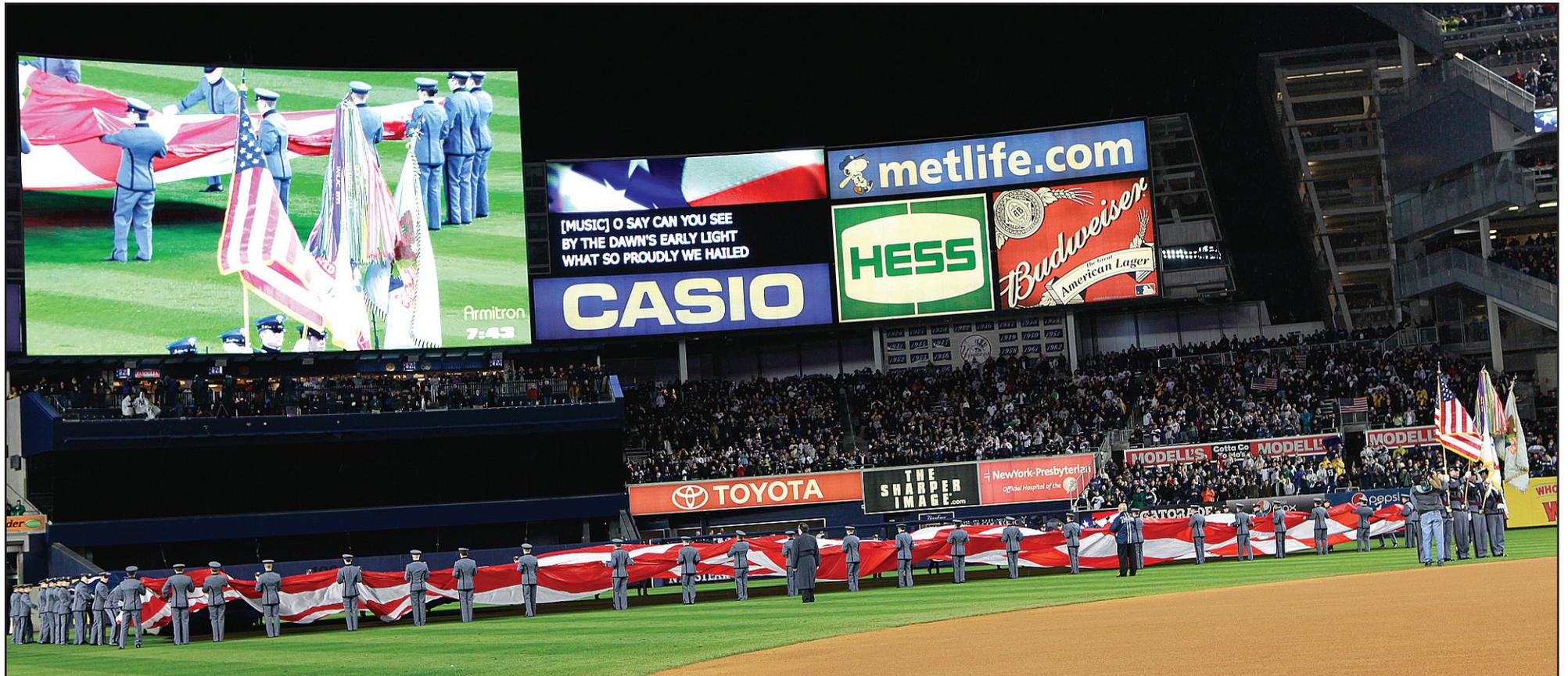


Cadets help kickoff American League Championship Series



More than 80 cadets and 40 members of the West Point Band participated in the opening ceremonies of the American League Championship Series Oct. 16 at Yankee Stadium. The band played the national anthem, while the cadet color guard presented the colors and the rest of the cadets unfurled a 50-yard flag in the outfield before the first pitch. Sergeant 1st Class Mary Kay Messenger sang "God Bless America" during the 7th inning stretch. TOMMY GILLIGAN/PV

Story and photo by
Tommy Gilligan
Assistant editor

Earlier this fall, West Point and the New York Yankees were in the headlines for striking a deal to bring football back to the Bronx for the next five years.

However, West Point's history with the Pin Strippers goes much deeper than that. Since the turn of the 20th century at the old Polo Grounds, the cadets of West Point have been involved with the storied franchise doing everything from having played more than 20 Army-Navy games at the field to practicing with the baseball team during spring training.

In recent years, the cadets have not only represented the academy but the military as a whole on some of the biggest stages in professional sports. From the 2008 Major League Baseball All-Star game to the playoff baseball games, the cadets were asked to bring a color guard and other participants by the top officials in the Yankees front office.

More than 80 cadets and 40 members of the West Point Band traveled to the Bronx Oct. 16 to represent the armed services for the first game of the American League Championship Series between the New York Yankees and the Los Angeles Angels.

For the majority of the cadets, it was their first time handling the 50-yard long American flag.

"We like to use the students from West Point because of their discipline, respect for the flag and the long-standing tradition they represent," Doug Green, Vice President of

Bowl Games of America, said. "I have been displaying the flag here for the Yankees for over 10 years at every major home event for the team and the cadets are always one of my favorite groups to work with."

Green said it takes 75 people to handle a flag of that size and to properly render the respect the flag demands.

Throughout the practice session, the young men and women worked with absolute precision to ensure the millions of people that would be watching the game would have their expectations upheld.

Even during practice, many of the cadets could not help but to look around at the brand new stadium.

"It was a big opportunity to see this new stadium and to be able to take part in a big pennant baseball game," Cow Teddy Yost said.

While many went to watch pregame warm-

ups, some of the group took the opportunity to tour the new Monument Park, seeing the vast history of individuals who had roamed the field of the old stadium while wearing the Bombers jersey.

As game time approached, the five members of the color guard prepared in the green room while the band and the flag bearers waited in the tunnel for their cue to enter the field in front of nearly 52,000 screaming fans.

As the band performed the national anthem, the cadets unveiled the flag that nearly covered the entire outfield. With players and fans on their feet, a feeling of cultural pride filled the air. It did not matter what team one was rooting for—during those moments, there was only one team.

"It was an amazing feeling to be on the field during the national anthem of game one of the ALCS," Yearling Jeffery Gulley said.

Reminder—Army vs. Rutgers football game has many parking restrictions and potential traffic issues

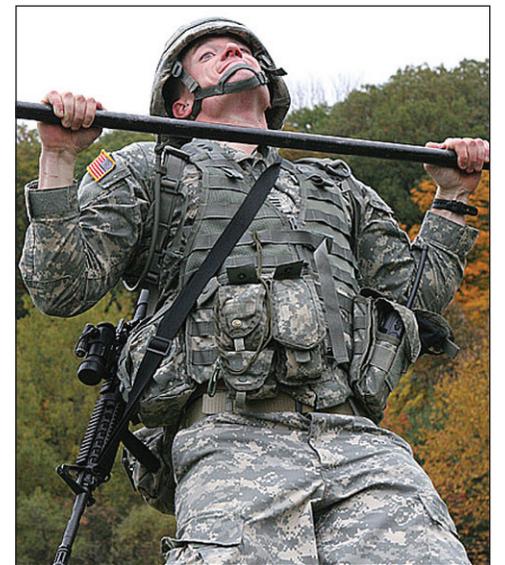
The West Point workforce is reminded to review the memorandum dated Oct. 7 sent out over the 8 accounts from Chief of Staff Col. Michael Yarmie, which outlines the parking restrictions that will be in place for the Army-Rutgers football game at 8 p.m. Friday.

Many lots will have extremely limited parking, especially in the Central Post Area. Many of the spots will be blocked for the entire day and the rest will be blocked beginning at 3 p.m.

Employees should discuss taking leave or an alternate tour of duty as a means of making parking easier and helping workers to miss the traffic involved in a football gameday.

If you did not receive the memo, contact Christine Guerriero at the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security at 938-8862 or via e-mail at christine.guerriero@usma.edu.

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October is Domestic Violence Prevention Month

Commentary by Shelley Ariosto
Family Advocacy Program Manager

The scene is a familiar one—the Soldier and Family members move to a new installation. “This will be a fresh start,” one person thinks. “A great place to start over,” another person thinks. With multiple deployments behind them, the Soldier and Family members look forward to settling down—at least for two to three years—before moving to the next duty station.

There are a few “little things” that bother both the Soldier and the spouse, things that have been going on for some time in the marriage. They tried counseling—once—and it “just didn’t work.”

As a couple, they figured they could work things out. Then came the deployments, 15 months each time, with only a few months between each one.

The spouse ran the house, paid the bills and sent e-mails to the Soldier on a regular basis. The rare phone call sometimes became an argument, so they didn’t talk on the phone that much. When the Soldier returned from the last deployment, they both knew that something was different, though they were not quite sure what it was.

The “little things” that had been problems before—money, trust and talking with each other—gradually became “big things” that erupted into arguments, especially after a night of drinking to “relax and take the edge off the situation.”

Then, one night, it was different. The Soldier seemed to be somewhere else—staring at the television, though not seeing what was on. The spouse was trying to talk with the Soldier, but with no success.

There had been a few drinks, and then, as if out of nowhere, the argument began with “you never called me while you were gone,” “you think you know everything, well you don’t,” “I’m taking control of this house again,” and on it went.

As the night wore on, voices were

raised, more statements made, and then a push, answered by a shove, which resulted in hands going around a neck, squeezing and shaking, with the plea, “stop that, you’re hurting me.”

One person slaps the other, and the violence intensified. At some point, the Military Police show up and take control of the situation. The spouse asked to go to the hospital to get examined, and the Soldier went to the barracks for a 72-hour cool-down period. The commander and first sergeant are notified. The Behavioral Health provider on-call is notified. The process of opening a case on domestic abuse has begun.

This is a generic picture of how domestic violence can happen in a military environment. Tensions build-up over time, amplified by and intensified with alcohol, resulting in verbal and/or physical violence.

How can domestic violence be prevented? It can be prevented in a combination of ways, to include talking about issues, concerns and problems before they become ongoing arguments that never get resolved. Know that there are multiple sources of support within the Army community—chaplains, Behavioral Health and Military One Source to just name a few.

Take the time to talk with your fellow Soldiers and spouses, be eager to lend a helping hand—random acts of kindness are appreciated more than you know. Awareness and prevention are ongoing actions and occur one person at a time.

The Army observes October as Domestic Violence Prevention Month. The theme for 2009 is “Make the Right Choice—Prevent Domestic Violence.”

Take steps today to make a difference, reach out to help or reach out for help.

Local resources available are New York State Domestic Violence Hotline at 800-942-6906 (English) or 800-942-6908 (en Espanol). At West Point, contact the Military Police Desk at 938-3333 and the Installation Victim Advocate at 938-5657.

Weathering Winter—Oct. 25-31 is Winter Weather Awareness Week

Commentary by Christine Guerriero,
Directorate of Plans, Training,
Mobilization and Security

If you’re a fan of cold and snowy winters, this could be the year for you. The Farmer’s Almanac and the National Weather Service are both forecasting one of the snowiest winters in several years across much of the Northeast. According to a meteorologist in the NWS Forecasting Office in Upton, “Although the east coast may experience somewhat milder temperatures overall, ‘shovelry’ is most certainly not dead.”

The NWS and the governor of New York have proclaimed the week of Oct. 25-31 as Winter Weather Awareness Week and are urging everyone to prepare now so that you—and your loved ones—may enjoy winter with a greater sense of comfort and safety.

So, what can you do to prepare for the challenges of the upcoming season? Here are a few tips:

- Have your car tuned up; check the levels of oil, antifreeze and washer fluid; and ensure the battery, windshield wipers, tires and brakes are in good shape;

- Keep emergency gear—cell phone, flashlight, jumper cables, sand or kitty litter (for traction), ice scraper, small shovel, blankets and warning devices (e.g.—flares and reflectors)—in your car for the season;

- Use only safe sources of alternative heat, such as a fireplace; small, well-vented wood or pellet stove or portable space heaters. Never use your stove to heat your residence;

- Have a fire extinguisher and smoke-and carbon-monoxide detectors in your home. Check them regularly to ensure they are working properly;

- Prepare a winter storm plan that will enable you and your Family to survive for up to 72 hours without any outside assistance;

- Be aware of the snow policies for West Point, daycare providers and the on- and off-post schools;

- Ensure your pets have access to warmth, food and unfrozen water;

- During periods of inclement weather, check the West Point Web site at www.usma.edu for road conditions and closures;

- Subscribe to NY-ALERT, New York State’s all-hazards alert and notification system Web site at www.nyalert.gov to receive emergency information;

- Visit the National Weather Service Winter Weather Safety and Awareness Web site at www.weather.gov/om/winter/index.shtml and the Ready West Point Web site at www.usma.edu/Garrison/sites/directorates/dptms/cepip/ for winter weather safety information.

For those of us living in the Northeast, winter weather is an unavoidable part of our lives. While most of the time these weather elements are only a nuisance in our daily routines, they can produce hazardous or life-threatening situations for those who are not prepared or do not take the proper precautions.

This winter, be prepared, stay informed and enjoy the season.



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Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

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

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Difficulty: Easy

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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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Black and Gold Forum cadets meet leaders in Washington

By Cow Sam Goodgame

Last week, 14 cadets and two officers from the Black and Gold Leadership Forum traveled to the nation's Capitol to meet with several military and government leaders.

The mission of the forum is to build stronger leaders for the Army by providing cadets the opportunity to engage with prominent leaders and leadership thinkers from all walks of life.

The forum met with Senator Jack Reed of Rhode Island, a 1971 West Point graduate. Reed spoke about how his experiences at West Point, Ranger school, the Army and in Congress have shaped his leadership skills and beliefs.

In addition to emphasizing the value of pursuing passions through work, Reed discussed how he balanced the competing tension between promoting himself to voters and maintaining effective relationships with peers in the Senate.

After visiting Capitol Hill, the group went to the Pentagon and spent an hour with the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Adm. Michael Mullen. He answered a number of questions. His responses centered on the importance of focusing on helping people,



Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates meets with West Point cadets and takes a question from Firstie Nadi Kassim at the Pentagon in Arlington, Va., Oct. 15.

MASTER SGT. JERRY MORRISO/DOD

because organizations focused on people ensure the success of their leaders. He also highlighted the importance of learning languages and cultures, saying these would help in their future engagements as officers.

The highlight of the visit was a meeting with Secretary of Defense Robert Gates, who spent an entire hour discussing everything from China and Iran to unconventional warfare and personal leadership anecdotes.

One specific practice he offered for the cadets' toolkits—he schedules time for each of his service chiefs to meet directly with the president, to help them feel heard and to improve his command climate. Members of Gates' staff commented that the USMA visit was also the highlight of the Secretary's day.

"The meeting with Secretary Gates was amazing and by far the highlight of the trip," Firstie Nadi Kassim said.

Next on the itinerary was a meeting with

Director of the Joint Staff Lt. Gen. Lloyd Austin, a 1975 West Point graduate and former XVIII Airborne Corps commander. He spoke about the importance of motivation, strength of character, leading by example and caring for troops.

His two primary pieces of advice were to be proficient Soldiers and to lead by example. He also encouraged the cadets to never worry about promotions or future jobs as effective leaders focus on their missions and their Soldiers.

Craig Mullaney, the Pentagon's Principal Director for Afghanistan, Pakistan and Central Asia, was the next leader the cadets met.

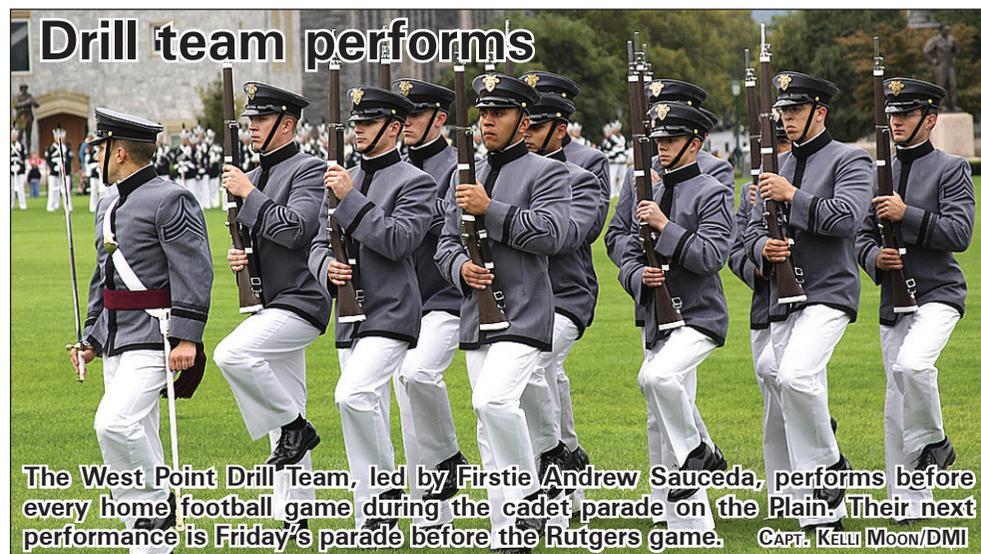
The class of 2000 graduate and Rhodes Scholar discussed the semester abroad program at West Point, emphasizing the importance of learning about foreign cultures and customs by future officers. An Afghanistan combat veteran, Mullaney also stressed the importance of mental and physical toughness.

Their final meeting was with Deputy Director of the Central Intelligence Agency Stephen Kappes. Kappes strode into his conference room for a secret briefing with the cadets and opened with the phrase, "Let me tell you how it is."

He proceeded to field questions primarily focused on leadership, the qualities of a good case officer and a good higher-level leader.

In reviewing the trip and comparing it to the Forum's mission, Maj. Chris Midberry, Behavioral Sciences and Leadership instructor and the Forum's officer-in-charge, said, "The entire trip to Washington, D.C. was a huge success and an outstanding professional and leader development opportunity for these cadets."

The final activity of the three-day trip was a tour of Langley's CIA museum.



Drill team performs

The West Point Drill Team, led by Firstie Andrew Saucedo, performs before every home football game during the cadet parade on the Plain. Their next performance is Friday's parade before the Rutgers game. CAPT. KELLI MOON/DMI

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.

Cadets gear up for Soldiering with Super Saturday

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

Summers are never endless. That is why West Point cadets are getting ready this time of year to head out to the field and devote an entire day to practice Soldiering skills they normally have only one season a year to do.

Fourth Regiment conducted its "Super Saturday" event Oct. 17, a tactical platoon exercise that allowed cadets to exercise hands off leadership, according to Firstie Jamal Robinson, 4th Regt. intelligence officer. It was an opportunity for cadets to practice tactical training during the busy academic year as well as put their budding leadership skills to work.

They were the first regiment to conduct the training this year—1st Regt. will conduct theirs next month and 2nd and 3rd Regts. will have theirs in March.

"It helps the leadership positions train subordinates, and at the same time the subordinates are getting trained," Robinson said.

Fourth Regiment's Super Saturday was different this year as they added a time limit to the day's events. The amount of time cadets took to accomplish a mission reflected accordingly in the addition or deduction of points.

"The time limit gives cadets more of a 'snap-to' (attitude)," Robinson said. "We were really going to deduct points if (they) are over time."

The event planning process was full of ideas and enthusiasm, Robinson said. Some of those ideas made it out to the field with the proper planning and execution, but many were cut because of supply constraints.

"There were a lot of ideas being thrown around," Robinson said.

"Land navigation was a huge thing that everybody agreed on. That's something everybody wanted to do."

Safety was the greatest concern of the day. Platoon leaders had to ensure their cadets were in the right uniform in order to prevent cold-weather injuries. Also, cadet leadership put together plans for reporting and transporting injured cadets before drawing up most of their other plans.

Their day started in North Area, where platoons stepped off on a road march over Stony Lonesome to Ranges 4 and 5. There, cadets put their accuracy and mental skills to the test as they had to engage and hit each target with an exact number of rounds in order to pass the course.

After the range, they followed Route 293 to Camp Buckner where they conducted the eagerly anticipated land navigation portion. The time constraints there turned out to make or break a platoon's overall performance—some platoons were penalized one hour, and a few received two-hour or greater penalties.

Following land navigation the cadets went to the Leader's Reaction Course, where each platoon's collective physical fitness was tested.

Then they moved out to Camp Buckner and were tested on Soldier First Responder, one of the newest additions to the summer training curriculum.

With smoke flying and artillery simulators blasting, the cadets reacted at combat speed to secure a hostile area. Once secure, they performed first aid in order to evaluate, treat and evacuate casualties from the situation.

Their final task was the Dan Hyde Challenge, a test of mental and physical endurance similar to the last leg of the Sandhurst competition. Each platoon reassembled two



Yearling Colin Patrick of 4th Platoon, Company A-4 reassembles an M240B machine gun during the Dan Hyde Challenge at Camp Buckner in 4th Regiment's Super Saturday training event.

M240B machine guns, pushed a Humvee and performed a series of pull-ups and dips to finish their Super Saturday.

The challenge is named for their regimental commander from three years ago. Hyde was killed March 7 in Iraq by a rocket-propelled grenade.

For the most part, everyone maintained a high level of motivation throughout the event.

Firstie Tobin Marx, of 4th Platoon, Company A-4 from Whitehall, Mont., found himself and his comrades thinking on their feet during the dynamic Soldier First Responder training.

"It was good training, it was physically challenging and it had some intellectual challenges, too," Marx said. "This is stuff we haven't seen in awhile. We've been stuck in the classroom, and all of a sudden,

we're out here doing what Soldiers do."

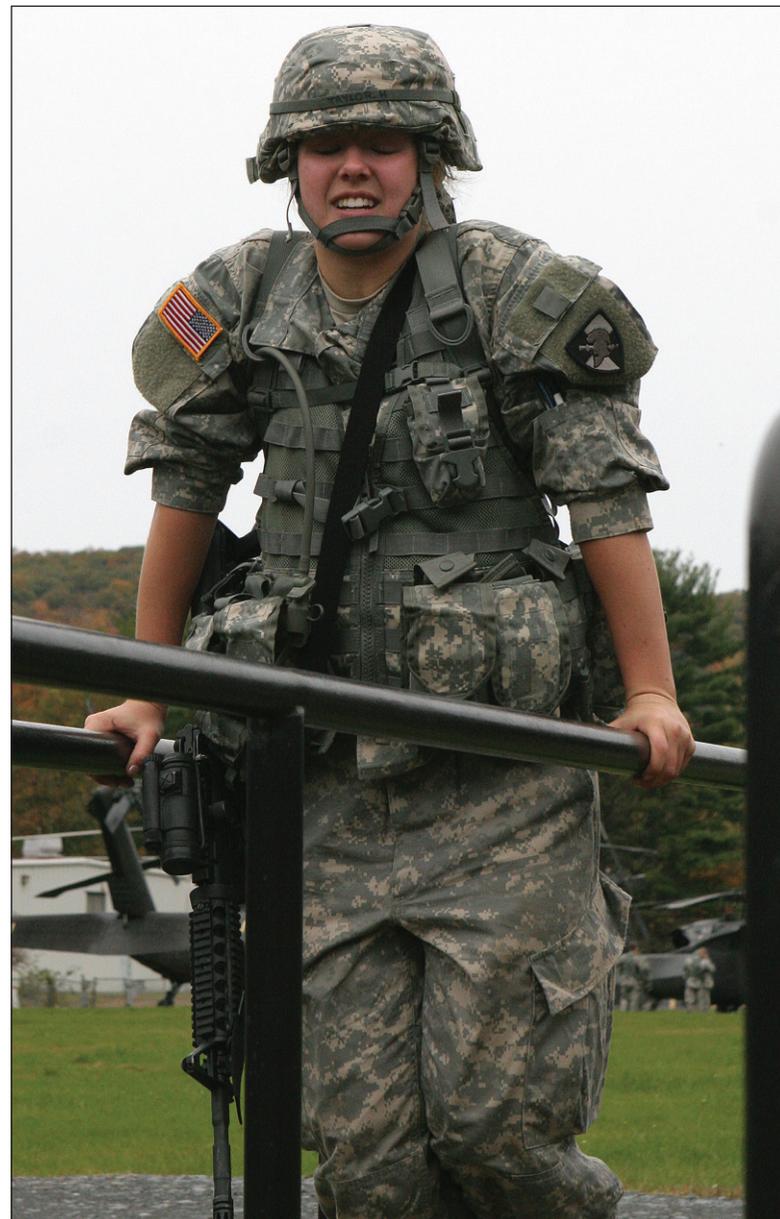
He also witnessed initiative and leadership at work as a team leader took it upon himself to help out his platoon during the time-constrained

land navigation course.

"One of my team leaders did a good job during land nav," Marx said. "He was taking control (at the course). He just did it this summer, so he helped me out a lot."



Sean Roemer (front) of 1st Platoon, Company C-4 from Lewiston, N.Y., performs flutterkicks with his comrades at the Leadership Reaction course during 4th Regiment's Super Saturday training event.



Cow Haleigh Taylor of 4th Platoon, Company A-4, from Mattituck, N.Y., finds the strength to make one more dip during the Dan Hyde Challenge at Camp Buckner in 4th Regiment's Super Saturday training event.

Honoring NCOs, WTU with a tailgate

Story and photo by
Sgt. Vincent Fusco
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Communications

One of the best things about an Army Football Saturday—besides the game itself—is the tailgate with friends, food and refreshments.



During the game with Vanderbilt Oct. 10, West Point Soldiers, Warriors in Transition and Family members were treated to a special gathering of their own.

The free Year of the NCO Tailgate at Buffalo Soldier Pavilion was made possible thanks to Sean Keever, a Verizon Fios field installer and instructor, and about 35 other volunteers.

The Pleasant Valley resident is a former Soldier himself.

Keever enlisted in February 1983 as a field artilleryman and spent 10 years in the Army.

He credits his ability to teach technical know-how to his military training.

“(Training is) all you do,” Keever said. “If there was one thing I learned how to do extremely well was teach a class.”

Keever is also a big Army football fan, literally and figuratively. His six-foot-four-inch frame may seem imposing, but when he talks sports and barbecue, he is as down to earth as they come.

Keever admits that he doesn’t get to football games at West Point as often as he would like to.

“I try to make at least one game a year besides this event,” Keever said.

Keever’s involvement with the tailgate began last year, when he and Big Guns BBQ volunteered to cook for about 50 to 75 Soldiers in front of Bldg. 626.

When he asked his teammates and friends from the competitive barbecue arena for their help, they answered the call and brought over their giant cookers and smokers with enough meat to feed an army.

That event was very warmly received, which gave Keever the idea to cater a bigger party this year.

“Last year Sean and Big Guns BBQ did a tailgate barbecue for the Warriors in Transition and it was a great success,” said 1st Sgt. Deon Dabrio, West Point WTU first sergeant. “He indicated at that time that he would like to return to West Point and do another tailgate for the (Warriors in Transition) and Soldiers of West Point.”

The West Point chaplains made a sizable donation for this year’s tailgate, Dabrio said.

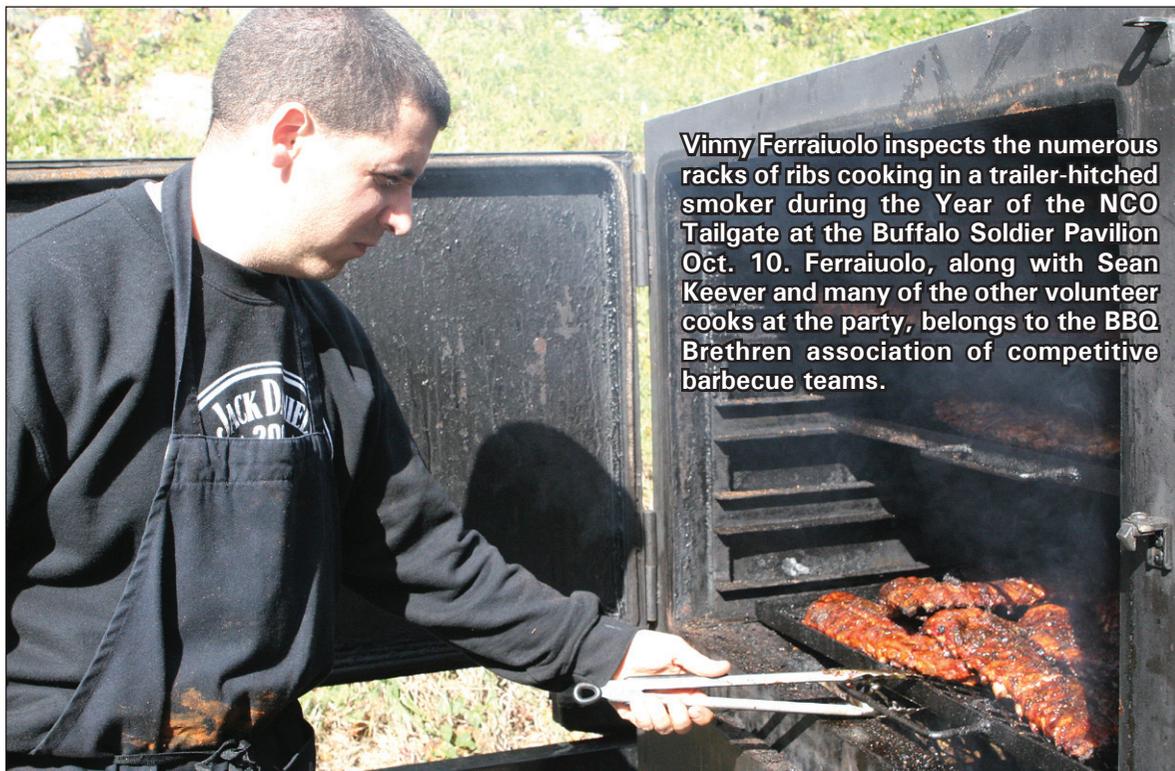
Although those funds were meant specifically to honor the Warriors in Transition, they were able to invite noncommissioned officers and their Family members in recognition of the Year of the NCO.

Keever and his co-workers also donated what they could to purchase other needed supplies.

In turn, their involvement was recognized by their Verizon Foundation, which also donated funds for the event.

“Each full-time employee who donates 50 hours to a nonprofit organization receives a \$750 grant that is directly applied to that

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Vinny Ferraiuolo inspects the numerous racks of ribs cooking in a trailer-hitched smoker during the Year of the NCO Tailgate at the Buffalo Soldier Pavilion Oct. 10. Ferraiuolo, along with Sean Keever and many of the other volunteer cooks at the party, belongs to the BBQ Brethren association of competitive barbecue teams.

Big game hunting began Saturday at West Point

Submitted by the
Directorate of Public Works

For the 25th consecutive year, West Point opened its lands to big game hunting.

This is an important management tool in preserving a balance between wildlife populations and the health of the forest.

Most hunting sites are off-post, in the training areas far from habitation.

However, limited hunting is allowed in some portions of the cantonment.

Deer from these areas are often a source of conflict, browsing gardens and hedges or crossing roadways, so special attention is paid to this population.

There are four on-post hunting areas, the 'J' areas. The borders of these areas have been carefully drawn and posted on the ground to provide for the safety of the West Point community and special procedures are in place to prevent unfortunate incidents.

Hunters must sign in and out to a hunting area before and after use, either at the Military Police Station during the 'Early' and 'Late' seasons or at Hunt Control during the 'Regular' season.

Hunters must be permitted by the state and West Point, and fall within certain permit categories. Hunting areas may be closed by Range Control because of training or similar concerns.

There is no hunting permitted during home football Saturdays.

Hunting Area J2 runs from Delafield Pond to the Transportation Motor Pool and south to Goethals Trail.

Area J4 is south of Stony Lonesome II and north of Highland Avenue.

Area J5 is east of Stony Lonesome I to E Lot above Michie Stadium.

These areas are reserved for cadets, military hunters, their

dependents and Department of Defense civilians.

Hunting in these areas is restricted to bow hunting only, as it is done at very close range and is the safest form of hunting.

Hunters using areas J5 and J2 may find that the hunting area boundaries have been modified from last year to accommodate new construction in the area (see map). In these cases, the new boundaries are clearly marked on the ground with signs.

Hunting Area J3 extends from the Stony Lonesome water plant, south behind the Post Exchange to N.Y. State Route 9W, then east toward the golf course.

Just like the other areas, J3 is restricted as to the personnel approved for hunting access.

However, as this area does not border housing, hunters are permitted to hunt with either a shotgun or muzzle-loading rifle during the 'Regular' season, with a muzzleloader during the 'Late' big-game season or a bow during all seasons.

These types of firearms use relatively short-range rounds and are considered safer than rifles.

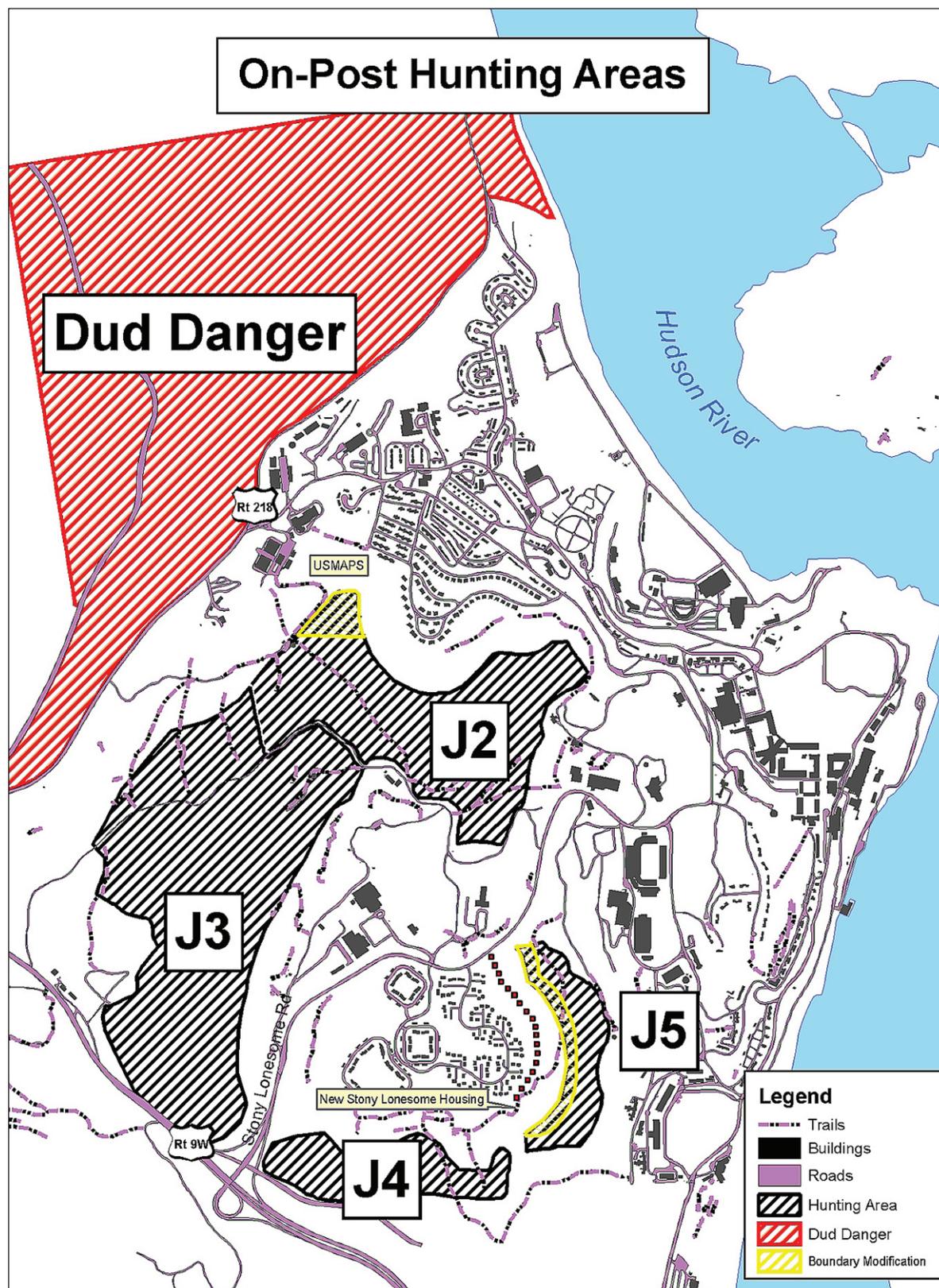
All firearms must be registered with the Provost Marshal's Office before bringing the weapon on post.

To further protect the public, this area, to include Goethals and Patrick Trails and the ski slope, is closed to non-hunters from Nov. 15-Dec. 22.

As deer population reduction on post is a management goal, hunters are encouraged to attempt to fill their deer tags in the J areas, particularly to harvest adult does.

To assist in this effort, the Natural Resources office has obtained a number of special antlerless deer tags for use in the J areas only.

These are available from the Natural Resources office. Direct questions about this program to Christopher Pray at 938-7122.



West Point is now open for big game hunting throughout the reservation. The map above shows specific areas on-post where hunting is allowed and areas that are considered off limits. Any questions about the hunting program, call Christopher Pray, Natural Resources Branch chief, at 938-7122.

COURTESY MAP

On-Post Hunting Schedule

• Deer (Early Archery)	Oct. 17-Nov. 20
• Deer (Late Archery)	Dec. 14-22
• Deer (Late Muzzleloader)	Dec. 14-22
• Deer (Regular Firearms)	Nov. 21-Dec. 13
• Black Bear (Early Archery)	Oct. 17-Nov. 20
• Black Bear (Late Archery)	Dec. 14-22
• Black Bear (Regular Firearms)	Nov. 21-Dec. 13
• Black Bear (Late Muzzleloader)	Dec. 14-22

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New principal, assistant principal settle in at West Point

Story and photos by
Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

Nadine Sapiente is the new West Point Elementary School principal replacing Shawne Cryderman who retired to Arizona last summer. The Brooklyn-born Sapiente has 21 years of experience as a teacher and six years as an administrator.

Sapiente grew up in Staten Island and began her teaching career at Willowbrook State School in Staten Island.

She joined the Department of Defense Education Activity in 1982 as a preschool special education teacher in Belgium and worked in the United Kingdom where she was responsible for other countries including Portugal and Iceland.

She became an assistant principal of Naples Elementary School in Naples, Italy, and then principal of Sigonella Elementary School in Sicily in 2005.

Sapiente said she took summers off to earn one of her two master's degrees from the State University of New Paltz in administration and supervision.

Her first master's degree is in Special Education from Wagner College in Staten Island.

"It was too much traveling for me and since I'm a native New Yorker, it was the easiest transition for me (to come to West Point)," Sapiente said. "I was in awe of West Point."

Sapiente said she does see a difference between DODEA schools in Europe and working at West Point.

"I'm used to military bases and now I'm at an academy," she said.

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organization," Keever said.

The tailgates are Keever's way of thanking Soldiers for their service, as well as providing an opportunity for Soldiers, Veterans and civilians to connect with each other.

"My wife won't let me re-enlist," Keever joked. "So this is what I can do. We don't get a chance to thank you guys enough."

The WTU and the West Point community were thoroughly pleased with Keever and his friends' hospitality, Dabrio said, and look forward to the next party they bring to West Point.

"It was awesome. The Soldiers totally enjoyed the event from start to finish," Dabrio said. "Everything was professionally laid out for the Soldiers to come and enjoy. We are

"It's a unique experience."

Sapiente said she enjoys West Point and will continue following the Continuous School Improvement Program.

The CSI is a program focusing on efforts to improve student and school performance by analyzing data from children and using that data to develop plans to ensure students learn, progress and achieve academic standards.

"We always update the curriculum according to headquarters," she said. "We also plan on updating the playground, which was started by the previous principal here. We want to update equipment by using Smart boards or interactive white boards, digital cameras and iPods."

Sheree Foster is the new assistant principal replacing Joyce Christian, who also retired last summer. Foster hails from Richmond, Va., and her last assignment for DODEA was as a literacy facilitator in Japan for five years.

"Before going to Japan, I was an assistant principal in the Richmond city public schools in Richmond, Va., which is where I'm from," Foster said.

Foster said she joined DODEA because she wanted to travel and see the other side of the world. She received her graduate degree at Virginia State College in Petersburg.

Foster didn't always want to be a teacher. Her dream was to be a fashion designer.

"My mom and dad saw (teaching) in me. My mom said that when I was in the first grade and came home, I would start teaching my sisters and my brothers," she said. "I started teaching right after college. My



New elementary school principal Nadine Sapiente (left) and assistant principal Sheree Foster share lunch duty Oct 15. Sapiente is a native New Yorker, who was born in Staten Island and lived in Brooklyn, transferred here from Sicily where she was the Sigonella Elementary School principal. Foster is from Farmville, Va., and worked in Japan for five years before she was the assistant principal in public schools near Richmond, Va.

parents saw it in me, but I didn't. My parents thought fashion designing was not a valuable job."

The same thing happened when she decided to become an administrator.

"When I came home once, one of my church members said I needed to go into administration, so I did," she said. "I was always encouraged."

Foster said she enjoys working and interacting with the children.

"I have lunch duty and I enjoy talking with the children," she said.

Sapiente was part of the assistant principal interviewing committee process and chose Foster because she felt she would be a good partner.

"Foster is compassionate, consistent, fair and a good listener," Sapiente said. "That is important for an administrator. I immediately knew from her responses that our

educational philosophies were in sync."

Both principal and assistant principal are accessible to the children and parents.

They say they are not here as the old principal stereotype (of a disciplinarian only), but more as educators.

"We are both hands-on," Sapiente said. "We are in the classrooms a lot and we always talk with the children."

New CDC starting to take shape



The new Child Development Center, behind the FMWR Fitness Center, is beginning to take shape as the first of three modular buildings were being placed Tuesday. The CDC is scheduled to be completed by the summer of 2010, which will provide West Point with two operational CDCs. The facility, one of 60 new CDCs being built from 2008-10 throughout the Army, will have an interior square footage of 15,085 feet and have the capacity to serve 135 children. The project also includes a 3,770-foot playground that will run alongside the facility. Construction began Sept. 7.

TOMMY GILLIGAN/PV

Introducing the GreenGov Challenge — a bottom-up approach to greening government

Submitted by the Directorate of Public Works

To harness the collective wisdom of America's more than 1.8 million federal and military personnel, we're launching the GreenGov Challenge—an online participatory program that challenges federal and military personnel to take part in implementing the President's Executive Order on Federal Sustainability by submitting their own clean energy ideas and suggestions and voting on others.

In coordination with National Energy Awareness Month, any federal employee or military member can submit a clean energy idea to WhiteHouse.gov/GreenGov through Oct. 31.

At the beginning of November, some of the top ideas will be presented to the Steering Committee on Federal Sustainability—a group comprised of senior officials from each agency who are responsible for delivering their agency's sustainability plan.

Although anyone can see the ideas, only federal and military personnel can participate—so this is their chance to positively impact how their agencies will meet their 2020 greenhouse gas emissions reduction target.

If you are a federal employee or one of our brave men and women in uniform, take a look at Council of Environmental Quality Chair Nancy Sutley's kick-off video and get started greening government at WhiteHouse.gov/GreenGov.

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

Community members can stop by 132 Bartlett Loop and submit their entires 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.

National Make a Difference Day is Saturday

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 Saturday. 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.

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What's Happening

Bookstore special event

Rick Atkinson is re-releasing the 20th anniversary edition of the "Long Gray Line" and is signing them from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Friday at the USMA Bookstore located in Thayer Hall on the fourth floor.

WPS Scholastic Book Fair

The West Point Schools Parent Teacher Organization Scholastic Book Fair is 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Oct. 30 with evening hours, 5:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, in the Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room and benefits both the Elementary and Middle Schools.

The entire West Point Community is invited to shop for new books—preschool books through adult, paperback and hardcover.

Costs vary from sale books for about \$2 through full price hardcover. Come get an early start on your holiday shopping.

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Personally-owned firearm ranges

The West Point Range Control is hosting three personally-owned firearm dates 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 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.

"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, which is a charitable organization that addresses the emotional and spiritual needs of veterans, their Families and communities.

"Down Range" opens Wednesday 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 of "Down Range," call 212-868-4444 or go online at www.smarttix.com.

Growing as a Family

Join the Sunday classes any time—9-10 a.m. Sundays. Park on Thayer Roof, walk down to the third 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.

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 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 a knowledge of Quick Books.

For more information, call 446-8676 or e-mail Richard de Koster at

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, weave through the Hay-Maze and enjoy several Family-friendly crafts and games.

There will also 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

Wounded Warriors Project

First Battalion, 1st Regiment will be conducting a 12-mile road march Nov. 11 (Veterans Day) as a fundrasier 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.

West Point Middle School Veterans Day assembly

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

The event, which this year's theme is America's First Soldiers: The Revolutionary War, begins at noon Nov. 10.

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

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

The show consists of vignettes of a Soldier's and colonist's life in

the 18th century.

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

To RSVP the event, call 938-2923.

Young Life Banquet

Have a heart for our teenagers? Enjoy a no-cost-to-you dinner from 6-8 p.m. Nov. 15 at Herbert Hall.

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

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

Amateur Radio Club

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

Walk-ins are allowed.

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

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

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

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

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FMWR Blurbs

All-Army Digital Photography Contest

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

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

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

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

FMWR Fitness Center Late Opening

The FMWR Fitness Center will have a delayed opening of 9 a.m. Saturday because of a scheduled power outage.

For more information, call 938-6490.

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.

Newcomer's Orientation

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

The class encompasses the below:

Tuesday: Information about the local community and area and tour of West Point.

Wednesday: Visit to Constitution Island and boat ride.

Oct. 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).

Art with attitude through the EDGE!

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. Monday-Nov. 6. CYSS eligibility is required.

Register at the Youth Center (Bldg. 500) for classes.

For more information, call 938-3727.

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 discount off 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 four 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 with questions.

Beer tasting and dinner

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

For more information, call 938-5120.

Education Center GI Bill info

The Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship amends the Post-9/11 GI Bill to include the children of servicemembers who die in the line of duty after Sept. 10, 2001.

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

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

2009 Army Family Action Plan

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

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

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

2009 Teen AFAP

The 2009 West Point Teen AFAP workgroup is Nov. 7.

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

Training and refreshments will be provided.

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

Voice your suggestions with AFAP

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

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

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

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

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.

Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade

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

There is a cost for transportation.

For more information, call 938-3601.

Fall Story Hour

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

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

Pre-registration 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.

Radio City Christmas Spectacular

ITR has tickets on sale now for the Radio City Christmas Spectacular.

Tickets are limited, so don't delay.

For more information, call 938-3601.

Instructors needed

Certified kickboxing, step, pilates and body pump instructors are needed at the FMWR Fitness Center. Hours are flexible.

Contact the Fitness Center at 938-6490 or Rita Tenuta 446-3630 or tenuta06@yahoo.com.

FCC 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.

Childcare for football games

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

Reservations required 10 days before game day.

For more information, call 938-3921.

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.

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.

Keller Corner

KACH Outpatient Clinics Closure

All Outpatient Clinics, Laboratory, Pharmacy and Radiology will be closed Nov. 11 for Veterans Day. The Emergency Room will remain open.

Childbirth Preparation Classes

The four-week series classes are now held each month from 6-8 p.m., KACH second floor classroom. The next series is Tuesday, Nov. 3 and 10.

Call OBU at 938-3210 to register.

Advance Medical Directive

Did you know that an Advance Medical Directive is a document in which you give instructions about your health care if, in the future, you cannot speak for yourself?

You can appoint someone as your "agent" or "proxy" who has the power to make health

care decisions for you. You can also give instructions about the kind of health care you do or do not want.

A Health Care Advance Directive is not limited to cases of terminal illness, but rather you state your wishes about any aspect of your health care, including decisions about life-sustaining treatment, and choose a person to make and communicate these decisions for you.

Advance Medical Directive forms are available in all Outpatient Clinics and also Admissions and Dispositions, located on the first floor in the Patient Service Center.

KACH referral assistance

Need help or have questions about a referral?

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

Hope springs eternal for Krembel, Army golf

By Eric S. Bartelt
Editor

It has been four years since Army defeated Navy on the golf course, and it was shaping up to be another remarkable finish. Last fall, Navy defeated Army in a one-hole playoff winning the annual event between academy rivals.

Army's best golfer, Cow Matt Krembel, was preparing for another playoff this year on the driving range while thinking about redemption for last year's playoff-hole loss. His thoughts to exact his own revenge ended when Yearling William Park sank a four-foot putt to earn a halve in the final singles match, which also earned Army the 6-5 match victory.

"It was a special victory," Krembel said. "I had a big defeat a year before when I lost in the playoff, so to beat them was great."

Krembel had an up-and-down Sept. 26-27 weekend with a loss in his singles match, but teamed up with Cow Austin Rhymer to get a halve in the four-ball pairings.

"Austin and I started the round pretty bad, but we were able to win the 17th hole," Krembel said. "We were one down going into the 18th (hole), but I was able to make a 10-footer (putt) for birdie to give us the halve."

"That was huge considering we had been getting beat all day, and I'm sure (the Navy) guys thought they should have won the match and we kind of had a steal to get a halve out of it," he added. "Austin kept us in there throughout most of the day, and then I was able to make that birdie—I'll always remember it."

Making the 10-foot putt was nothing new for the Shalimar, Fla., native, as he has been very consistent in his short game all fall season. In the four tournaments that Army participated in this fall, Krembel finished no worse than 10th place while he won the Mulekicker Classic (68-69—137 and a -3) at West Point Sept. 12-13.

Krembel's goal for the fall season was to keep his score around even. In previous years, it had been around 74, which is two over par, and he was able to get near his goal with a 72.3 average, which was almost two strokes better than Army's next golfer (74.25 by Park).

He owns Army's 54-hole strokes record, which he earned his plebe year at the Mount St. Mary's Invitational in Littlestown, Pa., when he shot a (74-66-66—206), and he is only getting better.

Army's interim head coach, Maj. Chad Bagley, who is currently replacing 19-year head coach Jimmy Ray Clevenger while he tends to personal matters, said Krembel is a remarkable golfer with top-level talent.

"I watch his swing and watch him manage the game, and it's exciting to watch because he does hit the ball the right way," Bagley said. "It allows him to be very consistent week in and week out. He also has a tremendous work ethic."

"He's a hard worker on the practice green and on the practice tee, and it pays big dividends during the tournaments," Bagley added. "Another big asset that Matt has is his knowledge of the game. He has a great knowledge of his swing because he can feel when something is going awry and knows how to correct it."

"He's got the work ethic to correct it, so it's kind of like the perfect storm," he concluded.

"He gets it, and it gets it done right."

Bagley has a feeling the team is headed for a very successful spring after earning first place at the Mulekicker Classic, defeating Navy and finishing fourth out of 13 teams at the Leo Keenan Invitational in Olean.

"The biggest thing they'll take away from the fall is confidence," Bagley said. "They know they can play well. They know they can compete. They know they can face adversity when they hit a bad shot, and know they can clear that out and move on to the next shot without letting it linger."

"I mean Tiger Woods hits bad shots, but it's the ability to clear that out of your mind, move on and focus on the next shot," he added, "and, in that moment, it is the key to playing well, and they did that."

Besides Krembel, several golfers impressed Bagley this fall to include Park, Rhymer, Plebe Matt Philie and Cow Wes Carver.

"(Philie) is a tremendous athlete who has the ability to hit the ball a mile," Bagley said. "He can putt lights out when he's on, and I think with more experience he's really going to be a great player for the team."

"Rhymer and Carver both had strong fall seasons," Bagley added. "Carver was four (shots) down after five holes in the Army-Navy match against Navy's team captain, and he whittled that down and won the match on the 18th hole. It was an important point that day, and a great point that we needed to beat Navy."

Bagley credits the team's propensity for comebacks to the team's ultimate strength—it's mental fortitude.

"They showed a lot of mental tenacity in staying in the moment," Bagley remarked. "When they got down, they didn't give up or quit while they kept fighting to give themselves a chance (to win)."

Their mental stature was not only built through the adversity of close matches or having to be mentally tough to survive cadet training, but it grew more so from the loss of their coach during the fall season.

Bagley was named the interim coach Sept. 17 after the team's first-place finish in the Mulekicker Classic. For Bagley, a former Army golfer who was team captain and went to the NCAA Regionals twice as a cadet, it was a tremendous honor to coach the team in Clevenger's absence.

"I feel fortunate and lucky to be able to do this for however long that they need me to do it in coach Clevenger's place," Bagley said. "The team is so good and talented, whatever I can do to give them a chance and put them in the best position to succeed—that's what I want to do."

"It's an honor to be able to come back and work with the golf team," he added. "All of them are good kids, solid cadets and they are fun to be around. My biggest focus is to provide them the resources they need to practice and play."

Krembel felt the transition of coaches went smoothly, especially since Bagley had been in their shoes at one time, in fact, under Clevenger from 1991-95.

However, the biggest reason things fell into place for the team was the leadership of Firstie team captain James Raymond.

"James is one of the main reasons why we played so well this fall season," Krembel explained. "No matter what was happening with the coach situation, he had us focused."



Army golf Cow Matt Krembel had a great fall season, averaging 72.3 per round. He finished in the Top 10 in all four tournaments the Black Knights participated, and he won the Mulekicker Classic with a three under par Sept. 12-13 at West Point.

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We had goals for the fall season, and he made sure we stayed focused and he established some team rules.

"We were all striving to get better together," he added. "And I really think our success is partly due to him."

Bagley commended Raymond for his leadership by saying it was a huge asset to the team having a strong fall.

"With coach Clevenger leaving, it's kind of a kick in the gut, but his leadership held everything together," Bagley said. "His leadership helped continue the success they had from the Mulekicker Classic throughout the fall. Raymond's leadership has been

tremendous, he's a great team captain and he's going to be a great Army officer."

No matter who is coaching in the spring, the season will bring a whole new round of challenges for the team.

The team's ultimate challenge will be trying to win the Patriot League tournament and earning its first trip to the NCAA Regionals since 2006.

"I think going forward, if we can just keep doing what we're doing we'll be in good shape," Krembel said. "We beat Navy and we're ranked ahead of Bucknell, so I think it's shaping up, if we continue to play as well as we have, for us to win the Patriot League."

Volleyball takes Star Match, remains unbeaten in PL

By Tracy Nelson
Athletic Communications

Plebe outside hitter Ariana Mankus and Yearling outside hitter Fabiola Castro provided an unstoppable one-two punch to lead the Army volleyball team to its 11-straight victory as the Black Knights dismantled rival Navy 3-0 (25-15, 25-17, 25-16), to win a seventh consecutive Star Match Oct. 17 at Gillis Field House.

Mankus led all players with 18 kills and a hit percentage of .441, while Castro totaled 12 kills and did not commit a single miscue on her way to a .600 showing.

The Black Knights hit for a .373 percentage with 46 kills as a team. Firstie setter Maureen Bannon assisted on 36 of Army's kills to go with five digs and three blocks. A staunch defensive effort, buoyed by 11 digs from Cow libero Brittany Jensen, held the Midshipmen to just 29 kills and a .117 percentage on the night.

While extending its win streak to 11 matches, Army (19-3) maintained its undefeated Patriot League mark as the team and sits in first place with a 7-0 mark. Navy lost its second in a row and fell to 6-16 overall and 1-6 in conference play.

"It's an Army-Navy match, so there were a lot of nerves in there,"

head coach Alma Kovaci said. "I thought the girls did a good job maintaining their composure and patience throughout the match. Just as we expected, Navy came in tough and fighting.

"We were able to control what we did on our side of the net," she added. "I thought our offense played really well and our passing looked good. There is always going to be an Ariana (Mankus) to focus on, but this was really a team effort and I want to credit everyone."

Army came out on a roll in the first set, hitting for a .371 mark while Mankus and Castro fired off seven kills apiece in the opener. Navy kept things close in the early going, pulling to within two (12-10) on an Army error.

The Black Knights responded with eight of the next 11 points, capping the crucial run with three-straight kills—two from Mankus and another courtesy of senior captain Rachel Dunn—which forced Navy head coach Mike Schwob to call timeout. The Black Knights did not falter, outscoring the Midshipmen by a 5-2 margin down the stretch to claim a 25-15 victory.

The start of the second set played out much like the first, as the teams' battled coming out of the gate. Army held a 12-10 lead when a kill from Plebe right side Francine Vasquez

jump started a 9-1 Army run that put the Black Knights in the driver's seat with a 21-11 advantage.

Vasquez notched another kill during the run, as did Mankus, Rowell and Castro. The Black Knights went on to take a 2-0 lead into the break with a 25-17 triumph.

Navy enjoyed its first and only lead of the match, as the Mids' setter Jenny Rudewicz opened the third set with a service ace. However, she followed with a service error and Mankus went on to serve the next four points as Army took an early 5-1 lead. Army maintained at least a three-point edge from there, while the final nine-point (25-16) margin marked the largest of the frame.

Returning from a bout with illness that kept her out of Army's 3-2 victory over American Oct. 16, Cow middle blocker Amanda Rowell added eight kills and led all players with four total blocks. Dunn continued to play a bit out of position, but managed a pair of kills, three digs and two assists. Vasquez also finished with six kills and added eight digs.

"Rachel Dunn took on a tough role this weekend, stepping up and playing middle with virtually no experience due to some injuries," Kovaci said. "We didn't miss a beat, and I want to credit her for stepping



Cow middle blocker Amanda Rowell (#8) jumps up to block a Navy spike during Army's three-set win.

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up and being such an unbelievable team player."

Following Oct. 17's matches, Army remained the lone unbeaten left in the Patriot League as the Black Knights sit alone atop the league standings, one game ahead of Colgate (6-1).

"There's always pressure, whether you're undefeated or not," Kovaci said. "It was great to go 7-0 during the first half. But now we need to enjoy that, erase it from our thoughts and get ready for the second half.

"I'm absolutely excited about

the way that we are playing right now," she added. "We just need to continue to focus on what we do and get our job done. We have a long way to go and a lot of things to work on."

Army continues its five-match homestand with a pair of Patriot League matches this weekend. The Black Knights welcome Colgate to town for a noon start Friday before hosting Bucknell at 4 p.m. Saturday.

Both matches will be played at Gillis Field House, where Army is 5-1 this season.

Women's Cross country outruns Navy

By Dallas Miller
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Led by a season-best performance from Cow Courtney Clement, who claimed first-place overall with a time of 21 minutes, 37.6 seconds, the Army women's cross country team defeated Navy, 24-31, Oct. 16 at the West Point Golf Course.

The win marked the first time since 2005 that the Black Knights have bested the Midshipmen in the annual cross country Star Meet.

"The women today deserve an unbelievable amount of credit for their competitive spirit and their commitment throughout the season," first-year women's head coach Troy Engle said.

The Black Knights' win snapped a three-race losing streak to Navy in the Star Meet, after Army posted five straight wins in the series from 2001-05.

Clement earned the individual win and paced the squad for the first time in her career after being the team's second-place runner in three previous races this season.

"All along she's had some brilliant workouts and has been on the (edge) of a big breakthrough competitively," Engle said. "Today was a great day for her to do it. The way that she ran was phenomenal."

Plebe Jillian Busby, who had led the Black Knights in all four races before the Star Meet, crossed the line with her fastest time of the year (21:45.6) to grab second-place overall.

Army swept the No. 6, 7, and 8 positions and closed out its scoring lineup with Cow Christina Rath (22:07.6), Yearling Chelsea Pahl (22:12.3), and Firstie Ashley Morgan (22:12.7) all crossing ahead of Navy runners.

After Morgan and Pahl jumped out to an early lead, Clement and Busby surged forward, giving Army the top four runners about 1.5 miles into the 6-kilometer race.

Clement and Busby were neck-and-neck at the third mile, but it was Clement who powered down the home stretch to finish eight seconds ahead.

"We also know that this is not the end of the season," Engle



Cow Courtney Clement (foreground) outraces Plebe Jillian Busby for first place versus Navy Oct. 16 at the West Point Golf Course.

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remarked of the team's upcoming race in the Patriot League Championships Oct. 31 at Colgate University. "We've got a team (in Navy) that's going to be excited to show us that they want to keep the conference race honest, and we're right there and ready for it."



Close, but no cigar versus Temple—up next: Rutgers

Army defensive tackle Victor Ugenyi (right) attempts to block Temple quarterback Vaughn Charlton's first quarter pass during a hard-fought 27-13 loss at Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia Oct. 17. The Black Knights (3-4) look to get back on the winning track Friday against the Scarlet Knights of Rutgers (4-2) at Michie Stadium. The kickoff is scheduled for 8 p.m. The game will air nationally on ESPN2.

TOMMY GILLIGAN/PV

Sprint Football dominates 42-0 in CSFL contest

By Dallas Miller
Athletic Communications

Yearling wide receiver Benjamin Johnson amassed 186 total yards and scored four touchdowns en route to the Ken Kunken Most Valuable Player honors in a 42-0 Army win over Mansfield in the 2009 Adirondack Trust Allegiance Bowl in Saratoga Springs Oct. 17.

With the win, Army lifted its record to 5-0 overall, 3-0 CSFL, while Mansfield, a first-year CSFL member, fell to 1-4 overall, 1-4 CSFL.

Johnson caught scoring passes of 66, 44 and 19 yards, and he finished with 152 receiving yards on just four catches. He also scored on a 39-yard run on an end-around play in the third quarter.

"We are very happy with the way Ben played," second-year head coach Lt. Col. Mark West said. "He's a talented player and that's certainly no secret to anyone in the league anymore."

After hauling in a pair of touchdown passes in the win over Penn last weekend, Johnson pulled down the first of his two first-half scores to put Army on the scoreboard four minutes into the game. Plebe quarterback Tim Meier, who found Johnson just inside the end line for the 19-yard connection,

completed 8-of-15 passing for 216 yards.

Firstie captain Ricky Lentz carried the ball 15 times for 133 yards in the first half alone, and finished the game with 180 yards on 23 attempts and a touchdown.

For the game, the Black Knights outgained the Mountaineers 502-177 and forced 12 punts. Mansfield was just 2-of-17 on fourth down.

"We were glad to get the win today," West said. "It keeps us in contention for the league championship."

Army (5-0), which has 30 unbeaten seasons and 17 league championships to its credit, has recorded the most wins in a season since the 2003 squad went 5-1. The Black Knights will return to action at 7 p.m. Friday to take on Cornell in Ithaca.

Flag Football Standings

Standings as of Tuesday

TEAMS	W	L	T
1. ODIA	8	0	0
2. STEWART MAR. #1	6	1	1
3. HHC/USAG	5	2	1
4. BTD/USCC	5	2	1
5. 105TH ANG	4	4	0
6. MEDDAC	2	5	1
7. STEWART MAR. #2	1	6	1
8. MPs	1	6	1
9. WTU	1	7	0

Sports calendar

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Corps

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

FRIDAY—VOLLEYBALL VS. COLGATE, NOON AT GILLIS FIELD HOUSE.

FRIDAY—FOOTBALL VS. RUTGERS, 8 P.M. AT MICHIE STADIUM (TELEVISED: ESPN 2.)

SATURDAY—SWIMMING & DIVING VS. MASSACHUSETTS, 2 P.M. AT CRANDALL POOL.

SATURDAY—VOLLEYBALL VS. BUCKNELL, 4 P.M. AT GILLIS FIELD HOUSE (INTERNET: ITT KNIGHT VISION.)

SATURDAY—HOCKEY VS. MERCYHURST, 7:05 P.M. AT TATE RINK.

SUNDAY—MEN'S SOCCER VS. LAFAYETTE, 1 P.M. AT CLINTON FIELD (INTERNET: ITT KNIGHT VISION.)

SUNDAY—HOCKEY VS.

MERCYHURST, 2:05 P.M. AT TATE RINK.

SUNDAY—WOMEN'S SOCCER VS. COLGATE, 4 P.M. AT CLINTON FIELD.

OCT. 30—SPRINT FOOTBALL VS. NAVY, 7 P.M. AT SHEA STADIUM.

OCT. 31—VOLLEYBALL VS. HOLY CROSS, 5 P.M. AT GILLIS FIELD HOUSE.

OCT. 31—WOMEN'S SOCCER VS. HOLY CROSS, 7 P.M. AT CLINTON FIELD.

Club

SATURDAY—MEN'S RUGBY VS. CONNECTICUT, 1 P.M. (FIRST XV) & 3 P.M. (SECOND XV) AT ANDERSON RUGBY COMPLEX.

OCT. 30—BOXING, FRIDAY NIGHT FIGHTS, 6 P.M. AT NORTH BOXING ROOM.

OCT. 31—MEN'S RUGBY VS. BOSTON COLLEGE, 5 P.M. AT ANDERSON RUGBY COMPLEX.

CLUB RESULTS

• **Men's Team Handball:** West Point Men's Team Handball sent its senior (Black) and junior (Gold) teams to the University of North Carolina's Tar Heel Invitational in Chapel Hill, N.C., Oct. 17 and Sunday.

The tournament featured a field of eight teams, including the defending (club) national champion New York City Team Handball club.

Both Army teams played well overall for the weekend with the Black squad finishing in fourth place with a record of 3-2. The Gold's level of performance was not reflected in the win column with a 0-3-1 record, but it was reflected in their level of play as they lost some close games to far more experienced competition.

The Black squad played exceptionally well Oct. 17, with pool-play victories over a veteran Carolina Blue 20-16, New England Freeze 28-26 and Tar Heel Hand Ball 31-11.

The win over New England was dramatic as the Black had to come from behind to take the lead, and eventually pulled away with the victory.

The Gold squad had to open the tourney against the defending national champs NYC, and they fought hard throughout game, but fell 28-13. Gold then faced the Washington D.C. Diplomats and came away with a 26-26 tie. In the nightcap, Gold lost a close battle to a far more experienced Carolina THB 23-22.

The Gold players gained valuable experience in this tournament and their level of play is fast approaching that of the Black squad's.

The Black team came out flat and fell behind to Carolina THB in the semifinal match Sunday. After battling back to tie the match, they fell 19-18 in overtime. The Gold squad lost a shootout with New England 36-35, and Black lost a rematch with Carolina Blue 31-27 later in the day.

Firstie left back T.J. Giordano led all players in scoring with 26 goals over the weekend.

• **Women's Rugby:** Army Women's Rugby First XV defeated the University of Massachusetts 52-5 Oct. 17 at Amherst, Mass. Try scorers for the match were Cow Ashley Miller (2) and single tries by Cow Ashley April, Yearling Jessica Sexauer, Fristie Krystle Harrell, Firstie Ashley Sorensen, Yearlings Melissa Niehus and Barbara Lodwick. The next match for Army's First XV is 12:30 p.m. Saturday at Vassar in Poughkeepsie.

• **Men's Rugby:** West Point's First XV hosted Northeastern Oct. 17 at the Anderson Rugby Complex and dominated the match 93-3. Army try scorers were Firstie Dom Latino (4), Firstie Chris Frederick (2), Firstie Bobby O'Neill (2) and single tries by Firsties Miles Rowan, Cole Morrison, Gibson Sale and Cows Peter Belden and Andrew Hansche.

Army was able to seal the 93-3 victory through domination of its set pieces and solid defense to keep Northeastern on their half of the pitch. Army's attack worked very well together distributing the ball and working together in order to keep up the intensity throughout the match.

First XV's next match is at 1 p.m. Saturday against the University of Connecticut at ARC.