

"Wall Breaking" officially begins science center construction



Firstie Victor Ugenyi swings a silver sledgehammer during the "Wall Breaking" Oct. 29 for the new science center that connects Bartlett Hall with the old library. Planning for the nearly \$46 million renovation began in 2001. Construction on Bartlett Hall has continued since it was built in 1862, with the first major renovation happening in 1913. The first phase of the renovation is expected to encompass 112,000 gross square feet. The second phase of the project will more than double the total gross square footage that is presently occupied by the Physics and Chemistry and Life Sciences Departments.

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Act ends controversial personnel system **INSIDE**

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With President Obama's signature on the 2010 National Defense Authorization Act Oct. 28, a controversial pay-for-performance personnel system is abolished.

About 220,000 Department of Defense employees who had come under the National Security Personnel System will transition back to the long-standing General Schedule system, but that will take time, a senior official said.

Tim Curry, acting program executive officer for NSPS, said the department could start transitioning employees in six months. The department has begun a comprehensive

planning process, he explained, with the goal of ensuring a smooth and orderly transition of employees and organizations out of NSPS.

"The department is going to proceed deliberately and cautiously without unnecessary delay," Curry said.

The transition will take place organization by organization, he said, to minimize disruption. Meanwhile, employees under NSPS will remain in that system for the time being.

"It took three years to bring those 220,000 employees into the system," Curry said. "Congress recognized that it was going to take time ... to do it right."

The new law gives DOD officials six

months to develop and submit a plan to Congress detailing the transition. The whole transition must be finished by Jan. 1, 2012.

"We will work under NSPS for the time being, while we are working on the transition plan," Curry said. "When we're at the point where employees come out of the system ... the law ensures that no employee's pay will be reduced when converting out of NSPS."

How does this affect NSPS workers at West Point?

"NSPS regulations remain in effect for all organizations," West Point Civilian Personnel Advisory Center Director Carol McQuinn said. "However, in September, it

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What Veterans Day means to me

By Ann Marie Guzzi

“Less than one percent of today’s population puts on a uniform to defend their country,” West Point Superintendent Lt. Gen. Buster Hagenbeck said.

That means only three million people out of about 300 million serve in the armed forces.

Yet, that is why Veterans Day is so special and important. It is to honor those brave few who defended our country, and it should be one of the most important holidays of the year.

Veterans Day is the only day that honors those Soldiers who protect us, and we should give our thanks everyday that they are there for us, not just once a year, or one day of the week.

This day is special and personal to me for many reasons. For one, my dad and uncles served in the U.S. Army, and my great uncle

fought in World War II. Another reason is I think that the Soldiers of the past and present sometimes aren’t appreciated for all that they did and saw so that we could stay free.

In our world today, Veterans Day is especially important because of the war in the Middle East and of all our Soldiers who are fighting for us there.

The history of Veterans Day is somewhat confusing.

It started out in 1918 as a day to commemorate our Soldiers who had died in World War I, and it also celebrated the Treaty of Versailles and the renewed peace between nations. Later, it became known as Armistice Day.

Finally, in 1954, Veterans Day, Nov. 11, was set aside to honor all American veterans of all wars.

Veterans Day is especially important to me because of my Family’s history of fighting in wars. To begin with, my dad was

named after my great-uncle, who fought in World War II. My great-uncle, Anthony, was on the cliffs of Normandy on D-Day, and he survived that ordeal only to die about a year later, when he was hit by a German sniper while on a motorcycle. My dad and one of my uncles went to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

After graduating, my uncle Shane was stationed in Germany, and my dad was stationed in Hawaii. My Dad went to the Polynesian Islands and to Korea sometimes, while my uncle Shane saw the Berlin Wall fall during the Cold War. My other uncle, my dad’s brother, is an Army doctor and is still in the reserves.

My Family has a history of fighting in wars, and many of my other Family members fought, but I find these four stories particularly inspiring.

Another reason that I understand the significance and gravity of this special holiday

is that I often go up to West Point. When I am up there, I can see the commitment in the cadets’ faces, and I can understand the sacrifice they are making for their country and my safety and freedom.

That is one of the reasons that I feel so strongly about how Veterans Day should be more widespread and important.

To me, Veterans Day is one of the most important holidays of the year, and I think it really should be to everyone in America.

That one percent of our population that does serve in the Army, and those many veterans of past wars, should have this special day for themselves.

Veterans Day is not as celebrated and as understood as it should be—and that is a shame.

(Editor’s Note: Anne Marie Guzzi, the daughter of Anthony Guzzi, class of 1986, wrote this essay last year for a school project. She was 12 at the time.)

KACH provides latest flu updates — Friday clinic cancelled

By Lt. Col. Alden L. Weg
Keller Army Community Hospital

During the past week, influenza activity on West Point has increased. The Corps of Cadets, as well as the rest of the West Point population, has been affected.

The situation on West Point is similar to what is occurring nationwide.

The Centers for Disease Control have reported that influenza activity is widespread throughout 48 states.

Due to the marked increase in cases among the Corps, West Point has taken measures to mitigate the spread of influenza to other cadets.

Cadets who have a fever and show symptoms consistent with influenza are placed in separate barracks away from the rest of the Corps until they are without fever for at least 24 hours.

The installation has evaluated additional

locations on post to isolate cadets if the number of cases exceed West Point’s current capacity.

Education on how to prevent the spread of influenza has been reemphasized to the Corps and the tactical officers and noncommissioned officers.

Cadets attending the Army-Air Force football game will be screened before boarding the airplane for fever and contact with anybody recently diagnosed with influenza.

Keller Army Community Hospital coordinated to increase the priority of distribution of the H1N1 vaccine supplied with the Department of Defense. This DOD-supplied vaccine is designated for military personnel and the cadets.

Unfortunately, the New York state-supplied vaccine, which will be used to vaccinate Family members and other beneficiaries, has been delayed.

Distribution of the H1N1 vaccine is significantly behind the anticipated timeline statewide due to manufacturer production delays.

As a result of these delays, large amounts of the vaccine are not expected to be available in New York until mid-November or later.

KACH’s initial order of 5,800 doses was placed Oct. 26. We have received 200 doses of the state-supplied vaccine and it will be administered in accordance with the Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices guidelines.

Basically, we will contact certain beneficiaries directly for this initial shipment.

The H1N1 vaccination clinic, previously advertised at the West Point Elementary school for Friday, has been postponed.

Further information on the rescheduled date will be published when the vaccine arrives.

Upon arrival, the vaccine will be given based on the type of vaccine shipped and the priority groups established by the CDC.

Seasonal influenza shots are now available to all beneficiaries who desire the vaccine. Injectable vaccine supplies are still limited and will be prioritized for individuals who are pregnant, older than 50 years or have medical conditions that prevent receiving Flumist. Healthy individuals between ages 2-49 will receive Flumist.

Air Force Week Flyovers

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Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

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Difficulty: Easy

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

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SHARP

The members of the Sexual Harrassment/Assault Response and Prevention program are Maj. Maria Burger (USMA/USCC), Shelley Ariosto (Garrison), Dan Toohey (Victim Advocate), Lt. Col. Kim Kawamoto (ODIA) and Bernadette Orland (Dean). Community members can e-mail Burger at Maria.Burger@usma.edu for advice or to offer any recommendations on the program here. Cadets also can call the sexual assault support helpline at (845) 591-7215. West Point Soldiers and civilians needing assistance can call (845) 938-3369.

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Lichtenberg, Class of 1955, dies

Submitted by West Point Association of Graduates

Successful businessman and philanthropist, particularly to the U.S. Military Academy, Herbert S. Lichtenberg, Class of 1955, died at age 76 Oct. 28. He was buried at West Point Cemetery Oct. 30.

After graduating from West Point, Lichtenberg served as a lieutenant for three years in the U.S. Air Force. In 1958, upon completion of his service obligation, he joined his father's firm, S. Lichtenberg and Sons, in New York City. He quickly demonstrated a strong aptitude for sales and personnel management within the curtain and drapery segment of the home fashions industry and, in 1980, he became president.

Lichtenberg's renowned philanthropy to West Point has been accomplished with several unique characteristics as he contributed quietly, often behind the scenes, without fanfare. He focused on projects that the academy would otherwise be unable to accomplish for itself. He had an ability to negotiate, encourage and motivate the involvement and giving of others with charitable resources. The projects which he supported with his immense energy and financial resources clearly reflected his great love of West Point and particularly, the Corps of Cadets.

Lichtenberg's contributions to West Point have been and will continue to be truly significant. His contributions extend across a wide range of activities, and they are in three broad areas—support of religious programs and activities, support of Army athletic teams and programs and support of West Point's quality of life.

His support of religious programs and activities at West Point began in 1965 when he joined a group dedicated to erecting a West Point Jewish Cadet Chapel. Through his organizational skills, energetic fund-raising and unselfish generosity, the Jewish Chapel was completed and consecrated in 1984. The chapel allows a distinctly visible Jewish presence at the academy.

Since his return to New York City in



Herbert S. Lichtenberg

1958, Lichtenberg closely followed Army athletics. In the late 1990s, he responded to a superintendent's wish to have an indoor tennis facility built as part of the Bicentennial Campaign. Lichtenberg and the Class of 1955 jointly funded the Lichtenberg Tennis Center.

The tennis center served as the Class of 1955's 50th reunion gift to the academy. This building was of such superb functional and architectural design that it was designated by the United States Tennis Association to receive the USTA "Outstanding Tennis Facility Award" in 1999. At this time, Lichtenberg learned of the need to construct a dedicated gymnastics facility. In turn, he and his good friend, Lou Gross, combined their energy and resources to fund and construct the Gross Sports Facility, which was opened in 2001.

Years later, Lichtenberg learned of the pressing need for new housing to attract and retain quality athletic coaches for Army's sports teams. In coordination with the superintendent and the director of Intercollegiate Athletics, an idea was conceived to build six sets of new quarters for coaches.

Again, Lichtenberg assumed the lead role in funding. Further, he played a central role in encouraging others to become major donors to the athletic coaches' housing project.

The success of the prompt construction of the first three sets of new quarters led to the decision to expand the original project of six with an addition of three more sets of coaches' quarters, bringing the total to nine.

Lichtenberg also purchased and donated a custom-designed, new motorcycle from the Orange County Choppers for use by the spirit team at rallies and football games.

Lichtenberg is credited with the idea of having the "old grad" Marchback associated with the Plebe Marchback from Lake Frederick to West Point that commenced in 2000.

The idea allowed for hundreds of West Point graduates to bond with today's cadets. Consequently, early in their four-year West Point experience, cadets get a sense of the significance of joining the "Long Gray Line."

By 2006, the West Point Association of Graduates took great pride in presenting the 2006 Distinguished Graduate Award to Lichtenberg. The Distinguished Graduate Award is given to a West Point graduate who has done great things.

Lichtenberg is survived by his wife, Gertrude; sons, Scott and Michael; and grandchildren Andrew, Carolyn, Lauren, Claudia and Emily.

The U.S. Military Academy Class of 1955 mourns our beloved and most generous classmate, Herbert S. "Kelly" Lichtenberg upon his passing and extends our heartfelt condolences to the Family. He will be sorely missed by his Family, his many friends, classmates and cadets, past and present.

Be thou at Peace.

From the Class of 1955

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was announced that all NSPS employees with a rating of 2 or above and those without a current NSPS rating will receive the same General Schedule annual pay increase as the rest of the General Schedule workforce.

"The amount of the increase is not yet known. Once Obama signs the Executive Order that implements the January pay adjustment, we will publicize that information," McQuinn continued.

Employees outside of NSPS are not affected by the change.

Curry's office is also studying the new law's other civilian personnel ramifications. He said these include requirements for performance management, hiring flexibilities, training requirements and the department's ability to go back to Congress for added personnel flexibilities.

"We're looking at what that means and how to proceed," Curry said. "We're just assessing the impact and how to move forward."

The major complaint about NSPS was that it was overly complicated and that no employee understood the pay pool process, Curry said, pledging that department officials will take the lessons from the NSPS experience as it moves ahead.

"We'll be particularly mindful of issues surrounding complexity and transparency," he said. "Those are certainly important considerations to ensure employees understand and accept and buy into any rules that will be put in place."

Civilian employees under NSPS finished a rating cycle at the end of September. These workers will receive performance ratings and payouts effective in January under NSPS, Curry said.

A provision of the act requires that employees with Level 2 ratings or higher are guaranteed a pay increase in January that's at least equivalent to the pay increase that applies to General Schedule employees.

(Editor's Note: Much of this information is from an Armed Forces Press Service article by Jim Garamond.)

Branch Night—follow Family and follow me

Story and photos by
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Firstie Misa Yarmie knew ever since she arrived at the U.S. Military Academy that she wanted to fly helicopters. However, four years ago she didn't think it would be possible to be a pilot "because of bad eyesight."

But when the Army fixed her eyesight with corrective surgery and she passed the Alternate Flight Aptitude Selection Test in her yearling year, flying again became her chosen career path. A standout student, Yarmie's grades have positioned her near the top of her class academically as she went into Branch Notification Night Sunday knowing her envelope would contain her first choice—Aviation.

"I'm more excited for branch night to find out what my friends got," Yarmie said.

Although she knew going into Eisenhower Hall Theatre that she'd be an Army Aviator, the night offered up a surprise for her at the pinning ceremony where she received her "wings."

Yarmie was recognized as the Top Aviation Cadet.

A former Soldier in the Virginia Army National Guard, she now follows in the chosen profession of her father, Alexander, a 1979 West Point graduate, who flew the AH-1 Cobra helicopter. Yarmie thinks her going to flight school might be the pull to get him back in the cockpit.

"When I am in flight school, it will probably pique his interest and he may want to try and get his private helicopter's license," Yarmie, who would like to fly the Apache helicopter, said.

Yarmie said her father helped her pass the AFAST by putting her in a helicopter for an hour so she could become more familiar with the controls.

In a couple of years, there might be another Yarmie flying Army aircraft. Misa's brother, Mike, is a member of the Class of 2012 and he has expressed interest in aviation as well.

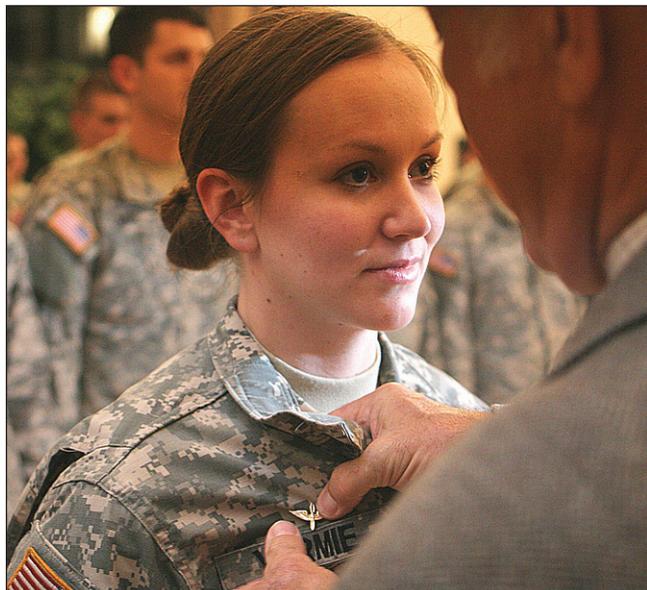
For now, she is fulfilling her duties as a battalion commander, finishing up her studies in Engineering Psychology and looking forward to going to Ft. Rucker, Ala., for flight school with 110 of her classmates.

"I think there will be a good group of aviation officers coming out of our class," the 22 year-old said.

Firstie Matthew McClary, unlike Yarmie, did not know what branch he wanted when he entered the academy. The former psychological operations Soldier had narrowed it down to three and shifted among engineers, military intelligence and infantry, throughout his year at the U.S. Military Academy Prep School and his first two years here.

It wasn't until his cow year that he settled on infantry and received it as his branch.

"It came down to my instinct and I finally decided I would be most proud to be an infantry officer," the Operation Iraqi



Firstie Misa Yarmie receives her Aviation wings during a pinning ceremony at Branch Notification Night Sunday at Eisenhower Hall Theatre. Yarmie, a former Soldier in the Virginia Army National Guard, knew her class rank was high enough to get aviation but what she didn't know was that it was the highest of all West Point cadets who branched aviation.



Firsties Richard Kent (left) and Matthew McClary proudly wear their cross rifles after branching Infantry during the Branch Notification Night Sunday. McClary credits Kent and First Captain Tyler Gordy with giving him the confidence to be an infantry officer. All three former Soldiers met at the U.S. Military Academy Prep School in 2005 before entering as new cadets with the Class of 2010.

A member of the Class of 2010 holds the envelope (right photo) that contains the Army branch he was assigned. Two hundred fifteen cadets guaranteed themselves their branch of choice by volunteering for an additional three-year service obligation.

Freedom veteran said. "I felt like it would be a challenge and if I did not do it (infantry) I would probably regret it and ask myself 'if I was capable of doing that.'"

McClary, a native of Sacramento, Calif., took a roundabout path to West Point.

Like many Soldiers, he joined the reserves after high school for money to go to college. While working as a mechanic apprentice at a local Honda dealer, he attended night classes at De Anza Community College.

But the call of the military was strong and he found himself withdrawing from classes so he could go on temporary duty or active duty-special work orders.

"I had more Ws than I did passed classes," McClary said of his college transcript. "I decided I needed to sow these military oats and go all out."

He volunteered for a deployment to Iraq with the intent of shifting his focus on school and ROTC when he returned, but it was there he met a recent West Point graduate.

After McClary continuously asked about West Point life, the 2nd lieutenant said "Sgt. McClary, shut up and just apply."

When he returned from Iraq, where he earned a Combat Action Badge, he was accepted at the prep school. There he met cadets Tyler Gordy and Richard Kent, two former infantrymen whose guidance over the years has given him the confidence that he can be an effective infantry officer.

"I have picked their brains about what lieutenants they (Gordy and Kent) respected the most and why that was," the Systems Engineer major said, adding that he will also draw upon his time as a noncommissioned officer and what he saw in the NCO Corps to map out his leadership style.

With the cross rifles now worn on his uniform, McClary said he will take off his PSYOPS Regimental Crest, leaving behind his past to begin dedicating himself to his new affiliation.

"This (Branch Night) is one giant leap closer to being back in the Army," McClary said.

McClary, whose twin sister, Megan, is a 2006 Air Force Academy graduate, hopes his ranking within the Infantry Branch is high enough to get him stationed in Italy when Post Selection Night rolls around next semester.



Cadets and West Point community join in Veterans Day ruck march

By Sgt. Vincent Fusco
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On Nov. 11 every year, Americans pay tribute to men and women who have served in the nation's military. This year, more than 1,500 people will honor those individuals on Veterans Day, not by standing still, but by marching 12 miles around West Point.

Cadets, alumni, faculty and staff as well as civilians in the surrounding community will put their feet and fortitude to the test to benefit wounded veterans through the Combined Federal Campaign.

The idea started between Firstie Claire Heid, 1st Battalion, 1st Regiment cadet commander, and her physical development officer, Firstie Michael McGee.

They wanted to do something special for Veterans Day, so they decided to have the battalion conduct a ruck march.

A few days later, word of the march spread up the cadet chain of command to First Captain Tyler Gordy, who decided the event should include the entire Corps of Cadets.

"So over the span of a week it went from a battalion ruck march to a huge thing we opened to the entire Corps," Heid said. "Right now, we have 1,086 cadets signed up to participate."

When Heid and her peers thought of the reason for the holiday, they decided the ruck march was appropriate to remember and pay tribute to veterans.

"I think that definitely waking up early to go out for a ruck march—to make those little sacrifices as a large group—speaks a lot for the cadets doing that," Cow Remington

Myhre, 1st Bn., 1st Regt., sergeant major, said.

Myhre points out that the firsties, one of the largest groups to sign up, are receiving no incentive to do this, but rather, they believe in the importance of recognizing Veterans Day.

"That speaks to their character," Myhre said. "It's not a big thing to them." When Plebe Ross Boston heard about the march, he thought about his deployment to Iraq from September 2008 to last April as a Marine corporal in the 1st Marine Division.

He decided that the ruck march would be the perfect way for him to give back to his wounded comrades.

"It hit me that we really do view this as a three-day weekend most of the time," Boston said. "After having gone to Iraq, I decided that I wanted to do something significant for the people who served overseas."

The cadet initiative has spread to the staff and faculty, with Brigade Tactical Officer Col. Mark McKearn, subordinate regimental tactical officers, as well as members from nearly every academic department getting involved in the event.

Heid's supply officer has been busy making sure they have food and water on the course. They also have the cadet EMT club involved in case injuries occur.

The West Point Association of Graduates also has been instrumental in informing West Point alumni of the event, and Heid and her staff expect them to be involved with the march, too.

Word of the event has spread all the way to Gen. Stanley McChrystal, the current Commander of the International Security

Assistance Force and U.S. Forces Afghanistan and Class of 1976 graduate.

The former 1st Bn., 1st Regt. commander sent Heid a personal e-mail expressing his support and appreciation for how his alma mater has become involved in the ruck march.

"He's really proud of how the Corps has evolved and how we're remembering our Veterans, going into an Army at war," Heid said. "It's incredible that support for this event has reached that far."

Heid, Myhre and Boston all come from

military Families, and they have seen how much community participation and support groups mean to troops returning from deployments.

"When I got back from my deployment, that's when I really noticed how helpful those groups were," Boston said, "and also, how the community gets involved when they know about a unit coming back, they get very excited and try to help as much as they can."

For more information on the ruck march, contact Heid at 515-4628 or McGee at 515-



Fashion consultant Robert Grable discusses the proper color combination of neck ties and dress shirts with Firsties Matthew Longo and Andrew Knisely in the Eisenhower Hall ballroom Oct. 28. Cadets were provided the opportunity to speak with fashion consultants about how to properly dress in formal civilian attire. The two-day event was organized by Lenora Grable-Grant, Cadet Store manager, and her staff.

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Engineering management student chapter earns national honors

By Maj. Jim Schreiner
Engineering Management Student
Chapter officer-in-charge

The American Society of Engineering Management awarded the 2009 Founder's Awards for Academic Excellence in Undergraduate Engineering Management Education and the Best Student Chapter in the country to the Dept. of Systems Engineering. This prestigious honor marks the first time since 2004 that both awards were won by the academy.

It also marks the continued commitment to excellence in Engineering Management education as this is the fifth year in a row that the department has received the Founder's Award for its undergraduate program.

The Founder's Award was presented by the ASEM Board of Directors to Col. Tim Trainor, DSE head, and Lt. Col. Kenneth McDonald, EM program director, at the national conference Oct. 16 in Springfield, Mo.

"We are honored and humbled by this recognition and feel that it is simply a reflection of the commitment to excellence that our cadets and faculty work toward every year," McDonald said.

The EM Program prepares cadets to become capable leaders and managers of complex systems with an engineer's perspective on the details that enable those systems to function properly.

The award for Best Student Chapter of ASEM reflected the hard work and dedication of many cadets over the past year.

Their efforts to round out the EM program

with trip sections to Wall Street, the U.S. Mint and by bringing in industry leaders to address relevant topics added tremendous value to the program. Ongoing trip sections to Sikorsky Aircraft, Fox News and a New York Harbor tour are indicative of the creative ways the cadets continue to provide context to classroom studies.

"It is rewarding to be a part of a professional society and gain different perspectives in how to address real world issues," Firstie Chris

Molaro, the cadet-in-charge for this year's victorious cadet chapter, said. "It really helps round out the educational experience for our members."

Molaro led this year's team in competing during the student case study competition against other top EM programs.

"We are proud to be a part of this club and the EM program in general," Firstie Brendan Regan said. "It is fun to compete and share experiences with other students across the

country."

For the fifth year in a row, the effort to be the best has paid off with national recognition for the West Point EM Program and cadet chapter of ASEM.

"This recognition continues to be a source of pride, and we will continue to work every day to build on our successes and provide the best quality education to our young Engineering Management cadets," McDonald said.



Department of Systems Engineering's Engineering Management Program Director Lt. Col. Kenneth McDonald and Firstie Chris Molaro display the best program and best student chapter awards, respectively, while posing with a group of American Society of Engineering Management club members and others in SE.

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A Spouse's Point of View

By Janine Boldrin
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Thanks for Giving

The City of Newburgh is an area that I drive through to get to somewhere else. My entire focus when I hit the Dairy Cone on 9W is to make it to the Sunoco near the bridge without getting stuck behind a truck or hitting too many potholes.

And, until a few weeks ago, I never stopped in the city.

However, Newburgh is the destination for one group of women from West Point and they continue to go back month after month.

The women who stop in Newburgh come as representatives of the Protestant Women of the Chapel as part of their Reach Out program and they come to serve the people of Newburgh at a local soup kitchen.

Military Families and servicemembers are often the recipients of the generosity of their surrounding communities.

During my own husband's deployments, I remember the outpouring of gifts, cards and supplies that were sent over to his unit from the local military and civilian communities.

When I arrived at the Newburgh Soup Kitchen with several ladies from PWOC, I saw one of the ways in which military Families can give back to their local communities.

There were a good number of people waiting outside the Ebenezer Baptist Church where the soup kitchen is located. They were waiting to go in, but they were also waiting to help the women who were arriving from

West Point.

Boxes of supplies were unloaded from the cars, mostly hygiene products, which were going to be handed out that night. The ladies from West Point also brought a little bit of hope and caring to add to what the local church volunteers gave out to the Newburgh community.

When we got inside, the volunteers quickly prepared the donated items to give to the people who had come for a meal at the kitchen.

After gathering and sorting, I sat back on my heels and looked out at the crowd in the main area.

There were several Families with strollers at the edge of the room and babies bundled up for the outside who were now waiting in a crowded and hot space.

There were men and women who sat ready for a meal while waiting to be called to eat, and hoping to find the right size winter coat from the piles at the side of the room.

There were lots of young, school-aged children talking in groups.

I want to tell you about the little children who lit up when we offered them toothbrushes and hair ribbons, the little baby who stared at me with her deep brown eyes and the men and women who shyly asked for a new item and understood when no more were left.

The situation was not all neat and endearing.

There were hard stories behind some of the people who were there and others were looking for more supplies than the women had to give.

But stories and approach weren't why the PWOC women came to serve at this church.

These Army wives saw a need and were working to help fill the gaps in a nearby community. And, so can you, too.

On your shopping list, I hope you will add one of the following items—deodorant, toothpaste, candies or children's winter socks.

The holidays are coming and there are stockings that need to be filled in Newburgh. The soup kitchen will hand out toys from other organizations so the ladies of PWOC are focusing on things that people in need can really use.

The items can be brought to the Post Chapel entrance Wednesday mornings from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. There will be baskets inside the door where you can drop-off one of the above mentioned items.

There are many organizations around West Point that give to our local communities during the holidays.

They offer wonderful opportunities to serve those who continue to support our military Families.

I hope you will lend a hand to one of these groups.

It is a great way to give thanks for all that we have during the upcoming holiday season.

(Editor's note: Janine Boldrin is a writer, a mother and an Army spouse. To contact her about your experiences as a military spouse at West Point email her at janineboldrin@gmail.com.)

DPW NOTES

Repair tile-repointing Thayer Hall moat

A contract has been awarded to repair falling tile in the Thayer Hall Moat to prevent further property damage and potential personal injury.

The repairs include the removal of limestone and bluestone tiles, repointing of tile, removal and reset of granite stairs and walls and the installation of waterproofing membrane.

To safely perform this work, the north section of Thayer Moat (next to the West Point Club) will be closed to all traffic and parking for the duration of the project through Jan. 30.

Any cars remaining in the area will be unable to exit due to scaffolding.

The three "open" handicap-designated parking spaces in the area will be temporarily relocated to Thayer Roof.

Delivery Problems?

Contact
Theresa Ger-
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at 800-295-
2181 or via e-
mail at tgerva-
si@th-record.
com.

BBC LifeWorks events

"You Made the Grade" Program

Through Friday, your children can bring their report cards with a B or better to 132 Bartlett Loop and receive a prize coupon. Each student may receive one prize per report card.

Fire Safety House

With the West Point Schools closed Friday, come join Balfour Beatty Communities for a hands-on learning experience at the Fire Safety House.

The event will take place at 126 Biddle Loop between 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday.

For more information on all BBC LifeWorks events or to RSVP, call Jodi Gellman at 446-6407.

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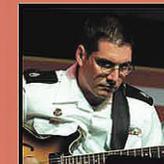
Staff Sergeant Mark Tonelli

Jazz Guitar Trio

Saturday, November 7th

Egner Hall Band Building

7:30 p.m.



Veterans Day Concert

Sunday, November 8th

Eisenhower Hall Theatre

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Friday—Love Happens, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday—Surrogates, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

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THE THEATER SCHEDULE ALSO CAN BE FOUND AT

WWW.AAFES.COM.

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Nov. 5-12

Army Newswatch (broadcast times)

Thursday-Friday, Monday-Wednesday and

Nov. 12

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

What's Happening

DUSA Gift Shop

The Daughters of the United States Army Gift Shop is having a preview of its new children's clothing line from 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday at their shop located within the West Point Museum.

Personally-owned firearm range

The West Point Range Control is hosting a personally-owned firearm range from 1-4:30 p.m. Nov. 13 at Range 5.

Range 5 is off of Route 293 across from the West Point Fire Department.

Military personnel, Family members, retirees and DOD civilian employees are authorized to participate.

Those attending the POF range must bring their own targets, hearing and eye protection.

For more information, contact Alec Lazore at 938-3007.

West Point Middle School Veterans Day assembly

The West Point Middle School hosts its annual Veterans Day reception and assembly for local veterans.

The event, which this year's theme is America's First Soldiers: The Revolutionary War, begins at noon Monday.

It begins with a reception in the school library at noon.

The show starts at 1 p.m. in the auditorium, and the show runs for an hour.

The show consists of vignettes of a Soldier's and colonist's life in the 18th century.

The middle school chorus will sing "Yankee Doodle Dandy," while the band plays selections to honor all the branches of service.

To RSVP the event, call 938-2923.

Veterans Day March for Warriors

First Battalion, 1st Regiment will be conducting a 12-mile road march Wednesday (Veterans Day) as a fundraiser for wounded veterans through the Combined Federal

Campaign.

The march will consist of three four-mile loops on West Point with a ruck weighing at least 30 pounds.

Cadets will be asking instructors and other personnel on post to sponsor them through a monetary donation. The goal is to raise \$15,000 for the wounded warriors.

For more information about the event, contact Firstie Claire Heid at claire.heid@usma.edu.

Chuck Norris book signing

Chuck Norris will be signing his book "The Official Chuck Norris Fact Book" from 2-4 p.m. Tuesday at the USMA Bookstore on the 4th floor of Thayer Hall.

Young Life Banquet

Have a heart for our teenagers? Enjoy a dinner from 6-8 p.m. Nov. 15 at Herbert Hall.

All funds raised benefit the Young Life Hudson Valley ministry for junior high and high school students/Families.

Contact Allison Cook for reservations at 938-5386 or allisoncook25@yahoo.com.

Amateur Radio Club

The West Point Amateur Radio Club (USMA ARC, W2KGY) is conducting an FCC Amateur Radio License Exam session at 2 p.m. Nov. 15 in the Dean's Conference Room, Thayer Hall, Rm. 306.

Walk-ins are allowed.

All license classes will be available for testing and there is a test fee (cash or check payable to ARRL VEC).

One exam fee covers up to three different elements in one sitting, so we encourage successful technician and general class candidates to at least give the next one up a try if they have the time.

Bring two or more forms of identification and any currently held FCC license documentation.

For more information, contact Cow Tom Dean at 515-2758 or e-mail Thomas.Dean@usma.edu.

ESPN broadcasting from West Point

ESPN Sports Center, as part of ESPN's Veterans Day programming, will be broadcasting from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and 6-7 p.m. Wednesday from the Plain at West Point.

The show will have many tributes to veterans and also have features about West Point and cadets.

The public may be a part of the audience and sit in the bleachers on either side of the Superintendent's box to watch the production.

It can also be viewed live on Time Warner cable channel 21 or DirecTV channel 206 here.

Mine Torne Road closure

Mine Torne Road is closed from 6 a.m.-5 p.m., Mon.-Sat. from Route 293 to the Stilwell Pump House for four weeks, which began Tuesday.

The closure is necessary to install water pipes under the road for the new Transportation Motor Pool being constructed in Training Area V.

Emergency vehicles will be able to pass, if needed. Flagmen will be on-site full-time and they can pull the heavy equipment off the road to allow passage in an emergency.

New Jersey Nets tickets

The New York City Recruiting Battalion and the New Jersey Nets extend a Special Ticket Offer for Military Appreciation Night, presented by the U.S. Army, at 7:30 pm. Wednesday.

Nets Basketball will be extending a very special discount to military personnel, veterans, their Family, friends and supporters.

Go to <http://letsgonets.com/tickets/groupsales/Military09-10.html> to access the ticket offer. Use special offer code: nets.

Tickets will be e-mailed within minutes of purchase.

Contact Christie Freid, Nets Basketball, with any questions, at (201) 806-3776 or cfreid@njnets.com.

Charles Durning honored in Highland Falls

Town of Highlands native Charles Durning, decorated World

War II hero and renowned actor of stage and screen, will be honored at 10 a.m. at the community's Veterans Day ceremony Wednesday, which is being held at the Highland Falls Firehouse.

An oil portrait by artist Donna Kosiorek will be unveiled during the ceremony.

In addition, Cooks Lane, location of the former Durning residence, will be ceremoniously named Charles Durning Way.

It is anticipated that members of the Durning Family will be in attendance, although Durning will not attend due to travel restrictions.

The ceremony is open to the public.

Veterans Day programming

The National Purple Heart Hall of Honor will celebrate Veterans Day with programming from 10-noon Saturday and 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. and 2:30-4:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Reservations are recommended, as seating is limited. To make a reservation or to learn more, call (845) 561-1765.

The National Purple Heart Hall of Honor and New Windsor Cantonment State Historic sites are co-located at 374 Temple Hill Road (Route 300) in the town of New Windsor, three miles south of I-84 exit 7B and I-87 exit 17.

Parking, gift shop and picnic grounds are located on site. Museum exhibits are open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday and from 1-5 p.m. Sundays.

Volkssport Club of West Point

Join the Volkssport Club of West Point at their annual walk Sunday in historic Cold Spring.

Registration is 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the start point, Foundry Dock Park by the Metro North Train Station parking lot.

There will be 5-kilometer and 10-kilometer trails, rated 2+ (hills) through the villages of Cold Spring and Nelsonville.

Most of the walk will be on sidewalks with some natural trail. Antique shops, specialty stores and

19th century buildings as well as Hudson River views are drawing cards.

The walk is free with an AVA credit fee.

For more information, call Andrew Schmidt at 845-462-7539.

Hunter's Safety Course

A free Hunter's Safety Course, open to military and retired military members only, is scheduled from 1-5 p.m. Nov. 12 and 1-7 p.m. Nov. 13 presented by Sgt. Matthew Young for the Military Police Company.

Upon completion of this course, attendees will receive their Hunter's Safety Card.

Contact Young at matthew.young11@us.army.mil.

To enroll, RSVP no later than Tuesday.

Thanksgiving at Thayer Hotel

The historic Thayer Hotel at West Point is once again offering its traditional Thanksgiving dinner from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Nov. 26 in its Main Dining Room.

For more information or reservations for the Thanksgiving buffet, call (845) 446-4731.

TSP TICKER

NOVEMBER share prices (as of 11/2)

C Fund	-	-	0.28	(12.3112)
S Fund	-	-	0.74	(14.8970)
I Fund	-	-	0.37	(17.9044)

Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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

FMWR Blurbs

Hunting lottery

The hunting lottery for the opening of rifle season is at 6 p.m. today at the Ski Lodge, Bldg. 718 and is open to active duty military, retired military and DOD civilians.

Call 938-2503 to register.

West Point ski locker lottery

The ski locker lottery applications are available online through Nov. 17.

Visit westpointmwr.com to reserve your locker today.

For more information, call 938-8623.

Beer tasting and dinner

The West Point Club is sponsoring a Yuengling beer tasting and dinner from 6-10 p.m. Friday in the Pierce Dining Room.

For more information, call 938-5120.

Adult indoor instructional tennis lessons

Adult instructional tennis lessons start Nov. 10 at the Lichtenberg Tennis Center.

Classes are available for beginner, intermediate and advanced students.

Registration is from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday at Bldg. 695.

For more information, call 938-3066.

2009 Teen AFAP

The 2009 West Point Teen AFAP workgroup is Saturday.

We are looking for teens between the ages 13-18 who want to contribute to the community and gain leadership experience.

Training and refreshments will be provided.

For more information, visit www.westpointmwr.com/afap.htm or call 938-3655/4621.

Army Family Team Building

Army Family Team Building is designed to educate and empower members of the military community to develop skills and encourage behaviors that strengthen self-reliance, promote retention and enhance readiness.

Are you an AFTB Master Trainer or would you like to become a Master Trainer?

For more information, call Army Community Service at 938-5654.

Family Spaghetti Night

A Family Spaghetti Night takes place at the West Point Club's Pierce Dining Room from 5-9 p.m. Nov. 12.

Children 12 and under can enter the Best Decorated Cookie Contest.

Bring an already decorated cookie or decorate at the club.

For more information, call 938-5120.

Wine tasting and dinner

Wine tasting and dinner at the West Point Club's Hudson Room from 6-10 p.m. Nov. 13.

You can experience an exceptional four-course cuisine dinner paired with fine wine.

For more information and to make reservations, call 938-5120.

Sealed Bid Sale

FMWR Service Division is holding a Sealed Bid Sale on the following items:

- 1976 Rockwell UNISAW, which is viewable at Round Pond from 1-3 p.m. Nov. 10-13.

- 1982 Rockwell BANDSAW, which is viewable at West Point Auto from 1-3 p.m.

Nov. 10-13.

Items sold are subject to minimum bid—for more information, call 938-8188.

All-Army Digital Photography Contest

Enter your best digital images to compete against the best photographers in the Army to win cash prizes.

The categories are people, places, objects, military life, experimental and FMWR life. Both color and monochrome photographs will be accepted.

The contest is open to active duty and civilians. Submit entries to <https://artscrafts.fmwrc.army.mil>.

The submission deadline is Nov. 30. For more information, call the West Point FMWR Craft Shop at 938-4812.

FMWR Ballroom Dance Classes

Classes are from 6:30-7:30 p.m. through Dec. 8 for six consecutive Tuesdays. Couples and singles are welcome.

To register, call Leisure Travel Services at 938-2401 or stop by LTS at 695 Buckner Loop.

For questions concerning the class content, call the instructor at (914) 489-1444.

2009 Army Family Action Plan

The 2009 West Point AFAP Conference is Nov. 17-18. We are looking for delegates and conference support.

Training and refreshments will be provided. Limited free childcare is provided for those who are eligible.

For more information, visit www.westpointmwr.com/afap.htm or call 938-3655/4621.

Voice your suggestions with AFAP

If you are a servicemember, Family member, Dept. of the Army civilian or retiree, this is your opportunity to tell Army leadership what isn't working—and what should be done to fix it.

Issues may be about housing, Family support, healthcare, education, entitlements, or any other area that impacts your quality of life.

To submit an issue, complete a form and drop it in one of the issue boxes located in key areas around post or visit www.westpointmwr.com/afap.htm and click on "AFAP 2009 issue form."

For more information, please call 938-3655/4621.

AFAP Conference outbrief

The 2009 Army Family Action Plan Conference outbrief is at 3 p.m. Nov. 18, Thayer Hall, Room 144.

Members of the AFAP Conference will present the top quality of life issues and recommended solutions to the superintendent and other West Point leadership.

The meeting is open to the West Point community.

This is at the conclusion of the annual conference. The issues reviewed range from TRICARE to child care to housing, and everything in between.

Issues that can be worked at West Point, will be worked locally.

Issues that require the Department of the Army to resolve, will be elevated.

For more information, call 938-3655.

Education Center GI Bill information

The Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship amends the Post-9/11 GI Bill

to include the children of servicemembers who died in the line of duty after Sept. 10, 2001.

Eligible children are entitled to 36 months of benefits at the 100 percent level, have 15 years to use the benefit beginning at age 18 and may use the benefit until age 33.

Contact the Education Center Counselor at 938-3646 or the SFAC Education Counselor at 938-0631 for more information.

Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade

Join FMWR's Leisure Travel Services trip from 6 a.m.-noon, Nov. 26 to New York City to enjoy the Macy's Parade.

There is a cost for transportation.

For more information, call 938-3601.

Adult Hockey Program at Tate Rink

The adult hockey program runs from 7-8:30 p.m. Sundays and 9-10:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

All participants must be 18 years of age or older and must purchase a season hockey pass at the LTS office, Bldg. 695.

The program continues through March 10, 2010. Participants must provide their own hockey gear and skates.

For more information, call Jim Liney at 938-3066.

Quarterback Luncheon

Quarterback Luncheon tickets are on sale now at the West Point Club.

For more information, call 938-5120.

Fall Story Hour

The West Point Post Library has its fall preschool story hour at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. every Tuesday.

The sessions are open to all West Point community children, ages 3-5.

Pre-registration will be required on a weekly basis.

Call 938-2974, or stop by the library in Bldg. 622 for details.

Keller Corner

KACH outpatient clinics closure

All outpatient clinics, laboratory, pharmacy and radiology will be closed Wednesday for Veterans Day.

The emergency room will remain open.

Smoking Cessation Program

Keller Army Community Hospital will begin a Smoking Cessation Program. Classes will be held from noon-1 p.m. every Friday in

Women's Crossfit Class

Join the crossfit craze with Felicia and Rita at 9 a.m. Wednesdays at the FMWR Fitness Center.

For more information, call 938-6490/7060.

November Celebrates Military Family Appreciation Month

Programs at West Point have joined together in appreciation of the Military Family.

Numerous activities are planned throughout the month of November such as:

- Free Pasta Night at the West Point Club, 5-8 p.m. Nov. 19;

- West Point Ski/Skate Hockey Swap, Nov. 22-23, will offer 10 percent off the cost for all Military Family members purchasing a season ski pass;

- Family Thanksgiving lunch at the CDC, 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.;

- West Point Family Scavenger Hunt sponsored by Balfour Beatty Communities and Army Community Service Nov. 16-23;

- Leisure Travel Services is offering Destinta movie tickets—buy one, get one free;

- Free shoe rentals for military Families at the Bowling Center for the entire month;

- Family Open House for military Families with children enrolled in SKIES, Nov. 18-24 at the Youth Center;

- Sports "open gym" for children and parents at 5:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12, 17 and 19 at the Youth Center;

- Families transported free to Palisades Mall at 5 p.m. Nov. 13. CYSS will provide two free tickets to movies for each Family participating;

- Family Golf Days, Tuesdays and Wednesdays during November, after 2 p.m.

Parents pay a twilight greens fee and children play as many holes as they can play before dark.

the KACH fourth floor classroom.

You will be required to attend only one class to be enrolled in the program.

The class can help you to quit using tobacco products.

The program is open to all active duty military and TRICARE beneficiaries.

If you have any questions, call Jack Brennan at 938-6093 or Trish Titus at 938-3244.

Lehman, Buck head Army rifle's youth transition, 4-1 start

By Eric S. Bartelt
Editor

Army rifle has been a powerhouse for the last six seasons as six straight NCAA appearances and a national championship in 2005 attest. However, something is different in the air this year as the perennially-formidable squad is short on experience, All-Americans and a former Olympian.

With the loss of All-American Wesley Hess to graduation and former 2008 Olympian, All-American Stephen Scherer to leaving West Point, this year's team is relying on a group of young shooters without much collegiate experience to get them to the NCAA promised land.

Despite the youth—eight of the 11 team members are plebes or yearlings—the team is off to an astounding 4-1 start and 3-1 in the Great America Rifle Conference. Yearlings Sara Lehman, Kelly Buck and Tommy Carr and Plebes Will Mengon and Ian Young continue to perform at a high standard in air rifle and smallbore as they helped Army defeat Mississippi (4583-4561) and Memphis (4583-4523) Saturday and Sunday, respectively, to earn two important conference wins.

"It bodes well for the future, especially since this young group is performing well early on in the season," rifle head coach Ron Wigger said. "But, being this young, we don't really have that go-to person who I've had the last few years. I don't have an Olympian, I don't have a first-team All-American to lean on to some degree. However,

with the team's parity, we created competition and the team's overall performance level has improved."

While parity means it's not easy for Wigger to pick his scoring lineup prior to each match—four shooters in each shooting discipline (air rifle and smallbore)—it's also created an opportunity for some of the young shooters to step to the forefront. This year's team's two top guns at this point are Lehman and Buck.

Prior to last season, it had been some years since the Army rifle team had women on the squad—the last prominent female being Kim Pienkowski, who earned All-American status in air rifle in 2001. Now, the female combination of Lehman and Buck has contributed much to the team's early success.

"Kelly Buck was the surprise of last year," Wigger said. "She was barely recruited out of high school, and I was 50/50 whether I was going to recruit her or not—but I'm glad I did.

"She finished fourth at the NCAA Championships (in smallbore) as a plebe, and with her background coming here, it was a tremendous accomplishment," he added. "She's having a solid start this year, too. She's a tough competitor, very determined and I expect good things from her over the next three years."

As Buck is surprising her mentor, Lehman has shocked her coach for quite some time. However, Wigger's shock has less to do with the talent she brings to the sport of rifle, but more so with how she came to the U.S. Military Academy.

The 22-year-old Lehman, from

St. Johns, Mich., didn't take a direct route to West Point. Instead, she went to the University of Michigan for three years before she decided to take the plunge at the academy.

"I'm still shocked that she made that decision (to come here)," Wigger said. "I recalled talking to her dad (Steven) about it because he was a little curious to find out, 'what did I tell her or how did I recruit her to West Point,' but, in hindsight, she's been a model cadet since she's been here.

"She has one of the highest academic standings on our team and she does really well militarily in the summer," he added. "However, I wasn't as surprised about (Sara's) performance level as I think I was about Kelly Buck's. (Lehman) performed at a fairly high level in the club program at Michigan, but Sara did make significant progress last year and she is continuing to perform well this year."

Wigger credits Lehman for having a lot of passion and enthusiasm for the sport and her love of going to practice every day to get better.

Lehman's passion for the sport wasn't a lifelong venture as she didn't pick up the sport until her freshman year at Michigan.

"It's a funny story how I got started because my brother, Nathan, was on the (rifle) team at Michigan," Lehman said. "They needed more girls to shoot and he knew I didn't have anything going on in the afternoon, so he made me go with him.

"I dragged my feet at first," she added. "But after the first couple of times I fell in love with it and kept going after that."

Although Lehman only competed during her junior year, her college eligibility started when she began practicing with the club team her freshman year, so this year will be her last season competing at the collegiate level.

Nevertheless, she is trying to go out in a blaze of glory, especially starting off the season strong with a career performance against North Carolina State Oct. 16, when she hit a 585 in air rifle and a 583 in smallbore, both career highs.

"It was one of those performances that I've been working toward and I'm excited about," Lehman said. "It was by far my best day, although against Navy last year I had an 'on day' in smallbore (581), which was a day I still remember as being the most comfortable day I ever shot."

Lehman was a strong shooter before she came to West Point as she was the 2008 Ohio State Indoor 3P champion, which is one of the biggest competitions of the club season in the Midwest. But, she praises Wigger for making her an even stronger shooter while at the academy.

"It's more than just technique, it's been the mindset of approaching a match," Lehman said. "(Coach



Yearling Sara Lehman has contributed to Army rifle's 4-1 start, which includes a career-high in air rifle and smallbore during the North Carolina State match Oct. 16. PHOTOS BY JON MALINOWSKI/G&ENE

Wigger) tells us to shoot every shot as if that's a match within itself. That's a good thing when you get frustrated in letting bad shots go. It keeps you focused on that single shot rather than thinking about the entire quota you are going to shoot."

Lehman feels one of her biggest assets as a shooter is her physical endurance because, "You will see shooters fatigue at the end and people's scores start dropping toward the end ... but my endurance is my greatest asset because I still feel as fresh as I did on my first target on the last target."

Lehman also considers herself a little backward from most shooters on the team because her favorite position to shoot is the standing position.

Air rifle requires all 60 shots to be done while standing, whereas smallbore requires the shooter to shoot in three different positions—20 each—standing, prone and kneeling.

"Standing feels the most comfortable to me and it settles down really easy for me," Lehman said. "For most people, the best position happens to be prone or kneeling because you can use more support on your body.



Yearling Kelly Buck was barely recruited out of high school, but came on strong last year and finished fourth at the NCAA Championships in smallbore.

"My favorite thing about rifle is having that balance with the rifle and not needing a sling while standing," she added. "I don't need anything else for support other than my arm. I like the feeling of knowing that the target is going to sit right in my place ... for me, standing usually creates my confidence going into kneeling and, if I ever shoot a bad prone, I always think, 'here we go, I love standing, this is mine and I know I can do well in this.'"

Lehman is confident the team can build off its sixth-place finish from last year's NAAs, especially after the adversity of losing Scherer just before the GARC Championships. Stepping up is something she saw the team do in the face of adversity, and it's the same reason why she chose to come to West Point when she easily could have stayed at Michigan.

"Once this opportunity came up, I knew this was happening for a reason and decided to leap into it," Lehman said. "It never really fazed me at all (to come here). People here, on average, are more mature than most 18, 19 or 20 year olds, just because they can see the bigger picture in life. It was a good transition and I'm happy I made the decision to come here."

Army battles, but comes up short against Navy

By Dallas Miller
Athletic Communications

Although Army held a 6-0 lead for three quarters following a touchdown and blocked extra point in the first quarter, visiting Navy rallied to score a touchdown and the go-ahead extra point with just 1:51 remaining to record a 7-6 victory against the Black Knights (6-1 overall, 5-1 CSFL) in front of a capacity crowd at West Point's Shea Stadium Oct. 30.

With the win, the Midshipmen (7-0, 5-0) claimed their fifth CSFL Championship in the last six years and extended their winning streak to 23 games overall.

Navy, which managed just 86 total yards for the game and had just one drive of more than 20 yards, was aided by a 15-yard facemask penalty after a 14-yard run on its final drive.

Following Nate Stewart's run and the penalty, the Army defense held strong on three straight running plays to set up 4th down-and-8. Navy's Tyler Terronez, who went 6-for-26 passing for 38 yards and two interceptions, found Eric Montgomery for 14 yards to get the first down and then connected with Brad Cash for a nine-yard touchdown just inside the right pylon two plays later.

Dave Reifenberg's extra point gave the Midshipmen the deciding point of the game.

The Black Knights got the ball back at their own 38, but failed to connect on any downfield passes after the Midshipmen ran down a first-down screen play.

Plebe quarterback Tim Meier, who completed just four of 12 passes with an interception, and Cow wide receiver James McCarthy nearly hooked up on a 4th-and-14 that would have extended the drive, but the high pass just missed a fully-extended McCarthy, ending Army's bid for an unbeaten season.

After exchanging punts to open the game, Meier powered a nine-play, 66-yard scoring drive with a 44-yard run up the left sideline on a keeper that led to the only points of the first half. Meier called his own number again and came through with a second-effort surge on 4th-and-short to sustain the drive.

Behind Firstie running back Ricky Lentz's three-yard touchdown run on 3rd-and-goal, the Black Knights got on the scoreboard, but led only 6-0 as Navy defensive lineman K.C. Middleton got a hand on the extra point attempt. Lentz carried the ball 39 times for 121 yards and a touchdown in the loss.

Navy blocked two kicks on the night in a tight game in which



Firstie running back Ricky Lentz ran the ball 39 times for 121 yards and a touchdown in Army's 7-6 loss to Navy at Shea Stadium Oct. 30.

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special teams, defense and critical penalties eventually decided the contest.

Both team's defenses had stellar games. Army Firstie defensive

lineman Thomas Malejko led the Black Knights' effort with seven tackles including 2 1/2 for losses, while Tyler Hawkins paced the Navy defense with a game-high

17 stops.

Army, under second-year head coach Lt. Col. Mark West, finished the season with the most wins since the 2000 squad went 6-1.

Behind Clark's 39 saves, hockey upsets RPI 2-1

By Ryan Yanoshak
Athletic Communications

Cow forward Cody Omilusik had a goal and assist and Cow goaltender Jay Clark made 39 saves as Army came from behind to beat

Rensselaer 2-1 Oct. 31 in a non-conference contest in front of 2,500-plus fans at Houston Field House in Troy.

Army trailed 1-0 after two periods before storming back for its first win against a team from Eastern College Athletic Conference

Hockey since knocking off Colgate 3-2 during the 2004-05 season.

The Black Knights were outshot 40-16, but they continued to apply offensive pressure and were rewarded with their first win of the season.

Following a 4-4 overtime tie against Colgate Oct. 30, Army earned three points against teams from ECAC Hockey over the weekend. The Black Knights improved to 1-4-2 on the season and halted RPI's four-game unbeaten streak. The Engineers are now 4-3-1.

"This was a huge weekend," Army head coach Brian Riley said. "To go on the road and play two ECAC teams and get a win and tie—that goes a long way toward helping this team learn how to win games."

Firstie forward Owen Meyer scored the game-winning goal in the third period and Army withstood two RPI power plays and an extra attacker situation in the last minute to pull out the victory on Military Appreciation Day.

Playing in Troy, for the first time since 2005, Army won just its third game in the town and first since Nov. 5, 1994, a 5-2 victory.

RPI, a team with five NHL draft picks,

was coming off an overtime win against cross-town rival Union Oct. 30 and jumped out to an early lead. Clark though, turned in an impressive performance.

Clark made double digit saves in each period to record his first win of the season.

He turned away 13 saves in the first period, 12 in the second and 14 in the final period and held RPI to one goal in six power play chances.

"You could tell early that Jay was on top of his game," Riley said. "Obviously, he was our most valuable player. He made some key saves. We made it hard on ourselves by taking penalties. Your goalie has to be your best penalty killer and he was tonight."

The line of Omilusik, Meyer and Firstie forward Eric Sefchik were credited with two goals and two assists.

"Those guys are our leaders," Riley said in reference to Meyer, Omilusik and Sefchik. "They have logged a lot of ice time. We need them to come up big for us and tonight they were difference makers."

Army will return to Atlantic Hockey Association play with a two-game series at Rochester Institute of Technology Friday and Saturday with both games set for 7 p.m. at the Ritter Arena in Rochester.

Flag Football Playoffs

As of Monday's results

Oct. 29 — Semifinals: 1st seed ODIA 26, 4th seed BTD/USCC 0.

Oct. 29 — Semifinals: 6th seed MEDDAC 16, 2nd seed Stewart Marines 14 (OT).

Monday — Championship: ODIA 20, MEDDAC 6.

ODIA is the 2009 West Point Flag Football Champions.



McNary leads charge

Army Cow defensive lineman Josh McNary leads the 14th ranked defense into Colorado Springs, Colo., to face academy-rival Air Force at 3:30 p.m. Saturday. McNary has had at least one tackle for a loss in each of Army's eight games and has registered at least one sack in six of those outings. He already owns the Army single-season (10.5) and career (16.0) sack records and currently ranks tied for first in the nation in tackles for loss per game (2.06) and second in the country in sacks per game (1.31). The game will be televised on the CBS College Sports Network and heard on Sirius Satellite Radio (channel 129). ERIC S. BARTELT/PV

CLUB RESULTS

• **Women's Handball:** The West Point Women's Handball Team finished with a 2-2 record Oct. 23-25, and accomplished a third-place finish in the annual Chicago Inter Handball Invitational.

Firstie Alexandra Scott led the team in scoring by putting up an astonishing 19 points during the tournament.

Cow Abigail Bandi and Firstie Joy Turner added 16 and 13 goals, respectively, in the team's first tournament of the season. The Army goaltenders, Cows Tjolanda Sullivan and Maria Kong, cemented the team's defense during game play, combining for 74 saves total.

The team's first of two losses came early in the weekend against the Chicago Inter Handball Club, a Chicago-based team comprised primarily of European-born players. Army then rallied back after the defeat in their next game by crushing Furman University by double figures.

The women's team suffered its final loss of the tournament Oct. 24 to the Alberta Handball Club, the 2008 Women's National Champions, which put Army into contention for a third-place game against Furman.

In the first half of the third-place match, Furman pushed Army's women to put up a tough defense, tying the game on multiple occasions. Army finished the game strong and won 26-16 as they shut down Furman with a basketball style man-on-man defense.

"Getting a Top 3 finish in the first tournament was very important for the team," Firstie team captain Amelia Storey said. "I'm very proud of the way each player performed, especially against a national championship team like Alberta."

Army continued their season Oct. 30-Sunday, when they traveled down to the University of North Carolina for the annual Tar Heel Classic. The Army "Black" squad earned a first-place finish at the classic defeating North Carolina 19-16 in the final.

• **Women's Rugby:** #2 First XV Army defeated #1 Brown 17-12 in front of a packed crowd at Anderson Rugby Complex Oct. 31. Army try scorers were Yearling Jessica Sexauer (2) and Plebe Anne Lee.

This match was previewed by RugbyMag.com as the collegiate women's game of the season. RugbyMag.com had Brown and Army ranked #1 and #2, respectively, so all eyes of the women's rugby world were on Anderson Rugby Complex.

Army's forwards stepped up in a huge way. The intensity of the collisions and committed defense from 1 through 8 was effective in neutralizing the Brown game plan in the first half. Clean possession was scarce, but Army's backline made good use of what they received scoring two unanswered tries in the first half.

In the second half, Brown completely abandoned its backline attack. They did nothing but pound away at the edges of the breakdowns. They had some success in that approach and tied the match at 12 with 20 minutes to play. At the 69th minute, Sexauer scored her second try of the match to put Army ahead by five. The final 10 minutes of the match was very intense. The Army forwards put up a massive effort to stop every Brown advance and held on to the five-point advantage.



Women's Team Handball poses after their third-place finish at the Chicago Inter Handball Invitational Oct. 23-25. COURTESY PHOTO

Fullerton named to U.S. National Team

By Tim Volkmann
Athletic Communications

Former Army lacrosse All-American Adam Fullerton, Class of 2008, was selected to the 2010 U.S. Men's National Team Monday.

The Black Knights' all-time leader in saves was named one of 23 players, including only two goalkeepers, which will comprise the American roster for the Federation of International Lacrosse World Championship in Manchester, England, from July 10-24, 2010.

An original list of 84 invitees (including eight goalies) was pared down to a 41-player training team that competed over the last month in a series of intersquad games and collegiate exhibitions around the country to determine the FIL-mandated 23-man roster.

"I want to congratulate the entire pool of players on their efforts, attitude and stellar play over three tremendous weekends this fall," Team USA head coach Mike Pressler said. "Without question, this was the best way to go in this thorough and, at times, exhausting process. We feel these 23 men give us the best chance to win the gold at the 2010 World Championship in Manchester."

A native of Liverpool, N.Y., Fullerton capped his Army playing career with third-team All-America honors and was named to the watch lists for both the Tewaaraton and Enners National Player of the Year awards in 2008.

He also was named the Patriot League Goalkeeper of the Year and a first-team all-conference honoree for the second season in a row in 2008.

Fullerton was the first goalie and 28th player taken in the 2008 Major League Lacrosse draft by the Rochester Rattlers.

In his MLL debut, he made 18 saves in 60 minutes of action during a 15-10 loss to the Los Angeles Riptide.

Currently, as a member of the Denver Outlaws, Fullerton spent the spring serving as the athletic intern with the Army lacrosse team.

"Of the two (final goalies), Adam is without question the best athlete," Pressler explained.

Fullerton is only the second Army player and first goalie to earn a slot on the U.S. National Team. Lacrosse Hall of Famer Bob Miser, Class of 1960, was an attackman on the 1967 squad that won the inaugural World Championship in Toronto.

Sports calendar

Nov. 6-15

Corps

SATURDAY—RIFLE, PRESIDENT'S TROPHY MATCH, 9 A.M. AT TRONS RUE MARKSMANSHIP CENTER.

SATURDAY—SWIMMING AND DIVING VS. CONNECTICUT, 1 P.M. AT CRANDALL POOL.

SATURDAY—FOOTBALL AT [AIR FORCE](http://AIRFORCE.com), 3:30 P.M. AT THE USAFA IN COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO. (TELEVISION: CBS COLLEGE SPORTS.)

SATURDAY—MEN'S SOCCER VS. HOLY CROSS, 5 P.M. AT CLINTON FIELD.

NOV. 13—WOMEN'S BASKETBALL VS. WAGNER, 5 P.M. AT CHRISTL ARENA.

NOV. 13—VOLLEYBALL VS. LAFAYETTE, 7 P.M. AT GILLIS FIELD HOUSE.

NOV. 13—HOCKEY VS. AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE, 7:05 P.M. AT TATE RINK.

NOV. 14—FOOTBALL VS. VMI, NOON AT MICHIE STADIUM.

(TELEVISION: CBS COLLEGE SPORTS.)

NOV. 14—VOLLEYBALL VS. LEHIGH, 6 P.M. AT GILLIS FIELD HOUSE.

Club

FRIDAY—BOXING AT [AIR FORCE](http://AIRFORCE.com), 4:30 P.M. IN COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO., UPPER BOXING GYM.

FRIDAY—MEN'S TEAM HANDBALL AT [AIR FORCE](http://AIRFORCE.com), 5 P.M. IN COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO., CENTER CADET GYM.

FRIDAY—WOMEN'S LACROSSE AT [AIR FORCE](http://AIRFORCE.com), 6 P.M. IN COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO., LIGHTED FIELD NORTHWEST OF CADET GYM.

FRIDAY—MEN'S VOLLEYBALL AT [AIR FORCE](http://AIRFORCE.com), 7 P.M. IN COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO., EAST CADET GYM.

SATURDAY—MEN'S RUGBY (FIRST XV), NRU QUARTERFINALS, NOON AT ANDERSON RUGBY COMPLEX.

NOV. 13—WOMEN'S HANDBALL, FALL INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT, 4 P.M. AT ARVIN GYM.