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Monday, check
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Good luck to the
Class of 2014.

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A real tear-jerker

Two Cadet Basic Training Bravo Company cadets close their eyes in reaction to the chemical compound to which they were exposed in the House of Tears (gas chamber) during their Chemical, Biological and Radiological portion of training during CBT July 28. The new cadets are in the final stage of CBT and will conclude training with March Back from Camp Buckner to the front of Washington Hall Monday. See pages 8-9 for more CBT photos and story.

TOMMY GILLIGAN/PV

Class of 2014 concludes CBT with March Back Monday

By Jim Fox
West Point Media Relations

New cadets from the Class of 2014 will conclude Cadet Basic Training with an approximately 12-mile road march from Camp Buckner to the front of Washington Hall Monday.

The March Back begins before sunrise when the new cadets depart Camp Buckner

in tactical formation and travel along Routes 293 and 9W and cross over the West Point Golf Course bridge.

This event is the culmination of six weeks of Cadet Basic Training or "Beast Barracks."

Cadet Basic Training is a rigorous program that trains new cadets in basic military skills and prepares them for entry into the Corps of Cadets. The Class of 2014

reported June 28.

During the March Back, academy graduates from classes ranging from 1945-2008 will join the Class of 2014.

The graduates participate in the March Back to demonstrate their support of the new class, recognize its accomplishments and to connect with the future members of the Long Gray Line.

A pass in review will be conducted in

front of Quarters 100, the superintendent's residence, at 12:20 p.m.

For the new cadets, this acknowledges their successful completion of one of the most demanding challenges they will encounter during their four-year cadet experience.

New cadets will be officially accepted into the Corps of Cadets during the Acceptance Parade scheduled for 10 a.m. Aug. 14 on the Plain.

AFAP General Officer Steering Committee resolves 27 QOL issues



Commentary from Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch Installation Management Commander

I have always said you can either read history or make it. Many in our workforce have made important

history by asking the three fundamental questions: *Are we doing the right things? Are we doing things right? What are we missing?*

These questions compelled the workforce to provide valuable feedback that helps us sustain the Army Family Covenant. Because of your voice and the Army's commitment to taking care of Soldiers, civilians and Families, you have added to the 27-year history of the Army Family Action Plan's quality-of-life improvements, enabling us to do the right things the right way and fix things that were missing.

One of the greatest achievements of the recent AFAP General Officer Steering Committee is resolving 27 of 40 quality-of-life issues. The GOSC, comprised of Department of Defense officials, Army leaders and field representatives, reviewed some tough issues that require resources, legislation and policy changes.

In the end, the resolutions expanded Soldier entitlements and civilian employment; enhanced medical and Family support; and improved facilities and relocation services for the Soldiers and civilians who support our nation and the Families who support them.

The AFAP is a year-round process that begins at the installation or unit level and is the pre-eminent means for commanders at all levels to learn of and seek solutions for the

concerns of their communities. Currently, the Army is the only service with a program like AFAP.

Because of your voice, the Army is able to dedicate child and youth spaces to accommodate our special needs children at Child, Youth and School Services facilities. Garrison commanders now have the authority to designate areas within their community for immediate special needs child care. This resolution supports Soldier and Family well being.

Our pledge to improve Family readiness is evident in the resolution of issue No. 562, an efficient and seamless delivery of Family support services with Army One Source. This is a significant approach to reaching out to Families. Information about Army Family programs, health care benefits, education and recreation is available online at www.myarmyonesource.com, and is easily accessible by Soldiers and Families—regardless of geographic location. This one-stop shop for Army information is available for members of the Active and Reserve components.

We are ensuring excellence in schools through an online, one-on-one tutoring service for Army-affiliated students. Family members in grades K-12 can receive live online assistance with math, science, language and introductory college-level courses. This worldwide service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week at www.tutor.com.

Providing additional support to surviving Families with enhanced survivor Family dental benefits was also attained. Surviving children can now maintain coverage in the TRICARE Dental Plan through age 21, or age 23, if they are full-time college students.

Additionally, an issue requesting around-the-clock child care was resolved. The Army funded 24/7 child care facilities at 11 installations, based on installation missions and projected demand. Family Child Care homes provide the same services at the remaining installations.

We have made great strides, but the committee agreed that six AFAP recommendations cannot be resolved because of resource constraints, lack of legislative support, or other factors. However, we decided to continue pursuing seven agenda items, such as increasing weight allowances for relocating Families and boosting medical retirement pay for some disabled Soldiers.

Above all, the AFAP continues to turn possibilities into realities. Since the first AFAP conference in 1983, we have established standards for child care, increased single Soldier programs, granted paternity leave for new military fathers and expanded educational benefits for Families.

This grassroots process identifies and elevates the most significant QOL issues that affect Soldiers, retirees, civilians and Families. Information provided through the AFAP process gives commanders and leaders insight into current satisfaction detractors, QOL needs and expectations of the Army community.

Leaders use the information to effect changes that improve standards of living and support programs. These changes foster a satisfied, informed and resilient Army community.

We are entering a new era in AFAP. As the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management, I am committed to ensuring all recommendations are thoroughly analyzed to determine if they are realistically achievable. To that end, I will be meeting with the Army staff proponents each month to analyze eight to 10 issues.

I want to include the entire Army Family in this process by keeping them informed of the progress of each issue.

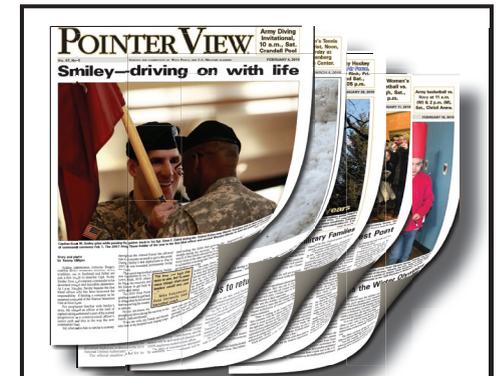
As such, I invite you to visit the Army One Source website at www.myarmyonesource.com, and select the Family Programs and Services menu to activate the AFAP Active Issue Search feature.

Here, you can enter keywords to find related active issues, or insert an issue

number to see a specific issue. You may also search by subject area, demographic group or geographic area to see what we are doing to improve quality of life for those we serve. I will also keep you informed by publishing monthly updates and postings to my Facebook page.

I encourage you to continue asking these three fundamental questions about our programs and services—*Are we doing the right things? Are we doing things right? What are we missing?*

If you answer “no” to the first two questions or you think we are missing something, get involved and become part of the solution for improving the Army's home—your home. Reading history is educational, but getting involved and making important history is an exceptional way of providing exceptional support to the Soldiers, civilians, and Families in our home.



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Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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

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New TMP is open for business

The newly completed transportation motor pool administration building is located along Route 293, across from Camp Buckner. Employees and administrative officials moved into the new complex July 19. A new motor pool van will pick up only those who need to go to the motor pool and follows the same route as the regular shuttle bus to pick up passengers. The daily schedule is printed on the right.

KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

New Motor Pool Shuttle Service

The Motor Pool shuttle van service began July 26. The shuttle runs daily from 5:56 a.m.-4:56 p.m. for motor pool users.

Below is the shuttle run for the van: Time for pick-up in hourly minutes.

- Motor Pool (TMP) — 56
- Motor Pool (Maintenance) — 57
- Pershing Center/Spellman Hall — 14
- Hotel Thayer (Exit Ramp) — 16
- Mills/Thayer Road — 17
- Thayer/Cullum Road — 18
- Mahan Hall Tunnel — 19
- Library Corner — 20
- Thayer Statue — 21
- Bldg. 667A — 22
- Bldg. 681 — 23
- Washington/Buckner — 25
- Keller Hospital — 28
- Post Laundry — 29
- Motor Pool (Maintenance) — 45
- Motor Pool (TMP) — 47

The van service is not the regular North/South shuttle bus.

It is marked “motor pool shuttle” and is for motor pool service only.

Expect traffic delays for March Back

By Joe Senger
Directorate of Plans, Training,
Mobilization and Security

The Cadet Basic Training regiment conducts its annual March Back to West Point Monday. West Point personnel will experience traffic delays from approximately 8-10 a.m. at the Round Pond entrance to the 9W intersection. Everyone is encouraged to take alternate routes.

At 11:45 a.m., the new cadets step off from the Victor Constant Ski Slope for the final leg of March Back. Anyone traveling on Route 218 will experience delays, as

traffic will be stopped from the ski slope parking lot to Washington Gate.

Once the new cadets enter the installation, Washington Road traffic will be shut down by the Military Police until they have turned onto Jefferson Road at the 101 intersection at approximately 12:30 p.m.

All personnel should use alternate routes to keep Washington Road traffic free during this movement.

Agencies expecting deliveries during this time frame should make alternate arrangements.

For more information, call DPTMS at 938-8859.

Lost or stolen CAC/ID card information

There has been a change in the Department of Defense/Department of the Army policy referencing lost or stolen Common Access Cards/ID Cards. All such CACs/ID Cards must be reported before a replacement can be issued. The report (in writing) must come from the local Provost Marshal, a civilian police report or a locally-produced memorandum.

For military members, the memorandum must be signed by the commander or first sergeant. For civilian employees, the memorandum must be signed by the HR Department (CPAC) or supervisor.

For DOD/DA contractor personnel, the memorandum must be signed by the COR

or the CVS Trusted Agent. For Family members, the memorandum must be signed by the sponsor and the DEERS Site Security Manager.

This report/memorandum must be brought to the ID Card Office and if the Family member is 21 years or older, must provide two forms of identification, one of which must have a photo. There is no exception to this policy. Examples of authorized memorandums can be obtained at the ID Card Office or via e-mail to Cedric.Lofton@usma.edu or Earl.Vass@usma.edu.

For more information, contact the ID Card Office at 938-3746/4736/3212/8474.

In Memoriam

Capt. Jason E. Holbrook, a Class of 2004 graduate, was killed July 29 in Tsagay, Afghanistan when the vehicle he was riding in hit an improvised explosive device.

The Green Beret, Ranger and Special Forces Soldier deployed as part of the Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force-Afghanistan, and was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fort Bragg, N.C.

Holbrook, 28, was awarded a Bronze Star, a Purple Heart and a Meritorious Service Medal, and had previously deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The Burnet, Texas, native is survived by his wife, Heather, and parents, Joan and James.

Funeral services are scheduled for Friday at Hill Country Fellowship Church in Burnet.



Capt. Jason E. Holbrook

Queen of Beast

Says best Plebe Class will emerge this year from basic training

Story and photo by Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor/Copy

A few hundred grew to over a thousand strong outside Washington Hall, posing the first hurdle for the new cadet cadre after the change of command ceremony July 18. The Ice Cream Social marked the first event planned and executed by the new Cadet Basic Training detail, and it proved to be a successful start for the cadets in charge.

Firstie Brittany Fraser, the CBTII Regimental Commander, said it also provided them with a boost of confidence that has carried them midway through the summer training known as “Beast Barracks.”

Whereas the first cadre detail was responsible for transforming civilians into West Point cadets, the second detail completes the transformation of cadets into Soldiers, Fraser explained. Upperclass cadets are charged with leading the new cadets through basic soldiering skills like marksmanship training, rappelling and first aid.

“The second detail is a lot more field-oriented and provides more intensive training, but for a lot of cadets it’s more fun,” Fraser said. “They enjoy it more than lectures in a classroom. Personally, I enjoy the military aspect of training more than anything else.”

Fraser believes the training new cadets currently receive has improved from what she experienced a few years ago, and most of that credit belongs to the Cow and Firstie cadets who’re providing the training. Previously, cadets were charged primarily with escort duties and accountability of new cadets, while teams of active-duty Soldiers provided the hands-on training.

“This year, we had a two-week Leader Training Program where the cadets had to become subject matter experts, or as close to it as possible, on each event they’re going to teach.”

While active-duty Soldiers still contribute as trainers, evaluators and demonstrators throughout the summer, the recent trend of cadet-driven leadership creates a new dynamic upon cadets in training.

“At least from my perspective, the leadership, the cadet cadre, can learn so much more this way,” Fraser said. “And the effect it has on the new cadets is evident, because their (the cadet cadre’s) creativity is going during the training.”

For example, when planning the Soldier First Responder Training, Fraser wanted the task to be a tactical scenario. The results, she said, were impressive.

“The company commanders wrote their own Operation Orders, found their training sites, requested their own ammo for fire, created their own scenarios and executed,” Fraser said. “Each company came up with their own scenarios which were completely different.”

As “Queen of Beast,” Fraser has been asked by new cadets how she earned command of the new cadet regiment. Fraser said she tends to navigate toward assignments that

place her in the field, knee-deep in military training. Last summer, she served as first sergeant during Cadet Field Training, and before that, she earned her Air Assault badge and graduated from Airborne School. Yet, her initial entry into West Point was probably the hardest obstacle she’s had to face.

“I had a really rough Plebe year,” Fraser said. “Beast was rough for me. The different stressors in the academy really hit my immune system hard and I couldn’t (stay) healthy. Then I joined the triathlon team. Being in that atmosphere with other cadets on the team—just their work ethic alone—and their motivation to be good cadets, really pulled me out of the slump I was in. So I went from having a really dreary first semester Plebe year to having a spectacular second semester.”

Fraser had a lifelong ambition to join the military, even telling her grandmother when she was seven how she wanted to be a Soldier. She decided to pursue an appointment at the Naval Academy, partly inspired by the movie “Top Gun” to become a fighter pilot. During the application process, she researched all the service academies, ROTC programs and even considered enlistment.

Fraser said it was a last-minute conversion and had to explain to her congressman during the nomination process why she wanted to attend the U.S. Military Academy instead.

“I wanted my life to be about people, and the Army seemed to provide more of that Family-like atmosphere,” Fraser said. “Working with people every day and not aircrafts, machines or ships.”

After graduation from Ferndale High School in 2006, she attended the Marion Military Institute in Alabama—a long way from her rural homestead in Washington State.

“I wasn’t accepted right out of high school, which was a humbling experience,” Fraser said. “It can be pretty hard, but it was the best decision I could have made because it set me up for success.”

Fraser’s studies originally focused on a pre-medical degree before her love of language led her to pursue Foreign Area Studies instead. Her first concentration was in kinesiology but she was also taking Arabic for a language. The former Life Sciences major was disappointed to learn that she wouldn’t be able to continue another semester of Arabic.

“So I decided on a major I knew I enjoyed, I had fun with, and would look forward to going to class everyday to learn,” Fraser, who spent three weeks in Egypt for a Department of Foreign Languages immersion program, said. “It’s not only the language aspect; it’s the culture and geography. I like studying the Middle East. I think it’s one of the most misunderstood cultures in the world.”

On Aug. 14, the new cadet regiment will march onto the Plain for the Acceptance Day Parade and officially be accepted into the Corps of cadets as Plebes.

“Our goal is to make this the best Plebe class that West



Firstie Brittany Fraser assumed command of the Cadet Basic Training Regiment July 18 and will steer the cadet cadre in charge of the new cadets to the end of summer training.

Point has ever had,” Fraser said. “And I think we’re going to do it; this is a very motivated cadre.”

There are different measures of success, and Fraser said one of them will be determined this week during the Hyde Challenge, for both the new cadets and the cadre. The new cadets must use all the knowledge and training they’ve acquired throughout CBT and apply it to the three-day tactical event. Likewise, the success of the cadet cadre will be gauged on how well they have planned and executed this culminating exercise, and whether they’ve trained the new cadets well enough to pass such a challenge.

“Success to me is not only evaluating them and knowing if they’re proficient in the skills we’ve taught them, but the fact they all return to West Point,” Fraser said. “I would be more than happy to see all the new cadets graduate from CBT, but I know that doesn’t always happen. I guess success for me would be them having a sense of pride in what they’ve done, having completed something that no other CBT class has ever accomplished and having the confidence to be successful going into the academic year.”

Her duties as CBTII commander may expire after Acceptance Day, but what Fraser defines as a successful mission remains to be seen.

“Well, ‘mission accomplished’ to me, is more on how the Plebes do during the academic year as well,” Fraser said. “It’s still our job and our mission to continue developing those Plebes so they can be successful; and when it’s their time to train new cadets, they can be better than we were.”



Participants from the Department of Systems Engineering, the Potomac Institute and other partners gathered July 21 for the Common Ground Operational User Assessment Pilot Test.

COURTESY PHOTO

Pilot Test exercise proves successful

By Lt. Col. Paul Kucik
Department of Systems Engineering

On July 21, the Department of Systems Engineering successfully hosted the Common Ground Operational User Assessment Pilot Test. Common Ground is a geospatial planning tool, which is currently in development and is intended for fielding to tactical units.

Visitors from NATO, the German Army, the Norwegian Army, Joint Forces Command, the Engineer Research and Development Center, George Mason University, Northrop Grumman and other partners came to West Point to observe and participate in the exercise. The subjects of the "test" were the newly arrived military faculty in the Department of Systems Engineering.

Overall, the exercise was highly successful, and the results of the exercise will allow developers to make improvements to the system.

"The pilot test was a good shake-out that was orchestrated superbly by Lt. Col. Paul Kucik and his staff," said retired Brig. Gen. David Reist, a Ph.D. candidate who works with the Potomac Institute. "(The test was) well done and a great effort by the talented captains and majors who participated."

DSS cadet participates in joint operations at Naval War College

Submitted by Defense and Strategic Studies/
Department of Military Instruction

The Navy captain in charge of the operation carefully looked over the staff reports and recommendations as Cow Kevin Klenk and his fellow staff officers, mostly majors and lieutenant commanders attending the Naval War College in Newport, R.I., anxiously waited for approval of their plan.

Klenk and his counterparts had just spent a week developing and refining a Joint Operations Plan to bring humanitarian aid to a starving North Korean population after the collapse of the government and regime change.

This was all part of the culmination exercise of the Intermediate Level Education course at the college.

During his Advanced Individual Academic Development program, Klenk was able to join the ILE class during its final two weeks.

This experience included several staff planning sessions, multiple graded Joint Operations Plan briefings and several final lectures on joint planning.

In addition to his academic experience, Klenk served as an assistant to the dean's office for the Current Strategy Forum, which is an annual two-day forum hosted by the War College featuring talks by experts in the field of strategy and policy.

Klenk was able to meet and converse with numerous noteworthy speakers, including Rear Adm. James P. Wisecup, President of the Naval War College; Adm. Gary Roughead, the Chief of Naval Operations; Gen. James F. Amos, Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps; the Honorable Raymond Mabus, Secretary of the Navy; and Hew Strachan of the University of Oxford.

"My time in Newport afforded me the opportunity to learn from numerous important military leaders and academic luminaries," Klenk said of his time at the ILE course at



Cow Kevin Klenk and Rear Admiral James Wisecup.

COURTESY PHOTO

the Naval War College. "(I) participated in briefings and discussions that are pertinent to our national security."



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DSS cadets experience graduate school life

Submitted by Defense and Strategic Studies/
Department of Military Instruction

Three Defense and Strategic Studies majors, as part of the Department of Military Instruction, were sponsored for an Advanced Individual Academic Development trip to the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif., this summer.

Firsties Andy Nicholas and Robert Zauche and Cow Marc Meybaum visited the Postgraduate School for three weeks to experience a graduate level academic program that is very similar to the course of instruction received by DSS majors at West Point.

The cadets took classes with two departments at NPS—National Security Affairs and Defense Analysis. Since most NPS students have recently returned from deployments to Iraq or Afghanistan, one of the most interesting aspects of the AIAD was the cadets' interaction in classes on sub-state conflict, counterinsurgency and foreign affairs with officers who have fresh experiences from around the globe.

Several West Point alumni in the Defense Analysis department, all Special Forces officers, mentored the cadets during their stay.

The officers connected the cadets with the NPS Cycling Club and shared their lessons and advice from being platoon leaders in the conventional force to company grade officers in the Special Forces.

The Naval Postgraduate School was founded in 1909 and offers a fully accredited masters degree program to active duty officers in security studies, as well as programs in engineering, management and the sciences.



Cow Marc Meybaum and Firstie Andy Nicholas experienced student life at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif. Both cadets are currently majoring in Defense and Strategic Studies. COURTESY PHOTO

Cadets get in-depth with special operations command functions during AIAD abroad

Submitted by Defense and Strategic Studies/
Department of Military Instruction

At precisely 9 a.m. in Stuttgart, Germany, Cow Jeremy Zanolini began his commander's update brief with senior officers and noncommissioned officers. They listened attentively as the cadet, 20 years their junior in most cases, presented the current status of special operations across the African continent.

Zanolini was one of two Defense and Strategic Studies majors to travel to the Special Operations Command United States Africa Command in Stuttgart this summer.

During the Advanced Individual Academic Development trip, the cadets spent three weeks working in the command's Joint Operations Center, under the office of the J3 who manages current special operations in Africa. Their assignments ranged from producing and delivering briefings for the commander, Brig. Gen. Christopher Haas, to researching national and defense policy about the Horn of Africa to plan future projects.

The command is a joint theater special operations command, with special operations personnel from all four services working together.

"One of the most unique things about this AIAD was our exposure to some of the most elite Soldiers the armed forces have to offer, working together toward a common vision of stability and security in Africa," Cow Alex Stein said.

For three weeks they learned the complexities of planning and carrying out joint operations. This included learning the role of several key players in the joint environment such as the foreign political advisor, the global force manager, service liaison officers and regional engagement officers, and how each contributes to the process.

The cadets were able to experience life in Germany. They took advantage of the opportunity to enjoy a different culture while traveling around Stuttgart and making a trip to Frankfurt.

Zanolini, upon his return to the United States, remarked, "This really was a great experience. I can only hope to return to Germany during my career in the Army."

Cadets share stories online

Find out what West Point cadets did this summer on the Army Strong blog at:

www.armystrong-stories.com/tag/west-point/



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Motorcycle training available to beginners, advanced riders

Sgt. Brent Golding, medical maintenance noncommissioned officer at Keller Army Community Hospital, lead fellow motorcyclist trainees Sgt. Jennifer Ortiz, an Army recruiter from Peekskill; Sgt. John Carreras, a National Guard Soldier from the 258th Field Artillery in N.Y.; Sgt. Edward Jones, KACH; and Staff Sgt. Clifford Harris, crew chief from the 105th Airlift Wing at Stewart Air National Guard Base. All attended the 16-hour Basic Motorcycle Course behind Michie Stadium July 27-28, sponsored by the West Point Safety

Office. The course is mandatory for any motorcycle rider wanting to register a vehicle at or ride on the West Point installation. It combines classroom instruction with practical lessons on safety, protective clothing and more, according to Robert Laible, Cape Fox Professional Service instructor. The course is offered several times annually. There is also a one-day advanced course. The next classes are offered Tuesday and Wednesday and Aug. 26-27.

KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

2010 CBT: COMING TO A CLOSE

Story and photos by
Tommy Gilligan
Assistant Editor/Photos

In four short days, more than 1,300 new cadets will march approximately 12 miles from Camp Buckner to the front of Washington Hall, bringing a close to their six-week transformation from civilians to cadets.

While the training has intensified over the past few weeks—from the historic and basic knowledge level of what it takes to be a cadet to field training and learning various aspects of what it takes to become a Soldier in the U.S. Army.

For a most new cadets, the second session of CBT has been a laundry list of first-time experiences; from learning the four fundamentals of basic marksmanship, live-fire lane training and rappelling to learning how to properly use MOPP (Mission

Oriented Protective Posture) gear and applying that knowledge in a practical exercise in the House of Tears (gas chamber).

“That was absolutely intense,” a new cadet said while catching his breath after going through the House of Tears.

These young men and women from all over the country and the world, for that matter, have stepped up and met the challenges that were presented to them every day through CBT.

Presently, these soon-to-be Plebes are immersed in the culminating CBT event, the Hyde Challenge. Over the 36-hour long event, they will take everything they have learned since stepping onto these storied grounds on R-Day and apply every aspect to successfully complete each challenge.

Once complete, they will be one step closer to Acceptance Day, which takes place Aug. 14.



Three new cadets from Alpha Company rappell down the 75-foot wall at the Pine Ridge Mountaineering site July 28.



A new cadet assigned to Alpha Company moves through the woods during live-fire lane training July 26.



(Left) New cadets conduct physical training in their issued Mission Oriented Protective Posture, or MOPP, equipment prior to entering the House of Tears, or more commonly known as the gas chamber, July 28.



A new cadet assigned to Alpha Company lays in the prone position with his M-4 machine gun 'on the ready' during live-fire lane training July 26.



A new cadet stands along the wall as her partner steps back after ensuring her the protective mask was properly sealed in the House of Tears July 28.

Back-to-School: Parent info for 2010-11 School Year

Submitted by the
West Point Schools

(Editor's note: This is the first part of the Back-to-School series. Next week's *Pointer View* will feature the second part of the series that will lead into the first day of school.)

Welcome! The West Point Elementary and Middle Schools extend a hearty welcome to new and returning students and Families who will be with us for SY 2010-11.

Please know that an experienced and dedicated staff of professionals eagerly awaits your child and is busy making preparations for a smooth school opening.

This article contains important information regarding the opening of school and activities that take place before school opens. Please read all the information carefully.

Watch for additional "Back to School" information in next week's *Pointer View* that includes bus routes, lunch menus, school closing information and more.

Daily Time Schedules:

- Middle School—Grades 5-8 –7:38 a.m.-2:18 p.m.;
- Elementary School—Grades K-4—8:30 a.m.-2:50 p.m.;
- AM Pre K—8:45 a.m.-11:10 a.m. (No Pre K on Friday);
- PM Pre K—12:10 p.m.-2:35 p.m. (No Pre K on Friday).

"Early" Release Times:

- Middle School—Dismissal at 11 a.m.;
- Elementary School—Dismissal at 11:30 a.m.;
- AM Pre K—Dismissal at 11:10 a.m.;
- No PM Pre K on Early Release Days.



School buses will be back in action starting Aug. 16 as children in Grades 1-8 return to the West Point Elementary and Middle Schools for the 2010-11 School Year.

KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

West Point Schools "New" Parent Orientation—There will be a brief orientation session for parents of new students entering the West Point Schools.

The Elementary School will hold its meeting at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday.

The Middle School meeting will be 1 p.m. Aug. 13. Both meetings will take place in the Middle School Auditorium, Bldg. 705.

Elementary School "Who will be my Teacher?"—The elementary school classroom assignments for SY 2010-11 will be posted at the school's front doors at 3:30 p.m. Aug. 13.

School Begins—Parents of students in Pre K through fourth grade will receive an information letter from the principal dated Aug. 4.

Additional information for students in Pre K and Kindergarten is noted separately in this article, please see information below.

Students in Grades 1-8 will report to school Aug. 16.

School Bus Information—Bus Information and Bus Routes will be posted in the next issue of the *Pointer View*.

Kindergarten Information: Kindergarten Orientation—Kindergarten parents are invited to attend a kindergarten orientation with their student on the first day from 9-10 a.m. Aug. 16.

Students will leave with parents at 10 a.m.

This meeting gives parents an opportunity to become acquainted with the kindergarten program, give the children a chance to meet

their teacher and see the classroom.

Kindergarten screening—Kindergarten screenings will be conducted in the afternoon Aug. 16 and all day Aug. 17 and 18.

Beginning Aug. 19, kindergarten students will begin regular full-day sessions.

Kindergarten hours are 8:30 a.m.-2:50 p.m.

Pre-Kindergarten Information

Pre K Screening/Home Visits—Screening/Home Visits for all Pre-Kindergarten students will take place Aug. 16-27.

A letter containing the name of your child's Pre-Kindergarten teacher and your assigned home visit time was mailed Aug. 4.

Please read the letter about Pre K carefully as it contains very important information.

On Aug. 30, there will be a one-hour Pre K orientation. Times are noted below:

- AM Session—8:45-9:45 a.m.;
- PM Session—noon-1 p.m.

On Aug. 31, regular morning and afternoon Pre K sessions will begin.

Registration Procedures

New students are encouraged to register for school as soon as possible after moving on post.

To formally enroll a child in a DODEA school, the following documentation is required:

- DODEA Form 600 (signed by sponsor only);

- Sponsor's PCS Orders;
- Verification of date of birth, such as the child's birth certificate;
- Verification that student is an eligible dependent.

One of the following:

- 90/180 day housing letter (child listed as permanent resident);
- Copy of the 1st and 3rd page of lease agreement.
- Immunization Record
- Physical Exam completed within the last 12 months if child is participating in sports (not required for Elementary School).

Additional forms to be completed at registration:

- Internet agreement;
- Race/Ethnicity and home language (Form 600A);
- Blanket permission form;
- Signed request for records;
- Health history form;
- Guidance counselor information letter.

Home School Information

This information is intended solely for those parents who have chosen to home school their children at West Point. West Point follows New York State laws on home schooling to the maximum extent practical.

New York State Regulations of the Commissioner of Education Part 100.00 pursuant to sections 207.3204, 3210, 3212 and 3234 of the New York State Education Law (as amended by the section 100.10) are the guidelines to be followed at West Point.

At West Point Schools, sponsors will notify the school of their intent to home school their children by July 1 of each year or within 14 days following the commencement

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DPW CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

- Masonry repairs/upgrades to Lee Barracks, Bldg. 740, are continuing on the sides of the building. For safety, the south side of the building, adjacent to Bldg. 606, will be open for vehicle traffic only. The north side of the building, adjacent to Grant Hall, will be open for both vehicle and pedestrian traffic. Anticipate completion by mid-August;
- Due to extensive steam line renovations and unforeseen site conditions, the closing of Brewerton Road (Scott Place to Thayer Walk) from 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and at 10 a.m. Thursday until 10 p.m. Sunday will extend through August. Pedestrian traffic will still be allowed during the road closure;
- Replacement of sidewalks on Merritt Road between the intersection of Stony Lonesome Road and the parking lot above the Catholic Chapel has started and is expected to take 60 days to complete. Execution of work is weather permitting. In order to allow a safety margin for the work, one lane of traffic will be restricted with flag person directing traffic;
- Paving of sidewalk, curbs and replacement of pavers in the vicinity of the Superintendent's Review Box and Doubleday Field is ongoing. Only minimal impact to the community is anticipated during the work. Work will continue until the end of August;
- Steam line repairs on Ruger Road are expected to begin soon between Bldgs. 667 and 146/Clock Tower. Traffic could be restricted to one lane on Ruger Road for a minimal period of time;
- Steam line replacement between the West Point Elementary School and Keller Hospital parking lot began with contractor mobilization the week of July 26. Actual excavation will begin within the next week. Although most of the excavation will occur in grassy areas, the excavation will cross into the parking lot—temporarily eliminating 3-5 parking spaces.

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of home instruction.

Once the intent letter is received, the school will send the sponsor a packet containing a letter that explains the process, the home schooling policy statement based on New York State requirements and the Individual Home Instruction Plan form, which is to be filled out by the sponsor.

Once the IHIP is returned to the school, a letter will be mailed to the sponsor acknowledging receipt.

New York State requires that quarterly progress reports are maintained while students are home schooled.

A dependent educated in a home school setting is permitted to use or receive auxiliary services of that school.

Auxiliary services include use of academic resources, special education services, access to the school library, after-hours use of school facilities and participation in music, sports and other extracurricular and interscholastic activities.

It is not unusual for students who are home schooled to participate in system-wide standardized testing given at the school or to enroll in advanced level classes such as Algebra I or foreign language.

Should you have a question regarding this requirement, contact the West Point School principals at 938-2923 (Grades 5-8) or 938-2313 (Grades Pre K-4).

Medication Guidelines and Immunization Requirements

If a child requires medication during the school day, the parent/guardian must bring the medication to the school nurse in the original container from the physician or pharmacy and complete the proper authorization form (a hold-harmless letter) with the school nurse.

The school nurse administers all medication.

Students who enroll in DODEA schools are required to meet immunization requirements, which are determined by the military.

The guidelines for military dependent children follow the guidelines from the Center for Disease Control and are based upon recommendations from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.

These are minimum requirements.

Additional requirements may be determined by the military medical commands based upon location and need. Consult your children's physician for information that is applicable for your children.

Throughout the year, there may be time

periods in which certain vaccines may not be available through the military.

Should this situation arise, a waiver will be granted until the vaccine is available.

Beginning school year 2010-11, DODEA students will be required to meet an additional immunization requirement.

The new DODEA requirement is as follows:

Required minimum immunizations for the first semester of the SY 2010-11 will include the addition of the second dose of the varicella vaccine.

Students will need the second dose of varicella after their fourth birthday to attend the Pre K program.

There is a DODEA immunizations form for optional use (it is not a mandatory form) for parents to use to document their children's immunization history.

If a parent chooses not to use the new immunization form, some other type of medical proof of immunization must be completed by a medical authority and provided to school officials at the time of initial registration.

For further information regarding DODEA immunization requirements, contact your children's school or Rhonda LaVenuta at the Office of Pupil Personnel Services at (703) 630-7026.

Command Channel 8/23

Aug. 5-12

Army Newswatch
(broadcast times)

Thursday, Friday and Monday through
Aug. 12

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

The Point
(broadcast times)

Thursday, Friday and Monday through
Aug. 12

8 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.

No swimming at Lake Popolopen Fri.-Mon.

Due to the requirements of Cadet Summer Training at Camp Buckner, Lake Popolopen is not authorized for public swimming use Friday-Monday.

Boating activities should be coordinated through Round Pond.

The above information is subject to change.

For more information, call Alec Lazore at 938-3007 or 938-3930.

NOW SHOWING

in the movie theater at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752.

Friday—**The Karate Kid, PG,**
7:30 p.m.

Saturday—**Toy Story 3, G, 7:30 p.m.**

Aug. 13—**Toy Story 3, G, 7:30 p.m.**

Aug. 14—**The A-Team, PG-13,**
7:30 p.m.

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

Mine Torne Road closures

Mine Torne Road will be closed the following dates for Cadet Basic Training squad competitions:

- Friday—7 a.m.-8:30 p.m.;
- Saturday—5:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m.;
- Sunday—5:30 a.m.-noon.

The above information is subject to change.

For more information, call Andrew Felo at 938-8556.

What's Happening

Army Education Center

John Jay College MPA at the West Point Army Education Center is now accepting applications for the fall session.

Deadline to register is Aug. 31.

For more information, call (845) 446-5959 or (860) 430-9468, or e-mail jjcwestpoint@yahoo.com.

(New Info) Purple Heart Appreciation Day

The National Purple Heart Hall of Honor and New Windsor Cantonment State Historic Sites will have a Purple Heart Appreciation Day Program from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday to honor all who have earned the Purple Heart and to commemorate the history behind the award.

The program includes a military timeline of America's Soldiers from the 17th through 20th centuries and features Veterans Administration and local veterans organizations to provide information to veterans of the services available to them.

For more information, call Pete Bedrossian at (845) 561-1765 ext. 28.

American Red Cross training

The American Red Cross is hosting a training class in Adult CPR/AED and First Aid from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday.

The class is located at the ARC West Point office next to the Visitor's Center.

Pre-registration is necessary. Go to www.arcgny.org to register.

For more information, call 938-4100.

Back-to-School Luau

The West Point Protestant Service (Gospel) members are hosting a Back-to-School Luau from 5-8 p.m. Saturday at the Happy Mountain Pavilion.

Elementary and middle school children

and their parents are invited to the event.

Admission and food are free. The event offers many fun activities for the whole family to enjoy.

For more information, contact Claire Bader or Spc. Stephen Bonett, Chaplain's Assistant, at 938-2003.

Basic Motorcycle Training courses

The next Basic Motorcycle Training courses is scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday and Aug. 26-27.

For more information, call Sandy at 938-3717.

Register at <https://airs.lmi.org/default.aspx>.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Do you love to knit or crochet or teach others to crochet?

The Post Chapel 12:30 p.m. Protestant Service is beginning a prayer shawl ministry that will provide shawls to those who have lost loved ones, experiencing distress or overcoming a medical illness.

This ministry is part of the Health Ministry.

For more information, contact Revita Page at 446-0820 or e-mail her at getreal44@hotmail.com.

Post Chapel Protestant Service revival/picnic

A revival/picnic celebration takes place Aug. 13-14 from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Post Chapel and Aug. 15 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at South Dock.

Come enjoy good preaching, fellowship, barbecue, fun and games to include bouncy houses for the children. All cadets are welcome.

This service replaces our regularly scheduled Sunday service held at 12:30

p.m.

For more information, e-mail Revita Page at wpcfs@hotmail.com.

Post Chapel

The Post Chapel is in need of watch care providers for Sunday mornings and Protestant Women of the Chapel Wednesdays.

For more information, call Andrienne Stiff-Adams at (914) 382-2392.

(New Info) Hudson Valley Blood Drive

The Hudson Valley Blood Services will conduct a blood drive Aug. 23-26 at Eisenhower Hall ballroom from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Aug. 23-25 and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Aug. 26.

Walk-ins are welcome, but those who wish to make an appointment can call Mary Mandia at 938-2583.

Apheresis platelet services are available for those individuals who wish to donate platelets and will be seen by appointment only.

Call 924-760-3177 or sign-up online at www.nybloodcenter.org.

Individuals who wish to register with the C.W. Bill Young/DOD Bone Marrow Donor Program can do so at the time of the blood drive.

(New Info) Dynamic Marriage class

The Post Chapel 12:30 p.m. Protestant Service is hosting a Dynamic Marriage class, an eight-week interactive program for married couples who would like to increase love for their spouses, communicate better and experience intimacy at a deeper level.

A recommitment wedding vow ceremony celebration will be held at the end of the course.

For more information, call Billy and Revita Page at (845) 446-0820 or e-mail at getreal44@hotmail.com.

Highland Falls/West Point Farmer's Market

The Highland Falls/West Point Farmer's Market runs through Oct. 31.

The market is located at the Municipal parking lot across the street from the West Point Museum and Sacred Heart Church from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. every Sunday.

(New Info) The Barclays golf playoffs

The Barclays golf playoffs at the Ridgewood Country Club in Paramus, N.J., invites active duty/retired and reserve military personnel and their dependents free of charge Aug. 24-29.

Present a valid CAC/military ID and downloaded

complimentary military tickets from www.thebarclaysgolf.com and present them when you arrive.

Events include a military appreciation day Aug. 25 featuring a color guard, a National Anthem performance and a military appreciation ceremony on the 18th green.

Children 18 and under get in free with a ticketed adult.

For tournament details, visit www.barclaysgolf.com.

(New Info) Women's Equality Day

The West Point Equal Opportunity Office and the William E. Simon Center for the Professional Military Ethic are hosting a Women's Equality Day observance luncheon Aug. 26 at the West Point Club Grand Ballroom.

The theme for the observance is "Celebrating Women's Right to Vote."

The guest speaker will be Anucha Brown-Sanders, who is a former executive of the NBA's New York Knicks and is currently the senior associate athletics director for marketing and senior woman administrator at the University at Buffalo.

Points of contact for the event are Sgt. 1st Class Dwayne Key, USCC EOA, at 938-8456; Master Sgt. Ryan Goldsmith, installation EO office, at 938-2581; Maj. Casey Moes, SAC-R, at 938-2494; and Capt. Elizabeth Mason, installation EO office, at 938-7082.

(New Info) PWOC annual kickoff

The Protestant Women of the Chapel is having its annual kickoff from 9-11 a.m. Aug. 25 and 7-9 p.m. Aug. 26 at the West Point Chapel.

The theme is "Shine in the Light of His Glory."

Child care is provided, but parents must pre-register for the child care.

For more information, call 926-1965 or 839-0122.

Keller Corner

Additional school and sports physicals available

The Primary Care Department is offering additional school and sports physicals Aug. 10.

PCD is opening a dedicated clinic to ensure that incoming children and those unable to make an appointment earlier this summer have their physicals prior to the start of the school year.

Physical exams must be within one calendar year to be acceptable.

This is also the time to review your child's immunizations and to prepare additional documentation for the administration of medications during school hours or emergency instructions for children with known allergies.

Obtain the necessary forms from the

appropriate school nurse.

Bring those forms and your child's "shot record" to your child's appointment.

Call 938-7992 or 800-552-2907 today to request an appointment for a school or sports physical.

KACH outpatient clinics closures

All outpatient clinics, laboratory, pharmacy and radiology will be closing at 11 a.m. Aug. 12.

The emergency room will remain open.

Childbirth Preparation classes

The Childbirth Preparation four-week series—classes are now held each month, KACH second floor classroom.

Call OBU at 938-3210 to register. Next classes are Tuesday, Aug. 17, 24 and 31.

Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

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

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

FMWR Blurbs

West Point Community Fair

Army Community Service will host the annual West Point Community Fair from 6-8 p.m. tonight.

The community fair provides all newly assigned military and civilian personnel and their Families a central location to gather information on the local businesses, organizations and services that support the West Point community, either on the installation or in the local Highland Falls and Fort Montgomery communities.

Point of contacts for this event are William Luna at 938-3487 or william.luna@usma.edu, or Jenna Marvin at jenna.marvin@usma.edu.

(New Info) SkyCaddie Event Day at the West Point Golf Course

Come out to the West Point Golf Course from 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday to meet a SkyCaddie representative and view a

demonstration of the new SkyCaddie SGX.

SkyGolf will have special event day pricing, along with trade-in values for older SkyCaddie and Bushnell rangefinders.

Free training and a question-and-answer period will be available.

For more information, call 938-2435.

Wanted—Coaches for Youth Services

Youth Services programs rely on the support and contributions of their volunteer coaches. All training is supplied by the Youth Sports Office for new and returning coaches.

If you are interested in coaching, call Brian at 938-3550 or Erin at 938-8896.

Military Appreciation Day

Come out to Lake Frederick from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 12 for a fun-filled day of events at the West Point Military Appreciation Day.

The event is open to all active duty

officers, enlisted Soldiers and their Families. Food will be served from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Commanders Cup competitions to include volleyball and basketball tournaments, tug-of-war, paintball, open combatives, cardboard boat regatta and much more will take place. Unit teams are now forming.

The event will be held rain or shine.

For more information, call 938-6497.

WFSG Hearts Apart Support Group

The WFSG Hearts Apart Support Group is presented by ACS' Mobilization and Deployment Program.

The support group is for the Families of deployed Soldiers.

A group meeting will be held from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Aug. 21.

Dinner and special activities will be provided for the entire Family.

Group meetings will take place at Youth Services, Bldg. 500.

For more information, call 938-5658.

Win Zumba gift certificates and prizes at the FMWR Fitness Center

Each time a member attends a Zumba class at 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays or 10 a.m. Thursdays, you will earn one raffle ticket.

The contest runs through August with a raffle draw at the end of each month.

For more information, call 938-6490.

AFAP issues

Got issues you would like to see resolved?

The Army Family Action Plan is your avenue for results.

If you have a suggestion for how the Army can improve quality of life at West Point, we want to hear about it.

For more information about AFAP or to submit an issue, visit www.westpointmwr.com/afap.htm or call 938-3655.

Army Volunteer Corps

Are you interested in volunteering at West Point?

There are many opportunities for you to get involved.

For more information, please visit www.westpointmwr.com/ACTIVITY/IVC/index.HTM or call 938-3655.

The U.S. Army Soldier Show 2010 SHARP-FMWR Sweepstakes

This year, one of the proud sponsors of the

2010 U.S. Army Soldier Show is the Army's G-1, Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention Program, or SHARP.

The three main tenants of this program's prevention campaign are found in the letters "I," "A," "M": Intervene, Act, Motivate.

Just a reminder—when you come to the performance, take a look inside your Soldier Show Program.

You'll find a tear-out card—containing a special Access Code—and information about the "SHARP-FMWR Sweepstakes."

The grand prize is a \$5,000 trip to the Shades of Green at the Walt Disney World Resort. Also, one lucky winner at each garrison will win a \$200 prepaid gift card.

Just come to the Soldier Show at 7 p.m. Nov. 2 at Eisenhower Hall, find the tear-out card and special Sweepstakes Access Code inside your program, and go to www.PreventSexualAssault.army.mil for complete details.

Instructors needed

Certified Spinning instructors are needed at the FMWR Fitness Center.

Contact Rita Tenuta at (845) 446-3630 if you are interested.

(New Info) New Location for CYSS Registration

All Child, Youth and School Age Services registrations will be located in Bldg. 140, Buckner Loop.

All sports, SKIES, SAS, Youth Center and CDC registrations will now take place at Bldg. 140—located behind the FMWR Fitness Center.

All sports programs require a current sports physical prior to registering children.

Registration hours are 8:30-10 a.m. by appointment only. Drop-in enrollment and appointments can be made from 10 a.m.-5:15 p.m.

For more information, call 938-3921.

(New Info) West Point Club's Enlisted Soldier Night

Play Wii Rock Band from 4:30-9 p.m. Aug. 20 at the West Point Club's Hudson Room and Patio Deck during a free Enlisted Soldier Night.

Beverages will be available for purchase and the kitchen will be grilling burgers, ribs, and chicken served with a salad, potato bar and corn on the cob.

For more information, call 938-5120.



Master Crafter

Six-year-old Joseph Grande concentrates on his sand art project at the Kids Craft Day event sponsored by Balfour Beatty Communities July 19. Children also enjoyed receiving washable tattoos. BBC's LifeWorks events are free to the West Point community. Contact LifeWorks coordinator Jodi Gellman at 446-6407 or jgellman@bbcgrp.com for more information on upcoming events.

KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

Army football starts preseason training

By Bob Beretta
Army Athletic Communications

It was a busy day around Michie Stadium Monday as the Army football team officially began its second preseason camp under head coach Rich Ellerson.

While the morning was filled with organizational meetings and the



Firstie defensive end Joshua McNary is interviewed as the Army football team kicked off its preseason Monday with its annual Media Day at Michie Stadium.

club's annual Media Day gathering, Ellerson put his club through a briskly paced two-hour workout in helmets and shorts during the afternoon.

The entire team began the session within the cozy confines of Foley Athletic Center before Army's defense peeled off to the newly installed field turf playing surface of Howze Field for the workout's final hour.

"Our whole mindset is to be healthy and ready to go when we put the pads on for the first time on Friday," Ellerson said. "We'll continue to work on installation of our offense and defense the next couple of days, and then back off things a bit and work on our kicking game a bit on Thursday. By the time we put pads on Friday, we should have the majority of our offense and defense installed."

Monday's workout included positional work before the offensive and defensive units separated for a heavy dose of installation.

Just under 150 players dressed in helmets and shorts for the initial workout, with 18 returning starters (seven on offense, eight on defense and three on special teams) and 65 Plebes included in the group.



Army defensive units covered Howze Field Monday for the first day of preseason training. Head coach Rich Ellerson put his club through a briskly paced two-hour workout in helmets and shorts.

PHOTOS BY MIKE STRASSER/PV

While the installation period was familiar to the veterans, those same seasoned returnees made certain to take the time to properly mentor the newcomers to Army's program.

"We take great pride in teaching the younger players because they are not only the future of this program but they could play a role for us this year," Firstie defensive tackle Mike Gann explained. "Bringing them into the culture and letting them know they are a part of something is really important."

"They have to learn a lot of

things very quickly," he added. "The more time that we take with them on the fundamentals now that we're in a slow practice environment, the more they'll use them when we get in a faster tempo environment."

Firstie free safety Donovan Travis echoed the thoughts of his defensive teammate.

"We have a lot of new 'brothers' here and we have to get them integrated with this team and our values," Travis offered. "We've got to bring them along and catch them up to speed with where we're at now."

Intramural Softball

Playoff results

NORTH DIVISION

Quarterfinals, July 28

SE/CME def. DMI, 15-3 and 7-4 to win series, 2-0.

Quarterfinals, Monday

SOSH/History def. CHEM/PANE, 9-7 and 5-4 to win series, 2-0.

Quarterfinals, Monday

DPE def. IETD, 8-6; IETD def. DPE, 14-10; DPE def. IETD, 10-9 to win series, 2-1.

Quarterfinals, Monday

MATH def. BSL/BTD, 14-11 and 18-11 to win series, 2-0.

SOUTH DIVISION

Quarterfinals, July 28

Marines def. MPs, 10-9 and 16-6 to win series, 2-0.

SOSH/History advances to semi's



SOSH/History's pitcher Rodney Ryan blocks home plate as he tags out a base runner from CHEM/PANE attempting to score from second base. The SOSH/History team earned a 9-7 opening game playoff victory Monday at Field #1 at the FMWR Softball Complex. SOSH/History earned a trip to the semifinals with a 5-4 Game 2 win to sweep CHEM/PANE in the quarterfinals.

TOMMY GILLIGAN/PV