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ESPN broadcasts Veterans Day show from the Plain



ESPN SportsCenter, as part of their Veterans Day programming, broadcast Wednesday from the Plain. The show included many tributes to veterans and features about West Point and the cadets. After the singing of the national anthem by the West Point Glee Club and the presentation of the colors by the Cadet Color Guard, anchors Hannah Storm and Josh Elliott started the day with a review of some of Tuesday's games. Numerous cadet activities were ongoing in the background throughout the day, including intramural Frisbee matches and a 12-mile ruck march in honor of veterans everywhere.

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Get ready for winter weather **INSIDE**

By Christine Guerriero
Directorate of Plans, Training,
Mobilization and Security

Winter is on its way, and the Hudson Valley will soon experience the season's harsh conditions. Accumulated snow and ice can create treacherous conditions and generate concern for the health and safety of all persons on West Point. So it's good to know how decisions are made that may impact installation operations, what impact these decisions have on the workforce and the West Point community, and where to find information on local road conditions, closures and delays.

The Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security is responsible for monitoring weather conditions and, with the assistance of other garrison support organizations, providing the garrison commander information and advice to help keep the community safe.

"We monitor New York Alert, the state's Web-based all-hazards alert and notification system, the National Weather Service's forecasts and warnings, alerts from the New

York State Emergency Management Office in Poughkeepsie and local news outlets," Joe Colombo, DPTMS's chief of plans and operations, said. "But along with the information we gather from these sources, we also get information from the (Installation Management Command's) Operations Center-Northeast Region on short- and long-range forecasts.

"Our intent is to know what's coming and when it will arrive, and then provide that information to the emergency crews and to the decision-makers," Colombo added. "So far, this system has worked well."

The decision-making process begins with a conference call among representatives from DPTMS, the Directorate of Public Works, Directorate of Emergency Services, NEC-West Point, West Point Schools and the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

"Based on the gathered recommendations, we get Garrison Commander Col. Dan Bruno on the conference call and tell him the situation," Colombo explained. "We give him the weather conditions and overall situation—for example, that the storm is

expected to hit at six in the morning and, based on that information, we recommend whether to initiate a Code White or Code Red or to have no change to normal operations."

After consulting with the West Point Chief of Staff, the GC makes the decision whether or not to implement USMA Policy 40-03, Leave During Adverse Weather.

If possible, the decision to modify the hours of operations is made before 5 a.m., before most employees depart for West Point. Unless otherwise advised, all employees are to assume they are to report to work as scheduled, even though adverse conditions may exist.

While some winter-related conditions may make it more difficult to get to work, they do not necessarily create the need to modify operations at West Point. More severe conditions, however, may constitute a situation that prevents employees in significant numbers from reporting for duty.

To be considered an emergency, the situation must be general rather than personal in scope and impact. Also existing and developing conditions must make it

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CFC ... "We can—now more than ever"

Commentary by Michael Zentz
Combined Federal Camapign

We are at the halfway point of the Combined Federal Campaign and the donations have just started to come.

The campaign motto this year is "iCan – Now More Than Ever" which I feel is perfectly fitting for a community that shows its own "can do" spirit every day.

Each agency on post has its own knowledgeable CFC representative who provides the brochures, pledge cards and answers to any questions anyone may have about the CFC.

Listed in the brochure are more than 22,000 charities. When flipping through the pages, I am certain that everybody will find at least one charity that has touched their life or the life of someone they love.

The campaign began Oct. 13 and ends Nov. 23.

If you have not been contacted already, please find your agency representative and ask for a brochure and pledge card.

The post representatives are Michael Zentz (938-2331) and Nancy Hannigan (938-3404) of Office of the Adjutant General.

This year, the official chair of the West Point/Orange/Rockland/Sullivan CFC is Col. Ronald Clark, director of the Simon Center for the Professional Military Ethic.

To be in a position to give is a blessing, and to act upon that position, as many do, is a blessing to others.

And that is why those of us who can give a little extra this year take pride in saying "iCan – Now More Than Ever."

Thank you to everyone in the West Point community for blessing others with your service and donations. In closing, I offer you this proverb which may prove fruitful in these tough economic times, "May your charity increase as much as your wealth."

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unreasonable for employees to safely report to—or stay at—work. The health and safety of employees are the prime concerns when making these decisions.

During adverse weather conditions that start prior to the workday, three basic alerts are used:

1. "WEST POINT IS **CODE WHITE UNTIL (stated time, or, all day)**" means the LDAH policy is in effect until the stated time.

Employees who might be prevented from reporting to work or who believe they might not be able to return home if they come to work should be granted annual leave, accrued compensatory time or leave without pay if they prefer. Advance approval of the leave is not necessary.

Specific procedures for requesting leave in these circumstances are at the discretion of each activity director. Employees in weather essential positions are expected to report at their normally scheduled time.

2. "WEST POINT IS **CODE RED UNTIL (stated time)**" means that part of the installation is closed until the announced time, and employees should not report until that time. Supervisors will excuse absences without charge to leave for all employees affected, whether or not leave was previously approved.

Employees who do not report for work by the announced time will be charged leave for the remainder of their absence if it was properly requested and approved. Employees in weather essential positions are expected to report at their normally scheduled time.

3. "WEST POINT IS **CODE RED ALL DAY**" means that only employees in mission essential positions should report for work. Mission essential positions are pre-designated and affected employees are informed by their supervisor of their designation.

Employees in non-mission essential positions should not report to work until their next regularly scheduled workday.

When adverse weather conditions develop during duty hours, the GC may decide to institute the LDAH policy for employees who are on duty at the time of the dismissal. Such

decisions will be conveyed to major activity directors who are responsible for notifying all activities under their control.

Tenant unit commanders or designees will make the decision for tenant employees.

The announcements are as follows:

1. "WEST POINT IS **CODE WHITE EFFECTIVE (stated time)**" means the LDAH policy is in effect at the stated time.

2. "WEST POINT IS **CODE RED EFFECTIVE (stated time)**" means the LDAH policy is in effect at the stated time. All employees who are not mission essential and are on duty at the time of the **CODE RED** should be excused for the remainder of their workday (placed on administrative leave).

This is true even if they were scheduled to take leave later in the day.

Employees who were on duty, but chose to leave prior to the effective time of the **CODE RED**, should be charged leave from the time of their departure through the remainder of their workday. No excused absence is authorized for these employees. Employees who would normally report for duty after the time of the dismissal should call their supervisors for instruction.

On weekends, the garrison commander may direct a **Code Red** when weather conditions make travel in and around West Point unsafe. Once DPTMS is alerted to the possibility of a weekend winter weather event, a conference with selected organizations will be convened with recommendations briefed to the GC.

During adverse weather, employees can obtain weather, road conditions and operations information by calling 938-7000 or by looking for announcements on the Command Channel 23.

Employees also can go to the Internet to find DES updates on the West Point Web site—<http://cgi.usma.edu/WeatherConditions/>—or listen to the area radio stations listed at the end of this article for updated weather notifications.

Individual activities (e.g.—West Point Band, Directorate of Cadet Activities, Directorate of Intercollegiate Athletics, the

Victor Constant Ski Slope, West Point Club or Thayer Hotel all have hotline numbers that patrons can call to determine if an event is cancelled.

When a storm occurs, it's important that snow removal operations are not impeded. The snow removal plan has five priorities—from the main roads and main parking lots to the smallest little nook on post.

The cooperation of everyone to try to park off the main roads when adverse conditions are approaching is critical to efficient snow removal operations. Call the Snow Control Desk at 938-4707 with questions and concerns, and to report areas in need of ice control and/or snow removal.

Snow removal for the housing areas is provided by Balfour Beatty Communities. Residents are responsible for clearing their driveways and sidewalks from the street to their homes. BBC has ice melt for residents to pick up at their Maintenance Facility, Bldg. 695, by the Cemetery and FMWR Fitness Center. Residents should report snow removal concerns in Family Housing using BBC's maintenance number—446-3570.

Designated building commandants are key in snow cleanup and safety by clearing snow and ice from around their buildings and immediate areas. Many find it useful to include building occupants in their clean up plans.

"It's also important for them to get the equipment they'll need—snow shovels, de-icer, etc.—that they can get at the DPW Supply Branch at Bldg. 905 (938-2560), but they should go get it now, while supplies are in abundance," Colombo said.

The Radio stations that will have West Point weather announcements are:

AM	FM
WFAS 930	WSPK 104.7
WBNR 1260	WHUD 100.7
WEOK 1390	WPDH 101.5
WLNA 1420	WFAS 103.9

Additional information on winter weather preparedness can be found at the Ready West Point Web site www.usma.edu/Garrison/sites/directorates/dptms/cepip.

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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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Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

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

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Difficulty: Medium

WTU Soldier dies at home

Submitted by WTU

Specialist Ryan M. Goes, a 22-year-old member of the West Point Warrior Transition Unit, died of cancer Nov. 3 at his home in Albany.

Goes, a 2006 graduate of Johnstown High school, enlisted in the U.S. Army July 2006.

After completing basic and advanced individual training at Fort Benning, Ga., he was stationed in Baumholder, Germany. In February 2008, he was transferred to Walter Reed Army Medical Center after being diagnosed with cancer and then was transferred to the West



Spec. Ryan M. Goes

Point WTU.

“Ryan was an outgoing and model Soldier who lived life to its fullest,” his squad leader, Staff Sgt. Darren Orr, said. “Even when times got tough, he maintained a positive outlook and wanted to regain optimum health and remain in the United States Army.”

He is survived by his parents, Neil of Johnstown and Dawn of Selkirk, his sister Erica of Johnstown, grandparents, nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles. Funeral services with full military honors and interment were held Nov. 6.



Watch the Wheel

Cow Charles ‘Chuck’ Nadd stands with Wheel of Fortune host Pat Sajak during the taping of the College Week segment of the show. Nadd appears at 7:30 p.m. Friday. Watch on the local ABC channels to see how he does.

CAROL KAELSON/WHEEL OF FORTUNE



From USCC to USMA

Superintendent Lt. Gen. Buster Hagenbeck has selected U.S. Corps of Cadets Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony Mahoney as the U.S. Military Academy Command Sergeant Major. Mahoney will serve in both slots for the short term until a replacement is selected for him in USCC. “Command Sgt. Maj. Mahoney is the clear choice for West Point. He has repeatedly served as command sergeant major at every level of the Army in combat and garrison,” Hagenbeck said. “He clearly understands the West Point mission and has demonstrated the ability to lead, mentor and develop cadets, staff and faculty. His experience and leadership will be brought to bear on the academy’s toughest issues in personnel, training and resourcing.”

TOMMY GILLIGAN/PV



For the remainder of the football season, the only bags allowed into Michie Stadium are purses and diaper bags. All personnel are encouraged to leave any other bags at home or in their vehicles. Prohibiting all other bags into Michie Stadium allows the security personnel to focus attention on other security measures to ensure a safe environment for all.

Story time with Chuck Norris

Chuck Norris, movie and television star and noted martial arts expert, discusses his new book with a group of cadets. He posed for pictures with cadets throughout the Central Post Area, from the Cadet Mess Hall to Robinson Auditorium to the USMA Bookstore during his visit to West Point Tuesday. Norris made a presentation to much of the Corps and also met with members of the Warrior Transition Unit, the football team and the Judo and Martial Arts clubs, after a book signing at the bookstore.

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SCUSA 61—training tomorrow's leaders in foreign policy making

Story and photo by Sgt. Vincent Fusco
Dir. of Public Affairs & Communications

The U.S. Military Academy hosted the 61st annual Student Conference on United States Affairs from Nov. 4-7, during which students from premier academic institutions met to discuss United States foreign policy with future military and civilian leaders.

About 150 cadets and 200 students from 150 colleges and universities, as well as 40 senior participants from the United States and 20-30 other nations, served as delegates to the conference.

The conference highlighted West Point as a global institution for leader development with small group discussions and panels, as well as a keynote address by Dr. Leslie H. Gelb, president of the Council on Foreign Relations. Cadets and students also met for social events and tours to foster connections and appreciation for each other's schools.

After a senior panel discussion the first evening, delegates met over the next three days to discuss 15 different regional and functional area topics in five roundtable sessions.

One topic of debate was how terrorism and extremism in Afghanistan, Pakistan and India affects U.S. foreign policy. Cadets, U.S. Naval Academy midshipmen and college students from throughout the country debated not just with each other, but also college students from the countries of discussion.

Cow Aaron Trobee found that the different backgrounds and perspectives at the table created a variety of solutions.

"We seem to focus on different things," Trobee said. "The (cadets and mids) automatically look at the military aspect of whatever policy issues we're talking about. Other people (civilian students) are prone to looking at other considerations, whether they are economics or human rights."

Atif Abdul Majeed, a Pakistani student from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, saw how American foreign policy typically works by discussing the issues with potential policy makers of the future.

"It's a very different experience, because I'm from Pakistan and over there we hear a lot about American policy, presence, strategy and tactics," Majeed said. "But here we get to see them first-hand. We get to actually meet the people who devise the strategy and tactics over there, so it's been a pretty good experience so far."

Majeed is a Fulbright Scholar in the process of finishing his MBA. The conference was an opportunity for him to not only learn more about foreign policy, but to also gain a better understanding of American culture.

"Once we go back, we're expected to transfer this cultural

information back home and, sometimes, we do end up working in policy-making institutions," Majeed said.

At each table, co-chairs kept the discussions on track with their expertise in the field. They listened and helped to focus nearly 20 opinions on a single task without getting carried away with other issues.

"We had to produce a policy recommendation at the end," Trobee explained. "They structured everything and kept us focused on producing something that's worthwhile rather than kind of chasing our tails in these sort of discussions."

One of the co-chairs was Capt. Sukhdev Purewal, a Dept. of Social Sciences instructor from the Class of 2001. This was his first conference as a co-chair, although he attended three conferences as a cadet and knows how practical application can help the students better understand policy-making.

"Often, (students) read a paper or go to a class and discuss a foreign policy challenge. The difference here is nobody's teaching them, nobody's preaching to them," Purewal said. "It's a simulation exercise and a practice in diplomacy that makes them understand the issue and the complexity of making policy."

For Purewal, and future officers like Trobee, it's an important lesson in strategy, seeing the "big picture" of complex issues and executing foreign policy when necessary.

"It's increasingly important on junior officers to carry forth—a strategic role," Trobee said. "We're the ones who are interacting with people from other governments and local nationals in accomplishing these strategic goals."

The students—be they American, Pakistani, Afghan or Indian—demonstrated an inspiring notion of diversity when they came together to present one solution based upon everyone's experiences.

"One said, 'yes, I was there in Islamabad when this happened,' another said, 'I was a refugee in Ashawah,'" Purewal said. "All first-hand accounts sharing the story, and, even more genuinely, everyone was willing to listen to the other side."



Cow Aaron Trobee, left, engages in a roundtable discussion with visiting college students on challenges in Afghanistan, Pakistan and India during the 61st Student Conference on United States Affairs Nov. 6. Captain Sukhdev Purewal, right, a Dept. of Social Sciences instructor, served as a co-chair of the session.

Bridging the gap through music

Submitted by Office of Plans, Policy and Analysis

For the past five years, West Point has been involved with a unique and important mission in Afghanistan—guiding and mentoring Afghan leaders as they develop at the National Military Academy of Afghanistan. NMAA is currently the only four-year degree-granting accredited military academy in the country.

There are more than 250 Afghan staff and faculty who have been mentored by many officers and civilian faculty from West Point. Those staff and faculty members, in turn, are developing the more than 1,000 current Afghan cadets.

Just like West Point and the U.S. Corps of Cadets, NMAA relies heavily on their band for formations, parades and ceremonies. The band is a group of eight Afghan Soldiers—dedicated musicians who play their hearts out, but are in dire need of better instruments.

Their instruments, mostly locally fabricated, do not even have brand names. Last year, Lt. Col. Dave Jones, the then-NMAA team chief, saw the need and contacted the West Point Band, who sprung into action.

Several members of the USMA Band, under the leadership of Command Sgt. Maj. Cal Christensen, donated some of their personal instruments to the cause, including trumpets, woodwinds, a Euphonium, e percussion equipment and an assortment of spare parts and supplies.

Christensen and his team, Master Sgt. Martin Tyce, Sgts. 1st Class Myra Fishburn, Jeffrey Geller, Jason Ham and Barry Morrison and Staff Sgts. David Bergman, Denver Dill, Shane Pettit and Kristen Mather, did the rest by collecting the instruments and preparing them for shipping.

They will soon get them to the Air National Guard at Stewart Field for the next flight to Kabul and the National Military Academy in Afghanistan.

Ceremony honors authors

By Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

The Cadet Library honored faculty authors in the Haig Room at Jefferson Hall Nov. 3. The library plans to hold this event twice a year to recognize faculty members who have written or contributed to a book or books. Bryn Geffert, USMA librarian and associate professor of history, launched the ceremony to celebrate the scholarship conducted by West Point's faculty.

"West Point is becoming better known as a place that offers extraordinary teaching, especially after the Forbes article," he said. "There's a wide variety and depth of research that occurs at West Point. Good research makes good teaching possible. The book ceremony, in addition to being a social event and a chance for faculty to acknowledge the work of their colleagues, is also an attempt to keep research at the forefront of the academy's consciousness."

For the most part, department heads suggest the books or contributions to books to the faculty. "I was pressured into it by friends and co-authors," said Col. Steven Horton, head of the Dept. of Mathematics, who contributed a chapter on graphics to the book "A First Course in Mathematical Modeling."

Among the 12 authors honored were Father Gabriel Costa, also a math professor and an avid baseball fan, who contributed to the book "Understand Sabermetrics: An Introduction to the Science of Baseball Statistics," and Morten Ender, instructor in the Dept. of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership for his book "American Soldiers in Iraq: McSoldiers or Innovative Professionals."

Two professors in the Dept. of Geography and Environmental Engineering, Jon Malinowski and Col. Eugene Palka, contributed to the books "Regional Geography of the United States and Canada" and "Historic Photographs of West Point."

"The ceremony is a celebration of scholarship, recognizing the excellent work of the faculty and emphasizes how central scholarship and publishing is to the teaching mission of West Point," Geffert said.



Seven of the band members of the National Military Academy of Afghanistan Band stopped for a photo with Lt. Col. David Jones last year while Jones was the NMMA team chief. Jones worked with the West Point Band to provide the NMMA Band with newer instruments to enhance their music.

COURTESY PHOTO

Cadet company mascots are another West Point tradition

Story and Photos by
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Communications

There is a small group of underclassmen dedicated to motivating their fellow cadets at sporting events and other functions. They stop at nothing to get everyone screaming for their team and at them, and they are not afraid to wear ridiculous outfits while doing so. They are the few, the proud, the—mascots.

Cadet company mascots are part of a decade-spanning West Point tradition where they motivate cadets and inspire alumni to remember their days as cadets. Each mascot is unique, and so are the plebes underneath the hats, helmets and masks.

“By tradition, it’s a strictly plebe detail with strong encouragement from the upperclassmen who have done it in the years past,” Plebe John Felker, of Company F-1, said.

Felker is one of about seven rotating Firehouse mascots who don five authentic firefighter uniforms for the football games. The Company F-4 Frogs also have plebes who take turns wearing the two Frog costumes.

The company mascots take part in photo opportunities with opposing team cheerleaders as well as notable military personalities and celebrities for the company yearbook. Plebe John Hurdt, also known as the Company C-4 Cowboy, had an appropriate meeting with Trace Adkins at the Army-Tulane football game Oct. 3.

“We try to spread spirit all the time throughout the games,” Hurdt said. “(I usually) lead the company in the company motto—Go Cowboys, fired up C-4, Yee-haw, you know it!”

Major Josh Bookout, Company F-4 tactical officer and Class of 1998 graduate,



One of last year’s Company F-4 Frogs rocks out with a cadet band before last year’s boxing smoker.

can attest to that motto being one of the many traditions companies hold here.

“I remember that the C-4 Cowboys had a chant that the plebes would say every time they left the mess hall,” Bookout said. “The C-4 plebes still do this chant today.”

The mascot traditions start each year with tryouts. The Firehouse held tryouts for its plebes that included skits with cadets dousing other cadets pretending to be on fire, a water balloon-throwing contest, and—a Corps of Cadets favorite—a dance competition.

The Frogs also chose their plebes with a dance-off. Plebe Jeffrey Nielsen was one of those winners.

“It came down to the most ridiculous plebe ... and here I am,” Nielsen joked.

During the football games, the mascots keep spirit going with Rocket cheers, dance moves and mascot versus mascot skits. Their antics spur on their company mates to see who can cheer the loudest, as if being the loudest means being the best.

“The company mascots represent the company spirit,” Bookout said. “When they are visible at sporting events and other activities, they instill a sense of pride in the other cadets.”

Being a company mascot allows those plebes to socialize with each other more often than in between classes. Even upperclassmen will get involved and clown around with the mascots at football games.

“It would be fairly unacceptable for my squad leader to dance with me (outside of the football games),” Nielsen explained. “But when I’m in a big frog head, it’s a whole other story.”

The Frogs’ dance moves make them one of the popular mascots to watch. Nielsen found his mascot quite popular with children who love to see the dance moves.

“(The children) will stop us here and there for pictures, and they’ll ask us to sign footballs,” Felker said. “It’s a nice variety of things we do—we’re really kept busy.”

Every proud company, of course, has its proud rival. For Felker and his Firehouse clan, that rival is the Company E-1 Vikings, who regularly steal each other’s hats and helmets in the barracks they share.

Naturally, the Cowboys’ rival is the Company A-4 Apaches, Hurdt said. So far this year, the two companies haven’t been placed close enough together during football games to start any kind of antics.

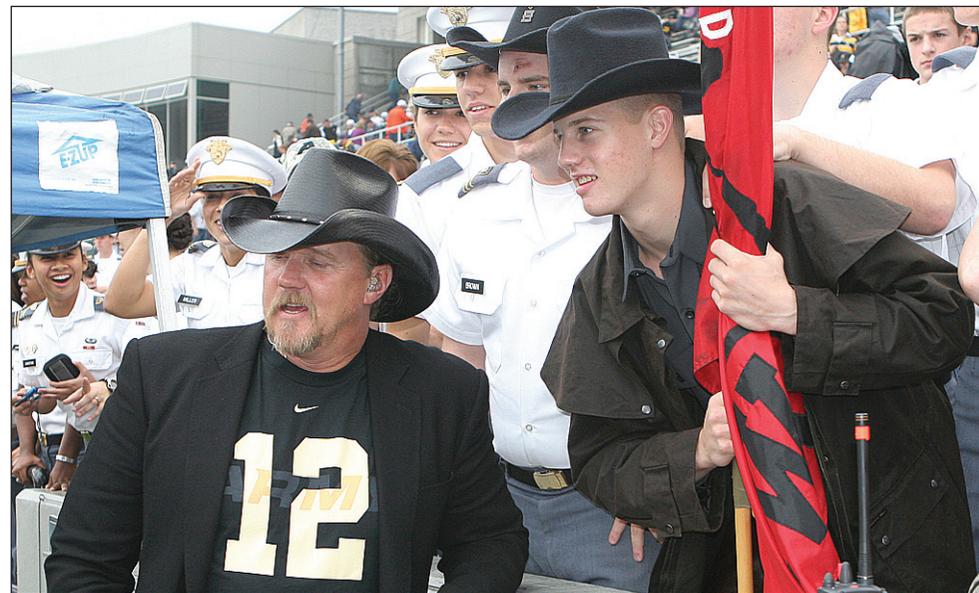
At one time, the Frogs were pitted against the Company D-1 Ducks, Nielsen said. Nowadays, their animated presence earns the attention of any of the other companies

around them.

Nielsen recalls the Army-Rutgers football game, despite the Black Knights being down by 20 points in the cold, rainy weather, spirits stayed high with the frog hopping around in the rain.

“You could not tell at all the Corps was in a bad mood,” Nielsen said. “The crowd (was) still going crazy; everywhere the frog goes, people are cheering.”

Visiting alumni will often come to see their old company areas and talk to current cadets. When they meet up with their company mascot and start a conversation with the plebe underneath, it creates a connection to the legacy of the Long Gray Line.



Plebe John Hurdt, the Company C-4 Cowboy, gets a photo opportunity with country star Trace Adkins at the Army-Tulane football game Oct. 3.

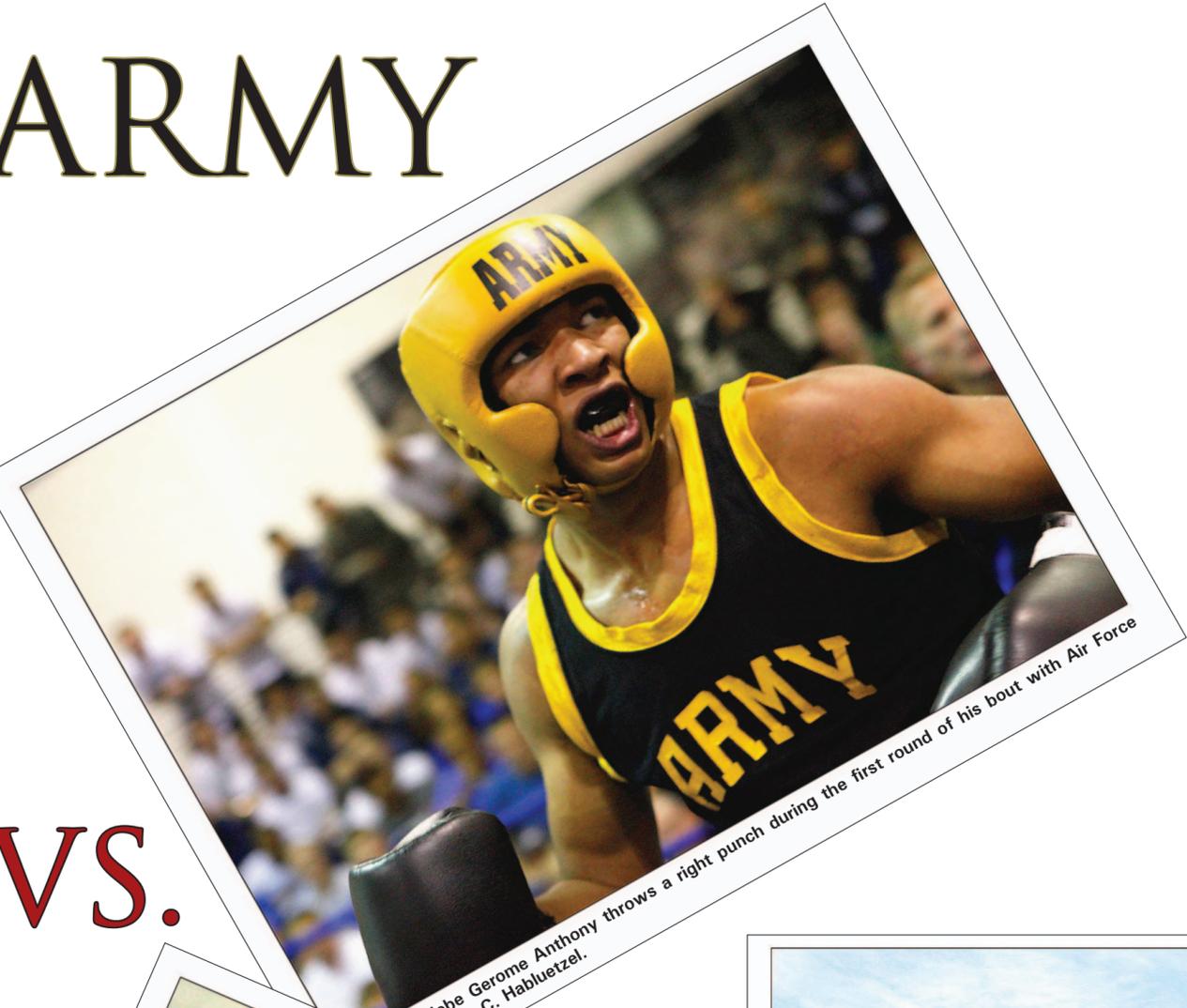
“Old grads always tell me that they love seeing the Frog mascot at events or on TV,” Bookout said. “The mascots give cadets and graduates a unique history and bond on top of being a West Pointer.”

The company mascots are just one way upperclassmen teach plebes the importance of school spirit and camaraderie. The feeling of pride they get from that often helps plebes adjust to cadet and military life.

“When I first joined my company, I was unsure of how to feel about it,” Felker said. “It was difficult at first, but I think that difficulty made us bond. We found that since the upper class cared for us, we really enjoy the company.”

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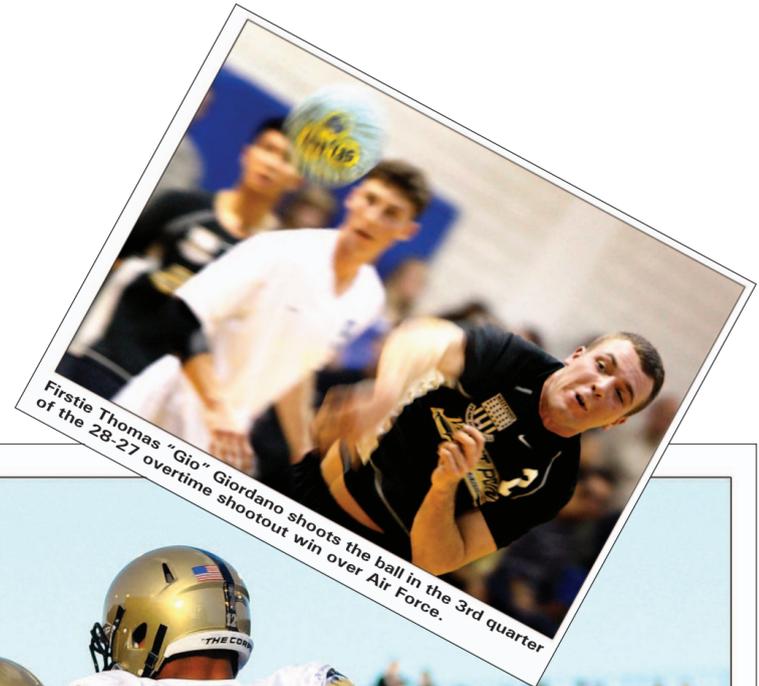
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Plebe Gerome Anthony throws a right punch during the first round of his bout with Air Force Cadet C. Habluetzel.



Cadets from West Point and Air Force race up the wall during a friendly competition on the recently opened climbing wall at the U.S. Air Force Academy Cadet Gym.



Firstie Thomas "Gio" Giordano shoots the ball in the 3rd quarter of the 28-27 overtime shootout win over Air Force.

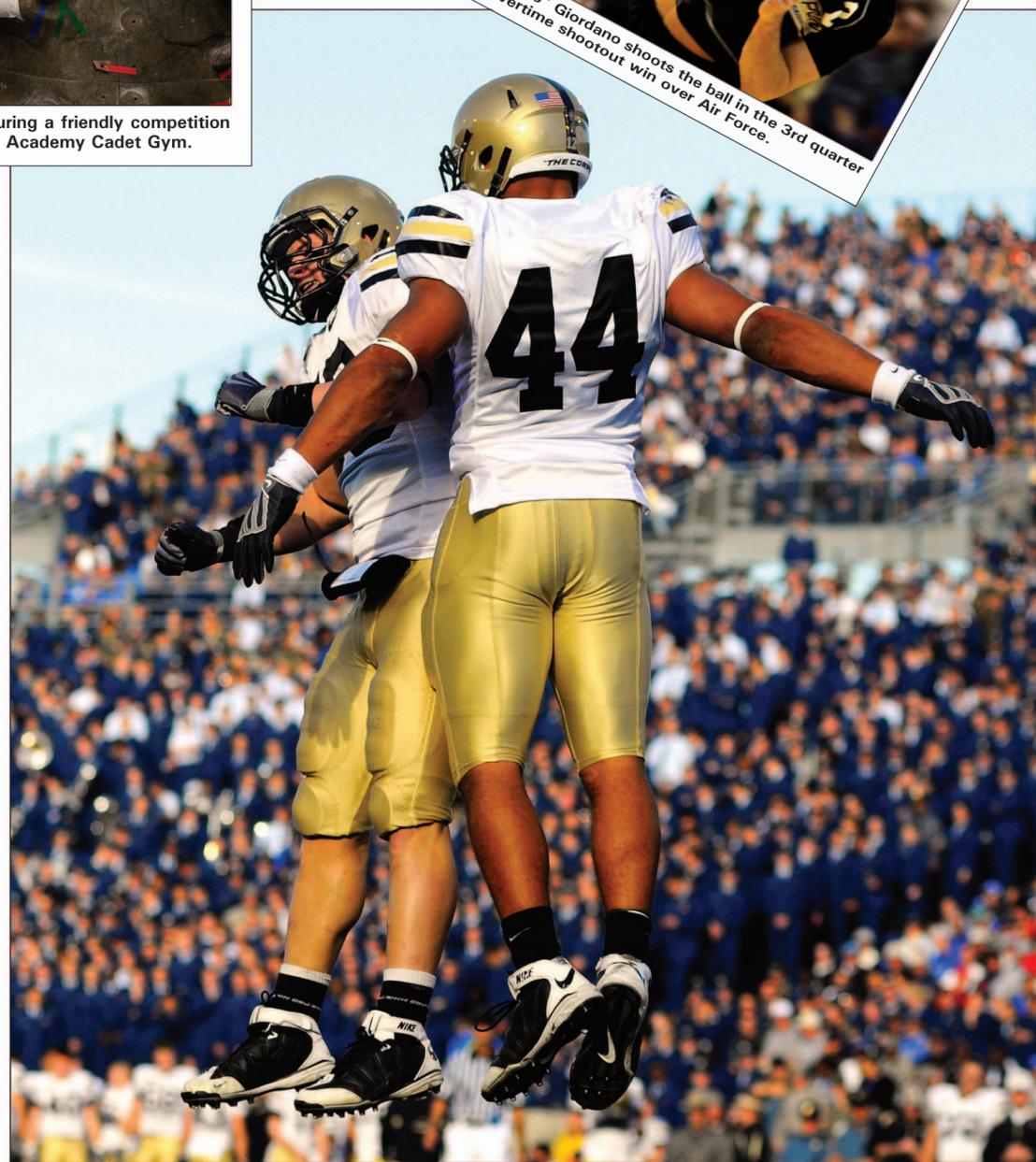
SNAPSHOTS FROM COLORADO SPRINGS



Female cadets from West Point and Air Force battle in Taekwondo. The Army cadet earned a point with a head shot.



More than 100 cadets cram into the barriers of the ESPN College Game Day set on the Terrazzo of the U.S. Air Force Academy to express their Army Pride Nov. 7.



Cow defensive end Josh McNary and Cow linebacker Steven Anderson celebrate after McNary's sack in the third quarter. McNary finished the day with four tackles and a sack during Army's 35-7 loss to Air Force.

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Keller Corner

KACH outpatient clinics closure

All outpatient clinics, laboratory, pharmacy and radiology will be closed Nov. 26 (Thanksgiving) and Nov. 27 (Training Holiday).

The emergency room will remain open.

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Flu Vaccine Update

Seasonal vaccine is available for any Keller enrolled beneficiary at the Immunization clinic.

We are still short on the injectable vaccine and, as such, healthy individuals between the ages of 2-49 will receive Flumist unless they have a medical contraindication.

No additional doses of H1N1 from the state are anticipated this week. H1N1 is currently available only for pregnant beneficiaries.

Smoking Cessation Program

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

Childbirth Preparation Classes

The four-week series classes are now held each month from 6-8 p.m., KACH second floor classroom. The next series is Dec. 8 and 15 and Jan. 5 and 12.

Call OBU at 938-3210 to register.



Morgan Farm ribbon cutting

A ribbon cutting marked the opening of a new barn at Morgan Farm Nov. 5, which houses four additional horses. The Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation and the Directorate of Public Works joined in this endeavor. Matt Talaber (DPW) and Thane Kelley (FMWR), middle, presented awards to those involved.

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BBC LifeWorks events

Thankful Turkey Craft

Stop by the Balfour Beatty Communities office from 3-4:30 p.m. to grab a tail feather, write down what you are most thankful for this year and place it on Tom the Turkey. Afterward, grab a snack and juice with your friends at the BBC office.

Military Family Appreciation Month

During Military Family Appreciation Month, BBC and Army Community Service are offering a West Point Family Scavenger Hunt.

Prizes will be awarded to the top two Families who successfully complete all the components of the hunt. Forms can be picked up at ACS, Bldg. 622, through Friday.

The scavenger hunt list is available at ACS and the BBC office at 132 Bartlett Loop beginning Monday. The hunt must be completed and returned to ACS by 4:30 p.m. Nov. 23. An award ceremony will be held at 3:30 p.m. Dec. 2.

NOW SHOWING

in the movie theater at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752

Friday—Fame, PG, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday—The Invention of Lying, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday—Surrogates, R, 9:30 p.m.

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

Command Channel 8/23

Nov. 12-19

Army Newswatch (broadcast times) Thursday-Friday, Monday-Wednesday and Nov. 19

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

TSP TICKER

NOVEMBER share prices (as of 11/9)

C Fund	—	+ 0.60	(12.9149)
S Fund	—	+ 0.81	(15.7061)
I Fund	—	+ 0.77	(18.6765)

DPW NOTES

Thayer Walk sewer replacement

The sewer line located in Thayer Walk from the front of Grant Hall to the front of Taylor Hall will be replaced starting Monday through December, but the project is weather dependent.

The work consists of the excavation of the area to replace a 55-foot section of sewer pipe. The work area will be barricaded with barrels and an orange safety fence during the workday and steel plates will cover the excavation during non-duty hours.

The limited vehicle traffic allowed on Thayer Walk will be allowed access from either side of the work area.

Pedestrians will be routed around the excavation site.

Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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

Contact Theresa Gervasi at the Times Herald-Record at 800-295-2181 or via e-mail at tgervasi@th-record.com for delivery problems.

The West Point Band presents

Music at West Point

SFC Chris Rettie, saxophones
with
SSG Yalin Chi, piano

Sunday, November 15th
3:00 p.m.
Egner Hall

Free & Open to the Public
845-938-2617
www.westpoint.edu/band

What's Happening

Scouting for food

Scouts from Troop and Den 23 will be dropping off bags to every house on West Point Sunday for the annual Scouting for Food Drive in conjunction with the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers.

Bags can be filled with non-perishable food items and placed on the front steps of quarters for pick up at 1 p.m. Nov. 22.

Please consider supporting this community event.

For questions or more information, contact Cal Christensen at 938-7142.

Young Life Banquet

Have a heart for our teenagers? Enjoy a dinner from 6-8 p.m. Sunday 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. Sunday 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.

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

continues another two weeks.

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.

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. today and 1-7 p.m. Friday presented by Sgt. Matthew Young from 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.

Systems 20th anniversary celebration

The Dept. of Systems Engineering, established July 1, 1989, is celebrating its 20th anniversary at 4:30 p.m. Friday in Arnold Auditorium in Mahan Hall.

The ceremony will include comments from current department head Col. Tim Trainor, two former department heads—retired Brig. Gens. Jim Kays and Mike McGinnis—and Dean of the Academic Board Brig. Gen. Patrick Finnegan.

As part of the events, retired Lt. Col. Mike Kwinn is being promoted to the academic rank of Professor of Systems Engineering.

A video presentation will follow the speakers and the ceremony followed by a reception.

Members of the West Point community are welcome to attend.

Organ Recital

There will be an organ recital at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Cadet Chapel by Craig Williams, Chapel Organist, on the world's largest church pipe organ.

The recital will include the

complete sonatas of Felix Mendelssohn in honor of his 200th birthday.

ACAP Career Day

The Army Career and Alumni program is sponsoring a Career Day from 10 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m. Tuesday at Buffalo Soldier Pavilion with opportunities in law enforcement, fire services and security.

The event is open to military ID cardholders (Active Duty/ Retired/ and Family members).

For more information, contact Peggie Taylor at ACAP at 938-0634.

G&EnE Lecture

Lieutenant Col. Jeff Hartman from the National War College in Washington, will present a lecture titled "Modern Uzbekistan" to cadets in EV371.

The lecture will be at 12:50 p.m. Nov. 19 in Washington Hall, Room 5326.

For more information, contact Dr. Rick Wolfel at 938-8798.

Members of the West Point community are invited to attend.

Distinguished Lecture Series

Dr. Paul Ekman, University of

California-San Francisco professor emeritus, is speaking as part of the PL100 Class of 1951 Distinguished Lecture Series from 7:45-8:45 p.m. Nov. 19 in Robinson Auditorium.

His lecture is titled "Uncovering the Face's Hidden Messages."

Members of the West Point community are invited to attend.

Native American Heritage Month Celebration

The Native American Heritage Month Celebration is from 6-8:30 p.m. Nov. 20 in the Grand Ballroom at the West Point Club.

From 6-6:45 p.m., enjoy food samplings, children's crafts and stories led by cadets, followed by Native American dancing and demonstrations from the Red Hawk Dance Troupe.

Admission is free and open to all cadets, staff and faculty and community members.

Wyldlife Roll-out

The Wyldlife Roll-out takes place from 4 p.m.-midnight Nov. 20.

The roll-out is an event packed with a pizza party, inflatable game factory, broomball and more.

It's for students in grades 6-8. For more information, call the

Young Life office at 938-5386 or go to the Web site www.oneill.younglife.com.

WPWC Gift Shoppe

The West Point Women's Club Gift Shoppe is now located in Bldg. 695 on Washington Road (formerly the ITR Office).

The Shoppe's grand re-opening is from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Nov. 21.

Stop by for refreshments, prizes and holiday shopping.

Army-Navy shirts available

The 2009 Army-Navy shirts are available at the USMA Bookstore or can be ordered online at www.usma.edu/uscc/dca/stores/2009ArmyNavy.pdfgame.

Sizes range from small to 2XL. The shirts are black with long sleeves. The Bookstore is located in Thayer Hall, fourth floor.

Turkey Bowl

The Brigade Tactical Department's annual Turkey Bowl takes place at 5:30 p.m. Nov. 24 at Shea Stadium.

The Turkey Bowl is a flag football game between BTDO officers and noncommissioned officers.

Everyone in the West Point community is invited.



The Black and Gold Volunteer Awards Ceremony was held Nov. 5 at the Army Community Service building. This month's recipients, from left to right, are Marine Maj. James Redding, Miriam Felzenberg, Emma Svoboda, Dini Felzenberg, Lisa Kling, Yearling Caleb Hughes, Michael Diaz (volunteer of the month), Corie Buettner, Army Maj. Kevin Buettner, Christina Harbridge and Firstie Gilbert Coyle. Wilfred Plumley (far right), deputy garrison commander, represented the garrison commander at the ceremony.

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FMWR Blurbs

West Point ski locker lottery

The ski locker lottery applications are available online through Tuesday.

Visit westpointmwr.com to reserve your locker today.

For more information, call 938-8623.

AFAP Conference outbrief

The 2009 Army Family Action Plan Conference outbrief is at 3 p.m. Wednesday, 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.

Craft Shop open house

See the renovation of the West Point Craft Shop at an open house from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Nov. 21.

It's a great opportunity to chat with the staff and learn about all of the new and exciting services and classes being offered at the craft shop.

Bring the children to check out our kids craft program and see samples from upcoming and past classes.

Do you have a special print or picture that you would like framed? Come in during our open house and receive 10 percent off your custom framing order placed that day.

For more information, call 938-4812.

Ski, Skate and Hockey Swap

There is a Ski, Skate and Hockey Swap at the Victor Constant Ski Slope from noon-6 p.m. Nov. 22 and 3-9 p.m. Nov. 23.

Discounted ski vendor merchandise and discounted season passes.

For more information, call 938-8623.

Thanksgiving food drive

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers and the Boy Scouts are teaming up to help Families in need throughout our community.

Spend a few hours at the Buffalo Soldier Pavilion from 1-4 p.m. Nov. 22 to help make this holiday season a brighter one.

Bring work gloves if you have them.

For more information, call Sheryle Miller at 938-6497 or Sgt. Jennifer Weber at 938-6427.

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.

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.

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.

West Point's annual holiday tree lighting ceremony

The West Point annual holiday tree lighting ceremony will be held at 6 p.m. Dec. 7 at Daly Field (parking at Clinton Lot).

It's a new tree and location. An 18-foot spruce tree is being planted at Daly Field.

Activities include holiday caroling, a special guest appearance by Santa Claus, performances by the Cadet Glee Club and the Regimental Brass

Quartet of the USMA Band.

Refreshments will follow at the West Point Club.

For more information, call 938-6497.

Instructors needed

Certified Kickboxing, Step, Pilates and Body Pump instructors are needed at the FMWR Fitness Center.

If you are interested, contact the FMWR Fitness Center at 938-6490 or Rita Tenuta at 446-3630.

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, with 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.;

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

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

• Sports "open gym" for children and parents at 5:30-6:30 p.m. today, Tuesday and Nov. 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.



Garrison accepts AAFES' check

At a ceremony Tuesday, AAFES General Manager, Dennis Patton (center), presented West Point Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation with a check worth \$354,258.73 from the AAFES' Fiscal Year '09 dividends. The money directly supports West Point FMWR activities and is used by the installation to improve programming and events. Garrison Commander Col. Dan Bruno and FMWR Director Anthony Brown (holding check on each side) gratefully accepted the check and thanked AAFES for all they do at West Point.

APRIL ANDERSON/FMWR

Rifle captures President's Trophy Match

By Mady Salvani
Athletic Communications

Following a one-year hiatus, the President's Trophy returned home to Tronsrue Marksmanship Center following Army's domination in smallbore as the rifle team earned back the trophy from defending champion Navy Nov. 7.

The Black Knights' 5789 aggregate edged the Midshipmen's 5784 by five points for the title with Air Force close behind at 5781 followed by Coast Guard (5164).

Army's 2896 five-man smallbore composite was 23 points ahead of runner-up Air Force (2873) with Navy a distant third at 2867.

Three Black Knights set career highs while claiming three of the Top 4 spots among the 29 competitors.

Yearling Sara Lehman's 584, nipping her career high by a point, earned runner-up honors as she trailed medalist Tom Chandler of Air Force by two points.

Yearling Kelly Buck followed with a career-high 581 to earn third-place honors with Plebe Ian Young's personal-best 580 rounding out the Top 4 smallbore shooters.

Navy outpointed the field in air rifle with a 2917, beating runner-up Air Force by nine points followed by Army (2893) and the Coast Guard (2654).

Lehman and Buck were Army's lone two shooters to break into the Top 10 in air rifle after posting identical 583s in finishing fourth and fifth, respectively.

Yearling Chris Arnett and Plebe Will Mengon fired respective marks of 578 and 576 to place 10th and 11th among a field of 29 shooters.

Lehman, the team leader in both disciplines, enjoyed the win with her teammates.

"It is amazing for us to win the title after losing last year," the native of St. Johns, Mich., noted. "It was important to bring the trophy back. It is part of Army's tradition. Last year, we struggled in smallbore, but we took off this year."

Buck was also excited with the win, but knows that next week's visit to West Virginia will be a tough challenge as the Mountaineers are very strong in air rifle.

"We need to focus," Buck, who was an NCAA finalist last year and ranks among Army's top shooters this year, said.

Head coach Ron Wigger was pleased with his team's performance in returning the President's Trophy to West Point.

"We knew today's match would be close as all three academies have performed at a high level," Wigger said. "We started out very strong with our performance in smallbore, but needed to make progress in air rifle. We will be a very dangerous team when that happens and will be very competitive with Kentucky and West Virginia."

The Black Knights, 4-1 overall and 3-1 in the Great America Rifle Conference, return to dual meet competition with their sternest test of the year at 8 a.m. Saturday when they visit NCAA defending champion West Virginia for a conference match.



Yearling Sara Lehman shot a career-high total (584) in smallbore and added a 583 in air rifle to help Army rifle win the President's Trophy Match Nov. 7.

JON MALINOWSKI/G&ENE

CLUB RESULTS

• **Men's Team Handball:** Army men's team handball defeated Air Force twice Nov. 6 in Colorado Springs, Colo. In the first game, the Army Black squad secured the Commander-in-Chief Handball Trophy for the second straight year by defeating Air Force Blue 28-27 in an overtime shootout.

Air Force came out hot early and opened up a big lead, but the team stuck together and fought back into it. Army cut Air Force's lead to 14-11 by halftime.

With a shift in defensive strategy, Army took the lead late in the game, but two quick goals by the Falcons gave them a one-point lead with less than 20 seconds left.

After a quick timeout to pull the goalie and provide an extra shooter, Cow right wing Rickey Royal broke free from his man and buried the game-tying shot with less than 5 seconds left.

Air Force quickly restarted and shot at the open net from half court as time expired, but the effort sailed wide left.

Army coach George Hodges and the Air Force coach agreed to a five-shot penalty shootout for the overtime. Air Force took a quick 27-26 lead after the first round, but Cow goalie Tim Wagner bounced back to block four consecutive penalty shots by Air Force.

Firstie Preston Pham tied the score at 27 on the third penalty shot, and Cow Adam Moore won the game on the fifth and final penalty shot, 28-27.

Moore and Pham led Army scorers with seven goals each. Video of the shootout can be seen on the team Web site at www.wpteamhandball.wetpaint.com.

In the second game, the Gold squad destroyed Air Force 40-21. Yearlings Mark Conard and Theodore MacDonald and Plebe Andy Theising lead the Gold team with five goals apiece.

• **Women's Rugby:** First XV Army defeated Hamilton 68-0 at the Anderson Rugby Complex Nov. 7. Army try scorers were Cow Ashley Miller (4), Plebe Giovanna Camacho (3), Scostia Peterson (2) and single tries by Cow Ashley April and Yearling Kaitlyn Kelly.

Army women's rugby's next match is against Syracuse at University of Massachusetts-Amherst (Northeast semifinal) Saturday.



Men's Team Handball Firstie Preston Pham (above) with Cow Adam Moore led all Army scorers with seven goals in a 28-27 win over Air Force Nov. 6.

TOMMY GILLIGAN/PV

Sports calendar

Nov. 12-28

Corps

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

FRIDAY—VOLLEYBALL VS. LAFAYETTE, 7 P.M. AT GILLIS FIELD HOUSE. (INTERNET: ITT KNIGHT VISION.)

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

SATURDAY—FOOTBALL VS. VMI, NOON AT MICHIE STADIUM. (TELEVISION: CBS COLLEGE SPORTS-TAPE DELAY.)

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

TUESDAY—MEN'S BASKETBALL VS. LIU, 7 P.M. AT CHRISTL ARENA.

NOV. 21—WOMEN'S BASKETBALL VS. DELAWARE STATE, 1 P.M. AT CHRISTL ARENA.

NOV. 23—MEN'S BASKETBALL VS. HARVARD, 7 P.M. AT CHRISTL ARENA.

NOV. 24—WRESTLING VS.

BUCKNELL, 7:30 P.M. AT GILLIS FIELD HOUSE.

NOV. 25—WOMEN'S BASKETBALL VS. AIR FORCE, 7 P.M. AT CHRISTL ARENA.

NOV. 27—HOCKEY VS. CANISIUS, 7:05 P.M. AT TATE RINK.

NOV. 28—MEN'S BASKETBALL VS. YALE, 4 P.M. AT CHRISTL ARENA.

NOV. 28—HOCKEY VS. CANISIUS, 7:05 P.M. AT TATE RINK.

Club

SATURDAY—WOMEN'S HANDBALL, FALL INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT, 8 A.M. AT ARVIN GYM (4TH FLOOR.)

SATURDAY—MEN'S RUGBY, NRU SEMIFINALS, NOON AT ANDERSON RUGBY COMPLEX.

SUNDAY—MEN'S RUGBY, NRU FINALS, NOON AT ANDERSON RUGBY COMPLEX.

NOV. 21—MEN'S RUGBY VS. NAVY, 6 P.M. AT ANDERSON RUGBY COMPLEX.