoms in the absence of a fever, influenza is less likely,” Deaton added.

To protect yourself against the flu, follow these everyday personal hygiene practices:

- Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hand cleaners also are effective. Keep one of these bottles in the office and use it regularly;

- Cover nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Throw the tissue in the trash after use. If tissues are unavailable, cough/sneeze into a sleeve or the crook of your elbow, keeping germs from the hands;

- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth—major ways that germs spread;

- In the gym, wipe down equipment with disinfectant/sanitizer before and after use;

- Don’t shake hands at least until the determination is made about how this strain of flu is being spread. When people stick

out their hand, say something such as, “Pleased to meet you, but the academy surgeon recommends we don’t shake hands for now because of the H1N1 flu.”

If you become sick, take these specific measures:

- Limit contact with others to keep from spreading the flu.

If healthy, try to avoid close contact with those who are sick. This strain of influenza appears to spread through person-to-person contact. Coughing, sneezing and touching are the primary ways transmission occurs;

- If you have cold symptoms, stay home from work or school, and call the emergency room (938-4004) if you have questions. West Point civilian employees should contact their primary care physicians.

To limit the possible spread of this disease, see a physician as soon as possible if the following symptoms occur:

- fever higher than 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit;

- difficulty breathing or pain with breathing;

- having trouble staying hydrated (haven’t urinated in more than eight hours or get light-headed when standing up).

Remember, if the illness sounds like flu and feels like the flu, stay home for at least seven days after the onset of symptoms or 48 hours after the symptoms resolve themselves, whichever is longer. For civilian employees, the standard sick leave procedures apply.

If potential patients come to the hospital and have flu symptoms, their evaluations may take place in an area separate from other patients, and they may be asked to wear a mask.

“Although the H1N1 virus is continuing to circulate throughout the country, we still have not seen any cases here at West Point,” Keller Chief of Preventive Medicine Lt. Col. Alden Weg said. “To date the severity of H1N1 in the United States does not appear to exceed that of the typical seasonal influenza, but it is important to keep in mind that because this is a novel or new virus, most people do not have immunity to it and preventive measures are still the best way to keep this virus in check.

“Everyone should take everyday preventive actions to stop the spread of germs, including frequent hand washing and people who are sick should stay home and avoid contact with others in order to limit further spread of the disease,” Weg added.

Housing draw

The Summer Assignment Procedure (housing draw) will take place at 9 a.m. June 3 for company-grade officers and June 4 for field-grade officers in Arnold Auditorium, Mahan Hall.

For more information or answers to questions, contact Balfour Beatty Communities at 446-6407.

Construction begins after graduation

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

Washington Gate, one of three force protection projects scheduled for the end of May, will be closed to all traffic from Tuesday-May 31 except for personnel working at the transportation motor pool, who will be able to access the TMP complex.

Assuming no weather delays, the construction will be completed and normal traffic flow will resume by June 1.

During the Washington Gate closure, there will be special van service to take people from the Child Development Center and H-lot to and from South Post, where passengers can board the post shuttle.

Upgraded security barriers are also being installed at the 606 Ramp and on South Post during the same time period.

The ramp, which leads to the Cadet Store, will be closed during the construction. Those needing to make deliveries or other vehicle traffic needing to access the Cadet Store should contact the Directorate of Emergency Services to coordinate access through the north ramp.

The areas affected by the South Post gate construction in the area adjacent to Spellman Hall include the west side parking lot and the entrance to the Five Star Hotel. During construction, traffic will be routed around, so Five Star guests will still have ingress and egress from the hotel.

Message boards will be placed along the highway to inform motorists of the various closures. In addition, the Military Police will assist with traffic control and lane closures.

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

Information tables at housing draw

Community organizations may provide information for new residents to smooth the transition into the West Point community at the West Point annual housing draw from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 3-4 in the lobby of Arnold Auditorium, Mahan Hall.

A representative must be available to answer any questions and organizations must provide their own tables. This is open to community organizations only. No businesses will be allowed.

To make a space reservation, contact Patrick Horne, RCI, at 938-6205 or patrick.horne@usma.edu or Eileen Kaczkin, RCI, at 938-2500 by close of business May 29.

2009 HAT TOSS RULES

To participate in the 2009 Hat Toss Recovery Ceremony, all children must:

- be accompanied by a parent or guardian;
- be between 6 and 10 years old;
- be 42-54 inches tall.

The ceremony will be executed in the following order:

1. Parents with children will move to the screening point at Gate 1 after seeing the signal on the "Knight Vision" screen.

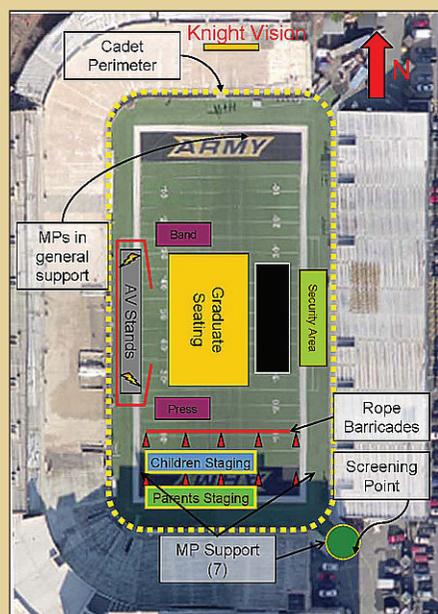
2. At Gate 1, all children will be screened by height.

3. Those children allowed to participate will be moved to the staging area in the south end zone.

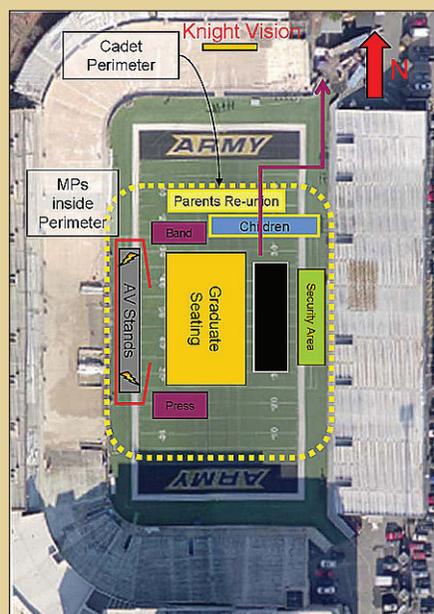
4. When the class of 2009 gets the command and the hats are tossed, the cadets release the children into the graduate seating area.

5. Children may pick up only one hat and then move to link up with their parents at the north end of the field (See diagram).

BEFORE HAT TOSS



AFTER HAT TOSS



FEB honors Lt. Col. McDonald

Lieutenant Col. Kenneth McDonald (right), joined by Col. Aniello Tortora, commander of the New York District, Army Corps of Engineers, and his wife, Col. Deborah McDonald, director of Admissions, holds the Chairman's Award for Valor for his bravery while leading reconstruction efforts in Southern Iraq. He received the award May 14 from the New York City Federal Executive Board. McDonald chose to always lead his team of engineers out into the field, taking him to hostile environments more than 400 times. During one ambush, he suffered severe injuries, but still showed his leadership and valor by leading his team to fight off the ambush and return to base. McDonald, class of 1985, was an instructor in the Dept. of Geography and Environmental Engineering from 2002-05 and in the Dept. of Civil and Mechanical Engineering from 2005-06. He volunteered for deployment to Iraq from CME, extending three times. After being injured in February 2008, he returned to West Point and was assigned to the Warrior Transition Unit in April 2008 and also has been serving as the Deputy for the N.Y. District. He returns to an instructor role in the Dept. of Systems Engineering in June.

COURTESY PHOTO

West Point, area law enforcement host child seat safety inspection

Story and photo by
Emily Tower
Staff Writer

Sliding around all over the back seat of Detective Lt. William Barbera's car was fun for his children when they were young.

They were strapped tightly in car safety seats. But Barbera's best efforts at installing the seats into the car weren't quite enough.

"I was fortunate I never had an accident," Barbera, of the Rockland County Sheriff's Department Detective Bureau, said. "Knowing what I know now, that was really dangerous."

Barbera and law enforcement from Orange, Rockland and Westchester Counties realize installing car seats correctly can be somewhat mysterious. So, they helped West Point parents master tricky car seat installation during a free car seat inspection May 14 at the Stony Lonesome Road fire station.

Fifty car seats were inspected during the event. Officers checked the seats to make sure they were in good condition and were manufactured within the last six years and hadn't been recalled. They also helped parents correctly install the seats.

If the officers found a problem with a seat, parents received a new car seat for free courtesy of New York's Governor's Traffic Safety Committee. Recalled and old car seats also were replaced for free. Some 28 seats were replaced or

reinstalled, and two expectant mothers received free infant car seats.

Kelly Knoth, mother of a 4-year-old and a 1-year-old, received one new car seat, got help installing replacements for recalled parts of another car seat and had both correctly installed.

"Getting in and out of the car all the time, we didn't know if the seats were still OK," she said. "Now I know they are safe and in there the right way."

Installing safety seats the right way can be tricky because seats come in a variety of styles, and the car seats the safety seats are strapped to also vary in design. Sometimes, safety seats didn't fit properly on a car seat unless the officers cut a piece of a swimming pool noodle foam toy and used it to fill a gap between the car seat and the safety seat.

Correctly installed safety seats will be strapped so tightly to a car seat, they don't move, Barbera said.

Melissa Prosperie, mother of four children ranging in ages from 6 months to 10 years, had a safety seat inspection when her oldest child was a baby. She thought having all her safety seats inspected would be a good idea.

"As a parent, your primary responsibility is to keep (children) safe," she said. "It's something all parents should think about."

Prosperie drove away with a couple of new seats because the ones she brought in were old and



Dana Morel, a Town of Haverstraw police officer, and Mike Anton, a Town of Ramapo police officer, check information on a car seat belonging to Melissa Prosperie at a car seat safety inspection May 14 at the Stony Lonesome Road fire station.

could be dangerous.

The inspection was the third annual event for West Point, Keith Katz, director of West Point safety and occupational health, said.

"This came from our concern for the Families and children at West Point," Katz said. "It's (improper safety seat installation) a nationwide problem. Most car seats are not used correctly. Last year, 58 out of 60 had to be swapped or reinstalled. So, we want to educate parents and help them use the seats the right way."

Military Police also were at the inspection to provide identification kits to parents. The kits contain a card

to record a child's Social Security number and other information, a fingerprint card, a method to take a hair sample for DNA and other items so the kit can be given to police if a child ever gets separated from family.

Investigator Joshua Starkel helped fingerprint some of the children who came with their parents and recommends the kits for the benefit of being prepared.

"It's always good to prepare for the worst," Starkel said. "It is better to have this and not need it than not have it in an emergency."

Children and parents also

received information from Army Community Services about available programs and services.

Area law enforcement who helped with the event were given coins and certificates of appreciation by Command Sgt. Maj. Violet McNierney, garrison senior noncommissioned officer, on behalf of Garrison Commander Col. Dan Bruno.

Parents who were unable to make the inspection can schedule an appointment for a free inspection by calling the Rockland County Sheriff's Office Police Division at 638-5992.



Cadet First Captain Benjamin Amsler assists the oldest graduate, 99-year-old retired Col. William H. Waugh Jr. (class of 1934), at placing a ceremonial wreath at the foot of Sylvanus Thayer's statue Tuesday during alumni ceremonies. EMILY TOWER/PV

By Emily Tower
Staff Writer

Some 75 years of the Long Gray Line were represented Tuesday during a day of celebration for U.S. Military Academy alumni.

Representatives from many classes from the class of 1934 to the class of 2009 gathered first for a memorial service.

Alumni first traveled down Diagonal Walk from near Jefferson Hall to the statue of Sylvanus Thayer, the father of West Point. Most marched the distance and stood in formation with part of the Corps of Cadets. A wreath of yellow roses was placed at Thayer's feet by First Captain Benjamin Amsler and retired Col. William H. Waugh Jr., class of 1934. Waugh, 99, was chosen to place the wreath with Amsler's help as the eldest graduate present.

During a review, six alumni received the West Point Association of Graduates' Distinguished Graduate Award. They were retired Air Force Lt. Gen. James Hughes, class of 1946; retired Gen. Donn Starry, class of 1948; retired Lt. Gen. Robert Foley, class of 1963; retired Gen. Eric Shinseki, class of 1965; retired Gen. Thomas Schwartz, class of 1967, and retired Gen. John Abizaid, class of 1973.

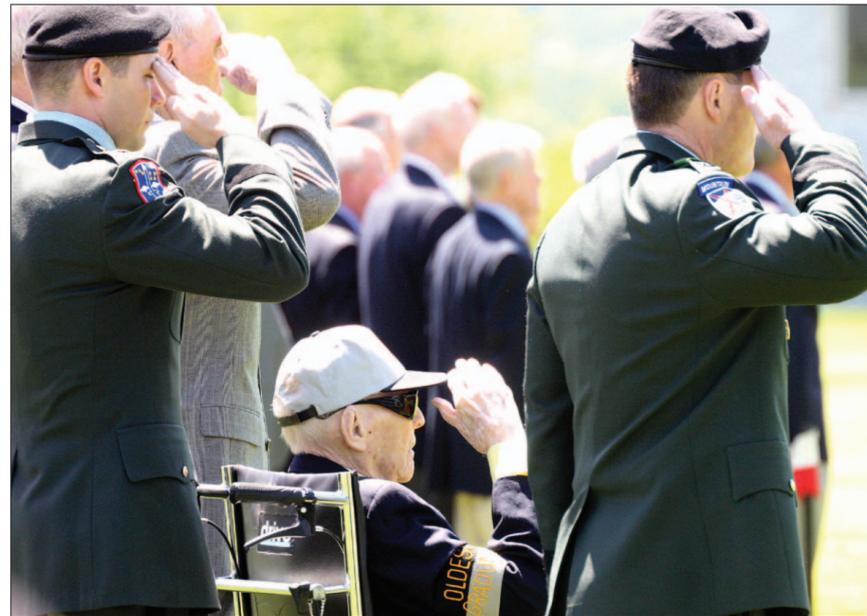
Alumni served as reviewing party during the event on the Plain.

Following the review, an alumni luncheon was held at the Cadet Mess. West Point Superintendent Lt. Gen. Buster Hagenbeck was the speaker.

Tuesday afternoon activities included the commandant's award ceremony, alumni dinners and a concert by the Cadet Glee Club.



The U.S. Military Academy classes of 1934, 1939 and 1944 get situated before the alumni review and distinguished graduate award presentation. ERIC S.BARTELT/PV



Retired Col. William H. Waugh Jr. (class of 1934), with Superintendent Lt. Gen. Buster Hagenbeck to his right, salutes the flag as it passes during the alumni review. Waugh was one of two members of the class of 1934 to be present at West Point Tuesday. EMILY TOWER/PV



Retired Gen. John Abizaid, class of 1973, shakes the hand of the oldest graduate, 99-year-old retired Col. William H. Waugh Jr. (class of 1934), before alumni ceremonies. ERIC S.BARTELT/PV

USMA graduates celebrated during alumni exercises



Before the alumni review, six alumni received the West Point Association of Graduates' Distinguished Graduate Award. They were (from left to right) retired Air Force Lt. Gen. James Hughes, class of 1946; retired Gen. Donn Starry, class of 1948; retired Lt. Gen. Robert Foley, class of 1963; retired Gen. Eric Shinseki, class of 1965; retired Gen. Thomas Schwartz, class of 1967, and retired Gen. John Abizaid, class of 1973. ERIC S.BARTELT/PV

What's Happening

Book signings

Roger Miller is scheduled to sign copies of his book "West Point: An Inside Look at the Long Gray Line" from 9-11 a.m. today at the Cadet Bookstore located on the fourth floor of Thayer Hall.

Craig Mullaney is scheduled to sign copies of his book "The Unforgiving Minute" from 12:30-4 p.m. today at the bookstore.

For more information, call 938-5193.

Veterans and Servicemember Appreciation Day

Veterans and Servicemember Appreciation Day is scheduled for Sunday at Playland Park in Rye. Registration is 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Events will include a Memorial Day ceremony, a Marine Corps helicopter demonstration, static displays and live entertainment.

Veterans and servicemembers will receive a free parking pass.

Active-duty in uniform will

receive a free unlimited ride band and discounts on rider, non-rider and junior rider bands.

R.S.V.P. required.

To R.S.V.P. or for more information, call (914) 995-2145.

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. Monday 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.

Scavenger hunt

West Point Women's Club is meeting 9:30-11 a.m. May 28 at Lee Playground for a year-end

celebration scavenger hunt.

Other activities include chalk drawing and planting flowers.

For more information, call Andrea at 859-4567.

Fundraiser

Touch-a-Truck fundraiser for Sacred Heart School is scheduled for 11 a.m.-4 p.m. May 31 at Sacred Heart School, 7 Cozzens Ave. in Highland Falls.

Explore many vehicles at the event including a fire truck, bucket truck, Humvee, limousine and motorcycle.

Activities also include face painting, a clown and a caricature artist.

For more information or to order tickets or T-shirts, visit www.sacredheartofjesushf.org or call Maureen Arias-Wolfe at 446-2674.

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.

Traveling Wall

See the Traveling Wall Vietnam Memorial replica June 4-7 at the 2nd Aviation Detachment hangar at Stewart Airfield.

An opening ceremony is scheduled for 3 p.m. June 4, and remembrance ceremonies will take place four times each day between 8 a.m.-10 p.m.

The names of all veterans from New York honored on the Vietnam Memorial will be read.

For information, visit www.rtnych3.com.

Rolling Thunder Motorcycle Ride

The 10th annual "Salute to Veterans Ride" is June 7 at the 2nd Aviation Detachment hangar on 1st Street at Stewart Field.

Registration is from 8-10:30 a.m. and the ride leaves at 11 a.m.

The ride goes through West Point, escorted and guarded by the Blue Knights MC.

There will be a short memorial service in Highland Falls and then riders return to Stewart for food, drink, music, speakers and a military vehicle/aircraft display.

The Ride Of Honor past the Traveling Wall is at 3 p.m.

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

TSP TICKER

MAY share prices (as of 5/18)

C Fund --	- 0.30	(10.3181)
S Fund --	- 0.61	(12.3640)
I Fund --	- 0.31	(14.2313)

Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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

FMWR Blurbs

Workshop cancelled

The ACS Employment Readiness real estate workshop scheduled for 1:30-3 p.m. today has been cancelled.

Brunch cruise

A brunch Hudson cruise is scheduled for 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. June 7. Brunch will be served, and a cash bar will be available.

For reservations, call the West Point Club at 446-5545.

Teen workshop

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

Register at Bldg. 500 or call Employment Readiness at 938-5658/5653. All students must have a current CYSS membership before registering for class.

Medical transcription workshop

ACS Employment Readiness is hosting a free workshop about careers in medical transcription from 10-11:30 a.m. Friday at ACS, Bldg. 622.

Reservations are required and can be made by calling 938-5658.

Job interviews

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

Call 938-5658 to schedule an interview.

Workshops

ACS Employment Readiness Program is hosting workshops about secrets to resume success from 1:30-3 p.m. June 12, starting a franchise from 9:30-11:30 a.m. June 9 and interviewing and dressing for success from

10-11:30 a.m. June 26. All workshops are held 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.

SFAC class

A class about Traumatic Service Members Group Life Insurance is scheduled for 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesday at the the Soldier and Family Assistance Center, Bldg. 626.

Registration is required and can be made by calling Megan Calero at 938-0632.

Warriors in transition and their Families

have priority, but the class is 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.

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.

Keller Corner

KACH closure

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

The emergency room will remain open.

Medication Disposal

Medications play an essential role in good health, but medications can be deadly.

They should be used with respect and discarded with care.

Following these simple guidelines below can help protect Family and community, prevent the illegal diversion of unused medications and minimize a potential negative impact on the environment.

In response to a growing concern about the improper disposal of unused or expired medications, the American Pharmacists Association recommends these simple steps:

- Do not flush unused medications down the toilet. Recent environmental impact studies show that flushing medications could be having an adverse impact on the environment.

- When tossing unused medications out, protect children and pets from potentially negative effects.

APHA recommends:

a. Crush solid medications or dissolve (solid and liquid) in water and mix with kitty litter or solid kitchen substance.

Place in a sealed plastic bag before tossing in the trash.

b. Remove all personal information from prescription labels.

c. Talk to your pharmacist (KACH pharmacy—938-2271).

As the medication experts, pharmacists are available to advise about how to properly dispose of unused medications.

Behavioral Health Provider Locator and Appointment Assistance Center

The TRICARE behavioral health program is making it easier for active-duty servicemembers and active duty Family members to get help finding and making routine and urgent appointments with behavioral health care providers.

Health Net Federal Services operates TRICARE North's Behavioral Health Provider Locator and Appointment Assistance Center.

This special call center is open 8 a.m.-6 p.m. weekdays,

excluding holidays.

All calls to 1-877-747-9579 are confidential, and while staff members cannot provide behavioral health services, they can engage the beneficiary in a conference call with a civilian network provider to ensure that appointment scheduling is satisfactory.

Active-duty servicemembers usually receive their behavioral health services at Keller's Community Mental Health Office.

Questions about referral and authorization requirements can be answered by the assistance center staff or Keller's health benefits advisors at 938-4838.

Command Channel

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May 21-28

Army Newswatch (broadcast times)

Thursday,

Tuesday-May 28

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

Friday

Army Newswatch 8:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Graduation Dinner (Live) 6 p.m.

Saturday

Graduation (Live) 10 a.m.

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Friday -- 17 Again, PG-13,
7:30 p.m.

Saturday -- Dragonball:
Evolution, PG, 7:30 p.m.

THE THEATER SCHEDULE ALSO CAN BE
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Baseball wins third PL title in six years

By Bob Beretta
Athletic Communications

Cow pitcher Matt Fouch allowed just six hits and two unearned runs over eight solid innings in the opener and Yearling pitcher Ben Koenigsfeld permitted eight hits and one run over eight dominant frames in the second game as Army captured its third Patriot League championship in six years and fifth conference crown overall by sweeping Lafayette Saturday at Doubleday Field.

Army won the first game 6-2, then completed a sweep of the Leopards in the best-of-three Patriot League Championship Series by winning the nightcap 8-1. With the victories, the Black Knights earned their fourth berth in the NCAA Regionals, securing the automatic bid that accompanies the Patriot League title.

"We just wanted to make sure we played the game the best we could today," Army head coach Joe Sottolano said. "Lafayette's pitchers threw the ball well today. They really hampered us in a lot of ways. We did an excellent job of playing offense and taking care

of the baseball in key situations defensively.

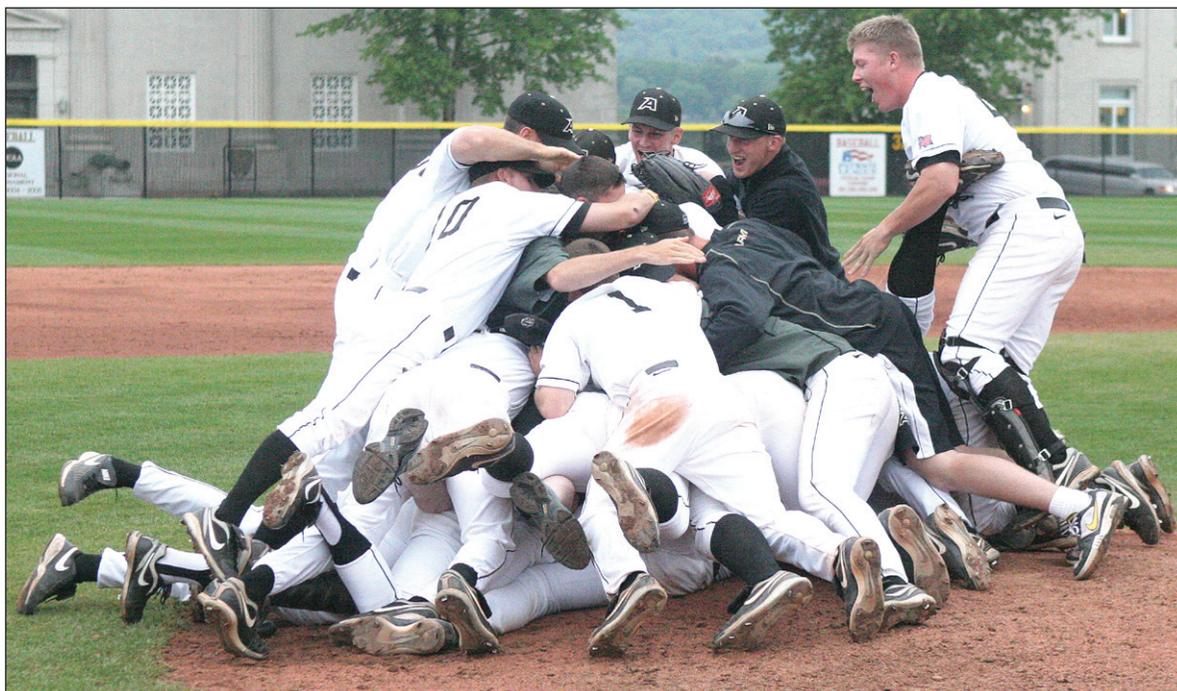
"Offensively, we did a nice job of taking what was given to us and maximizing our opportunities," he added. "We stayed focused all day. Obviously, our pitching was outstanding today. Matt Fouch and Ben Koenigsfeld were very sharp. They gave us a lot of confidence and took pressure off our offense.

"Both of those guys showed great mental toughness today, and that's what you're going to get out of those two individuals," Sottolano continued. "They located well and controlled the tempo of the game against a quality offensive club."

Fouch worked in and out of trouble much of the first game, walking five and stranding seven Lafayette runners on base through the first five innings.

Army grabbed a 1-0 lead in the second on Koenigsfeld's leadoff home run to deep left-center field off Leopard starter Zach Fritz (2-6). But Lafayette took what proved to be its only lead of the day in the fourth inning, pushing across a pair of unearned runs.

The momentum of the game swung greatly in Army's favor in



After Yearling pitcher/first baseman Kevin McKague strikes out the final batter, the team piles on him in celebration of their Patriot League Championship. It was the team's first PL Championship since 2005 and third in the last six years.

PHOTOS BY ERIC S. BARTELT/PV

the bottom of the fifth inning. The Black Knights had managed just two hits opposite Fritz through the first four innings, but needed just one important hit in the fifth to turn the game's fortunes dramatically.

Fritz hit Firstie right fielder Kyle Fleming with a pitch to open the frame. Plebe catcher J.T. Watkins followed with a successful sacrifice bunt before Plebe second baseman Zach Price was hit by another Fritz pitch, placing runners at first and second with one out. Firstie center fielder Andy Ernesto then blasted a mammoth home run just inside the right field foul pole. The monstrous three-run shot turned a 2-1 deficit into a 4-2 lead for the Black Knights. Army would not trail the remainder of the day.

The Black Knights added a pair of insurance runs in the seventh as Price ripped a leadoff single and moved to second on a one-out walk by Yearling shortstop Clint Moore. Fritz' errant pickoff try at second base allowed both runners to advance into scoring position. Ryan Hanna relieved Fritz and promptly surrendered a line-drive double to the gap in right-center

field by Yearling designated hitter Joey Henshaw, driving home both Price and Moore for a 6-2 Army advantage.

Ernesto collected two of the Black Knights' five hits in the opener, none bigger than his game-turning three-run homer in the fifth.

"I hit that ball very well," Ernesto said. "I think it was a changeup and I was able to put a good swing on it. I was trying to direct it fair as I was running down the line."

Serving as the visiting team in the nightcap, Army benefitted from three base hits and three Leopard fielding errors in the top of the third inning to take a 3-0 lead. Fleming began the attack with a leadoff single.

When Lafayette unsuccessfully tried to nail the lead runner on Yearling left fielder David Darnell's sacrifice bunt, both runners were safe. An errant pickoff throw at second base by Lafayette starter Corey Shea allowed Fleming and Darnell to advance to third and second, respectively.

Watkins followed with an infield single that brought home Fleming

with the first run of the game. When Lafayette second baseman A.J. Pisarri threw wildly to first base on the play for an error, Darnell scampered home and Watkins moved to second base. Price then beat out a sacrifice bunt down the third-base line for a single. Lafayette third baseman Justin Shepherd's throw eluded first baseman Jeff Butler on the play for another error, allowing Watkins to score Army's second unearned run of the inning.

The Black Knights padded their lead in the fourth, fashioning a two-out rally that stretched their lead to 5-0.

After retiring the first two batters in the fourth, Shea (4-3) issued a walk to Fleming. Darnell stroked a single to right-center field that pushed Fleming to third. After Darnell stole second base, Watkins followed with a clutch two-run single to right field.

That proved to be more than enough offensive support for Koenigsfeld.

The Patriot League Pitcher of the Year permitted just one Leopard base runner to reach scoring position over the first three innings. He yielded Lafayette's only run of the game in the fifth when Butler smacked a leadoff single up the middle, advanced to second on an infield single by Shepherd and scored on a single to center by Fenster.

That was the Leopards' (24-29) final serious scoring threat of the day as Koenigsfeld, who earned the Patriot League Tournament Most Valuable Player honors, allowed just two Lafayette runners to reach scoring position over his final four innings of work.

In running his record to 8-4, he scattered eight hits, while striking out nine and walking one before departing after eight innings of work.

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Patriot League Media Relations Director Matt Dougherty presents Yearling left fielder/pitcher Ben Koenigsfeld with the Patriot League Tournament MVP award. Koenigsfeld hit a home run in game one versus Lafayette and then pitched eight innings while only giving up one run and striking out nine batters in the PL series clincher.

Women's soccer, baseball earn top BKA honors

By Tracy Nelson
Athletic Communications

The Army Athletic Association held the 2009 Black Knight Awards ceremony Sunday at Robinson Hall Auditorium. The department's premiere year-end event honored teams and athletes for an outstanding 2008-09 season.

Baseball, which captured a fifth Patriot League title Saturday, and Army's 2008 Patriot League Championship women's soccer team each took home Team of the Year hardware.

Volleyball Firstie Elizabeth Lazzari was named Ms. Black Knight, while hockey Firstie Zach McKelvie garnered the title of Mr. Black Knight.

In its second year of existence, the Black Knight Awards honor the best that Army's 25 athletic teams had to offer in 2008-09 in an award-show format similar to the ESPY Awards.

Rich DeMarco, assistant athletic director for marketing, multimedia and broadcasting, emceed the event and guided an audience of more than 500 people through the hour-long affair.

Director of Athletics Kevin Anderson opened the night by handing out commemorative athletic director's coins to a group of league major award winners, scholar-athletes, academic All-Americans and conference champions.

Assistant Athletic Director for Development and Revenue Generation Doug Fillis followed with the presentation of the "A" Club Lifetime Achievement Award, which went to long-time supporters Lou Gross

and Herb Lichtenberg.

A pair of Firsties was then honored for their work both in and out of the realm of athletics, as Firstie football player Lowell Garthwaite was recognized with the Community Service Award after raising more than \$80,000 for the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life.

Next was the Maggie Dixon Inspiration Award, which was given in memory of the late Army women's basketball coach. Firstie women's basketball player Courtney Wright garnered the award for her standout work ethic, character and leadership.

Each nominee was highlighted through a video presentation leading into each award and each performance award included a men's and women's category.

The evening followed with awards for Rookie of the Year, Yearling of the Year, Cow of the Year, Performance of the Year and Play of the Year. All of the winners were presented with a commemorative Black Knight Award for their accomplishments.

2009 Black Knight Award Winners were:

- "A" Club Lifetime Achievement Award
- Louis Gross and Herb Lichtenberg
- Community Service Award



Deputy Athletic Director Gene Marshall (second from left) gives the Women's Team of the Year Black Knight Award to the soccer team, which earned the 2008 Women's Soccer Patriot League championship. Also shown are retired head coach Gene Ventriglia and Cow teammates Brittany Fearnside, Christine O'Leary and Caitlyn Gallagher.

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Lowell Garthwaite (football)

- Maggie Dixon Inspiration Award
- Courtney Wright (women's basketball)
- Play of the Year
- Pia White (women's soccer)
- Men's Performance of the Year
- Jay Clark (hockey)
- Women's Performance of the Year

Year

Nalini Hawkins (basketball)

- Men's Rookie of the Year
- Michael Hutchins (track & field)
- Women's Rookie of the Year
- Dymon Washington (soccer)
- Men's Yearling of the Year

Clint Moore (baseball)

- Women's Yearling of the Year
- Erin Anthony (Basketball)
- Men's Cow of the Year
- Matt Kyler (wrestling)
- Women's Cow of the Year
- Kristin Beehler (tennis)
- Mr. Black Knight
- Zach McKelvie (hockey)
- Ms. Black Knight
- Elizabeth Lazzari (volleyball)
- Men's Team of the Year
- Baseball
- Women's Team of the Year
- Soccer

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Army (33-18) rounded out the scoring when Ernesto singled and scored on an RBI groundout by McKague in the fifth. Consecutive sacrifice flies by Darnell and Watkins following a pair of leadoff walks by Firstie third baseman J.P. Polchinski and Fleming in the sixth accounted for the final 8-1 margin.

McKague, who closed out three of Army's four Patriot League Tournament wins including both victories on Saturday, fired a scoreless ninth inning in relief of Koenigsfeld to complete the sweep. Army's hard-throwing closer struck out Brian Davilla on a check swing to end the game, setting off a wild

celebration at the mound.

"It's a great feeling for the team, especially the seniors," Ernesto said. "A lot of hard work went into this season, especially right out here on this field. It was a total team effort. This was our goal at the beginning of the year. We didn't take anything for granted today."

The postseason berth will mark Army's fourth trip to the NCAA Regionals and third since 2004.

It also means that every four-year member of the Black Knights' program during that six-year period (2004-09) will have made at least one trip to the NCAA Regionals during their time at West Point.

"Going to the NCAAs is something you want each and every one of your players to experience," Sottolano said. "It's something that we talk about with our young men during the recruiting process. That streak is a tribute to the players that have gone through this program and to what they have accomplished."

As Patriot League champion, Army represents the conference at the NCAA Regionals.

The NCAA Regionals will be held May 29-June 1 at sites to be determined.

The NCAA's "Field of 64" will be announced Monday.

Sports calendar

May 21-28

SUNDAY -- BASEBALL VS. DARTMOUTH (DH), DOUBLEDAY FIELD, NOON.