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700-plus cadets participate in Tunnel to Towers Run



Approximately 700 cadets raced through the streets of lower Manhattan during the eighth annual Tunnel to Towers Run through the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel Sunday. Running along with the cadets was Dean of the Academic Board Brig. Gen. Patrick Finnegan (black shirt and hat—right side of the photo) as well as numerous officers and noncommissioned officers from the U.S. Corps of Cadets and West Point. As the cadets ran the streets, members of Company H-1 displayed the colors as 343 firefighters held flags with the faces of the fallen firefighters of 9/11. (See page 4 for story and more photos.) TOMMY GILLIGAN/PV

DOIM services split—now NEC and DPTMS VID **INSIDE**

By Tommy Gilligan
Assistant Editor

For the majority of people throughout the West Point community, the official change that has taken place today will never be noticed. However, there will be slight changes to the way services are requested.

In an effort by the Army to streamline services for their installations, the Directorate of Information Management functions now fall under the 93rd Signal Brigade, 7th Signal Company.

Under its new command, DOIM will now be known as Network Enterprise Center.

"This allows all NEC offices to get the same direct support and allows the efforts to be more efficient and secure," Director of Network Enterprise Center West Point, Paul Scullion, said.

Under the changes, NEC services will remain the same to the community, yet the way they are accomplished will be universal Army-wide.

"For the most part, the changes that have been completed are internal—basically they were some housekeeping issues," Scullion said.

Similar to one's home network, West Point is connected into a much larger Army network that is connected to point worldwide. With every connection to the network, potential security breaches greatly increase.

With all NEC working together under the same command, if an issue arises at West Point which could affect another installation, or vice versa, the resources to correct these issues are found in a central hub.

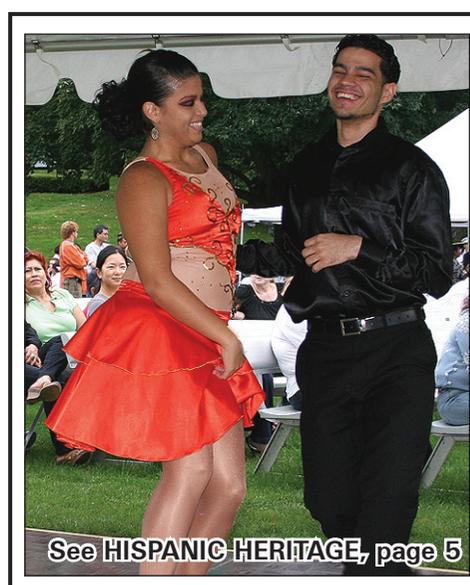
Just like before, to request NEC service you will be able to access their Web site on the

internal and external Web site www-internal.usma.edu or www.usma.edu.

While the NEC site still is named DOIM, it will change soon. The one aspect of the former DOIM that will not be following the new NEC to the 93rd Signal Brigade will be the visual information division, which now falls under the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security.

Just like NEC, the visual information division of DPTMS services will not change, but they have four distinct missions:

- The mission of the Multimedia Branch is to provide West Point Garrison and USMA-wide support for video, audio, photographic, graphic, video teleconferencing and web services;
- Provides USMA-wide maintenance and repair support for communications equipment, See NEC-DPTMS VID, page 3



See HISPANIC HERITAGE, page 5

Fire Prevention Week is Monday-Oct. 10

By Ken Canfield
Fire Protection Inspector

Your home should be a safe haven, but do you regularly check for fire hazards? If not, there is a potential for danger.

Since 1922, the National Fire Protection Association has sponsored a fire prevention campaign each October to raise the public's awareness about the importance of fire safety. The West Point Fire Department is joining forces with NFPA during fire prevention week to spread the theme for the 2009 campaign—*It's Fire Prevention Week—Stay Fire Smart! Don't Get Burned*. Taking this proactive approach will allow us to provide you public awareness about the importance of fire safety.

In the United States, more than 2,500 people were killed in the nearly 400,000 home fires that fire departments responded to in 2006. These fires injured 12,500 people and were responsible for almost \$7 billion in direct property damage. From Monday through Oct. 10, and throughout the year, members of the West Point community are urged to take steps to protect themselves, Family members and homes by learning how to prevent home fires and "stay fire smart—don't get burned."

The WPDF is leading a series of public education events throughout the week. Fire department personnel will visit the West Point Schools, Youth Center, School Age Services and the Child Development Center to educate our students, staff and public on the importance of fire safety.

Below is a Family fun-orientated quick inspection form to take that proactive approach in preventing home fires.

For more information on fire safety, contact West Point Fire and Emergency Services, Fire Prevention Office at 938-6132/7483/7484.

My Fire Inspection Checklist

Become an official Safety Inspector!
Make sure your home is safe and inspect for risks. Ask a grown-up for help.

Electrical cords are in good condition (not damaged).

Appliances and lights are plugged into separate electrical outlets.

All smoke alarms work when tested by a grown-up.

All escape routes are clear of clutter and easily accessible.

Curtains and other things that can burn are away from the stovetop.

Portable space heaters are off whenever a grown-up leaves the room and goes to sleep.

The clothes dryer has a clean vent and filter (no lint build-up).

A grown-up always stays in the kitchen whenever food is cooking on the stovetop.

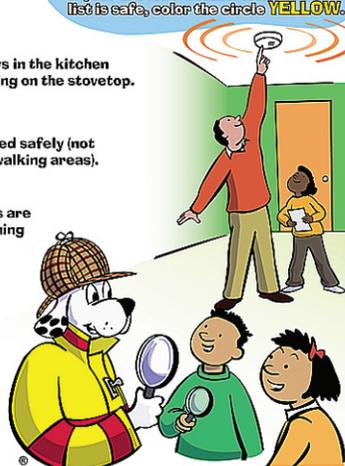
All extension cords are used safely (not under carpets or across walking areas).

Portable space heaters are 3 feet away from anything that can burn.

The furnace has been inspected in the past year.

The chimney has been inspected and cleaned in the past year.

If the item on your list is **SAFE**, color the circle next to it **GREEN**.
If the item on your list is **UNSAFE**, color the circle next to it **RED**.
If you are **NOT SURE** if item on the list is safe, color the circle **YELLOW**.



Check out Sparky the Fire Dog® at sparky.org
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If any of your circles are **YELLOW** or **RED**, ask a grown-up to make it safe.

Parent Signature: _____

Take care of your financial 'house'

Commentary by 1st Sgt. Scot Cates
Military Police Company

You may have read the recent article about the housing crisis and where to go for help. Those are great resources, but first some of us have to get past the stigma many servicemembers have about asking for help with financial problems and thinking that asking will reflect badly on them as Soldiers.

This help is all confidential and you are definitely not the only one to have ever experienced a financial issue. In fact, with more Soldiers asking for help, the military is providing better services than it ever has before.

That's why Army Community Service has Army Emergency Relief, financial readiness and other agencies to help you, and their services are all confidential. **Militaryonesource.com** did not get started because no one needed it—military personnel needed help and were strong enough to ask.

The soft housing market of today brings to light some of the many benefits of being in the military. The government has a number of programs that help Americans deal with this soft market. In the military, we have those and some additional programs of our own.

The problem seems to be that financial matters are private and personal. The strong military mindset makes us want to be self-sufficient and deal with our own problems. What we need to acknowledge is that using the available programs is the way to help ourselves be successful. These benefits help servicemembers fix the temporary problems that we encounter in our lives.

You wouldn't turn down a \$500 military discount when buying a new car? Would you? Then, why not use the valuable benefits offered by our services?

I know people who have PCS'd to or from West Point, had problems selling or renting a house and didn't initially get help. Those finding themselves in that situation quickly realized that it can lead to money problems, which leads to Family disharmony, which can lead to divorce, depression and thoughts of suicide.

Don't let it happen to you. It can happen to people of any rank—private to general, but most often happens to fairly senior NCOs and/or mid-grade officers—they go to a duty station and it seems financially sound to buy a house.

Then the market changes, they move and are stuck with the property. They can't sell it or can't rent it for what they owe and are a long ways away from trying to be an absentee landlord. Getting help before you get over your head is the smart decision.

There are cases of Families being affected right here at West Point. A little over a year ago one of my friends PCS'd here and had his house on the market. After a year, he had one offer to buy the home and on the day they were to close the deal, the buyer backed out for no reason.

During that time, he had to make the mortgage payment on the house while his BAH was, of course, paying for his Family to live here. He finally made the decision, after the Family's finances were hit hard, to rent the home.

He tells me that knowing about AER and the other military support programs available to him made the financial strain more bearable. Helping Soldiers is what these support systems are all about.

What can you do when you are on orders to PCS and can't sell your home? You could drop your price, consider renting the home out or, better yet, look to one of the many (professional) agencies that are there to help servicemembers and their Families.

You can learn about the Servicemembers' Civil Relief Act, the Homeowners Assistance Program, talk with the Housing Assistance office, or seek advice from **militaryonesource.com**.

By getting assistance for our problems, we can help ourselves and help others who may be in the same situation. It is not a sign of weakness, but rather of strength of character that you have the ability to admit you need some help and seek it to help you and your Family.

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: Easy

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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2008 Howitzer receives publishing honors

STATE COLLEGE, Pa.—The Howitzer yearbook staff, published by Jostens, received a 2009 Premier Print Award Certificate of Merit, for outstanding achievement in the production of the 2008 Howitzer.

The Premier Print Awards, the graphic arts industry's largest and most prestigious worldwide printing competition, recognizes those responsible for the creation and production of outstanding print communications.

Anne Drew from the Directorate of Cadet Activities and Publications Adviser of the 2008 Howitzer and her yearbook staff will be presented with a mounted plaque sometime in the fall that is a testament to this superior publication. The award honors technical excellence in this category of the competition. Only 27 percent of the total entries in this year's competition won an award.

"The 2008 Howitzer of the United States Military Academy is not your typical yearbook. It is a unique look at cadet life at the academy," Rick Brooks, Jostens' creative design

manager, said. "The Howitzer is an outstanding publication made by cadets at the academy for their classmates. The book is beautifully printed, photographed and designed—a well deserved winner."

In discussing the competition, Michael Makin, president and CEO of Printing Industries of America, said, "Each year, the field of entries brings impressive work from some of the best printers in the world. Only a small number of companies receive any award. The craftsmanship and hard work of Jostens Printing and Publishing ... enabled West Point to produce an award-winning piece in the face of some very stiff competition."

The Premier Print Awards is the printing industry's oldest and largest worldwide graphic arts competition. In its 60th year, the competition recognizes those responsible for the creation and production of superior print communications. The event promotes excellence in print and rewards companies and individuals who produce the best in print media.

Town Hall Meeting

The Residential Communities Initiative office and Balfour Beatty Communities are holding a town hall meeting from 7-9 p.m. tonight in **Robinson Auditorium** in Thayer Hall.

The meeting will also be televised on Command Channel 23.

The call-in number is 938-0851, so if you are unable to attend the meeting, you can call in your questions.

Force Protection message

Beginning Saturday, for the Tulane Game and continuing 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 type of bags at home or in their vehicles. By prohibiting all other bags into Michie Stadium, we allow our security personnel to focus their attention on other security measures in order to ensure a safe environment for all.

Generous West Point classes return for Homecoming Weekend

By Megan Dill and Marie Smith
West Point Association of Graduates

The Classes of '89, '94, and '99 are returning to West Point for their reunion celebrations this Homecoming weekend.

Since graduation, members of the Class of 1989, celebrating their 20th reunion, have given more than \$1.6 million to West Point with 57 percent of the class having given back since graduation.

Graduates from the Class of 1994, celebrating their 15th reunion, have given more than \$597,000 to West Point with 62 percent of the class membership contributing since graduation.

The Class of 1999, celebrating its 10th reunion will formally present a gift of \$500,000 that offers a myriad of

opportunities for the U.S. Corps of Cadets.

In support of the Dean's Academy Scholars Endowment, the class is making a gift of \$250,000 to facilitate cadet and faculty research and cultural immersion programs.

The Superintendent's Endowment will receive \$140,000 from the '99 gift to enhance Margin of Excellence programs. It will strengthen cadet opportunities that keep West Point a Tier I university as well as a premier institution for leadership in the nation.

West Point boasts the most robust co-curricular activities program in the country. This includes 27 intercollegiate competitive clubs.

The performances of these clubs has resulted in national championships, world cup invitations, world-record holders, Olympians and hosts of regional and state championships.

In the spirit of excellence, \$100,000 of their gift is earmarked for the Competitive Club Sports Endowment and \$10,000 is for the Cadet Convocation Award-4th Regiment Commander, a special award for cadets.

Since graduation, '99 has given a total of \$578,000 to West Point through the West Point Association of Graduates.



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public address sound systems, and audiovisual equipment;

- Fabricates instructional products, such as dynamic models, cross-sections, cutaways, replicas and prototypes, in support of the academic program to enable and enhance the learning process;
- To provide DA photos to Soldiers

throughout the region. To access any of DPTMS services, they have transitioned from the "Footprints link" on the intranet to the new Army-wide link www.vios.army.mil.

"This site is extremely user friendly. It allows customers to see what is available to them throughout the region," Multi-Media Supervisor Lisa Stagliano said.

For all customers to access the Web site, they must have a Common Access Card. The CAC will allow the database to identify the user to serve them better.

"Once someone initially registers on the Web site, their information will be stored so they do not have to continue to fill out the personal information," Stagliano said.

The site allows e customers to search for available times for Department of the Army photos and schedule themselves, among other functions, according to Stagliano.

Even though these two entities no longer fall under the same banner, the West Point community will still enjoy the state-of-the-art services that they provide.

700-plus cadets and staff run in Tunnel to Towers event

Story and photos by Tommy Gilligan
Assistant Editor

Getting up before dawn to go for a run is not something that is uncommon to anyone that has served or been around the military for any significant amount of time. Running is something that servicemembers just do, either for training or personal enjoyment.

However, this past Sunday morning was for neither training nor personal enjoyment, it was to show support to a cause for a man that gave his life trying to save others. Stephen Siller, an off-duty firefighter with Squad 1 Brooklyn, ran from the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel to the World Trade Center on that historic Tuesday morning that surely will never be forgotten by any American.

Siller, along with 2,751 other people, lost their lives in New York during the horrific tragedy. Yet, from the clouds of sorrow, a shining light has risen in his memory.

In its eighth annual running, more than 20,000 people from England to Hawaii met on the corner of Richards and Dwight Street in Brooklyn.

Among the crowd were approximately 700 cadets from the U.S. Military Academy who ran among the masses of Wounded Warriors, Soldiers, Marines, Airmen, Sailors and the general public.

Cadets have been part of the event for a number of years, starting with some of the members of Company F-3. This year, however, the entire corps rallied for the event, with members from each company joining the many other groups running.

"This is a really good cause, to show support for the fire fighters that gave their lives on Sept. 11 (2001)," Plebe Brian Gerardi said. "To see the corps get behind this cause is truly amazing"

As the rain poured down throughout the city, Ed Hannon, Siller's brother-in-law, stood among the crowd and asked the crowd to join him in reciting the St. Francis Peace Prayer before the start of the race.

"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace; where there



Colonel Mark McKearn, Brigade Tactical Officer, congratulates cadets after completing the run.



More than 6,000 registered runners run through the streets of the Lower East side of Manhattan during the Tunnel to Towers Run.

is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life. Amen," Hannon recited.

Then, one by one, 6,281 registered runners moved into place along Coffee Park. Fire truck sirens were heard throughout the neighborhood announcing the start of the race.

People from all over the five boroughs lined the streets to cheer on the runners as they made their way toward the tunnel.

As the cadets entered the tunnel, all anyone could hear was the cadence of cadets' running in unison echoing from Brooklyn to the streets of Manhattan.

One firefighter, who was holding the banner of a fallen firefighter on the site of a Sea of Gideon, began bellowing, "USA, USA, USA." At that moment, the more than 350 firefighters lining the streets outside of the tunnel all joined in, chanting as one.

Over the 3.1-mile course, people lined the rain-drenched streets to cheer on the runners and walkers who came out for this great event.

With Dustin Emrani coming in at 16 minutes, 8 seconds to the last of the 6,281 people crossing the line nearly an hour and 30 minutes later, the underlying purpose of the day was to



Cadets from Company H-1 lined the street holding American flags for all the runners, including many wounded warriors.

complete the course in support of the Stephen Siller, FDNY "Let Us Do Good" Children's Foundation.

Hispanic Heritage month celebrated at West Point

Photo and story by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

Hispanic Heritage Month came into existence in 1981 by President Ronald Reagan, which expanded on Hispanic Heritage Week that was designated in 1968 by President Lyndon Johnson. Hispanic Heritage Month, which is celebrated between Sept. 15 and Oct. 15, acknowledges the contributions of more than 35 million people of Hispanic origin, and it celebrates the Hispanic heritage and culture in the United States.

West Point celebrated the Hispanic Festival at Trophy Point Sept. 18 with Peruvian, Mexican, Colombian and Cuban food. The food is always a big hit at this event as evidenced by the long line of participants throughout the festival.

The festival is sponsored by the West Point Equal Employment Opportunity Office, the Cadet Spanish Club and the Simon Center for Professional Military Ethic.

Hispanic music was provided by Orlando Marin, “the last of the mambo kings,” and his orchestra, appearing for the second year in a row. Marin gave the diverse audience a brief history of Hispanic culture. The orchestra also featured Papo Pepin.

“The festival is to celebrate Spanish heritage,” Cow Anthony Ruizcalderon, master of ceremonies at the festival, said. “Our culture is more than music, it’s also about values and traditions. With the Spanish Festival, we hope to hear about (our) history, get in touch with the culture and break stereotypes.”

The festival was well attended by the young and old who enjoyed the music and dance, learned the salsa or watched Bianca Soto and Jonathan Rodriguez, from the dance company Piel Canela Dancers, who demonstrated Hispanic dances, such as the salsa and the mambo.

Firstie Andres Pazmin, cadet-in-charge of the festival for the second year, said they pushed to have the festival outside no matter the weather conditions.

“(Having it outside) fits the culture because it’s out in the open and free,” Pazmin said. “We are getting more and more people here each year. We sent out flyers to the community and to the local areas.

“It’s great to see people surprised that many cadets speak Spanish,” he added.

Children took much pleasure in bashing several piñatas for the treats they held. Eight-year-old Angelica Menjiba really enjoyed beating the cardboard or paper mache piñata as she belted one with a strike that tore the object, but not enough to knock it to the ground.

“I’ve done this a lot,” she said. “People say I get my



Cadets and community members sampled various Hispanic foods from Peru, Mexico, Colombia and Cuba at the Hispanic Festival Sept. 18 at Trophy Point.

aggression out this way.”

Seven-year-old George Huqui was proud of himself when he took out one piñata, but he was disappointed when he found himself piled underneath others while losing his treasure.

The event was enjoyed by many, to include participants from other areas around the country.

“I’m used to the Spanish culture,” Louise Chadwick, a Las Vegas resident and mom of Class of 1997 graduate, Maj. Douglas Chadwick, who is now deputy director for the Center of Enhanced Performance, said. “I came for the football game and to visit my son, and thought this (event) would be interesting.”

ICC—shaping tomorrow's world leaders today

By Lt. Col. Armando Ramirez
Department of Foreign Languages

Before leaving his native islands of the Maldives to attend West Point in 2006, then West Point candidate Ali Ihusaan's countrymen warned him that many people had few positive things to say about the treatment of foreigners in the United States.

Three years later, Ihusaan, as a Firstie, is the third-highest ranking cadet in the U.S. Corps of Cadets as the Brigade Executive Officer and cadet-in-charge of the International Cadet Club.

He recently reflected on his experiences as a foreign cadet at West Point.

"There is no difference between the treatment of foreign and U.S. cadets as long as they are competent and equally capable," Ihusaan said. He credits the ICC as a positive influence on his development.

The ICC is one of many cadet clubs, but its mission is to provide both international and U.S. cadets the opportunity to meet and interact with one another in a relaxed and collegial environment.

Currently, 57 international cadets from 37 countries attend the full four-year program at West Point as well as cadets from Brazil, Germany, Austria, France, Chile and Spain, who visit during shorter exchanges. The group meets at 7 p.m. the first Monday of each month in Thayer 444, and all cadets are invited to attend.

Upon graduation, those individuals who spent the full 47 months at West Point will return to their countries with varying service commitments to their armed forces. Some of their insights into officership comes from being part of the ICC.

"The ICC is an excellent resource where all foreign cadets can meet to share ideas and build bridges between countries and cultures," Ihusaan said. "At the end of the day, we realize that we all have the same goal in mind—to serve our countries and in doing so make the world a better place."

The presence of so many international cadets helps make



The 57 international cadets posed with the Superintendent Lt. Gen. Buster Hagenbeck and Dean of the Academic Board Brig. Gen. Patrick Finnegan recently.

TOMMY GILLIGAN/PV

West Point an "Internationalized Campus," Col. Rick McPeak, Dept. of Foreign Languages head, said. The ICC comes under the oversight of DFL.

"These international cadets are the best and brightest of their countries," McPeak said. "They flourish at West Point, developing relationships and promoting perspectives that will pay great dividends down the line. They are part of us, yet a unique part of us, sharing distinct challenges. If they can meet and learn to solve problems this early in their careers, they will make great contributions in their own countries."

The ICC annually travels to the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, Conn., and to Boston during the fall.

This year's schedule includes the addition of a potential trip to the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.,

to attend the Army-Air Force football game.

In the spring, the club travels to Washington so the international cadets can meet with representatives from their individual embassies, and to attend the International Ball held at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.

The club also challenges DFL to a soccer game annually, which usually draws a fairly good crowd. This year's game is from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Friday at the River Courts. The entire West Point community is invited to see what should be an interesting soccer game. Major Zack Miller, DFL instructor and ICC OIC, feels confident that DFL will snap its losing streak against the ICC this year, since the international exchange officers from Brazil, Mexico and Germany have added to the department's talent pool.

Community members prepare for emergencies

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

Common sense says to “hope for the best and prepare for the worst.” Because nobody can predict when the worst will happen, it never hurts to be ready for it. This year’s Emergency Preparedness Fair gave the West Point community the chance to get ready and have some fun, too.

The third annual event Sept. 26 welcomed West Point staff and their Families to a day full of education, demonstrations, refreshments and giveaways, while encouraging safety awareness inside and out of the home.

Last year’s Emergency Preparedness Fair hosted 13 agencies, according to Christine Guerriero, the “Ready Army, Ready West Point” campaign coordinator for the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security Emergency Operations Center.

This year, about 30 agencies were involved in the event.

Organizations from West Point and the surrounding area in the fields of law enforcement, fire prevention, medical services and others met with Families who live on- and off-post to share ways to stay safe in various situations.

“These are all folks we would work with in the event of an actual emergency,” Guerriero said.

The Orange County Fire Division was one of the new faces at this year’s event, bringing its fire safety trailer. The trailer shows children

potential safety hazards at home and how to escape from a house fire.

Puppies Behind Bars also made its first fair appearance. Families met Jasmine, a 17-month-old working dog in training, who was at the fair to learn how to be comfortable in social settings before she starts working with wounded veterans.

The fair encouraged pet safety, a new Family safety concern this year. The plight pet owners faced during Hurricane Katrina has prompted agencies to increase awareness of how to care for the Family pet in the event of an emergency.

The Cadet Amateur Radio Club also set up a display at the fair and an antenna on the roof of the Post Exchange to demonstrate how, even in the digital age of the Internet and cell phones, radio can maintain vital connections when disaster takes out landlines and cell towers.

“The basis of radio is really emergency communications,” Maj. Stephen Hamilton, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science instructor and club officer-in-charge, said. “Amateur radio operators usually just talk on (their kits), but in the event of an emergency we can deploy them, in a sense, and set up our own networks.”

Depending upon power settings, amateur VHF radios can broadcast at a range of 20- to-30 miles.

The club maintains its own repeater which, along with other repeaters in the region, amplifies transmissions across much greater distances.

Some club members are certified

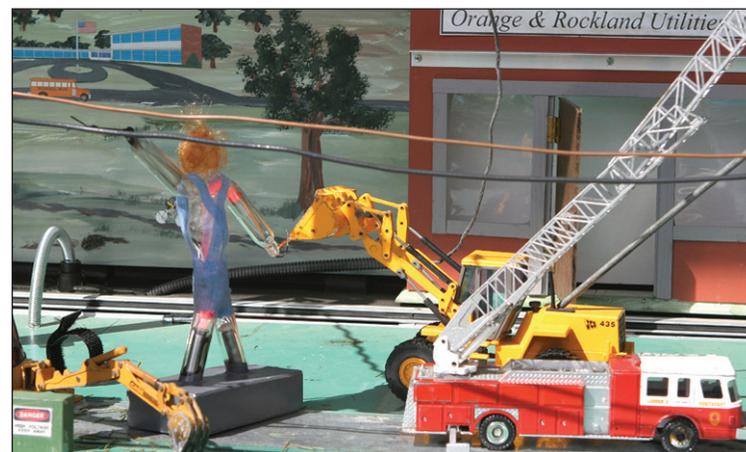
SKYWARN storm spotters, who observe severe weather and call in reports to the National Weather Service to prepare for evacuation. The club also participates in the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service, which is designed to operate in states of national emergency.

“Everybody can get a weather radio, which is something you should have to listen to NOAA weather,” Hamilton said. “Our radios can listen to those, but we can send reports as well.”

In case disaster forces Families to seek shelter, Guerriero strongly encourages everyone to be prepared with a home supply kit—an on-hand supply of canned food, water, medicine, batteries and other essentials.

“Just remember every six months to go through and rotate your items,” Guerriero said. “Check the expiration dates, update the medication and check the batteries’ shelf life among other things.”

Last year, the fair held one raffle. This year, the numerous agencies in attendance donated many prizes to the community including a



A model built by Orange & Rockland Utilities shows how a downed power line on a vehicle creates a deadly safety hazard during West Point’s third annual Emergency Preparedness Fair Sept. 26. The 5,000 volts of neon voltage in the circuit creates an arc between the model human and vehicle, and shows that nobody should approach the vehicle even when people are trapped inside.

three-day emergency supply bag from the American Red Cross, tickets for Eisenhower Hall events and AAFES’ gift cards.

Guerriero hopes that everyone, young and old, learned something about safety and enjoyed themselves at the same time.

To sum up the theme of the day, she echoes Ready Raccoon’s motto—make a kit, have a plan, and be prepared.

“Maybe after today, the kids will go home and say, ‘Mom, we need to put together our emergency preparedness kit,’ and, ‘what would we do, where would we meet in an emergency,’” Guerriero said.

A Spouse's Point of View

Tie a Pink Ribbon Round the Old Oak Tree

By Janine Boldrin

I have always been fascinated by the things people chose to put on their cars. Because of this, I tend to inch closer to bumpers that are covered with stickers. I don't want to miss the punch line before the light changes.

Sometimes, I feel as if I can learn everybody's life story from the magnetic ribbons, school spirit banners and pithy stickers they have selected to put on their vehicles.

I have always been a minimalist when it comes to "car flair." I used to have a small yellow ribbon. I even tried a "Half My Heart is in Iraq" magnet until the sentiment was blasted off by a car wash in Watertown.

When we bought my latest mommy-mobile, I was surprised to find out that I wouldn't have the option of using a car magnet on my back gate. It would just slide off. And bumper stickers were just too

much of a commitment for me.

So now I am flair-less. Being that I drive a white car, that makes it an even sadder situation.

West Pointers sport lots of vehicle decorations—plenty of Army "A" stickers, quite a few USMA license plate holders, college spirit, various statements of pride for sports teams, magnetic flags—big and small—and ribbons.

Most of the ribbons around military installations are yellow. For military Families, "Support the Troops" yellow ribbons are the norm. However, the pink, teal, purple and multicolor ribbons tell the stories of how our Families, just like civilian Families, face other challenges.

Behind those colorful ribbons or bumper stickers for a cause, there is someone's life story amidst their military story.

But the stories do weave together.

When someone in our military community is facing a diagnosis, a complicated pregnancy, an unexpected loss or a challenging

medical condition—we rally.

We rally not because we are told we have to, but because it is in our nature. We are problem-solvers and task-oriented. We want to make things better, especially as many of us live hundreds and thousands of miles away from the Family and friends who would typically be our support.

A month ago, I received a Facebook message from a friend from high school.

She had decided she was running the New York City marathon because she was turning 35.

Her brother had died in the Twin Towers on 9/11 when he was 35. Her sister had been diagnosed with a rare form of cancer when she was 35.

So Anne was going to face her

35th birthday head-on by raising money for cancer research in the city where she had lost her brother.

I like to think military Families are a lot like Anne.

We've witnessed so much that when the challenges of life come along, we face them head on.

We gather our courage and the support of our military Family, then charge forward.

We try to help each other in any way possible. We take care of friends' children.

We bake a batch of cookies or make a casserole if we just don't know what else to do.

We support our troops. And we support our troops' Families. However, this month there is one other way you can show your

support for each other—by going pink.

While yellow ribbons show our support for the military, pink is the color that military Families should remember this month.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Please remind those around you of the importance of cancer screenings, not only for breast cancer, but also for other cancers.

Ask your doctor at your next visit what you should be doing to screen for cancer.

(Editor's note: Janine Boldrin is a writer, a mother and an Army spouse. If you would like to share your experiences as a spouse at West Point, Janine can be reached at janineboldrin@gmail.com.)

BBC LifeWorks events

Halloween decorating contest

Grab all your Halloween and Fall decorations and participate in Balfour Beatty Communities' Halloween decorating contest.

Community members can call and nominate their own house or can call and nominate someone else's. The contest winner will be announced Oct. 30.

Second annual fire safety open house

West Point Fire Department and Balfour Beatty Communities will hold the second annual fire safety open house at Fire Station II on Stony Lonesome from 2-4:30 p.m. Tuesday. Firemen will give a fire prevention and safety talk and a tour of the fire house. Refreshments will be served.

Candy corn counting contest

Beginning Oct. 13, community members can stop by 132 Bartlett Loop and submit their entries for the National Candy Corn Counting Contest.

A pumpkin jar will be filled with candy corn, and everyone has to try to guess the correct number of candy corn. Submit your number by Oct. 29.

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



Learning the bike basics

Seven-year-old Katie Spencer receives a lesson on what hand signal to use when turning and stopping from military policeman Spc. Jon Quinn at the annual Bike Rodeo Sept. 26. The rodeo coincided with West Point's third annual Disaster Preparedness Fair at the commissary parking lot.

What's Happening

Book signing

There will be a book signing at 1-3:30 p.m. Friday by author Randall DeSoto, who wrote the book, "We Hold These Truths."

The signing takes place at the USMA Bookstore on the fourth floor of Thayer Hall.

For more information, call 938-5356.

PWOC Guest speaker

The Protestant Women of the Chapel are hosting guest speaker Faye Sharber (actress from the hit movie, "Fireproof"), who will speak about her experiences as both an Army wife and pastor's wife, from 9-11 a.m. Wednesday at the West Point Post Chapel.

For any questions, contact Maureen Batchelder at 446-6581.

Additional childcare will not be available beyond the regular capacity, so plan alternate arrangements for your children.

Discover West Point

Join the West Point Women's Club at 9:15 a.m. Oct. 8 for a tour of the Cadet Uniform Factory and a backstage tour of Eisenhower Hall.

Afterward, we will meet at the West Point Club for the Quarterback Luncheon.

RSVP by Tuesday at wpwreserve@hotmail.com.

WTU/Year of the NCO tailgate

A free tailgate in honor of the West Point Warrior Transition Unit and the Year of the NCO is being held from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 10 at Buffalo Solider Pavilion.

All WTU and West Point Soldiers, NCOs, friends and Family members are welcome.

KACH FRG activity

Keller Army Community Hospital will be collecting and sorting donations to send to our 17 medical servicemembers deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 14 at Buffalo Soldier Pavilion.

Collection boxes also are located in the lobby of KACH.

If you have any questions, call 938-8878.

Young Life banquet

Young Life is hosting a banquet at 6 p.m. Oct. 16 at Herbert Hall.

The Oscar-themed banquet is for adults and parents in the community who support the Young Life and Wyldlife programs.

Come hear and see the vision of our mission. Discover how you can support the

program.

RSVP to Allison Cook at 938-5386 or allisoncook25@yahoo.com.

For more information, visit www.oneill.younglife.com.

Cornwall-on-Hudson yard sale

From 9 a.m.-4 p.m., rain or shine, Oct. 17, the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson is hosting a village-wide yard sale with more than 100 participating Families.

A shopping map will be distributed at Village Hall, 325 Hudson St., on that day, or shoppers can roam the village and find many sales.

For additional information, call Barbara Gosda at 534-9367.

Motorcycle Safety training

There are openings in the upcoming Basic Motorcycle Rider Courses scheduled to start:

- Oct. 14 for staff and faculty;
- Oct. 16 for cadets only.

Registration is required. To register, go to <https://airs.lmi.org>.

To register and ride your motorcycle

on West Point, you must take this class or its equivalent and show proof of that when registering the vehicle.

MCCW Event

The Military Council of Catholic Women presents 'Why do Catholics do that?' at 7 p.m. tonight at the Most Holy Trinity Rectory.

The guest speaker is Father Edson Wood.

For more information or answers to your questions, call 859-4987.

Volkssport Club of West Point

Volkssport Club of West Point is walking for fitness and fun Sunday at a special event walk in Beacon.

Registration is from 9 a.m.-noon at the start point—Beacon-Newburgh Ferry Dock at the Beacon Metro Train Station.

The dock is on the Hudson River at Red Flynn Drive off of Beekman Street off of Route 9D.

The 5- and 10-kilometer trails, rated 2+ (hills), go through the historic city of Beacon. The entire walk is on city streets

and sidewalks.

For more information, contact Joan Kimmel at 845-462-6845.

American Girl Fashion Shows

Most Precious Blood Regional Catholic School is hosting four American Girl Fashion Shows at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 16, 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Oct. 17 and noon Oct. 18.

The fun-filled event is for young girls and their Families.

The fashion shows include styles from yesterday and today, formal to contemporary and sleepwear from years past through today.

There is an admission price. The event includes a light meal and refreshments. There will be door prizes, raffles and a souvenir table. There is also an opportunity for girls to be guest models during the fashion shows.

MPB School is located at 180 Ulster Avenue, Walden.

For more information, call Katie at 566-5736 or e-mail triccio@aol.com.

To download order forms and pictures from previous fashion shows, go to the school Web site at www.mpbwalden.org.

NOW SHOWING

in the movie theater at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752

Friday — G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday — Shorts, PG, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday — District 9, R, 9:30 p.m.

Oct. 9 — District 9, R, 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 10 — Shorts, PG, 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 10 — Julie & Julia, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.

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

Command Channel 8/23

Oct. 1-8

Army Newswatch (broadcast times)

Thursday

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

Friday, Monday-Wednesday and Oct. 8

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

1812 Concert (broadcast times)

Thursday, 9 a.m., Friday, 7:30 p.m.

RCI Meeting (Live)

Thursday, 7 p.m.

Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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

TSP TICKER

SEPTEMBER share prices (as of 9/28)

C Fund	—	—	0.02	(12.5422)
S Fund	—	—	0.11	(15.8360)
I Fund	—	—	0.02	(18.1145)

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The West Point Band presents

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Staff Sgt. Josh Phillips - French Horn

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Egner Hall
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Free & Open to the Public
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www.westpoint.edu/band

FMWR Blurbs

Adult Hockey Program

The Adult Hockey Program begins Sunday at Tate Rink.

The program will run 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 FMWR ITR 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.

West Point Golf Course Pro Shop Columbus Day Sale

The West Point Golf Course Pro Shop Columbus Day sale runs from 7 a.m. to dusk Oct. 10-12.

For more information, call 938-2435/2327.

Oktoberfest at the West Point Club

A celebration of Oktoberfest will be held from 6-10 p.m. Oct. 16 at the West Point Club.

Dance away the evening with the Alpine Squeeze Band.

Enjoy specialty German food and beers. It is a pay as you go menu and bar.

For more information, call 938-5120.

Fall Story Hour

The West Point Post Library will begin its

fall preschool story hour at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. every Tuesday starting Oct. 20.

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

Pre-registration is required on a weekly basis.

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

2009 U.S. Army Soldier Show

The 2009 U.S. Army Soldier Show performs one night only at 7 p.m. Oct. 20 at Eisenhower Hall.

This Army Entertainment Production presented by FMWR is free and open to the general public.

For more information, call 938-6497.

Quarterback Luncheon

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

For more information, call 938-5120.

Family Child Care Program

The Family Child Care Program is offering care for children ages 6 weeks to 12 years. Many childcare options are available.

For more information, call Elizabeth Peralta at 938-6170.

West Point Golf Course specials

The West Point Golf Course is offering late summer/early fall specials.

- There is a 15 percent discount on green fees between 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesday-

Thursday;

- A Lunch and Drive Special Tuesday-Thursday is ongoing where if you spend \$5 or more on lunch at the Golf Course, you receive a free small bucket of balls;

- Veterans receive preferential guest rates at a savings both weekdays and weekends;

- Buy a 10-play general public punch-pass for the price of eight.

For more information, especially about pricing, call the West Point Golf Course at 938-2435.

Special needs care

The Family Child Care Program is looking for a person to provide care for "special needs children."

Are you a person willing to be trained to spend time with a special child?

Call the Outreach Services office at 938-3921, if you are interested in being part of the Family Child Care program.

FMWR Reball Mega Arena is here

The FMWR Reball Mega Arena is now available for rent at Round Pond seven days a week.

What is reball? It is like paintball, but uses reusable balls instead.

No paint means less mess.

Play time rental is between 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., which is preceded by a mandatory one hour safety brief/equipment check.

Call 938-2503 to reserve your place today.

Art with attitude through the EDGE! Program

Get creative and paint a wooden chair, stool, etc., through the EDGE! Program.

The program is offered to adolescents in grades 6-12. There is no fee.

EDGE! runs from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Oct. 26-Nov. 6. CYSS eligibility is required. Register at the Youth Center (Bldg. 500) for classes.

For more information, call 938-3727.

FMWR Haunted Hayride

See what lurks in the haunted forest of Round Pond at the FMWR Haunted Hayride.

The Haunted Hayride takes place from 6:30-9 p.m. Oct. 30 at Bonneville Cabin, Round Pond Recreation Area.

The hayride is open to the West Point, Highland Falls and Fort Montgomery communities.

Come in your Halloween costume and receive a discount off admission.

The rain date is Oct. 31.

For more information, call 938-2503

Sunday Breakfast

The West Point Club Sunday breakfast is back from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. every Sunday.

There is an all-new breakfast menu.

For more information, call 938-5120.

Child care for home football games

The West Point Child Development Center is offering child care for Army home football games (fees apply).

Reservations are required 10 days before game day. The next home game available to reserve is Oct. 23.

For more information, call 938-3921.

ACS Respite Care Program

ACS subsidizes up to 40 hours of respite care per month for each eligible Family member.

The program is designed to provide a

break for Families who are responsible for the regular care of an exceptional Family member.

Eligibility is based on Exceptional Family Member Program enrollment and the exceptional Family member's medical or educational condition.

Families are free to choose their own respite care provider as long as they meet the requirements set forth by the Army.

If you do not have a provider in mind, you can select one from ACS' central contractor, Align Staffing Respite Care Network.

Care may be provided in the EFM's home or in another setting such as special needs camps and enrichment programs.

For more information, call Josephine Toohey at 938-5655 or e-mail josephine.toohey@us.army.mil.

NFL Sunday Ticket available

Love football, but your team's game isn't available here? No problem.

The West Point Club has NFL Sunday Ticket each Sunday. Enjoy all of the games on the club's flat screen TVs.

The West Point Club opens at 11:30 a.m., so come early and spend the day watching your favorite teams.

For more information, call 938-5120.

Instructors needed

Certified Spinning and Body Pump instructors are needed at the FMWR Fitness Center. Hours are flexible.

Contact Rita Tenuta 845-446-3630 or tenuta06@yahoo.com.

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.

Radio City Christmas Spectacular

ITR has tickets on sale now for the Radio City Christmas Spectacular shows on the following dates:

- 5 p.m. Dec. 9;
- 8 p.m. Dec. 15;
- 5 p.m. Dec. 17.

Tickets are limited, so don't delay.

For more information, call 938-3601.

Crisis line

Soldiers and their Families can receive up to 12 free, face-to-face, short-term counseling sessions through the Military One Source Crisis Line.

For more information, call 800-342-9647.

A Spanish line is available at 877-888-0727.

For more information, visit www.militaryonesource.com.

SKIES Instructional Program

CYSS SKIES Instructional Program sessions are ongoing.

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

Auto Safety Training

Auto Safety Training is mandatory for all self-help patrons at the West Point Auto Shop.

Training sessions are held Wednesday through Saturday 30 minutes after opening.

This training is free and will cover lift safety, shop safety and proper disposal of fluids and includes a tour of the shop and overview of shop rules.

For more information, call 938-2074.

Keller Corner

KACH outpatient clinic closures

All outpatient clinics, laboratory, pharmacy and radiology will be closed Oct. 12 for Columbus Day.

The emergency room will remain open.

DEERS

Did you know that when life changes, you need to update DEERS?

DEERS stands for the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System, and it's the key to your Family benefits.

Reenlisting, commissioning, separating, retiring or PCSing all require changes to DEERS, and those are just your professional changes.

Personal changes such as getting married, having a new baby, divorcing, moving or getting a new phone number also require changes to DEERS.

Call 938-3746 to ensure you have the proper documentation before visiting the ID Card Section in Bldg. 622 for most DEERS changes.

Simple address changes may be emailed to www.tricare.osd.mil/deers.

Whatever the change may be, make sure

to change DEERS as well.

Joint Commission

The Joint Commission is an organization governed by a Board of Commissioners that includes nurses, physicians, consumers, medical directors, administrators, providers, employers, labor representatives, health plan leaders, quality experts, ethicists, health insurance administrators and educators.

They write standards to which we agree to adhere.

KACH personnel know they're due for a survey by the Joint Commission this year.

When they visit they may ask their patients or visitors, questions about your care.

They may also ask to observe parts of your care (only with your agreement, of course).

They also interview your doctors, nurses and technicians as well.

It's all a process that helps everyone to create a culture of safety.

KACH Referral Assistance

Need help or have questions about a referral?

Call 938-5373 and a referral specialist will to assist you.

Bannon off to great start, volleyball a surprising 14-3

Story and photos by
Eric S. Bartelt
Editor

She has a quiet confidence about her, a calm demeanor that seems to mesh well with Army's young, vibrant group of volleyball athletes. The setter extraordinaire, the quarterback of the women's volleyball team, Firstie Maureen Bannon, while subtle in her mannerisms, is so competitive that she'll rip your heart out on the court.

"(Bannon's) passion and willingness to win at everything she does is what makes Maureen so good," head coach Alma Kovaci said. "On top of that, she is very talented. She can get to any ball she wants to while her athleticism, technique and her hands (for the game) are beautiful.

"However, it's her competitive spirit that she brings to the game that makes her a standout," she added. "We know she's going to bring it."

Bannon has been bringing it her whole career at Army. She earned Patriot League "Rookie of the Year" in 2006, and added PL "Setter of the Year" twice (2006, 2007). But, this season may prove to be the three-time all-conference player's best yet as she tries to lead her team to its first Patriot League tournament title since 1994.

Army headed into the season with many question marks after losing four firstie starters to graduation. However, the one constant is Bannon, and her drive and perseverance has not only quieted the critics of this current squad, but squashed any reminders of the disappointment that ended last year.

"Going into the season, many people had their doubts about how

we were going to do," Bannon said. "We've definitely come together as a team, and we've showed everyone that we can be successful."

Last year's team headed into the PL Tournament on an extreme high after defeating American (only the second time in league history they lost to a league opponent, both times to Army in eight years) three sets to one in the regular season finale. Unfortunately, the euphoria didn't last long as Army was swept 3-0 by Colgate in the first round of the PL Tournament, which made it the third straight season the Black Knights failed to get past the tournament's first round.

"It was hard (to lose), especially knowing how much everyone wanted it," Bannon said. "I wanted to win it for the firsties, and I wanted them to be able to say that 'we won the Patriot League Tournament and we're going to the NAAs,' but it was very emotional losing in the first round... it hurt so much seeing the tears and all."

Chances of repeating last year's 26-4 record, the best winning percentage (.867) in team history, was probably not realistic heading into this season after losing so much talent and experience, but this year's group hasn't been reduced to playing the role of young patsies.

Bannon credits the emergence of middle blockers Yearling Rachel Willis and Cow Amanda Rowell for stepping up and shining during the early part of the season. She added that the biggest surfacing of new talent on this year's team are Plebe outside hitters Ariana Mankus and Francine Vasquez.

"I knew they were good coming in, but they've adapted to the college game quickly," Bannon said. "It's been an amazing thing so far this season."

How amazing have things been so far? How does a 14-3 record with victories over #19 Pepperdine at their own tournament, a Big 10 opponent (Iowa) and at Bucknell and Colgate last weekend in the beginning of Patriot League play sound?

While beating a team like American, who has won the PL title eight straight seasons, is a great accomplishment, nothing like that compares to beating a national power such as Pepperdine and a big conference team like Iowa.

"We would always tell ourselves that we were good enough and we could beat those teams," Bannon said. "But, when we actually got the win against Pepperdine, it proved to us that we have what it takes to be good enough to beat the top teams in the country.

"It definitely boosts our confidence knowing that we not only can say we can do it," she added. "But, we actually can do it as long as we can keep our heads in the game, stay calm and push through (any tough obstacles)."

For the Manhattan, Calif., native, outside of the two American victories, the victory over Pepperdine proved to be the best so far in her Army volleyball career.

"One of the Pepperdine coaches (Tim Jensen) was one of my coaches in club, so it was definitely nice showing him what I took from high school playing for his club to the college game," Bannon explained. "I saw (Pepperdine) playing games growing up, so it was a great feeling going back home and beating them."

Bannon's play, while always a notch above pretty good, has risen to another level as she's earned two PL "Player of the Week" honors and the MVP of the West Point Challenge



Firstie setter Maureen Bannon is tied for the Patriot League lead in service aces with 29. She also is second in assists per game with 9.94.

already this season.

"This is the best Maureen has ever played," Kovaci remarked. "She is ranked about (first) in the Patriot League in aces, so she's our strongest server right now.

"Maureen also brings out the best in the players around her," Kovaci added. "I've talked to Maureen about keeping the young players in the game and keeping every player confident.

"If somebody misses a hit, she'll go back to them right away and say, 'lets get it,' and for a hitter, that's amazing to have a setter like that," she continued. "And that's what Maureen brings to this team, which is one of the reasons why we are so successful."

One of Bannon's, who currently ranks fourth in school history in assists (3,659) and fifth in service aces (147), top goals is to get her hitters in the Top 10 in Patriot League hitting percentage. Last year, she got four hitters in the Top 10, including two of the Top 3 (Jamie Clark and Rachael Breinling).

"That made me feel like I did my job," Bannon said. "No matter what awards I get, it really means

the most to me to have (my hitters) up there (in the Top 10)."

Despite losing last year's top hitters, Bannon said Mankus, Vasquez and Firstie team captain outside hitter Rachel Dunn have stepped up and have adequately replaced those graduated firsties. In fact, she believes this team is better, and Kovaci agrees with her insights and says much of it has to do with the team's cohesiveness.

"What's making this team succeed right now is not as much the talent, but the group is working well together," Kovaci, who credits Dunn and Bannon for bringing the group together, said. "They're more of a team than I've seen before. As a young coach, you always think talent, talent, talent, but this year is a perfect example of having six or seven people on the court who work well together.

"There are standouts, of course, with Ariana Mankus, Francine Vasquez and Maureen Bannon, but really if you have those individuals alone—we would not win," she added. "It's the other people who do the dirty work with the defense,

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Plebe outside hitters Francine Vasquez (front) and Ariana Mankus (#4) are a couple of reasons why Army hasn't dropped drastically after losing four starting firsties from a year ago.

Late surge helps Army golf defeat Navy 6-5

By Ryan Yanoshak
Athletic Communications

ANNAPOLIS, Md.—As Army was debating its lineup for the annual golf match with Navy, Yearling William Park told Firstie captain James Raymond he wanted to play the final singles match, with the pressure on.

Park got his wish, and then delivered a “Star” back to West Point.

Park sunk a four-foot par putt to halve his match and Army beat Navy, 6-5, Sept. 26 at a windy and wet Naval Academy Golf Club in the Ryder Cup-formatted event.

The Black Knights trailed 2.5-1.5 after the morning four-ball competition before rallying during singles play to win their first star since 2005.

Raymond, fellow Firstie Mark Garrison, Cows Austin Rhymer and

Wes Carver and Park all trailed in their singles matches before rallying for points and helping Army to the victory.

Raymond, Rhymer, Carver and Garrison all won crucial singles points, and then Park’s clutch putt clinched the match.

“This is the first time the seniors beat Navy and they contributed today,” Army interim golf coach Major Chad Bagley said. “I am very proud of the guys. It rained off-and-on all day, but they continued to fight and never gave up.

“We started off kind of slow, but in the backside we turned it loose,” Bagley continued. “We never gave up. We just kept playing, kept believing and pulled out the win.”

Raymond was two-down in his matching before rallying for a 3&2 win.

Carver, who earned a half-point during four-ball with Plebe

Matt Philie, was four-down in his singles match before an impressive back nine. In his first competition against Navy, he secured two points, including his 1-up singles victory.

Park, who was also two-down on the front side, wrapped up the victory. With a large crowd of spectators and players from both teams lining the fairways, Park sunk a par putt to clinch the “Star.”

Garrison won his third-career point against Navy with his 3&2 win, and Rhymer putted his way to a 1-up win. He also earned a halve during four-ball format with Cow Matt Krembel.

The Black Knights got off to a slow start in four-ball until Carver and Philie cruised to a 5&4 victory and Krembel and Rhymer halved their match. Garrison and Plebe Eric Park lost 1-up while Raymond and William Park lost 3&1.

Army and Navy have been competing every year since 1939—with the exception of 1943 and 1944 when West Point discontinued golf—and the Midshipmen hold a narrow 39-30-1 edge in the series.

Army will continue its busy fall season in Washington, D.C., this weekend at the Service Academy Classic.



Yearling William Park earned Army a “Star” as his four-foot putt sunk Navy at the Naval Academy Golf Club Sept. 26. COURTESY PHOTO



Cow Wes Carver earned a half-point with Plebe Matt Philie during four-ball. COURTESY PHOTO

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the digging and the passing that makes it all work.”

Kovaci said this year’s team is a more balanced attack that is more disciplined and has very few missed defensive assignments. With all that put together, Bannon believes Army will surprise the Patriot League this year.

“I think we’re going to shock some people,” Bannon said. “When the preseason rankings came out, people didn’t know what we were going to put on the court. But, I think we’re proving to a lot of people that we’re better than (our third place prediction).”

And, what would it mean to Bannon to end her career as a Patriot League champion, especially defeating a team, Colgate, that has eliminated her team the last two years?

“It would probably be the greatest moment,” she said, “of my volleyball career.”



Women ruggers dominate Yale

Army women’s rugby Cow outside center Sylvia Thomas darts toward the goal line for a try late in the first half against Yale Sept. 26 at the Anderson Rugby Complex. The team captain scored four times on the afternoon leading Army to 89-0 victory over Yale. The next game for Army women’s rugby is at 2 p.m. Sunday versus Providence College at ARC. ERIC S. BARTELT/PV

Bowden and Steelman share load as team tries to bounce back

By Tommy Gilligan
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This Saturday, the Army Black Knights attempt to rebound from a hard fought loss against Iowa State and try to get back above .500 against Tulane in front of the Michie Stadium faithful.

"Tulane is coming off a great win against McNeese State," Army head coach Rich Ellerson said. "McNeese State is every bit on par with Richmond or New Hampshire, if not better."

The Green Wave comes north after beating perennial football bowl subdivision powerhouse McNeese State 42-32. Senior running back Andre Anderson and flanker Jeremy Williams gained a combined 420 yards in Tulane's first victory of the 2009 season.

Williams had the best collegiate receiving yardage game this season by hauling in 221 yards. Anderson rushed for 199 yards against the Cowboys, placing fourth in Conference USA for rushing this season.

Green Wave head coach Bob Toledo, in his third season at the helm in New Orleans and his 16th season as a head coach in Division I, is looking for another big win Saturday.

After getting their first win since early September last season, Toledo spoke about preparing for the Black Knights.

"We spent quite a bit of time on Army today. We did individual stuff and then scout stuff with just shells," Toledo said. "Tomorrow we'll be in full pads and on Wednesday we'll go full speed, so we tried to give them an idea of what the game plan is and what the opponent looks like on offense and defense."

Even though Army has had Tulane's number the past two seasons, Ellerson feels that there can be a lot learned from those tapes—even with players and coaching staff members leaving both teams over that time.

Looking within, Ellerson noted that they need to improve their field position through the kicking game and take advantage of the

opportunities that are presented to them.

"One thing that helped was throwing the ball to Ali (Villanueva)," Ellerson said. "In a one-on-one matchup, he is going to have the decisive advantage against a defender who is 6-foot-3-inches."

Ellerson continued on to say his players need to start stepping up.

"We still feel there is much more there in the run game, but we are frustrated that through a lack of execution and precision the positive plays are not manifesting themselves," Ellerson remarked. "I wish I could short circuit (everyone) and have everyone become mature gnarly old veterans who know exactly where to go and what to do, but it is just a process going on right now."

While understanding that the team may not be ready to accomplish everything overnight, offensively or defensively, Ellerson does see the progression of the young team.

Ellerson also dismissed the notion that Plebe Trent Steelman was pulled from the game, and he was replaced with Cow Chip Bowden due to his performance.

"Trent had a little injury that happened," Ellerson explained. "He is our starting quarterback."

Even with the notion Steelman will be fine, Bowden will continue to take snaps with both the first- and second-team.

Ellerson also noted that he will have a better idea of where Steelman stands after Tuesday's practice.

This Saturday's game will be televised on the CBS College Sports Network (Channels DirecTv—613, Dish Network—152, Time Warner—457). However, the game will be broadcasted on tape delay, so check local service providers for exact times.

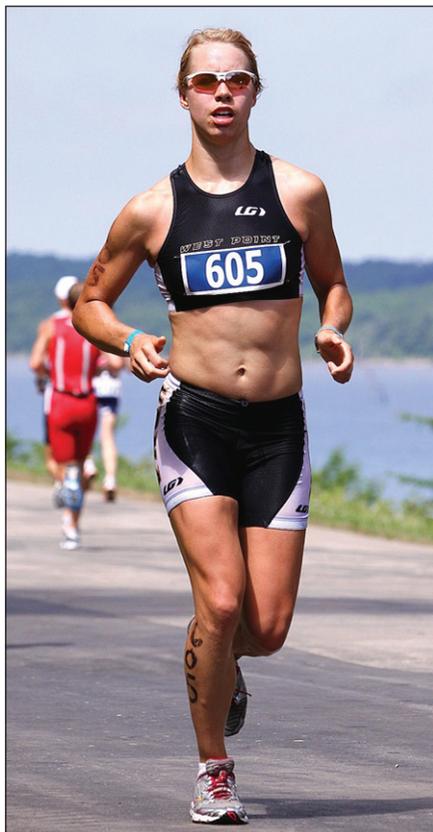
Army fans can also get the video and audio stream of the game from ITT Army Knight Vision at www.goarmysports.com.

The game can be heard on Army Sports Network through affiliates 77WABC Radio (770-AM) WALL (1340-AM) and WEOK (1390-AM) and Sirius Satellite Radio Channel 122.



Cow quarterback Chip Bowden subbed for Plebe Trent Steelman versus Iowa State Sept. 26. Bowden finished the evening 8-for-21 with 87 yards passing and one touchdown. He also added 42 yards on the ground. ERIC S. BARTELT/PV

CLUB RESULTS



• **Triathlon:** While the majority of the West Point Triathlon Team was racing at Westchester, a select group of three athletes migrated south to compete in the Augusta (Ga.) Ironman Sunday.

As part of the Ironman 70.3-mile series, the Augusta Ironman consisted of a 1.2-mile swim, a 56-mile bike and a 13.1-mile run. This race also served as one of the qualification races for the Ironman World Championships scheduled for Nov. 14 in Clearwater, Fla.

Firstie Ashley Morgan had the race of her life and demonstrated that she is among the elite young triathletes in the world.

Morgan dominated her age group by running a 1-hour, 28-minute, 46-second half marathon (6:46 per mile), and finished second among all amateur female athletes. Had Morgan been racing as a professional, she would have finished ninth.

Firstie Andy Stock set a personal and team-best for 2009 by finishing the half-ironman distance in 4:25:32. His race was highlighted by a 2:27 bike split in which he averaged 23 mph. However, while earning a third-place finish for his age group, Stock missed a World Championship qualification by one spot.

Firstie Rob Sherry continued to emerge as a complete triathlete with a solid race in all disciplines and distances.

Sherry's bike split was almost equal to Stock's, and he fought through a challenging run course to a 4:48 finish time.

Firstie Ashley Morgan (left) ran an incredible Augusta (Ga.) Ironman. During the 13.1-mile run portion, she ran it in 1 hour, 28 minutes and 46 seconds, which was second-best among amateur athletes.

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Sports calendar

Oct. 1-10

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FRIDAY—SWIMMING AND DIVING, ALUMNI MEET, 5 P.M. AT CRANDALL POOL.

SATURDAY—FOOTBALL VS. TULANE, NOON AT MICHIE STADIUM (CBS COLLEGE SPORTS NETWORK—TAPE DELAY.)

SATURDAY—HOCKEY. BLACK AND GOLD SCRIMMAGE, TBD AT TATE RINK.

OCT. 9—SWIMMING AND DIVING VS. STONY BROOK, BOSTON COLLEGE AND VERMONT, 4 P.M. AT CRANDALL POOL.

OCT. 9—SPRINT FOOTBALL VS. PENNSYLVANIA, 7 P.M. AT SHEA STADIUM.

OCT. 10—FOOTBALL VS. VANDERBILT, NOON AT MICHIE

STADIUM (CBS COLLEGE SPORTS NETWORK.)

Club

FRIDAY—BOXING, FRIDAY NIGHT FIGHTS, 6 P.M. AT NORTH BOXING ROOM.

SATURDAY—MEN'S RUGBY (1ST/2ND XV) VS. NYAC, 5 P.M. AT ANDERSON RUGBY COMPLEX.

SUNDAY—MEN'S RUGBY (ARMY COLTS—C/D SIDES) VS. FORDHAM, NOON AT ANDERSON RUGBY COMPLEX

SUNDAY—WOMEN'S RUGBY VS. PROVIDENCE COLLEGE, 2 P.M. AT ANDERSON RUGBY COMPLEX.

OCT. 9—BOXING, WEST POINT RUMBLE, 6 P.M. IN CENTRAL AREA.