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## H. Ross Perot to receive the Thayer Award

Compiled by Kathy Eastwood  
Staff Writer

H. Ross Perot will receive the prestigious Sylvanus Thayer Award in a ceremony hosted by the West Point Association of Graduates today.

The Corps of Cadets will conduct a review in his honor at 5 p.m. on the Plain before the award presentation during a dinner ceremony at the Cadet Mess Hall. The review is open to the public.

Perot, a Dallas billionaire, philanthropist and twice an independent presidential candidate in 1992 and 1996, will be presented the annual award that is given by WPAOG to a U.S. citizen "whose service and accomplishments in the national interest exemplify personal devotion to the ideals expressed in the West Point motto—Duty, Honor, Country," according to the WPAOG Web site.

Perot, a 1953 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, was instrumental in establishing their honor system. He was president of his class and battalion commander by the time he graduated. He served four years on a destroyer and also served on aircraft carriers USS Sigourney and USS Leyte.

After his discharge from the Navy in 1957, Perot worked for IBM's data processing division as a salesperson.

He broached the idea to IBM to lease unused computer time along with software and technical support. IBM was not interested, which prompted Perot to form his own company, Electronic Data System, in 1962.

The company did fairly well at first, until the government instituted Medicare and

## Protecting yourself against the flu



Roy Spells, West Point G-3 operations specialist, hands out H1N1 informational pamphlets, as a part of the Ready West Point campaign, to a driver during the morning commute Tuesday at Thayer Gate. Volunteers stood at all three gates handing out approximately 2,500 pamphlets as people entered the West Point grounds. For questions about the H1N1 influenza, contact the New York State Health Department's hotline at 800-808-1987 or go to its Web site at [www.health.state.ny.us/](http://www.health.state.ny.us/)

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Medicaid in 1965.

At that point, Perot found a profitable new interest in the insurance business by processing insurance claims and gained government contracts from 11 states that wanted to computerize their insurance billing.

EDS went public in 1968, and Perot became a billionaire within a week.

While he gained wealth in the business world, he never gave up his military roots. Upset over news footage of the treatment of prisoners of war in Vietnam, Perot used his own money to charter two jets filled with tons of food, medicine and gifts for the POWs.

Although the jets were not allowed to land in Vietnam, the publicity generated from this act resulted in better treatment of the POWs, according to the reports of released POWs.

In 1979, two EDS employees were taken hostage by the Iranian government.

Perot directed a successful rescue mission with EDS employees led by retired Green Beret Col. Arthur Simons. Perot also went to Iran and entered the prison where his men

were held.

Known for their philanthropy, the Perot Family has given more than \$100 million to charitable and civil causes.

He has donated both personal time and financial support to numerous organizations.

Perot wrote several books including "United We Stand," "Not for Sale at Any Price," "Save Your Job, Save Our Country" and "Preparing Our Country for the 21st Century."

Because of his leadership and generosity, Perot has been recognized more than a dozen times for his contributions with various awards and honors.

The Thayer Award, established in honor of Col. Sylvanus Thayer, "Father of the Military Academy," has been awarded annually since 1958.

Other significant recipients of the award include Dwight D. Eisenhower, Henry Kissinger, Walter Cronkite, Colin Powell, Tom Brokaw, Bob Hope, Douglas MacArthur and Neil Armstrong. Last year's recipient was retired Gen. Frederick J. Kroesen, Jr.

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# Wear pink for breast cancer during October

By KACH Preventive Medicine & Wellness Clinic

October is the month where the pink ribbon is visible virtually everywhere to remind everyone to raise awareness about breast cancer.

Here are some facts about breast cancer:

- 1 in 4 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime;
- More than 200,000 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in the U.S. this year;
- More than 40,000 women will die from the disease this year;
- Breast cancer occurs in men. In fact, more than 1,000 men will be diagnosed this year.

Breast cancer is more than a lump, although a lump is a common symptom of breast cancer. There are many breast cancer symptoms women aren't aware of such as a sudden change in breast size or a breast that is warm to the touch.

The mammogram is one of the best screening tools. Talk to your doctor and find out when you should have your next mammogram. Getting a regular mammogram is essential for good breast health.

Although breast cancer can be hereditary, those with Family members who have suffered from breast cancer are not the only ones at risk. Many women have never had anyone in their Family diagnosed with breast cancer. While it is especially important for women with a genetic disposition to be regularly screened, it is just as important for women who don't.

No one has pinpointed exactly why one woman may get breast cancer and another doesn't. That is why it is important to speak with your healthcare provider to get the facts and get screened on a regular basis.

Keller Army Community Hospital encourages you to make an appointment with your healthcare provider for an examination. Call 938-7992 or (800) 552-2907 to make your appointment.

You can also raise awareness about breast cancer. There may be breast cancer awareness events in your area to include walks, runs, fundraisers and rallies to support breast cancer awareness. Wear the pink ribbon—it is a simple way of getting breast cancer awareness on people's minds.

## Cornwall honors Petraeus

General David Petraeus, Class of 1974 and a former Cornwall resident, greets people at the Cornwall Middle School Oct. 8 as he was honored with a street named after him. Part of Quaker Ave., or County Route 107, is now named the Gen. David Howell Petraeus Highway. Diana Musich, principal of the Cornwall Middle School, stands behind Gen. David Petraeus while State Senator Bill Larkin Jr. and Orange County Executive Edward Diana stand to the side of Petraeus.

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

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

Difficulty: Easy

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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](mailto: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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# RMO Zarzycki dies at 54

Submitted by the  
Directorate of Human  
Resources

Eugene A. "Gene" Zarzycki, 54, of Marlboro, died Oct. 6 at Westchester Medical Center in Valhalla after a long illness.

Zarzycki was born Oct. 7, 1954, and was married to his wife, Ildiko, for 29 years. At the time of his death, Zarzycki was the Resource Management Officer for the U.S. Army Garrison at West Point.

Under his leadership, the RMO developed into a cohesive, well-developed staff organization.

He set a standard of excellence for resource management that was a testament to his dedication and professionalism.

His 31-year career began at West Point in the Cadet Uniform Factory in the Directorate of Logistics.

As his career progressed, he moved on to the Directorate of Public Works, and, ultimately, became the Garrison RMO.

In all of his capacities at West Point, Zarzycki was held in the highest regard as a friend, colleague and leader.

In 1980, while employed in the DOL, he earned a Master of Science Degree in Management Engineering from the New Jersey Institute of Technology.

The title of his thesis was, "The Structural Reorganization of the USMA Cadet Uniform Factory."

West Point accepted the tenets of Zarzycki's thesis, which resulted in significant cost savings for and the continuation of the operation of the uniform factory.

He was also an avid sports fan. He loved football, and was a die-hard New York Jets fan.



**Eugene A. "Gene" Zarzycki, Resource Management Officer for the U.S. Army Garrison at West Point, died Oct. 6 after a long illness. He was 54.**

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He coached Little League when his sons were young and continued coaching long after his sons had moved on to young adulthood, further demonstrating Zarzycki's kind and altruistic manner.

He is survived by his wife, Ildiko; sons Benjamin, Justin, and Chris; grandchildren Roger and

Norah; and his extended West Point Family.

He was loved and respected by all who knew him. Words cannot adequately express how much he will be missed.

His funeral services were Oct. 9, and he was buried at Lloyd Cemetery in Highland.

## Temporary expansion of homeowners' assistance

WASHINGTON — The Department of Defense announced recently the details for a temporary expansion of the Homeowners Assistance Program.

Using \$555 million in funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the HAP program is designed to partially reimburse eligible military personnel, surviving spouses and federal civilian employees whose service to the nation has required them to relocate and sell their primary residence at a loss.

Potential eligible personnel include:

- Active and former servicemembers of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast Guard;

- Civilian employees of the DOD, Coast Guard and non-appropriated fund activities;

- Surviving spouses of both fallen servicemembers and civilian employees.

Potential eligible personnel, who have sold a primary home for a loss or are considering selling their home, are encouraged to visit the DOD HAP Web site at <http://hap.usace.army.mil> to check specific program criteria and, if eligible, apply online.

The DOD HAP has been providing financial assistance to military personnel and DOD civilians since 1966, mainly at Base Realignment and Closure sites where government action caused a decrease in market home values.

While the HAP expansion is not designed to pay 100 percent of the losses or to cover all declines in value, it can help protect eligible applicants from financial catastrophe

because of significant losses in their home values.

Supporting military Families is one of the administration's highest priorities, and it includes leadership and engagement by Michelle Obama and Jill Biden.

In February 2009, Congress provided ARRA funding for a temporary expansion of the HAP to address unique economic pressures faced by military personnel who are forced to relocate during these unusually adverse housing market conditions.

After conducting an extensive analysis to determine how to best prioritize the finite funds available, while maximizing assistance to as many people as possible, the DOD developed specific eligibility criteria designed to take care of those in the greatest need. These program details have been published in the Federal Register and are now available for public comment.

ARRA funding allows the DOD to temporarily expand HAP to partially reimburse losses from the sale of a primary residence in the following priority order:

1. Homeowners wounded, injured or ill in the line of duty while deployed since Sept. 11, 2001, and relocating in furtherance of medical treatment;

2. Surviving spouse homeowners relocating within two years after the death of their spouse;

3. Homeowners affected by the 2005 BRAC round, without the need (which existed under previous law) to prove that a base closure announcement caused a local housing market decline;

4. Servicemember homeowners

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# Model UN gets real world perspective

Story and photo by  
Tommy Gilligan  
Assistant Editor

At the beginning of every academic year, plebes enter school trying to find their way, thinking about how they will separate themselves from their classmates, how they will be remembered and where they will end up in four years.

With many different ways to create their own identity here, from playing corps squad sports to joining a plethora of different clubs, more than 400 students flock to the Model United Nations tryouts every year.

"It is a very rigorous process in being selected for the team, with hundreds of students expressing interest in the team every year," Dr. Scott Silverstone, Social Sciences instructor, said. "Through the selection process, no more than 10 students are selected to be a part of the team."

While every club has a mission and a desire to win, the Model UN Club has an extremely important goal that stretches well beyond normal competitive grounds. The Model UN teams can be found in the large majority of universities and colleges throughout the world.

Over the past nine years, since Silverstone has been involved with the team, the U.S. Military Academy has taken the competitive program nationally to become a true world champion. This past weekend, the cadet delegates took the first-place team award, along with numerous other individual awards, at the National Collegiate Security Conference held at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.

"Over the four days, the cadet

leadership has the endurance that allows them to excel in their roles at the conferences," Silverstone said.

The cadets face some of the most brilliant young minds in the world at Model UN conferences. The team discusses the theories and practices of countries that are members of the United Nations.

While every school takes a hand at practicing each country's philosophy, the cadets never take the role of the United States of America.

The simple brilliancy of having the cadets play the opposing roles allow the future leaders of the world to see these future leaders of the U.S. Army in a different positive light.

"The team never represents the United States, they get plenty of that here at the academy," Silverstone said. "They get to look at the role of different countries' perspectives, and how to work with those ideals."

As the cadets gain experience and knowledge that can translate in aiding them when they earn their commission, what they are learning at each conference would be truly difficult to gain from the classroom alone.

Silverstone said to have a true understanding of how the UN works not only comes from controlled environments alone, but from listening to those who have been in the field and share what they've seen through their own eyes.

Recently, the members from the Model UN team and Firsties from the Social Sciences department had the honor of having Gillian Sorensen, a former United Nations' delegate and currently an advocate for the understanding of the United Nations, visit West Point.

"When the opportunity was



Gillian Sorensen, former United Nations' delegate and currently an advocate for the understanding of the United Nations, toured West Point with Dr. Scott Silverstone, Social Sciences instructor here, before speaking to cadets about the United Nations Sept. 30.

presented for me to visit West Point, I found it to be very special," Sorensen said. "To be able to speak with the students about the role of the UN is an honor and a delight."

With more than 30 years of experience working in a number of capacities with the United Nations, Sorensen has seen the growth of the UN first-hand.

Before speaking to more than 40 cadets in Thayer Hall, Sorensen said she hoped

they gain some insight on the role of the UN and to value the unique challenge that is presented to the UN.

The former UN delegate also mentioned how the UN is very important to diplomacy in a turbulent world.

During the nearly hourlong

discussion, Sorensen explained the many different nuances of the UN, and the changes of America's role in the world since the most recent presidential elections to the cadets.

The students in attendance heard a voice of experience from someone who has seen the changes of the UN first-hand.

## Board of Visitors meets Oct. 23

WEST POINT—The Board of Visitors of the U.S. Military Academy meets from 9-11 a.m. Oct. 23 in the Superintendent's Conference Room, Bldg. 600 (Taylor Hall), West Point.

The Board will review and receive updates on Middle States Accreditation, USMA Mission and Vision, academic instruction, physical instruction, the A-76 Commercial Activity Study, the Base Realignment and Closure, the Residential Communities Initiative, the FY 09 Budget Year-End Closeout, Admissions diversity, the Honor Committee and the Annual Report.

The members will discuss proposed meeting dates for the 2010 organizational meeting.

The Board of Visitors is appointed under the provision of Section 4355 of Title 10, United States Code. It is the duty of the Board to inquire about the academy's morale and discipline, curriculum, instructions, physical equipment, fiscal affairs and academic methods. The board consists of presidential appointees and members of Congress.

Presidential appointees are John S. Rainey, Dr. Charles Younger, Blake G. Hall, Karen Hughes, Frederick Malek and Randolph Brock III.

The Senators are Honorables Kay Bailey Hutchison, Jack Reed, Mary Landrieu and Richard Burr. Representatives include Honorables Maurice Hinchey, Todd Tiaht, Jim Marshall, John Hall and Jerry Lewis.

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receiving orders dated on or after Feb. 1, 2006, through Dec. 31, 2009, for a permanent change of station move.

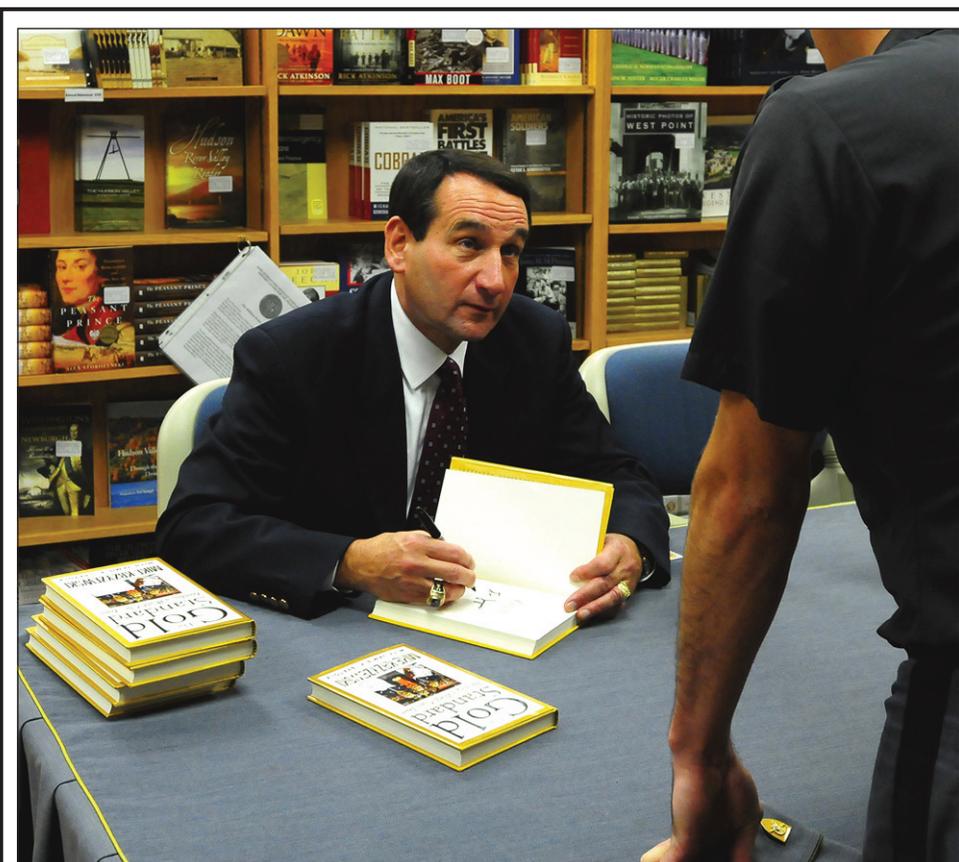
The orders must specify a report-no-later-than date on or before Feb. 28, 2010, to a new duty station or home port outside a 50-mile radius of the servicemember's former duty station.

These dates may be extended to Sept. 30,

2012, based on availability of funds.

Each of these general categories has more specific eligibility requirements which have been updated at the DOD HAP Web site.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers executes the program for all the military branches and HAP administrators will start processing applications immediately after completion.



## Gold standard

Duke University head basketball coach Mike Krzyzewski, Class of 1969, speaks to a cadet during his book signing in the Cadet Bookstore in Thayer Hall Tuesday. Coach K's book, "The Gold Standard: Building a World Class Team," is the third book he has written.

TOMMY GILLIGAN/PV

## ***Family Child Care and Outreach Services provide flexible programs***

**By Kathy Eastwood**  
Staff Writer

Many Families have a hard time finding child care while they work. Some may need to place their children in day care facilities, which are often expensive and not conveniently located near the workplace or home. Although this situation can happen anywhere, Soldiers, Family members, civilian workers and contractors in the military or working for the military may find the problem of obtaining child care more problematic because of shift-work, long hours, mobilization and training exercises.

The Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation's Family Child Care Program, also a part of the Child Youth and School Services program, find caring individuals on-post who choose to be Family care providers. These providers offer a nurturing and intimate atmosphere where a child can feel at home.

The Family Child Care Program takes place at a provider's home, and it provides flexible hours, a comfortable Family-like setting and age-appropriate activities. Most offer full-day, part-day and hourly care with some providing special services such as long-term care during mobilization and training exercises.

"Family Child Care providers receive extensive and ongoing training, and their homes are inspected on a regular basis to ensure that appropriate fire, safety and health standards are met," Elizabeth Peralta, Family Child Care director, said.

Peralta said before a provider can begin taking care of children, they need to be trained in:

- Cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid;
- Regulations and standard operating procedures;
- Child growth and development;
- Parent and public relations;
- Child health, sanitation and nutrition, as well as safety and emergency procedures;
- Child abuse identification, reporting and prevention;
- Special needs awareness.

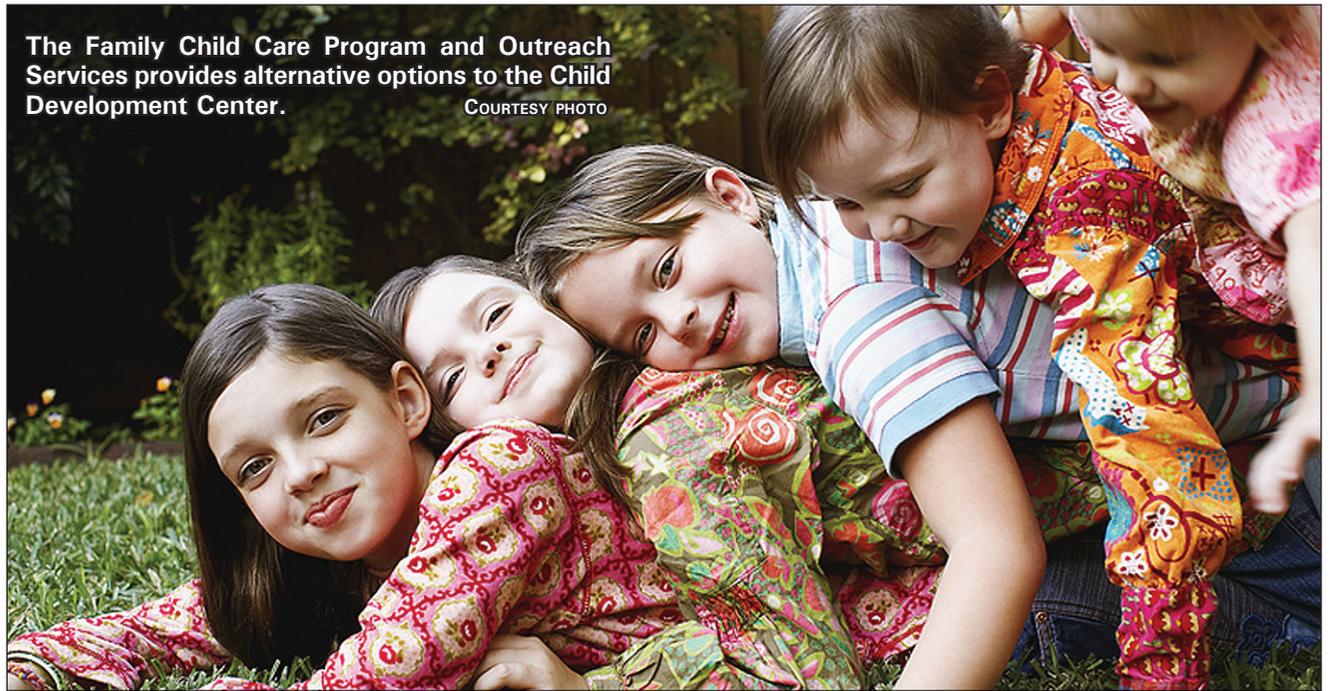
"This training is provided by the Training and Curriculum specialist, the nurse and I," Peralta said. "Afterward, they must complete a total of 13 modules on topics such as professionalism, program management, communication and guidance, to name a few, within 18 months after beginning the program."

The Outreach Services, also a part of the FCC, provide child care for special needs children.

"The training is the same as an FCC provider receives, but the education includes training for a specific special needs

**The Family Child Care Program and Outreach Services provides alternative options to the Child Development Center.**

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child," Kim Tague, special services director, said. "There are two differences in the FCC program and ours—one, the provider receives (additional) training in the special needs of a child, and, two, the Family home is a smaller group."

For information on the FCC program, call Elizabeth Peralta at 938-6170. For information on the Outreach Services or becoming an Outreach Services provider, call Kim Tague at 938-3921.

# Sharp and the Class of 1974: a 35-year reflection

Story and photos by  
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Communications

Last weekend, the West Point Class of 1974 alumni held their 35-year reunion. Among the ranks were three four-star generals—Gen. Dave Petraeus, Central Command commander; Gen. Marty Dempsey, Training and Doctrine Command commander; and Gen. Skip Sharp, United Nations Command/Combined Forces Command/United States Forces Korea commander in South Korea.

Another classmate, Lt. Gen. Keith Alexander, future commander of Cyber Command and currently commander of the National Security Agency, is set to receive his fourth star soon. They are a handful in a USMA graduate class full of more general officers than there has been in recent history.

What makes that fact all the more remarkable is that they entered West Point at a time when America had much distaste for the military because of the Vietnam War. Sharp remembers back to 1970, when he and his contemporaries decided to volunteer for service in the wake of the Vietnam War.

The triple-threat commander was born in Morgantown, W. Va., while his father was overseas during the Korean War. Like many military children, he did not—and still has not—claimed any one place as his hometown, as he grew up while moving around from Fort Hood, Texas, to Fort Knox, Ky., and Washington, D.C.

“(The year 1970) was a very interesting time in U.S. history,” Sharp said. “There was great disdain for the military, and it was still a draft military at the time. The troops we had in the military, to be honest, were not very professional.”

Sharp feels that what affected him and his classmates the most over their first years in the military was how, as a whole, the leadership realized they were missing an important value—selfless service.

“(My classmates) entered thinking, ‘OK, we want to do selfless service, we want to help protect our country,’” Sharp said. “So

it was a group of folks that understood the importance of that, and in a context which is totally different today.”

Even after the draft was abolished, there seemed to be as many professional Soldiers as there were Soldiers with drug problems and a lack of leadership, Sharp remarked. After he and his classmates graduated, they had no idea what kind of noncommissioned officers they would soon have in their chains of command.

“I lucked out,” Sharp said. “My first platoon sergeant, in a tank platoon at Fort Hood, Texas, Staff Sgt. Tom Cole, took me under his wing and really taught me what it was like, and how to lead my tank platoon.”

As he worked with Cole, Sharp learned what officer and NCO responsibilities were and how they worked together. He now sees there are a greater number of proficient NCOs ready to assist new lieutenants in today’s Army.

“(They) help form the new cadre of leaders that come out of the (West Point) class,” Sharp said. “It really makes a huge difference.”

Sharp is impressed with how the Corps of Cadets is joining the military during a time of war, much like his classmates did in 1970. However, it wasn’t until after the Berlin Wall fell in 1989 that they experienced their first major military conflicts.

“If you join today, you’re going to war,” Sharp explained. “That selfless service is remarkable, and it’s remarkable to me that the Families (have) a willingness to sacrifice for the United States with all of the deployments.”

Many West Point graduates have found success not just in the military, but in the corporate sector as well. Sharp feels that the academy instills values in its graduates that can carry over to both walks of life.

“It goes back to leadership and organizational skills,” Sharp said. “(West Point) teaches you how to organize people, but, most importantly, how to lead people. That is as big a benefit in civilian companies as it is in the military.”

Members of the Class of 1974 sat with the Class of 2010 in Michie Stadium Oct. 10 to celebrate Army’s football victory over



General Skip Sharp, United Nations Command, Combined Forces Command and U.S. Forces Korea commander, gives a brief to tactical staff about the future of Korean assignments in Thayer Hall Room 144 Oct. 9.

Vanderbilt. Sharp has advice for that next graduating class that will be sure to lead them into victory during their military careers.

“Take care of (your) troops,” Sharp said. “The nation will entrust upon them a

tremendous opportunity to shape and lead the young Soldiers who are volunteering in a time of war. It is a great responsibility, but with the leadership they are taught here, they will do very, very well at it.”



General Skip Sharp (second from right), United Nations Command, Combined Forces Command, and U.S. Forces Korea commander, has his picture taken with Class of 1974 classmates after the alumni review Oct. 10. Distinguished members of his class include Gens. Dave Petraeus (Sharp’s right), Central Command commander; and Marty Dempsey (Sharp’s left), Training and Doctrine commander.

# Social media meeting the Army standard

By Sgt. Vincent Fusco  
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When Yearling Travis Hughes left West Point in mid-July to begin his Academic Individual Advanced Development in Washington, D.C., he only expected to work in a congresswoman's office as a military liaison. But by the end of his AIAD, he successfully put together a Facebook page—for a four-star general.

Hughes started working for Kathy Dahlkemper, congresswoman for the 3rd District of Pennsylvania, July 21. He attended military briefings and panels in the Capitol and researched newspapers and issues of Congressional Quarterly to create presentations on military issues for her to review.

On July 29, Hughes attended a caucus on suicide prevention in the military at the Rayburn Building.

One of the initiatives in the discussion was, "Telemedicine," a webcam-based system that allows troops to immediately connect with mental health professionals free of charge. That proposal came from Gen. Peter W. Chiarelli, the Vice Chief of Staff of the Army.

That afternoon, the cadet and the general met face-to-face. After they discussed ideas on suicide prevention, Hughes asked Chiarelli if he "could possibly work" in his office during the congressional recess the following week.

"He immediately said 'yes,' gave me his card and a coin, and told me to e-mail him," Hughes said.

Two days later he celebrated his 20th birthday and spent the weekend celebrating with friends. Hughes had received an e-mail from Chiarelli suggesting he "get lots of sleep this weekend, because we're going to put you to work."

He reported to the Pentagon for his first day of work Aug. 3, unaware of what he might be doing for the Vice Chief. Lieutenant Col. Patrick Michaelis, the Special Assistant to the Vice Chief, oriented Hughes around the Pentagon that day.

Michaelis sized up Hughes' potential before giving him the mission of creating the Vice Chief's Facebook page.

Hughes' familiarity with social media and willingness to rise to the challenge made him the logical choice for building the page and convincing Chiarelli about its practicality.

"I wanted him to explore the different possibilities of Gen. Chiarelli using social media," Michaelis said. "Hughes basically built the idea (for Chiarelli's page) from the ground up."

Hughes' job over the next four days was to create Chiarelli's page and put together a seven-slide PowerPoint presentation.

Hughes put his presentation together using research that supported Facebook as a useful social networking tool in order to connect with military and civilians alike.

To get ideas and templates needed to build Chiarelli's page, Hughes met with the



**During his Academic Individual Advanced Development in Washington, D.C., Yearling Travis Hughes developed a Facebook page for Gen. Peter W. Chiarelli, the Vice Chief of Staff of the Army, to increase the visibility of his policies and the Army overall using social media. The page Hughes built is expected to go live in the next few weeks pending final adjustments.**

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officer who runs Navy Adm. Michael Mullin's Facebook page.

He noted how the fan-based forum portrays the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in a positive light and quickly sends information out to his followers.

Hughes said he spent six hours customizing Chiarelli's Facebook page.

He called Facebook directly to request removal of advertisements from the Vice Chief's page, a standard for a government official's page.

On the afternoon of his Aug. 8 deadline, Hughes briefed the Vice Chief. He found himself in the unique position of showing one of the top general officers in the Army why he should put himself and his affairs on a forum viewed by more than 250 million people.

"The Vice Chief was skeptical (about social media)," Hughes said. "The best thing I thought I could do was make him his own page. There's nothing better than seeing your own face on (your) page."

Hughes built a "ghost" page with links to pictures, speeches and events associated with the Vice Chief.

He showed Chiarelli how he could post content himself with just a few mouse clicks.

"I said, 'sir, look how easy it is,'" Hughes said. "I found a link online and posted it right to the page in front of him in his big flatscreen TV. He was sitting there saying, 'really, it's that easy?'"

Hughes showed the Vice Chief how his page has the potential to inform the public of projects of great importance to him, such as suicide prevention, Michaelis said.

It can also allow dialogue on those issues to occur between people interested in the Army, Soldiers and Family members.

In his brief to Chiarelli, Hughes laid out the policies pertinent to how social media works, Michaelis said. He approached the issue from the lens of operational security and UCMJ compliance.

"We take operational security very seriously," Michaelis said. "When you post something is just as important as what you post."

When all was said and done, Chiarelli felt Hughes made a compelling case for how social media could inform the public about his role as the Vice Chief of Staff of the Army, Michaelis said.

He approved Hughes' work and decided to continue developing it so the page could go live at a later date.

The page is currently in the final stages of development and is expected to go live in the next two weeks.

Michaelis was most impressed with how Hughes jumped into the project with a high level of energy and insight while he tailored to the needs of the Vice Chief.

"In my mind, it's indicative of what kind of leaders the Army needs today," Michaelis said. "It's great that West Point is sending guys like him to show what right looks like."

# NOW SHOWING

in the movie theater at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752

**Friday — Julie & Julia, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**

**Saturday — I Can Do Bad All by Myself  
PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**

**Saturday — Inglorious Basterds, R,  
9:30 p.m.**

THE THEATER SCHEDULE ALSO CAN BE FOUND  
AT [WWW.AAFES.COM](http://WWW.AAFES.COM).

## Command Channel 8/23

### Oct. 15-22

Army Newswatch

(broadcast times)

Thursday-Friday,

Monday-Wednesday

and Oct. 22

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

Thayer Award presentation (LIVE)

Thursday 9 a.m.

Jazz Knights

Thursday 7:30 p.m.



## Black and Gold volunteers

The Black and Gold Volunteer Awards Ceremony was held Oct. 1 at the Army Community Service building. This month's recipients, standing next to Garrison Commander Col. Dan Bruno are (from left) Col. Rodney Sturdivant, Ali Ramirez, Brian Moretti, Ph.D., Betty Moretti, Katie Bellocchio, Firstie Tom Comer, Will Luna, Cate Phillips and Paul West, Ph.D. The Volunteer of the Month was Ramirez. These are just some of the many volunteers that work tirelessly throughout West Point. They and many others may participate in the Army Family Action Plan conference to be held at the West Point Club Nov. 17-18. Interested in participating? Contact Christina Overstreet, AFAP and Army Volunteer coordinator, at 938-3655 or via e-mail at [christina.overstreet@usma.edu](mailto:christina.overstreet@usma.edu).

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## 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.

### Candy corn counting contest

Beginning Tuesday, 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.

### Breakfast on the Go

Balfour Beatty Communities will be handing out a free bite to eat Oct. 16 to all West Point residents with a personal safety flyer on emergency preparedness.

### National Make a Difference Day is Oct. 24

BBC and the Children's Angel Network are looking for community members to make a difference in our community. We are asking everyone to get involved in any way they can to make a difference on Oct. 24. Whether it is a small gesture of kindness or a large service project, everyone can get involved. Document your activity and then meet us at Roe Park for the Make a Difference Celebration at 5 p.m. For more information on all BBC LifeWorks events or to RSVP, call Jodi Gellman at 446-6407.

# TSP TICKER

## OCTOBER share prices (as of 10/09)

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| C Fund | — | + | 0.37 | (12.6422) |
| S Fund | — | + | 0.56 | (15.9912) |
| I Fund | — | + | 0.62 | (18.2763) |

Want to read the Pointer View on crisp paper rather than online? To get a yearly subscription (48 issues) of the Pointer View, contact Theresa Gervasi at the Times Herald-Record at 800-295-2181.

# What's Happening

## Young Life banquet

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

The Oscar-themed banquet is for adults 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](mailto:allisoncook25@yahoo.com).

For more information, visit [www.oneill.younglife.com](http://www.oneill.younglife.com).

## Cornwall-on-Hudson yard sale

From 9 a.m.-4 p.m., rain or shine, Saturday, 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.

## American Girl Fashion Shows

Most Precious Blood Regional Catholic School is hosting four American Girl Fashion Shows at 6:30 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Saturday and noon Sunday.

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.

MPB School is located at 180 Ulster Avenue, Walden.

For more information, call Katie at 566-5736 or e-mail [triccio@aol.com](mailto:triccio@aol.com).

To download order forms and pictures from previous fashion shows, go to the school Web site at [www.mpbwalden.org](http://www.mpbwalden.org).

## Mandatory training for building commandants

All building commandants and alternates must attend one of the two mandatory training briefings—from

9-11 a.m. Monday in Room 144, Thayer Hall or from 9-11 a.m. Oct. 28 in the Social Hall, at the Jewish Chapel, Bldg. 750.

The briefing covers specific information needed to successfully perform assigned building commandant duties with topics including regulatory guidelines for appointment and duties, service order/work orders, environmental concerns, fall clean-up and snow removal from the subject matter experts from the Garrison Command sergeant major, EEO, Safety, DES, DPW, and DPTMS.

All building commandants must attend this briefing even if they have previously served as a building commandant.

New building commandants (or alternates) need to submit contact information, to Elizabeth McGinnis, Installation Support Branch, at 938-5840.

For more information, contact DPW Customer Relations at 938-4407.

## ASMC Mini-Professional Development Day

The West Point Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers has scheduled a one-day PD seminar from 8:15 a.m.-4:15 p.m. Tuesday at the West Point Club. It is open to the public.

Reservations are required and there is a fee for the event.

For more information, call Carol Spisso at 938-8831 or contact her via e-mail at [carol.spisso@usma.edu](mailto:carol.spisso@usma.edu).

## Personally-owned firearm ranges

The West Point Range Control will host three personally-owned firearm dates.

The dates are from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Oct. 31, 1-4:30 p.m. Nov. 3 and 1-4:30 p.m. Nov. 13.

Range 5, where the POF range is located, is off of Route 293 across from the West Point Fire Department.

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

to participate.

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

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

## Garrison Award Ceremony

The West Point community is invited to attend the Garrison Award Ceremony at 3:30 p.m. October 22 at Crest Hall in Eisenhower Hall.

## Growing as a Family

Join the Sunday classes any time—9-10 a.m. Sundays. Park on Thayer Roof, walk down to the 3rd Floor. Pick up one of the bagels or cups of coffee.

Children can attend the cadet-led Sunday school classes and parents can attend the adult discussion.

Classes led by Ian/Laurie McCulloh (Rocking the Roles, Marriage Study), Dwain Gregory (The Jesus Everyone Should Know, study of Mark 1-4), Dave Hampton/Greg Parnell (Salvation by Faith study, Romans 1-8), Mike Warren (Discipleship and Bible Study) and Mike Durham (Max Lucado, Traveling Light) are offered.

You may pre-register your children (all grades preschool through high school) by contacting the Director of Religious Education (Protestant Chapels) at [eric.bryan@usma.edu](mailto:eric.bryan@usma.edu) or 938-3412/4369.

## Bookkeeper job available

The Constitution Island Association is interested in hiring a bookkeeper for three hours a week.

The office is located in Bldg. 2104, where the Red Cross resides, near the Visitor's Center.

The applicant must have knowledge of Quick Books.

For more information, call 446-8676 or e-mail Richard de Koster at [info@constitutionisland.org](mailto:info@constitutionisland.org).

## Post Chapel Harvest Night

The Post chapel is hosting Harvest Night from 4-7 p.m. Oct. 31, just outside the Post Chapel.

The night will include farm-made cider and donuts, horse-drawn

carriage rides, crawl through the Tunnel-of-Light, weaving through the Hay-Maze and enjoying several Family-friendly crafts and games.

There also will be a costume parade at 5 p.m.

In case of inclement weather, the event will move to the Elementary School gymnasium.

The event is sponsored by the Protestant Chapels.

For more information, contact Eric Bryan at 608-0457 or e-mail him at [eric.bryan@usma.edu](mailto:eric.bryan@usma.edu).

## Wounded Warriors Project

First Battalion, 1st Regiment will be conducting a 12-mile road march Nov. 11 (Veterans Day) as a fundraiser for the Wounded Warriors Project.

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

Cadets will be asking instructors and other personnel on post to sponsor them through a monetary donation.

The goal is to raise \$15,000 for WWP.

For more information about the event, contact Firstie Claire Heid at [claire.heid@usma.edu](mailto:claire.heid@usma.edu).

## "Down Range" premiere

The West Point community is invited to the premiere of "Down Range," a new play about how returning Soldiers survive the war at home.

All proceeds from "Down Range" ticket sales will be donated to Soldier's Heart, a charitable organization that addresses the emotional and spiritual needs of veterans, their Families and communities.

"Down Range" opens Oct. 28 and runs through Nov. 14 at Theatre 3, 311 West 43rd St., third floor, in New York City.

For more information about dates, times and prices, call 212-868-4444 or go online at [www.smarttix.com](http://www.smarttix.com).

## West Point Middle School Veterans Day assembly

The West Point Middle School

hosts its annual Veterans Day reception and assembly for local veterans.

The event, with a theme of America's First Soldiers: The Revolutionary War, begins at noon Nov. 10, with a reception in the school library. The show starts at 1 p.m. in the auditorium and runs for an hour.

The show consists of vignettes of a Soldier and colonists' lives in the 18th century.

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

To RSVP for the event, call 938-2923.

## Amateur Radio Club

The West Point Amateur Radio Club (USMA ARC, W2KGY) is conducting an FCC Amateur Radio License exam session at 2 p.m. Nov. 15 in the Dean's Conference Room, Thayer Hall, Room 306, 938-7503.

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](mailto:Thomas.Dean@usma.edu).

## Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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# FMWR Blurbs

## FMWR Fitness Center Late Opening

The FMWR Fitness Center will have a delayed opening of 9 a.m. Oct. 24 due to ascheduled power outage.

For more information, call 938-6490.

## Youth Services Halloween Dance

There is a Youth Services Halloween Dance from 6-9 p.m. Friday at Youth Services, Bldg. 500 for seventh and eighth grades.

For more information, call 938-8525/3727.

## Oktoberfest at the West Point Club

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

Dance away the evening with the Alpine Squeeze Band. Enjoy specialty German food and beers at the pay-as-you-go bar.

For more information, call 938-5120.

## Defensive Driving

The next defensive driving class will be held from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday at ACS, Bldg. 622.

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

## Family Fun Night

The ACS Mobilization and Deployment Program presents Family Fun Night for the Families of deployed Soldiers from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Saturday at Youth Services, Bldg. 500.

Call 938-5654 to register.

## 2009 U.S. Army Soldier Show

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

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

# Keller Corner

## Seasonal Flu Vaccine

Dependent children under three and pregnant spouses of active duty Soldiers are encouraged to walk-in to the Keller Army Community Hospital Immunization Clinic from 8-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 Mondays-Wednesdays and Fridays and from 8-11:30 a.m. Thursdays to receive their seasonal flu immunizations. Supplies are limited.

Once these high-risk patients are immunized and more supplies become available, active duty and other beneficiaries will be immunized.

This is only for seasonal flu, which is different than the vaccine for H1N1 flu.

H1N1 vaccine is not yet available. Once available, Keller will notify the community and begin immunizations for H1N1 flu.

## Childbirth Preparation Classes

For more information, call 938-6497.

## Youth Center Bowling Night

The Youth Center is offering a Bowling Night for 5th and 6th graders from West Point and the Highland Falls Community from 6-8 p.m. Oct 24.

There is a small fee for bowling, pizza and soda. Register by Oct. 19, space is limited. For more information, call YS at 938-8525/8899.

## English for Language Learners

An English for Language Learners course will begin an eight-week combined class Oct. 26.

This class will meet Mondays from 9:30-11 a.m. in Bldg. 622.

Advance registration is required for all attendees.

For more information, call Ciara Luna at 938-3487.

## 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.

## Newcomer's Orientation

The ACS Relocation Program will host a Newcomer's Orientation and Welcome class from 8:30 a.m.- 3 p.m. Oct. 27 - 29

The class encompasses the below:

Oct. 27: Information about the local community and area and tour of West Point,  
Oct. 28: Visit to Constitution Island and

boat ride,

October 29: Learn how to use the train to get to New York City and navigate subway systems.

Advance registration is required. Day 1 is mandatory for all new personnel assigned to the Garrison.

To register, call Ciara Luna at 845-938-3487/4621 or e-mail [Ciara.luna@usma.edu](mailto:ciara.luna@usma.edu).

## FMWR Haunted Hayride

The Haunted Hayride is 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 discounted admission.

The rain date is Oct. 31.

For more information, call 938-2503.

## FMWR Fitness Center Brick Challenge

Join the FMWR Fitness Center for a Brick Challenge at 7:15 a.m. Oct. 31.

Participants will complete a 40-minute spin class then run or walk 4-miles for time around Post (run/walk can also be completed indoors on treadmill).

Pre-registration is not required, but bikes are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Class coupons can be purchased at the front desk. E-mail Dana White at [teamwhitefitness@gmail.com](mailto:teamwhitefitness@gmail.com) with questions.

## FMWR Fitness Center

Note that the group fitness monthly memberships at the FMWR Fitness Center will have an increase starting Nov. 1.

The center is closed for all home football games and federal holidays.

For more information, call 938-6490.

## Hunting Lottery

The hunting lottery for the opening of rifle season is at 6 p.m. Nov. 5 at the Ski Lodge, Bldg 718 and is open to active duty military, retired military and DOD civilians.

Call 938-2503 to register.

## ACS Employment Readiness Program

Want information on a flexible and portable career? The Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program is hosting a medical transcription information session 10-11:30 a.m. Oct. 30 at ACS Bldg. 622.

Reservations are required. Call 938-5658 for more information.

## Adult Hockey Program

The Adult Hockey Program is now underway, and runs from 7-8:30 p.m. Sundays and 9-10:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Tate Rink.

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.

## Quarterback Luncheon

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

For more information, call 938-5120.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## Women's Crossfit Class

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

For more information, call 938-6490/7060.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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](mailto:tenuta06@yahoo.com).

# Thomas leads women rugby's national aspirations

Story and photos by  
Eric S. Bartelt  
Editor

Momentum has been building on the pitch for Army women's rugby since their season-opening 18-10 loss to Penn State, the defending women's collegiate rugby national champions. In defeat, Army found its footing, a confidence that has continued through four straight victories and a combined victory total of 294-10.

"We knew they were the defending national champions, so we just wanted to see what we had against them," Cow outside center Sylvia Thomas said. "We wanted to see where we stood and focused on what we practiced on. We try to do that every single match, and we came in and played pretty well.

"Our pack dominated at times," she said about the team's best moment this season despite the loss. "I was really thrilled because I have never seen our pack that strong before, so seeing that got me more excited about the season ahead."

Since that opening loss, the team has dominated in all phases, which is quite a feat for a very youthful team.

"I feel like our scrum is the strongest it's ever been," Thomas said. "Our backline is doing amazing, so I couldn't have asked for anything more for the team.

"We're very excited," she added. "I was excited last year when the (yearling) class came in, and the majority of the team is now cows and (yearlings). We have bonded tremendously."

Thomas is the leader of the

team, both in talent and as captain of the squad. Thomas came to West Point with the notion that she was going to play basketball, but chose a different path and joined the rugby team.

"I wanted to try something different and rugby came up," Thomas explained. "I had some firsties from my (Cadet Basic Training) company, who played rugby, who encouraged me to play, so I came down and stuck with the team."

During the last four matches, the Gordonsville, Tenn., native has recorded 11 tries, which is a couple more than the second-best try scorer, Yearling fullback Jessica Sexauer (9).

Thomas, who has played inside center and fly-half previously, enjoys playing outside center because it allows her to be more creative with the ball.

"It gives me a lot of leeway to do a lot of things," Thomas said. "I played fly-half last year for a little bit, and I was restricted in many ways. But, as the outside center, I think I have a better feel and the ability to make more plays."

Second-year head coach Will Riddle has been impressed with Thomas. He feels she has great awareness on the field and knows what's in front of her, which, to him, is quite rare in newer players because she has only been playing the sport for a little more than two years.

"The most difficult thing to teach a new player in rugby is to be able to not only know where the players are around you, your teammates, but to see what the defense is doing and



Cow outside center Sylvia Thomas reaches the goal line during Army's 91-0 victory over Yale Sept. 26. Thomas has scored 11 tries during a four-match winning streak where Army has won by a combined 294-10.

what the opportunities are in front of you whether you have the ball in your hands or not," Riddle said. "Thomas is one of those players who can see those opportunities, make a break for those gaps, take the ball and take it into space. For her to do it as well as she does it is rare, and that's why she finds so many opportunities to score."

Thomas is one of the reasons Army finished last season on a strong note by reaching the Elite Eight in the spring, as they lost a close match to Stanford. Close losses to Penn State and Stanford,

some of the best teams in the country, have the team thinking of greater goals in the next couple of years.

"We feel like we can compete with anybody in the country, and I think the rest of the country would agree," Riddle said. "There are a handful of teams that could compete (for a championship) such as Penn State, Brown, Navy and Stanford, teams that are in the top tier, and we are definitely a part of that.

"I think we have a lot more room to climb, and I believe we're only going to get better," he added. "There are a lot of improvements that can still be made, and we've got some young players who are outstanding athletes. Our new plebes are going to be doing the same things players like Jessica Sexauer did last year, which is making a huge impact by the end of their first year."

Plebes Scostia Peterson and Sharron Gianessi are a couple of youngsters Riddle envisions as being difference-makers down the road.

He also has been impressed by the play of Yearling fly-half Kaitlyn Kelly, Cow wing Ashley Miller and Cow scrum-half Marie Timm.

Riddle's system of thinking two-three phases ahead and controlling the game has taken root within the team. The team has been getting more and more comfortable with his system, which is now leading to more domination on the pitch.

"We're communicating better and getting along well," Riddle said. "I'm enjoying being around them. As far as getting used to me as a coach and my style, I think we're there, and I think we're functioning well as a team and a coaching staff—about as well as can be expected."

The biggest thing is growing as a team and improving as the year progresses, because Riddle knows at some point the team may find its plateau.

"There comes a point with any team, regardless of the sport, that you reach a ceiling, and it's about as good as you're going to get," Riddle remarked. "However, it's fun to think about the possibilities of what we could become in another two years because of all the players we're bringing back.

"This year, we will only graduate three, and we only lost two starters from last year," he added. "So to have that young of a team that is together for that long, it's going to be fun to see what they're capable of in the future."

For a player like Thomas, the future is now. She has seen a lot of great moments on the pitch, including Army's 22-20 victory over Navy last fall, but, to her, for the team to reach the next level, they need to beat Brown.

Army finished last fall second in the Northeast Rugby Union playoffs behind Brown, and know they are their biggest competitors again.

"They are our biggest competition, but I honestly believe we'll get first this year," Thomas said. "By the time we hit Brown in our schedule (in November), we'll be ready for them."

Everything is now coming together for the team. They've become more refined in learning the basics and mechanics of rugby under Riddle's system, and it's showing more on the scoreboard.

"We've got experienced players who've been under our system for a year now," Riddle said. "They are comfortable with it, and the learning curve has past. We are seeing the results from that now."



Yearling fullback Jessica Sexauer busts through Yale's defense scoring one of the nine tries she scored in the last four games.

# Sprint remains undefeated, beating Penn 35-26

By Dallas Miller  
Athletic Communications

Clinging to a slim lead late in the fourth quarter, the Army defense came through with a key interception that halted a University of Pennsylvania drive deep in Army territory and helped preserve a 35-26 win for the Black Knights.

In a matchup of previously undefeated Collegiate Sprint Football League teams, Army raised its record to 4-0 overall, 2-0 CSFL, while Penn fell to 3-1, 1-1 with the loss.

Penn trailed by the two-score margin with 2:04 still to play, but the Quakers refused to give in, led by an outstanding performance from quarterback Todd Bussler. Bussler, who completed 27-of-42 passes for 429 yards and two touchdowns, steered Penn's final drive down to the Army nine-yard line before throwing a costly interception to Firstie linebacker Robby Mandel at the one-yard line.

In total, the two teams combined for 934 yards of total offense and exchanged the lead five different times.

With Army leading 7-6 after the second of four field goals, including a 45-yarder, from Penn's Raiaim Santos, both offenses got back on track over the final four minutes of the first half and continued to move the ball at will for the remainder of the contest.

The Quakers took their first lead of the game with three minutes, 25 seconds remaining in the second quarter after a 76-yard touchdown connection from Bussler to Whit Shaw, who frustrated the Black Knights' secondary for 274 yards on nine receptions.

Just two minutes and 33 seconds later, Army answered and regained the lead, 14-13, on Yearling wide receiver Benjamin Johnson's second touchdown of the evening from Tim Meier, capping a five-play, 62-yard drive.

Not to be outdone, Penn drove 56 yards in just 36 seconds to take a 16-14 lead into the locker room after a 31-yard field goal split the uprights.

Coming out of the break, it was the Army defense that came up big, as Yearling defensive back JP Cooper and Firstie defensive lineman Thomas Malejko recorded a first-down sack that the Penn offense couldn't overcome.

The Quakers' subsequent punt pinned the Army offense at its own three-yard line with 9:45 remaining in the third quarter.

Needing a score to regain the momentum, Army's offense marched 10 straight plays without a setback to find the end zone on a nine-yard run off right tackle from Firstie captain running back Ricky Lentz. The drive was also highlighted by a 47-yard catch from Johnson, who registered 108 receiving yards.



Plebe running back Marquis Morris finished the Penn game with 140 yards on 13 carries and two touchdowns in Army's 35-26 win over the Quakers.

ERIC S. BARTELT/PV

Penn pulled to within two, 21-19, after another field goal from Santos, but saw its deficit grow back to nine, 28-19, after Plebe running back Marquis Morris' six-yard run with 7:55 remaining in the game.

Again, Penn surged back, as Bussler found a wide-open Shaw for Penn's final score of the game from

43-yards out to trim the lead to just two at 28-26.

Morris then darted Army ahead by nine again with his burst through the line for a 68-yard touchdown scamper up the sidelines.

Cow linebacker Bryan Girouaud led the Army defense with 12 tackles (six solo), while Cow linebacker

Eric Shirley and Malejko added seven hits apiece. Malejko also registered three tackles for a loss of 14 yards, including two sacks.

Army returns to action at noon Saturday in the Allegiance Bowl at Saratoga. For more information on the Allegiance Bowl, visit [www. AllegianceBowl.com](http://www.AllegianceBowl.com).

## Volleyball to hold Dig Pink Rally Saturday

By Tracy Nelson  
Athletic Communications

The Army volleyball team will hold a breast cancer awareness rally when the team hosts service-academy rival Navy at 7 p.m. Saturday at Gillis Field House. While the Black Knights will honor Dig Pink by wearing commemorative pink jerseys by Nike, fans planning to attend are also encouraged to sport pink clothing and accessories in recognition of the event.

In conjunction with the Side-Out Foundation, Dig Pink is a Breast Cancer Awareness Rally being held during the entire month of October in order to raise awareness and funds for the fight against breast cancer.

Each year, the Side-Out Foundation sets out to make a statement by holding hundreds, potentially thousands, of featured high school and collegiate matches across the country to help educate and raise monetary support to eradicate this growing disease.

In 2008, nearly \$400,000 was raised, and more than 330 college teams participated.

As of Sept. 28, the Army volleyball program had raised more than \$2,700 in donations. For more information, go to [www. side-out.org/application/teams/ team\\_page](http://www.side-out.org/application/teams/team_page).

According to its Web site, the Side-Out Foundation was established in 2004 by a "group of individuals drawn together by their love of volleyball, but who also share a similar passion to be a part of the war against breast cancer. Side-Out's mission is to raise money for the fight against breast cancer through the recreational activity of volleyball."

In Army's first meeting with Navy in 2009, the Dig Pink date will also serve as the annual "Star" match between the two rival clubs. The Black Knights have won 15 of the last 18 contests against Navy.

For those fans unable to attend the match in-person, live stats and a live Web cast through ITT Knight Vision will be available at [www. goarmysports.com](http://www.goarmysports.com).

Army enters the weekend 5-0 in the Patriot League with a 17-3 overall record, as they face American at 7 p.m. Friday at GFH.



## Rumble in Ike Hall

Firstie Deonte Dawson prepares to throw a jab during the first round of his bout Oct. 9, during the 2nd annual West Point Rumble held in Crest Hall. Twenty-four fighters, representing many different weight classes, took part in the action.

TOMMY GILLIGAN/PV

# Army gets dramatic overtime win over Vanderbilt



Army running back Patrick Mealy (above photo) dives over Vanderbilt's safety Sean Richardson. Plebe quarterback Trent Steelman (bottom photo) breaks a tackle for a short gain during the first quarter. Army went on to win the game 16-13 in overtime Oct. 10 in front of a near capacity crowd. PHOTOS BY TOMMY GILLIGAN/PV

## Sports calendar

Oct. 15-22

### Corps

FRIDAY—RIFLE VS. NORTH CAROLINA STATE, 2 P.M. AT TRONS RUE MARKSMANSHIP CENTER.

FRIDAY—CROSS COUNTRY VS. NAVY, 4 P.M. (MEN) AND 4:30 P.M. (WOMEN) AT WEST POINT GOLF COURSE.

FRIDAY—VOLLEYBALL VS. AMERICAN, 7 P.M. AT GILLIS FIELD HOUSE.

SATURDAY—MEN'S SOCCER VS. BUCKNELL, 1 P.M. AT CLINTON FIELD (KNIGHT VISION.)

SATURDAY—WOMEN'S SOCCER VS. LAFAYETTE, 7 P.M. AT CLINTON FIELD.

SATURDAY—VOLLEYBALL VS. NAVY, 7 P.M. AT GILLIS FIELD HOUSE.

SUNDAY—RIFLE VS. NEBRASKA, 9 A.M. AT TRONS RUE MARKSMANSHIP CENTER.

WEDNESDAY—MEN'S SOCCER VS. SACRED HEART, 7 P.M. AT CLINTON FIELD.

OCT. 22—WOMEN'S SOCCER VS. BUCKNELL, 7 P.M. AT CLINTON FIELD.

### Club

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

FRIDAY-SUNDAY—WATER POLO, USMA INVITATIONAL, AT ARVIN GYM, TIMES TBA.

SATURDAY—MEN'S RUGBY VS. NORTHEASTERN, 5 P.M. AT ANDERSON RUGBY COMPLEX.



## CLUB RESULTS

• **Women's Rugby:** The Army women's rugby 1st XV (4-1) dominated Dartmouth 55-10 Oct. 10 at Hanover, N.H. Army try scorers were Yearling Jessica Sexauer 3, Cow Ashley Miller 2 and single tries by Firstie Krystle Harrell, Firstie Ashley Sorensen, Yearling Kaitlyn Kelly and Firstie Sylvia Thomas. Army 1st XV's next match is at 1 p.m. Saturday at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, Mass.