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Class of 2009 enters Army ranks



The 970 members of the class of 2009 toss their hats May 23 on the command "Class of 2009—dismissed" after listening to remarks from Superintendent Lt. Gen. Buster Hagenbeck and Defense Secretary Robert Gates and receiving their diplomas. More graduation photos are on pages 8-9.

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By Emily Tower
Staff Writer

The knots in Patrick Jones' stomach did not untie after he finally got to toss his white cover high into the air above Michie Stadium.

Each time he saw his parents before he graduated from the U.S. Military Academy May 23, he noticed they were about to cry. They were proud of him. And, frankly, he was pretty proud of himself.

"I was up all night waiting for this," Jones, now a new second lieutenant commissioned into field artillery, said after graduation ended. "I've been waiting so long."

Now the next journey begins. The 970 cadets who graduated May 23 begin their military service—951 of them as Army second lieutenants, one as a Marine Corps second lieutenant, one as a Navy ensign and 17 as officers in the militaries of their home countries.

While they have learned what books and instructors would have them know about leadership, whether they become good leaders is up to the decisions they make, the cadets were told by Defense Secretary Robert Gates, who gave the commencement address.

"The first thing (about being a good leader) is so basic and simple, it's often forgotten," Gates told the cadets. "That is as you lead, do

so with decency and respect."

Gates used the highest-ranking American Soldier as an example of how to treat subordinates. A traveler in civilian clothes noticed a corporal yelling orders to a group of Soldiers working on a bridge. The traveler stopped and pitched in while the corporal continued to give orders rather than help with the work. The Soldiers later discovered the traveler was George Washington.

Gates also told the cadets to remember always to care for Soldiers' Families and to create an environment that helps Soldiers and their Families feel it is safe to bring forward concerns and ask for help.

He also told the cadets to do "the right then when it is the hard thing. In other words, integrity."

The new officers should never pretend something didn't happen or look the other way when they notice something is wrong, Gates said.

He also encouraged cadets to be "a pioneer in the assignments (they) take" and choose less traditional assignments often considered career dead ends so they can gain experience.

Gates told the cadets how much he admires them. He recognized they likely were filling out applications to attend USMA about the time of the fight for Fallujah, Iraq—one of the bloodiest battles in the history of the

Marine Corps, second in casualties only to Iwo Jima.

He told the cadets he doesn't see an end to all war "so long as we seek to be free men and women. As long as the light of freedom shines, people will want to extinguish that light."

Still, he promised to continue to work to make sure the new officers have the proper equipment and training for their Soldiers.

"I feel a deep personal responsibility for each of you," Gates said. "The nation stands in awe of you, and I salute you."

For those who love the cadets most, the day was a joyous occasion of celebration and also a sad end to a wonderful tradition.

"I'm going to miss coming to visit him here and coming to all the dances," Stephanie Lawson said about her fiancé Gordon Cook. The two plan to be married June 13 in Florida.

But, as sad as she is to see West Point go, Lawson is excited about her upcoming adventures as an Army wife. Their first stop will be Fort Benning, Ga., for training and then Germany.

"I'm excited about Army life and being part of the Army Family," Lawson said. "I've heard some really good things about it."

West Point Superintendent Lt. Gen. Buster Hagenbeck praised people like Lawson who have supported the cadets and loved them.

He expects great things out of the class of 2009.

"Your contributions to our nation have yet to be written," Hagenbeck said.

The cadets who graduated May 23 represent not quite 80 percent of the class that entered USMA in 2005. The class included 17 cadets from allied nations including Afghanistan, Belize, Brunei, Bulgaria, Chad, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Maldives, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand and Tunisia.

Andy L. Cahoy was valedictorian. Kenneth Saffold Jr. was the class goat, the cadet with the lowest grade point average.

He was named the goat after the mascot of rival U.S. Naval Academy and was given a text book, "Probability and Statistics for Engineering and the Sciences," and coins by leadership.

Wei Sen Lee of Singapore had the highest military program score. Brady Dearden had the highest physical program score.

The branch receiving the highest number of cadets was infantry followed by field artillery and engineers.

Jason Bourque is one of those new field artillery officers.

"I hope everything we learned here will prepare us," Bourque said after graduating. "I am ready to go into the greatest Army in the world."

Behavioral health stigma can kill

Submitted by Keller Army Community Hospital

The West Point community suffered the loss of a colonel, a sergeant and two cadets by suicide in the last 12 months, and others have been hospitalized for suicidal thoughts.

The stigma of having or seeking help for depression or other mental health problems is one obstacle identified by Gen. Peter Chiarelli, vice chief of staff of the Army, that often prevents people from seeking help.

"It is clear to all of us that the increased suicide rate in our Army represents an unacceptable loss to our Army and our nation. In my recent visits to the field and through numerous accounts reported in a variety of ways, I've seen how the stigma related to seeking behavioral health treatment represents one of the greatest barriers to individuals accessing care and improving overall performance and well-being," Chiarelli said.

"Stigma arises when Soldiers receiving behavioral health treatment are singled out in front of others who do not have a need to know. Stigma is also heightened when Soldiers are physically identified through clothing or markers and are subsequently treated as if they are no longer contributing members of the Army team," he continued.

"Therefore, I want to make very clear that it is not acceptable to identify Soldiers who are seeking behavioral health treatment through the use of road guard vests, signs or other markings. It is preferable to utilize the buddy system to provide the Soldier with increased support and monitoring when indicated by the treating behavioral health professional. We must maintain unit and team integrity to accomplish the many challenges in our missions," Chiarelli said.

One of the important factors in building resilience, the ability to bend in the face of stress and not break, is a strong sense of social support. Dr. Steven Southwick, Professor of Psychiatry at the Yale School of Medicine, said the belief that others care about one's well-being, share common experiences and will be present to provide support when it's needed is a powerful protective factor.

In addition to the traditional Family, a strong group of friends and a caring Army unit are critical factors in allowing individuals to reach higher, take risks and achieve their "stretch goals" successfully. Resilient individuals handle tough times with the help of others.

Chiarelli points out the importance of social support in making people comfortable enough to seek needed help.

"There is a definite connection between the way a leader handles Soldiers who are seeking behavioral health treatment and the unit's command climate. The leader's approach to handling Soldier issues directly affects morale and the unit's subsequent willingness to work together as a team to accomplish its mission," he said.

"It is imperative that we treat Soldiers seeking help with the dignity that both their service deserves and is consistent

with the Army Values. I strongly encourage leaders to discuss the importance of removing stigma to the health of our Soldiers and the unit's behavioral health goals during their initial and performance counseling of their subordinates. Specifically, I anticipate the discussion to address how the rated Soldier's actions in handling Soldiers with behavioral health issues impact the command climate and overall unit performance," he said.

Many Soldiers fear that seeking help will harm their careers, but this is not consistent with Army rules. In November 2006, Assistant Secretary of Defense William Winkenwerder dictated that only the most severe mental illnesses, schizophrenia and bipolar disorder should be considered disqualifying for deployment.

Other problems, such as depression, anxiety, PTSD and insomnia were medically acceptable as long as the Soldier's functioning was good. The medical retention guidelines of Army Regulation 40-501 provide the same guidance—good function allows continued service.

Winkenwerder made it clear that taking medications to treat depression, anxiety, attention-deficit disorder and other routine mental health conditions was not medically disqualifying. It is acceptable to take antidepressant or anti-anxiety medications, and Soldiers should focus on the goal of maximizing their function.

Chiarelli emphasized that mental health conditions are common and treatable, and Soldiers should be encouraged to get help for their own well-being and for the good of the Army.

"Our doctrine reflects that the appropriate use of our behavioral health resources serves as a force multiplier by improving resilience, reducing the impact of stress on our Soldiers and improving overall mission readiness and capability. It is vital that we take advantage of all our available resources and create a positive command climate that permits and encourages Soldiers to use the available behavioral health expertise while simultaneously expecting performance from the Soldier," he said. "We must work together to develop our leaders and to decrease stigma, change Army culture and create a rapid shift to socialize positive attitudes toward effectively addressing behavioral health issues."

For cadets, behavioral health care is available at the Center for Personal Development, which provides counseling from doctoral level psychologists under the direction of Lt. Col. Ed Supplee and Community Mental Health Services, which provides medications and psychiatry services under the direction of Lt. Col. Paul Morrissey.

Both psychology and psychiatry services for cadets are collocated in the CPD offices in Scott Barracks.

For information or an appointment, call CPD at 938-3022.

CMHS provides counseling and psychiatry services for other Soldiers and their Families. The main office is located in Bldg. 606 on floor 3M, with satellite offices at Keller Army Community Hospital. For information or an appointment, call Christina O'Flanagan, CMHS receptionist, at 938-3441.

Urgent help is available 24 hours a day at the Keller emergency department.

DOD launches program to promote psychological health

WASHINGTON—The Department of Defense launched May 21 the Real Warriors Campaign, a multimedia public education effort designed to combat the stigma keeping some servicemembers, veterans and their Families from seeking needed psychological health care.

The campaign will promote the processes of building resilience, facilitating recovery and supporting reintegration for those with psychological wounds via an interactive Web site and through radio and television public service announcements.

"You're tough, and you go into the hospital when you receive a physical wound," Brig. Gen. Loree K. Sutton, a psychiatrist and director of the Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury, said. "That doesn't mean you're weak in some way. So why wouldn't you seek treatment when you've received a psychological wound?"

The launch is part of a larger effort by the Department of Defense to ensure servicemembers and their Families can access necessary treatment for the invisible wounds of war as well as the visible wound.

For more information, visit <http://www.realwarriors.net> or call the Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury Outreach Center at (866) 966-1020.

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.–1 p.m. Wednesday–June 4 in the lobby of Arnold Auditorium, Mahan Hall.

The tables must be staffed at all times and organizations must provide their own tables. No businesses will be allowed.

To make a space reservation, contact Patrick Horne, with RCI, at 938-6205 or patrick.horne@usma.edu or Eileen Kaczkin, with RCI, at 938-2500 by Friday.

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

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Rules: Fill in the empty cells with the digits 1-9 so that no digit appears twice in the same row, column, or 3-by-3 box.

Difficulty: Hard

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4th leadership program class graduates

Story and photo by
Emily Tower
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Major Nathan Goodall isn't sure where in the Army he'll go when he finishes his intermediate-level education, but he's thrilled he gets to take new knowledge about leadership with him when he gets there.

"I want to take this back to the Army and share what I have learned," Goodall said May 21 after a ceremony in Jefferson Hall's Haig Room recognizing his graduation from the Eisenhower Leader Development Program.

Thirteen Army officers and one Coast Guard officer comprised the fourth ELDP class and received master's degrees in social-organizational psychology from Columbia University. The degree typically takes 24 months to complete, but ELDP is an accelerated one-year program.

DODEA changes enrollment policy for fallen warrior Families

ARLINGTON, Va.—The Department of Defense Education Activity announced a policy change for the children of fallen military members to allow currently enrolled students in Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools to continue in DDESS schools without limitation, regardless of their physical residence or upcoming school transition points. The policy change is effective immediately.

The prior policy allowed them to continue in DDESS schools until the end of the school year without any special permission and to stay in the DDESS school until a normal transition to another school level—for example, elementary school to middle school or middle school to high school.

"This change in policy will mean so much to military Families who have had a loved one make the ultimate sacrifice for our nation," Dr. Shirley Miles, director of DODEA, said. "It gives me a great deal of peace to know that we are taking care of the education of the Families of our fallen military members for as long as they need our assistance. It's the right thing to do."

DODEA re-evaluated its policy to ensure it was doing everything it could to assist Families who had lost a loved one in service to the nation.

Dean of the U.S. Military Academy Academic Board Brig. Gen. Patrick Finnegan encouraged the ELDP graduates to share their new knowledge with cadets. All of the Army officers except Goodall now will be tactical officers at USMA. The Coast Guard officer is heading to the Coast Guard Academy.

Finnegan told the officers they now are dedicated to the same mission as USMA—teaching leaders.

"Where ever you move from here, imagine yourself as a part of the USMA team, part of the Long Gray Line in some way," he said.

Major Jerrod Hawk said he is excited to be part of that team.

"It's a great opportunity for education," Hawk said. "Now I get to apply everything I've learned in the military and teach future leaders."

Along with Goodall and Hawk, graduates were Maj. Nathan Allard, Maj. Joseph Borovicka, Maj. Michael Denehy, Maj. Thomas Kennedy, Maj. Alejandro Restrepo, Maj. Adam Sawyer, Maj. Juan-Carlos Segura, Capt. Catherine Babbitt, Capt. Rodlin Doyle, Capt. Michael Hequembourg, Capt. Gregory Lee and Coast Guard Lt. Benjamin Spector.

Restrepo received the Capt. Mark C. Paine Servant Leadership Award for selfless service and leadership. Paine was tentatively scheduled to be part of the ELPD third class but was killed in action in 2006 while serving with the 4th Infantry Division in Baghdad, Iraq.



Brigadier Gen. Michael Linnington, commandant of the Corps of Cadets, congratulates Coast Guard Lt. Benjamin Spector at the Eisenhower Leader Development Program graduation reception May 21 in the Haig Room of Jefferson Hall. Spector and 13 Army officers earned a masters degree in social-organizational psychology from Columbia University.

Charitable fund established for fire victims

On May 18, a fire in Highland Falls destroyed the apartments of six West Point civilian employees. If members of the West Point community would like to help, a fire victims' fund has been established at the Village Hall. They are accepting checks and money orders payable to Brennan's Way Fire Fund for the next 30 days. Call 446-3400 for more information.

The Most Holy Innocence Episcopal Church on Main Street in Highland Falls will also accept household goods and clothing for the victims at their thrift shop. Call 446-2197 for more information.

Those wishing to support with donations of clothing, household goods, etc. can drop off their items from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursdays and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturdays.

Needed are clothing sizes medium and large for adult men and women, size 18 pants and size 16 shirts for a 12-year-old boy, men's size 9 shoes, men's medium jackets, small clothes and diapers for boys ages 1 and 3, clothes for boys 5 and 7 and toiletries.

Housing draw

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

For more information, contact Balfour Beatty Communities at 446-6407. The BBC Management Office will be closed Wednesday-June 4.

R-Day rehearsal volunteers needed

Volunteer to be a new cadet for a day.

The Corps of Cadets needs your help.

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

Come see how the first day in the life of a cadet begins. Volunteers will go through the same motions as the incoming class, including inprocessing and interaction with the cadet leadership as they refine their leadership styles.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

George, USMA class of 1994, killed

By Emily Tower
Staff Writer

Major Jason Everett George, U.S. Military Academy class of 1994, was killed May 21 near Baghdad, Iraq. He was 38.

While on a foot patrol, George received fatal wounds from enemy forces using homemade bombs.

Also killed in the attack were 1st Lt. Leevi K. Barnard, 28, of Mount Airy, N.C., and Sgt. Paul F. Brooks, 34, of Joplin, Mo.

George, an Army Reservist, and Barnard, a National Guardsman, served with the 252nd Combined Arms Battalion, Fayetteville, N.C., according to the Pentagon. Brooks, also a National Guardsman, served with the 935th Aviation Support Battalion, Springfield, Mo.

George was from Tehachapi, Calif., and had been in Iraq since early May, according to www.westpoint.org, an online communications forum.



Major Jason George

He was an undefeated boxer at West Point, according to a story posted at www.bakersfield.com. Before being mobilized for deployment, George worked for a Chicago healthcare consulting firm, according to the [bakersfield.com](http://www.bakersfield.com) story.

George is survived by his parents and grandparents.

"Thank you for your bravery and strength in sharing your son," a parent of a 2009 graduate posted at www.westpoint.org. "Our heart goes to you. May the thoughts and prayers support you during this difficult time. May knowing Maj. George is in the arms of our Father comfort you. Well done Major

George. Be thou at peace."

A funeral has tentatively been scheduled for 10 a.m. June 2 at Wood Family Funeral Service in Tehachapi, Calif., according to www.westpoint.org. Interment has not yet been scheduled. George is to be buried in the Bakersfield National Cemetery in Arvin, Calif., which still is under construction.



Honoring fallen during Memorial Day

West Point honored the fallen of past wars during a Memorial Day ceremony Monday at Battle Monument. Garrison commander Col. Dan Bruno (up front to the left), garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Violet McNeirney and Sgt. 1st Class Anthony LaBrune (above), a member of the Warrior Transition Unit here, participated in the ceremony that included a wreath laying and cannon firing volley. The West Point Band and the Military Police Honor Platoon also were participants at the ceremony.

JOE COLOMBO/DPTMS

WPMS students discover science can be fun

Story and photo by
Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

Sergeant 1st Class Phillip Gillespie from Fort Knox, Ky., introduced the West Point Middle School's science class to a few science demonstrations in the Mobile Discovery Center truck May 14.

The MDC is associated with the National Science Center in Augusta, Ga., in partnership with U.S. Army recruiting.

"The NSC has an outreach program that invites a school to request a Mobile Discovery Center visit," science teacher Tricia Willis said.

"The West Point Director of Research and Studies Partnerships here helped me identify this outreach program through the NSC along with the eCYBERMISSION, the on-line science fair."

Willis said eCYBERMISSION and the MDC enrich the school's science program.

"This is at no cost to us," she said. "The MDC is funded through the U.S. Army and the NSC."

The 18-wheeled MDC trucks reach as many as 60,000 students a year across the country to show children that studying math and science can be fun, according to the NSC.

Gillespie set up several science demonstrations involving the eye and the uses of static electricity.

In the eye demonstration, he asked the audience to stare at a small black dot in a black and white design for 10 seconds, close their eyes and then open them.

"Tell me what you see," he said.

Several of the eighth graders saw what they were supposed to see—a brief image of the Mona Lisa.

Gillespie explained that it was an optical illusion caused by the way the eye uses the cornea and the crystalline lens to form an image on the retina, which is covered by the rods (sensing only black and white) and the cones, which sense color.

Gillespie asked other volunteers for an electricity demonstration.

"Who knows what happens when you rub your shoes on the floor and touch something?" Gillespie asked the group.

Everyone knew the answer—static electricity causes sparks or a snapping noise.

Gillespie then demonstrated what static electricity is by putting his arm very near a Van de Graaff generator—an electrostatic machine, which produced a spark that could be seen.

It also sparked gasps from the young audience.

Gillespie then asked volunteer Meghan Ryan to place her

hand on top of the generator.

"Will it hurt?" she asked after seeing the spark.

Gillespie just shrugged and placed his hand on top of the generator.

Ryan then felt comfortable enough to place her hand on top of the machine and then took the hand of another volunteer, Luke Vargas, to demonstrate how static electricity would go through her body to Vargas.

Gillespie turned the generator on and after a few seconds, both volunteers looked like they had just gotten out of bed as their hair was standing fairly straight.

Their hair wasn't as straight as it might have been because of the humidity in the air.

"It's (the static charge on the hair) not as bad," he explained.

By the time the 45-minute demonstrations were completed, the students knew a lot more about the eye and static electricity than they had before, which, and hopefully, will induce them to want to learn more about science.



Eighth graders Meghan Ryan and Luke Vargas get a lesson on static electricity from a Van de Graaff generator from the National Science Center's Mobile Discovery center, which is affiliated with the National Science Center in Augusta, Ga. The National Science Center is in partnership with U.S. Army recruiting to stimulate and increase math and science proficiency of students across the country. The student's hair didn't show much static electricity because of the increased humidity.

New Age of Exploration exhibit opens at museum

By Les Jensen
West Point Museum Curator of Arms and Armor

The West Point Museum has a special exhibition, which runs through Sept. 30, titled Arms and Armor of the Age of Exploration. It is part of the museum's contribution to the Hudson-Champlain-Fulton Quadricentennial

Celebration and is located in the Foyer Gallery located just inside the main entrance to the museum.

By the time Henry Hudson's ship, the Half Moon, sailed past West Point Sept. 14, 1609, European explorers had been active for more than 100 years, opening trade contacts in America, Africa, India and the far East. This worldwide European effort brought

global change in the political, economic and cultural realms.

Virtually every expedition to the various New Worlds came armed. The main enemy was rival Europeans, but hostility from the natives was also a possibility. Many explorers were professional Soldiers or naval officers, and every settlement had a military component.

The museum staff selected a grouping of arms and armor from its collections that are typical of those used by the early explorers. Since most early settlement sites were later built over and destroyed, very few pieces have been found through archaeology, except

those from the English settlements at and near Jamestown.

Those archaeological items that do exist, however, along with historic inventories of arms and surviving, unexcavated examples, such as those shown in the exhibition, provide a view of weaponry used by early explorers. The exhibition includes a variety of such artifacts, including swords, firearms, polearms, helmets and armor.

The West Point Museum is open at no charge to the public, seven days a week, from 10:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m. and is closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.



German close helmet, circa 1580, is in the new exhibit, Arms and Armor of the Age of Exploration, at the West Point Museum. The helmet is a type found in Virginia excavations and dates back to the same time as Henry Hudson's voyage past West Point.

COURTESY PHOTO

Cadet crest sculptor still enjoying his work after retirement

Story and photo by
Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

Since 1990, artist and sculptor Warren Miller has created the cadet class crests as a freelance sculptor.

He retired from the Directorate of Information Management in 1999 after 30 years of working in the fabrication department and as producer/director in the multi-media design and development department, but he continues his work on the cadet class crest.

"It's the cadets' crest and their design," Miller said. "I just carve it."

Miller generally works on the class crest at his home workshop but has also been working at Costume Armor in Cornwall for the past six years. Costume Armor creates theater scenery props, such as props for "The Lion King" and "Phantom of the Opera" as well as other commissioned work.

"I have four children; three are now out of college and one is half-way through," he said. "So I continue to work at doing what I

love. Freelance is busy at times and not so busy at other times, and I still have one child that needs to finish college."

Miller began his career as an artist in New York City, working in advertising and design.

"I didn't like it there so I came to West Point and worked at DOIM," Miller said.

Miller just completed sculpting small busts of cadets that are available at the Cadet Book Store. These are similar to the 250 bronze busts on granite commissioned by the West Point Association of Graduates as gifts during the bicentennial campaign. He usually works with clay to make the initial model and then the bronzes are cast or he works in wood and resin, as the class crests are done.

Miller said his favorite sculpture is a bronze cadet bust, which is sitting on a tall wooden stand in the commandant of cadets' office.

A smaller version of the bust, like the one pictured below with Miller, was given to Defense Secretary Robert Gates after his speech at the 2009 Graduation May 23.



Warren Miller says his favorite sculpture was of a cadet, which sits on a tall wooden stand flanked by the American flag and the Corps of Cadets flag. The sculpture can be seen in the commandant of cadets' office.



Warren Miller retired from the Directorate of Information Management in 1999 after working 30 years and is still going strong sculpting at Costume Armor in Cornwall. He works mostly on armor. He was a freelance sculptor while working and went into sculpting full time after retiring. Miller also has a shop at his home in Cornwall where he said he does most of the cadet crest work. Miller has done the cadet crest since 1990.



Several of the 250 bronze busts of a cadet by sculptor Warren Miller and commissioned by the AOG for the bicentennial campaign were given as gifts.

A graduation full of hugs, smiles, tears and lasting memories



Two U.S. Military Academy class of 2009 graduates hug and cry after the hat toss. They were two of 951 new second lieutenants to join the Army May 23 at West Point. ERIC S. BARTELT/PV



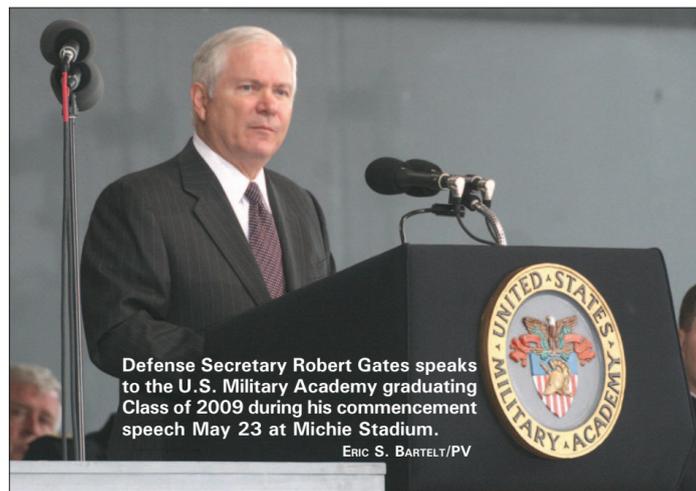
Three cadets, now second lieutenants, from the class of 2009 embrace after completing the Graduation Parade on the Plain May 22. EMILY TOWER/PV



Kenneth Saffold Jr. achieved the distinction of being the "goat" in the class of 2009. The goat gets the acclaim for having the lowest grade-point average of all graduating classmates. Despite the infamous status, it did come with its perks to include a dollar from each member of the class, a text book, a standing ovation when his name is announced and last, but certainly not least, his diploma. EMILY TOWER/PV



Two U.S. Military Academy class of 2009 members celebrate with a fist bump after receiving their diplomas May 23 during the graduation ceremony at Michie Stadium. ERIC S. BARTELT/PV



Defense Secretary Robert Gates speaks to the U.S. Military Academy graduating Class of 2009 during his commencement speech May 23 at Michie Stadium. ERIC S. BARTELT/PV



Frank Scappaticci (middle) and the rest of the graduating Class of 2009 sit attentively while listening to the words of Defense Secretary Robert Gates' speech May 23 at Michie Stadium. ERIC S. BARTELT/PV

What's Happening

Scavenger hunt

West Point Women's Club is meeting 9:30-11 a.m. today 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. Sunday 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. Monday-June 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.

Harborcraft reservation lottery

The harborcraft reservation lottery process begins Monday.

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

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

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

Any remaining dates will be made available July 6.

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

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

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.

Bible study

The Protestant Women of the Chapel summer Bible study takes place at 7 p.m. Thursday nights at the Post Chapel on Biddle Loop beginning June 4.

The group will study "Believing God" by Beth Moore.

For more information or to receive a book for the study,

contact Robin Meyer at 446-8798 or robinmeyer@hvc.rr.com.

Veterans tribute

The 10th annual Salute to Veterans Ride is scheduled for June 7.

Motorcycle riders will leave the 2nd Aviation Detachment hangar at Stewart Airfield at 10:30 a.m. and will ride through West Point to Highland Falls for a memorial service and will return to the hangar to ride past the Traveling Wall Vietnam Memorial replica. Music, speakers and a military vehicle and aircraft display are scheduled for after the ride.

Registration will be 8-10 a.m. For more information, visit www.rtnych3.com.

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.

Hudson River Day

The Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson will be celebrating Hudson River Day June 6 with music, arts and crafts and special programs at Donahue Memorial Park on the Hudson River.

Admission is free. For more information, call 534-9367.

Summer Playground Fun

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

West Point children are invited to attend. The group will meet at Five Star Inn June 10, Stony Lonesome 2 playground June 24, Grey Ghost playground July 1, Biddle Loop Playground July 8, New Brick Playground July 15, Lee Road Playground July 22, West Point Elementary School playground July 29 and Biddle Loop playground Aug. 5.

Parents should bring water and sunblock for their children.

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

Garrison award ceremony

The West Point community is invited to attend the garrison award ceremony at 3:30 p.m. June 11 at Eisenhower Hall's Crest Hall.

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.

Volunteer facilitators needed

The Professional Military Ethic Education program of the Simon Center for the Professional Military Ethic is looking for volunteer facilitators.

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

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

For more information, contact Maj. Chad DeBos at 938-3028 or

chad.debos@usma.edu.

Eagle Scout project

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

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

Summer hours

The cadet branch of Pentagon Federal Credit Union in Taylor Hall will observe summer hours through Aug. 10.

The branch will be open 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesdays.

TSP TICKER

MAY share prices (as of 5/22)

C Fund --	- 0.25	(10.3724)
S Fund --	- 0.34	(12.5166)
I Fund --	+ 0.28	(14.9542)

Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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

Keller Corner

Dispose of household sharps safely

Below are the turn-in procedures of used sharps at Keller Army Community Hospital.

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

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

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

There are different options for getting rid of used sharps.

Follow these procedures to turn them in at Keller.

- The KACH emergency room will accept used sharps. If possible, call ahead at 938-4004 to alert the staff about a sharps drop-off;

- Do not leave used sharps on the back loading dock or drop them off anywhere else

in the hospital except the emergency room.

Other options are:

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

- Ask your diabetes educator about sharps disposal programs;

- Some communities have special household medical waste collection days or allow sharps to be disposed of in household trash.

Call your local public works for specific information.

- Call the New York State Department of Health at (518) 474-1222.

Ask for a list of licensed medical waste transporters who provide collection services to your area.

New emergency room patient parking

There is new patient parking at KACH for emergency room patients, located in the ambulance round-about, which can be accessed through the ambulance entrance on Washington Road.

FMWR Blurbs

AFAP Steering Committee

The next Commander's Army Family Action Plan Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for 1-3 p.m. Tuesday at the Jewish Chapel's Social Hall.

The committee will review agency recommendations on nine active local AFAP issues. This meeting is open to members of the West Point community.

For more information, call Jen Pagio at 938-3655.

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.

Ballroom dancing

Ballroom dancing is scheduled for noon-4 p.m. June 14 at the West Point Club's Grand Ballroom.

A summer luncheon buffet will be served.

For more information, call 446-5545.

Army birthday

A cake cutting celebrating the Army's 234th birthday is scheduled for noon June 16 at the West Point Club's Grand Ballroom.

Light refreshments will be served.

For more information, call 938-5120.

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.

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.

Counseling

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

For more information, call 800-342-9647.

Pet kennels

Morgan Farm Kennels and Stables is offering pet kenneling and dog grooming. Also, slots still are open for the summer riding camps.

Families of deployed Soldiers receive a discount.

For more information, call 938-3926.

Youth Services

For information about summer trips and events in June at Youth Services, call 938-3727.

Defensive driving

A defensive driving class is scheduled for 6-9 p.m. June 13 at ACS, Bldg. 622.

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

Workshops

ACS Employment Readiness is offering workshops about starting a franchise at 9:30-11:30 a.m. June 9, secrets to resume success at 1:30-3 p.m. June 12 and dressing for success at 10-11:30 a.m. June 26.

All workshops will be held at ACS, Bldg. 622. For more information, 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.

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.

SKIES Instructional Program

CYS Services SKIES Instructional Program Sessions are ongoing.

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

DPW NOTES

Saturday power outage

There will be a 15-minute power outage affecting most buildings on West Point at approximately 6 a.m. Saturday to replace two high voltage circuit breakers at the Delafield substation.

Power off all electronic devices to include computers, printers and copiers before leaving offices Friday to protect this equipment from any power surges when the power comes back on.

Fire hydrant flushing

Operations and Maintenance Division will be flushing all fire hydrants on post through June 6 to clear sediment build-up out of the main water lines, pending water line emergencies and weather conditions.

The flushing will not take place between 6-9 a.m. and 4-6 p.m.

The schedule is:
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.

This may create discolored water in the faucets, which 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 will clear up in about two hours.

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

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

Stony Lonesome Road closure

Balfour Beatty Construction will be making utility connections under East Continental Road near

its entrance from Stony Lonesome today and the road will be shut down today and Friday.

Proper signage to route traffic through the west end of Continental will be in place.

The road will be back-filled and opened for traffic at the end of each work day.

If there are any changes to these dates, Balfour Beatty Construction will notify all parties.

Contact Balfour Beatty Construction personnel at 446-6761 with any questions.

Command Channel 8/23

May 28-June 4

Army Newswatch (broadcast times)
Thursday-Friday, Monday-June 4
8:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

NOW SHOWING

in the movie theater at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752

Friday -- **State of Play, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**
Saturday -- **Hannah Montana:**

The Movie, G, 7:30 p.m.

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

Giles-Madden's ability to be clutch earned two MVPs

Story and photos by
Eric S. Bartelt
Assistant Editor

To be described as having a lot of heart is a special thing, particularly during one of the most important days of your life—graduation day.

Many of the thoughtful words said May 23 about Sarah Giles-Madden during her bar pinning ceremony reflect back to April 20, 2008, when she had to dig deep within herself to comeback from a one set deficit to help Army women's tennis win its fourth consecutive Patriot League championship.

Just a week before the championship match, Giles-Madden faced the same freshman rival from Bucknell, Lauren Lucido, and was beaten by her in two sets.

Then only a week later, faced with the adversity of having her team's championship hopes placed solely on her shoulders with the teams' match tied at three apiece, Giles-Madden fought back from a 6-3 first set loss to take the final two sets 6-4, 6-3.

The victory earned Giles-Madden her second career PL Tournament MVP honor, the first coming in her plebe year, and cemented her legacy as a big-game player in Army women's tennis history.

"When it comes to the big moments, you have certain players who step up and (Giles-Madden) is one of them," Army women's tennis head coach Paul Peck said. "She would have good seasons, but she always seemed to play her best in the tournament. She's what we call a big game player... She's like Michael Jordan in that her attitude was, 'give me the rock, give me the ball when the game is on the line and I will make the shot.'"

Peck said Giles-Madden's victory last year at the PL Tournament was something he'll never forget. The team won its fifth consecutive PL title this year, but no matter how many titles they win it's last year's that is mostly etched in Peck's mind.

"We've won other championships, but that's definitely going to be the one that will always stand out," Peck explained. "Having lost to that girl the weekend before and then being down a set, it all came down to her. (Giles-Madden) really put everything on her shoulders and carried the team at the end; it showed her grit and determination."

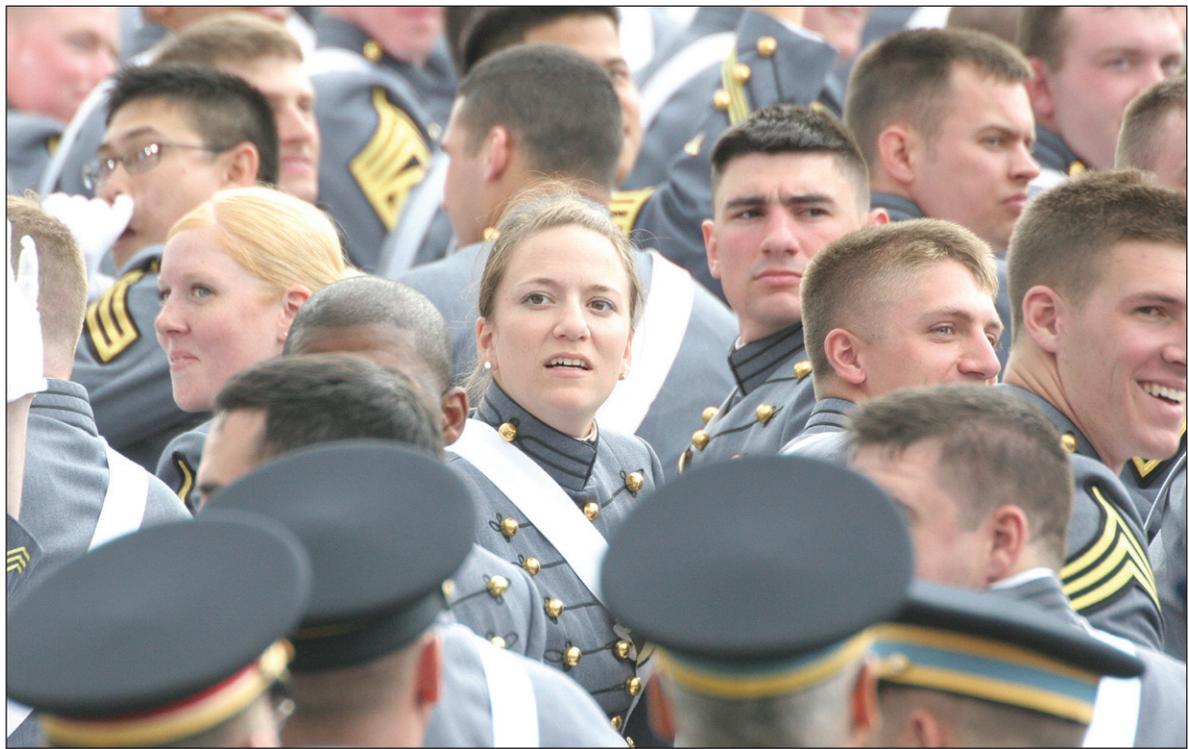
Peck said at 5-foot-1, Giles-Madden played like someone who is 6-foot-3, and is a very feisty person who doesn't take a lot of you know what from anyone. All that wrapped into a small fiery package will lead to a strong leader someday soon in the Army.

"She goes out there and says, 'We're out here to battle our you know what's off until the job's done and it's not over until we say it's over,'" Peck said, "and Sarah has that attitude."

The Columbia, S.C., native went to the Smith Stearns Tennis Academy in South Carolina before she arrived at the U.S. Military Academy.

The year off from school, although she did take a couple of college courses at the University of South Carolina-Beaufort, helped her concentrate on her tennis and overall workouts.

"The pressure, in a way, was off of me, so I was able to focus on what could make me a better tennis player," Giles-Madden said. "Having the year off where I didn't have to worry about high school or looking at other schools (she was already committed to West Point)



Second Lt. Sarah Giles-Madden (middle) searches for her parents during the graduation ceremony May 23 at Michie Stadium.

gave me that one single focus that helped me commit my time to what I was trying to do with my career."

Once she arrived at West Point, it impacted her, like many of the cadets who graduated with her May 23, in a way that helped her become more efficient in her daily life.

"I've become more of a planner," Giles-Madden said. "I was a spur of the moment type of girl and learned that procrastination is very bad for you. (West Point) made me a conscientious person and more aware of my surroundings."

"I became a, 'This is what I need to do and I can get it done,' person, so it helped me refocus my energy in a positive way," she added.

While ambitious, she still has her fears. The two things she credits West Point in helping her with are her fears of public speaking and

heights.

While it hasn't 100 percent taken away these fears, she is more confident now in her ability to overcome these situations.

"I'm a horrible public speaker. I get so nervous and turn beet red, but when I was a platoon leader at Beast this past summer, the experience there got me more comfortable talking in front of a small group of people," Giles-Madden said. "When I'm an officer, I'll have to deal with it, so that experience helped me greatly."

"I'm also scared of heights and during Buckner there's the slide for life and they wanted me to go up a 35-foot tower and do what—I mean, no, I'm not going to slide down that wire," she added. "They pushed me out of my comfort zone and I was able to do the slide for life. Doing the slide for life built my confidence to where if I set my mind to do something, I could do anything I wanted and that was an eye-opener in a way. I was so terrified by this one thing that doing it relieved me in such a way that it relieved me in doing everything else (that was difficult)."

The new second lieutenant, who is an officer in the quartermaster branch, took on everything that was difficult at the academy and came away a very confident person. The biggest confidence boost of her academy life was the Bucknell match victory, and being able to say she not only won the match for the team, but received great support from her teammates—her best friends—was the ultimate magnificent sensation.

"After I won that match, my first reaction was to go and hug Brooke (Jones) because she was with me that entire match and had seen my ups and downs throughout the match," Giles-Madden said. "With her help, I was able to accomplish something great for the team. It was

a huge relief and a great satisfaction to be able to say, 'I won this and I helped the team win,' and we're going to nationals because of it. It was an unexplainable feeling."

Giles-Madden finished her tennis career this year, winning four consecutive PL championships and going to the NCAAs four times.

While her team didn't win a set at the NCAAs, Giles-Madden did quite well during those four years including having a 6-3, 3-0 lead over California's Cristina Visico at No. 3 singles during the 2008 NCAA Regionals before her match was stopped when Army lost its fourth match of the day to Cal.

"Being able to say that I went to nationals all four years is more memorable than saying I won a championship here or there," Giles-Madden said. "It was great that I was able to compete at nationals while some of my friends from high school never got the chance to do that."

While, first and foremost, she hopes that her class year left a great legacy for future classes to build on with the Army women's tennis program, what made her time here most special were the friendships she made—especially with her classmates.

Fellow classmates—graduate mates—Nikki Flach, Jessica Shurtz, Bridie Burke and Jones were some of the most important people in her life during these past four years.

"They were amazing. I'm an only child, so they were the closest thing that I had to sisters... they were a family to me," Giles-Madden said. "To be there through the good and bad times with them, it really made me closer to them."

"It's more than anything I could have experienced at another college," she added. "You do military training together, you go on trips to build team cohesion, it's a completely different experience. See GILES-MADDEN, page 14



Second Lt. Sarah Giles-Madden (middle) gets her second lieutenant bars placed on her shoulders by her parents Steve and Karen.

Walsh found handball niche, helped win three titles

Story and photos by
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Brian Walsh grew up 40 minutes from the U.S. Military Academy in Orangeburg. He was a versatile athlete, having competed in football, wrestling, baseball and lacrosse during his high school years.

At one point, he visited the academy as a football and lacrosse recruit and settled on lacrosse as his sport at West Point.

A couple months into his time at the academy, it became clear because of the time needed to participate in a corps squad sport that lacrosse wasn't for him. Then he reflected back on the conversations he had during Beast with his company commander, Brian Lucas, a team handball player, that handball, a club sport, might be the sport for him.

Lucas, class of 2006, who also went to the same high school (Bergen Catholic in New Jersey) as Walsh, along with Javier and Jamie Sanjuan (both class of 2007) were the biggest influences in Walsh finding his niche with the handball team.

"They were all from the same area as me," Walsh said. "The Sanjuan's went to my rival high school and Brian went to my high school. We're all very close friends. I'm an only child, but they took care of me like I was their little brother.

"It all started out like a Family environment, but then they left," he added. "But, the atmosphere stayed the same even with new people coming in. Our mentality is blue collar-like, where every practice we would punch in and we would be all business-like and then we punch out at the end of the day and we would all hang out together."

It was that environment that helped Walsh through his four years at the academy and led him to earning his diploma and second lieutenant bars May 23. It was also that environment, with the close bonds, that led to the on-court success and the three national championships that Army Team Handball has achieved the last three seasons.

Walsh, who was team captain this year, was a prime contributor to the team's success as he was the team's leading scorer the last couple of seasons and probably the team's best and most versatile player.

"Brian is a huge reason why we've been national champions three years in a row," Army Team Handball head coach Maj. Travis Habhab said. "For one, he is a phenomenal athlete. He's one of the fastest guys you'll ever see playing this game.

"More importantly, No. 2, he's a guy who accepts nothing short of winning. His ultimate goal is to win every game he plays, even if he knows he's considerably



Second Lt. Brian Walsh (front) has a smile on his face after receiving his diploma from Superintendent Lt. Gen. Buster Hagenbeck May 23 during the graduation ceremony.

outmatched in experience," Habhab added. "He believes he can go out there and help bring the team to victory. He's got the desire to win and probably his biggest trait is his extreme intensity."

The firstie leaders of this year's squad besides Walsh were Justin Key and Jake Abramowitz, who together enabled the team to win another championship. Walsh, Key (left wing) and Abramowitz (right back position) were the team's top scorers during the season.

"I would say the thing we did best together was making it a team sport because, if one person tries to take it all upon himself, it can't be done," Walsh said. "I would say we probably had less (individual) talent this year than we had in the past, but we had a better team. We did a great job helping the underclassmen play well together."

In the ultimate of "team first" moves, Walsh moved from left back to the center back position at the beginning of the season to improve the team's chances at winning.

However, in the end, the move was more beneficial for Walsh, even though the left back position is more of a scorer's position, because it helped him get into the Army's World Class Athlete Program.

"(At the center back position) you have to be aware of both sides of the court more and the move is similar to moving from shooting guard to point guard in basketball," Walsh said. "I liked the transition because when I'm playing in the World Class Athlete Program, the left and right backs in the pro leagues are about 6-foot-8 and 6-foot-9, and I'm only 6-foot-2-inches, so for the long term, it's better to start learning that position because it'll benefit me more."

Handball has brought many great moments to Walsh's life and will continue to do so as he competes in WCAP with a chance to play for the U.S. Olympic Handball Team in 2012.

"I think it's a great opportunity to go train for the Olympics," Walsh said. "I never would have expected that before I came here because I didn't even know what the sport was. Whether I would have gotten into WCAP or not, I still would have the Army in my future. It doesn't matter to me which path I would have taken."

The engineer officer will have to wait to do his Basic Officer Leadership Course and Engineer Officer Basic Course, which he was scheduled to go to Dec. 9 at Fort Carson, Colo., because of a tear he got in the front of his calf during the USA Handball Open Nationals May 10.

Army, who was the only collegiate team to play in the USA Open Nationals, won its first two games, but lost the last three because they lost Walsh to injury.

"We shouldn't have lost, we should've beaten them all," Walsh said. "I don't know if we weren't as focused, but the game we won the night before (my injury) ended in a shootout and it was a high intensity, great game and I think everyone didn't have any adrenaline left."

In the next three months, Walsh will do physical therapy here to come back from his injury.

Walsh said he's 50-50 from what the doctor tells him whether he'll be ready in August to go to BOLC.

The injury was just another factor on how stressful this season was for him, but all of it didn't take away from how great his collegiate career turned out.

Walsh felt this year was a strain because they were expected to win. Defeating North Carolina 38-26 in the final was anticlimactic compared to the semifinal victory over Air Force.

Of the team's three consecutive championships, Walsh feels his best memory of Army Handball was their first championship his yearling year.

"The first championship we won was my best memory because my freshman year we were awful," Walsh said. "To turn the team around just like that in one year and win nationals was a pretty good deal. We had the athletes my freshman year to be able to do it then, too, but we weren't as focused."

Habhab, who coached Walsh the last year-and-a-half and this past year as the head coach, has seen much growth in Walsh as a leader during that time, which is why he nominated him for the 2008-09 Men's Team Handball Athlete of the Year.

Walsh was one of the four finalists for the award and the only collegiate athlete to make the Top 4.

Habhab sees great potential in Walsh, a potential that could make him one of the best players in the United States.

"I think Brian can be a huge part of the U.S. Olympic Team," Habhab said. "He'll definitely be a big part of the U.S. National Team as he continues to develop and learns the sport more and gets more experience."

For as much as Walsh is excited about playing in WCAP and for the U.S. National Team, he is just as excited to be an officer in the engineer's branch.

See WALSH, page 14



Second Lt. Brian Walsh marches to his bench seat May 23 at Michie Stadium during the graduation ceremony.

Baseball splits with Dartmouth, faces Texas at NCAAs

By Bob Beretta
Athletic Communications

Army scored six runs in the bottom of the ninth inning for a comeback win in the first game and Dartmouth scored runs in five different innings in the second game as the two league champions split a doubleheader Sunday at Doubleday Field.

Army, the Patriot League champions, took the opener 8-7 on Yearling first baseman Kevin McKague's two-out single before Dartmouth, the Ivy League winners, strung together 15 hits for an 11-3 win in the nightcap, a game delayed by an hour because of rain and lightning.

The Black Knights won their 34th game of the season after scoring all eight of their runs in the final three innings. Trailing by five runs entering its final at-bat, Army scored six times for the thrilling 8-7 "walk-off" win.

Yearling shortstop Clint Moore led off the inning with a single and scored one out later when Yearling designated hitter Joey Henshaw blasted a triple to right field.

Yearling right fielder Ben Koenigsfeld followed with an RBI double and Firstie third baseman J.P. Polchinski was hit by a pitch.

Following a fly out, Firstie pinch-hitter Tony Capozzi stroked a single to center field to score Henshaw.

Plebe second baseman Zach Price worked a walk and Firstie

center fielder Andy Ernesto doubled to right field to knot the game at 7 and put runners on second and third.

Dartmouth then elected to intentionally walk Moore to load the bases. McKague, who struck out for the first out of the inning, singled to center field to score Price with the winning run.

Firstie pitcher Tyler Anderegg, who threw a scoreless ninth inning, earned the win. Starting pitcher Cow Matt Fouch threw four innings and allowed five runs on six hits before giving way to Cow Steve Cummings.

Ernesto and Koenigsfeld each had two hits to pace the 13-hit Army attack.

Now, Army is looking toward the NCAA Regionals.

Army has visited two of the meccas of college baseball during its last two trips to the NCAA Regionals, traveling to Louisiana State and Florida State in 2004 and 2005, respectively.

The Black Knights learned Monday they will travel to another of college baseball's most hallowed grounds when they battle the University of Texas at the Austin Regional Friday in Austin, Texas.

The field of 64 for the NCAA Division I Baseball Tournament was announced on ESPN Monday. It took little time for Army's faithful to learn where the Black Knights were headed as the four-team Austin Regional was the first site revealed.



Yearling shortstop Clint Moore led off Army's six-run ninth inning versus Dartmouth Sunday with a single and later got intentionally walked before the winning hit. Moore also added his 10th home run of the season earlier in the game.

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In addition to top-seeded Texas (41-13-1), second-seeded Texas State (41-15) and third-seeded Boston College (33-24) will join No. 4 seed Army at the Austin Regional.

In the midst of one of its most successful seasons in school history, the Black Knights (34-19) will head to Austin, Texas, Wednesday to gear up for their first-round matchup with the highly-regarded Longhorns. Texas is currently

ranked fifth nationally by "Baseball America" and "Collegiate Baseball" magazines and garnered the overall No. 1 national seed in the 2009 NCAA Division I Baseball Tournament.

The four-team, double-elimination tournament begins Friday and continues through Monday (if necessary).

Army will face Texas at 6 p.m. Friday in their first game at the regional.

It will mark Army's third trip to the NCAA Regionals in the last six years and the Black Knights' fourth this decade.

Army fans can listen to the games on the radio at WBNR 1260 AM, WLNA 1420 AM and WGHQ 920 AM or by going to the Army Web site at http://www.goarmysports.com/ViewArticle.dbml?DB_OEM_ID=11100&ATCLID=3740510 and following the links on NCAA Regional Central page.

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different atmosphere that helps facilitate a great relationship with these girls."

Giles-Madden will have to wait until January to go to her Basic Officer Leadership Course and then to Officer Basic Course at Fort Lee, Va., because she will be the women's tennis' athletic intern during the summer and fall. However, right now, she is just enjoying the moment at hand and earning the diploma and second lieutenant bars that she worked so

hard to get.

"Four years of hard work and long hours and a lot of agony of getting through this place with all its mental hurdles—I won't believe I graduated until I have the diploma in my hand and thrown my hat," Giles-Madden said. "I'm tired, exhilarated and I'm over-the-moon ecstatic that I'm done and that I've survived. Just knowing that I have all my friends there with me and knowing we survived together is the best feeling ever."

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"Engineers was actually my second choice for branch, but as I did more research on it I think I'm more satisfied with my second choice than what would have been my first choice," Walsh said. "I just hope that when I come back from the (WCAP) program that I'll be able to get to Sapper School and Ranger School because I can't go before the program."

Walsh's final day as a cadet came May 23, but he was less excited about the graduation process than he was about the significance of being pinned as a second lieutenant.

"A bunch of us don't even need to go to the ceremony, we would just be fine leaving right now knowing what we've done," Walsh said. "I'm more excited about the commissioning than I

am about graduation, so the bar pinning ceremony will be a lot more important to me than the actual graduation.

"However, for as much as it is about me," he added, "it's about more than me. It's about all my friends, my Family and everyone who went through (these last four years) with me. It'll be a great day."