



Class of 2014: Forever One Team

More than 1,300 new cadets completed Cadet Basic Training with the 12.2-mile March Back from Camp Buckner to Washington Hall on Monday. During an awards ceremony Sunday, Alpha Company was named Best Overall Company during CBT and led the Class of 2014 in the march. Following the traditional talent show, the new cadet regiment unveiled their class motto: "Forever One Team." More March Back content can be found on Pages 10-11. A list of CBT awards and Hyde Challenge content can be found on Pages 8-9.

TOMMY GILLIGAN/PV

Princeton Review rates West Point among the top schools

Staff Reports

A report released by The Princeton Review ranked West Point in its "top 10" in seven categories and "top 20" in six others, including No. 4 in "Most Accessible Professors" and "Best Classroom Experience" in their annual college guide "The Best 373 Colleges."

West Point was ranked No. 10 in "Best College Library," No. 11 in "Everyone Plays Intramural Sports"

and No. 13 in "Class Discussions Encouraged."

The new 2011 edition profiles only about 15 percent of America's 2,500 four-year colleges and two Canadian colleges.

The Princeton Review does not rank the colleges in the book academically or from 1 to 373 in any category. Instead it reports in the book 62 ranking lists of "top 20" colleges in various categories. The lists are entirely based on The Princeton Review's survey of 122,000 students

(about 325 per campus on average) attending the colleges in the book and not on The Princeton Review's opinion of the schools.

The 80-question survey asks students to rate their own schools on several topics and report on their campus experiences at them.

College rankings can be viewed on their website by categories at: www.princetonreview.com/college-rankings.aspx.

Cadets may claim losses on personal property

Submitted by the USMA Claims Office

Under the Personal Claims Act, West Point cadets may be eligible for reimbursement of personal property losses incident to their service in the U.S. Army.

Upon their return to the academy and to the barracks during Reorganization Week, everyone should be aware that leaving items unsecured or unattended may result in theft. The obligation is on everybody to take reasonable and prudent care in protecting their property. For example, high-valued items should be secured in accordance with the USCC Physical Security Policy Memo 27-02. Clearly label all property with

name, company and class to identify the property.

Report any missing property through the chain of command as soon as possible and check the area where it was left to see if the item might just have been moved. Also, check with the cadet internal communication system to determine if the property was found.

If the property is held in government storage such as a trunk room or other government storage facility and incurs water damage, proper steps should be taken to attempt to dry and salvage the items. These items should not be disposed of unless there is a health hazard such as mold or mildew. If disposal is necessary, pictures must be taken of the damage,

and the local claims office contacted before disposal. The claims office will provide appropriate claim forms and any additional guidance.

Keep in mind—the PCA is not an insurance policy for individual property—it is a payment statute intended to lessen the hardships of military life. Claims may be paid only if certain conditions have been met, including proper security precautions, an attempt to salvage any damaged items, and timely reporting of the loss.

Timely claim filing is important. Failure to do so can result in denial of a claim. Contact the USMA Claims Office at 938-2016 or claims@usma.edu.



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Welcome to West Point

New and older community members dropped by the annual Community Fair at Eisenhower Hall Aug. 5 to learn what is available to them, including clubs and sports programs. Garrison Commander Col. Michael Tarsa welcomed the group at Crest Hall. Newcomers to West Point have spent the past couple of weeks touring the installation and have attended briefings to familiarize themselves with the many services and facilities at the U.S. Military Academy. Newcomers can also find information about West Point online at the Garrison home page at: www.usma.edu/garrison/sites/local/.

Parking, traffic alerts for Acceptance Day Parade

Submitted by the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security

The following parking, traffic and force protection measures will be in effect for the Acceptance Day Parade, scheduled 10 a.m., Saturday.

- Parking is allowed in all central areas;
- Designated areas in Clinton and Doubleday lots reserved

for handicap parking only;

- Trucks and/or extremely loud vehicles will be stopped or diverted by Military Police before entering the Plain area and until the conclusion of the parade;
- Everyone is reminded to stay off the Plain and use the sidewalks;
- Cadet barracks and cadet formation areas are restricted to only authorized personnel.



FILE PHOTO

Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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

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Huntoon: 'Inspired to serve' Corps of Cadets

By Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor/Copy

Brushing aside the sweat, bug bites and desire to sleep, a company of new cadets peered through the darkness sometime between nighttime and dawn. They may not have immediately recognized the three stars of their new superintendent who joined them on a 10-mile ruck march in late July, but he's working on that.

"I started from the back of the formation and moved to the front, and I'm pretty sure I had the opportunity to speak to the vast majority of those 164 great cadets who were moving along with purpose under that heavy ruck in the middle of the night," Lt. Gen. David Huntoon, Jr. said of the Cadet Basic Training company. "I just came away so inspired by their commitment. They were fired up and could see the end of CBT coming pretty soon."

Since taking command nearly three weeks ago, Huntoon has been logging miles around post becoming reacquainted with the environment he first encountered as a cadet in 1969. Whether it's grabbing a quick lunch at Grant Hall or running with the Yearling Class from Camp Buckner at the end of Cadet Field Training, Huntoon said he and his family are enjoying this time of acclimation.

"It's hard in an environment like West Point not to learn something from every aspect of this community; whether it's spending time with a family at the bowling alley or having lunch with the cadets in the Mess Hall," Huntoon said. "Very quickly I feel like I'm assimilating back to my previous time here."

Class of 1973

When Huntoon entered West Point, his introduction to the Officer Corps came from a recently-redeployed Vietnam veteran and Congressional Medal of Honor recipient. Capt. Robert F. Foley had lived all the values of a U.S. Army Soldier and, as a tactical officer, he instilled them into the Corps of Cadets.

"I couldn't have been more fortunate than having him set the example, lead from the front and enforce standard," Huntoon said. "I've had the opportunity to work for him on four separate occasions over my career, and he continues to inspire me in a way that is not uncommon for graduates of this institution."

Huntoon, along with 938 newly-commissioned second lieutenants from the Class of 1973, had a few noted "firsts" at West Point. They were the largest graduating class in its then 171-year history. They were the first and largest class to attend Airborne School during summer training (all but 200 from the class were airborne qualified). They were the first class in a decade to graduate during peacetime. And true to the "Go Army, Beat Navy" spirit, the Class of 1973 enjoyed exceptional success as they witnessed Army Football defeat Navy three out of four years.

His father, a career Army officer who served as an infantryman and military intelligence officer, had some influence on Huntoon's decision to enter the academy and branch infantry.

Huntoon served in the 3rd Infantry Regiment (the Old Guard) at Fort Myer, Va., a unit he would later command. After serving with the 9th Division at Fort Lewis and the 3rd Infantry Division in Germany, he attended the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and later became the deputy commandant. Huntoon served with the XVIII Airborne Corps at Fort Bragg, S.C., during Operations Just Cause and Desert Storm.

"I grew up moving from post to camp to station, and that's all I've ever known," Huntoon said. "And I've loved it; it's been a wonderful time. I think infantry has some unique, remarkable qualities, especially because it's about taking care of people,

leading Soldiers; and I've been very fortunate to serve as an infantryman."

Developing Leaders of Character

While much has changed in the span since he graduated, Huntoon recognizes the routines, traditions and values that are still alive at West Point and continue to mold future officers.



Lt. Gen. David Huntoon Jr., West Point Superintendent, relieved the Company F guidon bearer during the March Back for the Class of 2014 on Monday.

SGT. VINCENT FUSCO/DPAC

"It's all part of this business of creating balance in the lives of our cadets so they are best prepared to be the leaders of characters we need in this very difficult, contemporary operating environment," Huntoon said. "So it's the simple things—that same focus on teamwork and discipline that you see in physical training, the same attention to detail in building relationships, which over the long haul can make a difference as an officer. Those things are timeless."

From 2000-2002, Huntoon served as the deputy commandant of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College. In 2003, Huntoon pinned on his second star and was assigned as the 46th Commandant at the U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pa., and twice served in the Pentagon—first as director of Strategy, Plans and Policy, Army G3; and then as Director of the Army Staff. Having worked at other institutions of learning, Huntoon cited certain common denominators inherent in developing leaders.

"But West Point is unique...it has a unique student body for sure; one whose curriculum is tailored to prepare them for a lifetime of service as officers in the U.S. Army," Huntoon said. "It has a remarkable staff and faculty; of course, a historic infrastructure, and it has the most remarkably committed graduates perhaps of any of these Army institutions."

Whether developing future leaders at Carlisle Barracks, working inside the Pentagon or commanding troops at Fort Bragg, Huntoon is convinced that the Army values are inherent in every leader of character that has crossed his path.

"I mention the Army values because those are the same core values for cadets, captains, for senior military leaders across the

board; and I've certainly seen that firsthand at the Pentagon," Huntoon said. "I think the only remarkable and self-evident difference, frankly, has to do with the scope of responsibility for junior and senior leaders. But the same elements of moral courage, candor, compassion and professional confidence certainly are essential for either a second lieutenant leading a first platoon perhaps in a combat situation or a senior staff officer serving in the Pentagon."

Storytelling

Is it possible to sum up the West Point experience in a 420-character Facebook entry or a 140-word Tweet? Huntoon certainly hopes more people try. The social media phenomenon is evident throughout West Point from the thousands logging in daily to read the latest Facebook entries from the USMA, Black Knights, West Point Parents and others. The West Point experience is shared by cadets worldwide telling their stories on Army Strong blogs or through virtual photo albums on Flickr.

"I think social media is essential right now," Huntoon said. "I think it's awfully important to use every opportunity to communicate with our (extraordinary) audience. We have an obligation to tell the story of what's happening in the U.S. Army today—the sacrifice, courage and selfless service of these great young men and women committed to the nation in this time of war. Storytelling should begin here at West Point where there's also a great story to be told."

On the horizon

Huntoon looks forward to getting back into the classroom and plans to instruct MX400, West Point's Capstone Course for Officership. Teaching is one way, Huntoon said, of supporting the Corps of Cadets, and he encourages the West Point community to share in that endeavor.

"We need everyone who works here to sponsor a cadet, cheer a cadet or find some way to continue to develop these youngsters in all their classes," Huntoon said. "Whether it's at an athletic event, a club sport or some activity outside the military academy—we need to show support and help in their development and create the interaction that makes this truly a 24/7 experience in the 47 months they are here. They'll come out inspired and, just as importantly, we'll be just as inspired by their own commitment to service to our nation."

Huntoon said both the Secretary of the Army and Army Chief of Staff have expressed interest in focusing attention on the professional military ethic, and the Center for the Army Profession and Ethic, located at West Point, will be critical in communicating that message.

"It's a wonderful opportunity for yet another center of excellence here at the USMA to demonstrate that in addition to our principal focus on the Corps of Cadets, we have other centers at West Point that have a direct purpose in supporting the U.S. Army," Huntoon said.

Army Dad

As West Point's commanding general, superintendent and a graduate, in a larger sense Huntoon prides himself also as an Army dad. His eldest deployed with the 4th Brigade of the 2nd Infantry Division (Stryker) to Iraq, and now serves as a captain in the Reserves. Another is a first lieutenant currently serving in Afghanistan. Huntoon and his wife Margaret still have two children close to home, with his youngest son completing his final year before graduating West Point, and a daughter attending O'Neill High School. So when it comes to developing the Army's Officer Corps at West Point, Huntoon has the past, present and future in mind from the perspective of a general officer and a father.

"These are the most magnificent young men and women of the United States," Huntoon said. "I'm inspired by their commitment to serve the nation in time of war, and I just look forward with a sense of humility and pride to serve with each and every one of them."

Message from School Superintendent Michael A. Gould

Welcome to the West Point Schools and School Year 2010-11.

We are excited that you will be working in partnership with us to provide an excellent education for your children.

The West Point Schools are part of the Department of Defense Education Activity, which serves the children of the military around the world. More specifically they are part of the DODEA sub-group called the Domestic Dependents Elementary and Secondary Schools. The DDESS leadership is located in Peachtree City, Ga., and provides direct support to all of the DODEA schools located in the United States, Puerto Rico and Cuba.

Our efforts are guided by the DODEA Community Strategic Plan 2006-2011. The complete plan can be found at www.dodea.edu. Our main focus is Goal 1: Highest Student Achievement. There are three additional goals that provide the support and resources to obtain the goals we have set for

student achievement. You will hear much more about our Continuous School Improvement efforts from your individual schools. The CSP is also aligned with our accrediting agency: AdvancED.

My district includes the schools located in West Point, Virginia (Quantico and Dahlgren) and Puerto Rico. Gary Gerstner, Assistant Superintendent for the New York, Virginia and Puerto Rico District, is my right arm in many ways as he provides the on-site and day-to-day support of our schools. While my travel schedule requires that I am often away from the district office, I want you to know that Mr. Gerstner has my full support in working topics in my absence and he always knows how to reach me if needed.

Your diligence in following the chain of communication is requested and will be most appreciated, in the event that you find it necessary to discuss an issue or concern. I urge you to contact the appropriate individual at the school level before

referring matters to the Superintendent's office, DDESS Area Office or DODEA headquarters office. This will maximize the opportunity for prompt resolution. It is my hope that we will continue to work together to assure that an exemplary educational program is provided for all our students and their Families.

I truly feel that we have an awesome opportunity to work with the students and Families aboard this installation. The partnership that is solidly in place with the installation command along with the partnership we develop with the Families each year is what makes us an exceptional school system. We are committed to sharing in the responsibility of educating your children and we look forward to working with you to make this year a successful educational experience.

I anticipate a successful educational year for our students and teaching staffs and I look forward to meeting you when I am visiting our schools.

Back-to-School—everything you want to know and more

SY 2009-10

School Bus Information

* Bus Route Schedules—Review the Bus Route Schedules on page 6. Note that all times listed are estimated times. Students are asked to be at their designated bus stop five minutes prior to the times on the schedule and buses will only stop at designated bus stops. Bus Route Signs will be posted in the bus window. Separate buses run for WPES and WPMS.

* Buses in Stony I—Due to the ongoing construction in the “New” Stony I Housing Area, there continues to be no thoroughfare for buses to continue on to Stony II. Therefore, the school bus will drive up Meigs Road, stop at the designated stops, and ‘turn around’ at the corner of East Continental and Webb Road to exit the area.

This will continue until East Continental Road opens (possibly December 2010). Know that the ‘turn around’ is NOT a designated bus stop and students must board at the designated bus stops on Meigs Road. Parent and student cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated to help keep the children safe.

*Late Bus—There will be no after school late bus.

School Parking

Parking for parents and visitors is permitted only in the lower parking lot to the right upon entering Barry Road. Signs clearly indicate this area.

Handicap parking is clearly marked and is located in the bus loop area. Only those vehicles with legal handicap parking permits are allowed in this area.

The “15-minute” parking spaces are to be used to deliver/pick up something/someone at school. Do not park in the band housing area—use the lower parking lot as mentioned above. In the interest of child safety, please abide by these parking regulations.

Kiss & Drop Area

Drop your child off at the designated Kiss & Drop area. It is imperative that all parents use this area to drop-off or pickup their children.

The administrative parking area is NOT a drop-off or pickup area. This area is closed to all traffic during arrival and dismissal for both schools.

The West Point School Resource Officer will be notified when community members disregard the clearly posted Kiss & Drop procedure.

*Child Care—If your child needs special bus arrangements for child care purposes, be sure to submit your request in writing through your child's teacher to Eileen Ellingsen. Students are not allowed to ride buses for play dates, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, etc.

*Before-and-After School Program—If your child requires bus transportation for the before-and-after school program, it is available through School Age Services. Contact Tara Balfe at 938-4458. A permission slip must be on file to allow for the school to put children on the bus after school. Be sure to complete the necessary permission slip with SAS and keep the school informed of changes.

*High school buses will be coordinated directly through the O'Neill High School Transportation Officer, 446-4738, ext. 225. Bus Schedules will be published in the Aug. 26 *Pointer View*.

Meeting Special Education Needs

The NY/VA Department of Defense Education Activity provides special education and related services to meet the needs of students with developmental delays and disabilities. All students receiving special education and related services at NY/VA DODEA at the West Point Schools have met the guidelines for the DODEA special education eligibility criteria.

Special education students in Pre-K to Grade 8 receive instruction in the least restrictive environment in resource settings and collaborative settings in general education classrooms.

NY/VA DODEA at West Point offers a full continuum of services to all special education students. The resource classroom focuses primarily upon developing basic academic skills in a setting with few students.

The inclusion model uses a general education classroom with both a general education and special education teacher, combining to teach content as a team. For students requiring a more restrictive setting, special arrangements are made with off-post educational programs.

For further information regarding these and other special education services at the West Point Schools, contact Nadine Sapiente, WPES Principal, 938-2313/3827/2997; David Rudy, WPMS Principal, 938-2938; or Rhonda LaVenuta, Coordinator of Special Education Services at (703) 630-7026.

School Closing Information

On days when the West Point Schools are closed due to

Visiting children in school

The school staff welcomes parents to visit their child's classroom. Parents are encouraged to participate in parent-faculty activities, to observe school assemblies, to eat lunch with their children, to participate in conferences with school personnel and to volunteer as a reader, tutor or in any capacity indicated by the teacher.

In accordance with DODEA Regulation 4700.2, DODEA Internal Physical Security, West Point schools ensure the safety of all children. Therefore, it is imperative that all visitors sign in at the school office and obtain a visitor's badge, which must be worn at all times.

Parent visits to classrooms are limited to the classes in which their children are enrolled. When parents are observing in the classroom, siblings may not accompany them.

To visit a particular segment of a child's day, send a note to the teacher(s) involved. This not only helps to avoid scheduling conflicts, but is also an appreciated professional courtesy.

Parents are welcome to observe at any time when testing is not in progress and provided the normal teaching process is not interrupted. Parents visiting classrooms are asked not to engage the teacher in conversation, as this takes away from the instructional process. To confer with the teacher, call the school and schedule an appointment.

inclement weather, the news media will make appropriate announcements. The decision to close school is made by WPS administration, in consultation with USMA, and is independent of other school districts, e.g., Highland Falls.

School authorities in the surrounding communities may or may not close their schools. On days when weather is inclement, parents are urged to insure that school will be in session prior to dropping their children off at school.

Please do not call the school on these days.

The One Call Now automated phone messaging system is used by West Point Elementary and Middle Schools for school delay and school closing situations. Please be sure your children's schools have accurate contact information so you will receive these notifications from One Call Now.

Check the additional sources on inclement weather days:

Television Channel: Post Command Channel 8/23

Special Telephone Number: 938-7000

Radio Stations:

WGNY—1220 AM

WHUD—100.7 FM

WSPK—104.7 FM



General Information

Phone Numbers

Elementary School Office—938-2313/ 3827/2997
 Middle School Office—938-2923
 Log. Management Spec./Transportation—938-3506
 Assessor's Office/Pupil Personnel Office—938-4919

Website Addresses

WPES: www.am.dodea.edu/ny_va/westpoint/elementary
 WPMS: www.am.dodea.edu/ny_va/westpoint/middle
 NY & VA DDESS Schools: www.am.dodea.edu/ny_va
 DDESS: www.am.dodea.edu/
 DODEA: www.dodea.edu/

E-mail

School administrators, teachers and staff at West Point Schools may be contacted via e-mail using the following format—*First.Name@am.dodea.edu*.

School Newsletters

The Elementary School "Bulldog Blast" and Middle School "Bulldog Gazette" will be sent electronically.

School Board Meetings

The first School Board Meeting takes place at 4:30 p.m. Sept. 1. Meetings are open to the public and in the Middle School Conference Room/Superintendent's Office, Bldg. 705.

If you are interested in receiving an e-mail copy of the School Board Agenda prior to the meetings, send your e-mail address to Eileen.Ellingsen@am.dodea.edu. Your address will be added to a distribution list.

A copy of the agenda will be published on the USMA

Public Folders Bulletin Board and the Command Channel. SY 2010-11 School Board Meeting Dates

The first Wednesday of the month has been set aside for the West Point School Board Meetings.

Mark your calendars for the following: Sept. 1, Oct. 6, Nov. 3, Dec. 1, no January meeting, Feb. 2, March 2, April 6, May 4 and June 1.

School Board Members

Daniel Bahaghighat (845-859-4981), Brian Champine (978-938-5155), Debbie Gerber (845-859-4115), Ginger Levine (907-854-0713), and Joseph C. Shannon (845-446-1202)

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DODEA's Community Strategic Plan 2006-11 (2008 Alignment)

The DODEA Community Strategic Plan contains the strategic direction for the DODEA for the years 2006-11. The plan is a road map for keeping DODEA at the forefront in advancing the DOD's agenda for education and as a leader in the nation for improving student performance and achievement.

In April 2008, a committee composed of representatives from DODEA headquarters, area deputy directors and employee association officials met in Arlington, Va., to review the 2006-11 CSP.

Their charge was to ensure congruency and alignment among goals, outcomes, measures, and milestones. The result of that committee's work was an alignment to the plan, called the 2008 CSP Alignment.

The 2008 Alignment to DODEA's 2006-11 Community Strategic Plan supplies direction for improving our continuous efforts to provide the highest quality education for all students and ensures their success inside and outside the classroom.

This document clarifies the connection between the strategies, actions, and measures we will use to achieve our goals and objectives. The 2008 CSP Alignment provides clear and specific objectives, and defines measures to better match objectives.

What is a Community Strategic Plan?

It is strategic direction for DODEA for the years 2006-11 to foster continuous improvement and a roadmap for keeping DODEA in the forefront of advancing the DOD's agenda for education and leading the nation for the improvement of student performance and achievement.

What are the goals of DODEA's CSP?

Goal 1: All students will meet or exceed challenging standards in academic content so they are prepared for continuous learning.

Goal 2: DODEA will use performance-driven management systems that operate in a timely, efficient and equitable manner; place resource allocation and decision-making at the lowest operational level; and facilitate a safe environment conducive to optimum student achievement.

Goal 3: The DODEA workforce will be motivated, diverse, and committed to continuous professional growth and development resulting in exemplary performance and optimum student achievement.

Goal 4: Every level of DODEA will develop, promote, and maintain partnerships and communications to enhance student development.

For more details, visit www.dodea.edu/csp/.

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Middle School were awarded continuing accreditation in 2006-07, after meeting the high standards set forth by NCA and a visiting team of educators.

Accreditation remains current for five years. Effective July 2007, the NCA merged with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, creating a new accrediting agency called AdvancED.

AdvancED becomes the new accrediting agency for the West Point Schools at the end of the current cycle.

Frequently Used Acronyms:

DODEA – Department of Defense Education Activity—DODEA provides worldwide education to approximately 79,826

eligible Department of Defense military and civilian Family members from the preschool level through the 12th grade.

DDESS—The Department of Defense Domestic Dependents Elementary and Secondary Schools is the stateside counterpart to the Department of Defense Dependents School. Five school districts within DDESS serve 23,694 students in 64 schools.

NY-VA-PR DDESS—New York/Virginia/Puerto Rico Domestic Dependents Elementary and Secondary Schools (NY/VA/PR DDESS) consists of four sites.

There are four schools in the NY/VA DDESS district located on Marine Corps Base, Quantico. The West Point Schools are located on the West Point installation and

the Dahlgren School is located at the Naval Surface Warfare Center in Dahlgren, Va. All three school sites fall under the direction of Michael A. Gould, District Superintendent, NY/VA/PR DDESS.

Community Strategic Plan—The DODEA Strategic Plan is a framework for putting standards-driven reform in place, which requires excellence from all students.

AdvancED—The name of the new accrediting agency for NY and VA DDESS Schools.

SIP—Each school in DODEA designs a School Improvement Plan annually with input from the community, which identifies how they will help all students achieve high standards.

School Accreditation

Schools in the NY & VA DDESS District are accredited by the North Central Association. West Point Elementary and

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUS SCHEDULE

Buses will follow routes as indicated below and the times listed are estimated.

Be sure to have children at the bus stop at the time specified until a more firm time develops.

Once a firm time has been set, students must be at bus stops five minutes earlier.

Buses will stop only at the points indicated. Students will arrive at school between 8:25–8:30 a.m.

ROUTE 1: SPECIAL PICK-UPS

Parents will be contacted by the WPS transportation officer with pick-up times.

ROUTE 2:

(0818) Bus Stop #1 on Meigs Rd. - Stop Sign @ Qtrs. 3400

(0819) Bus Stop #2 on Meigs Rd. - Between Qtrs. 3232 & 3234

(0820) Bus Stop #3 on Meigs Rd. - Lamp Post above Qtrs. 3248

(During Construction-East Continental will walk to Meigs/Stop #3)

ROUTE 3:

(0815) Partridge and Schofield (Lusk Area)

(0816) Partridge and Stewart (Lusk Area)

(0819) Smith Pl. & Wilson Rd. (Svc. Rd. @ Qtrs. 42A Wilson Rd.)

(0820) Wilson Road/Kinsley Hill Corner

(0820) Rear of Qtrs. 25A Thayer Rd. (Svc. Rd.)

(0822) Qtrs. 5 Thayer Rd.

(0824) Qtrs. 109 Washington Rd.

(0825) Qtrs. 118 A&B Washington Rd.

ROUTE 4:

(0817) Patterson Loop Bus Shelter (Rear)

(0819) Patterson Loop Bus Shelter (Front)

(0820) Radiere Loop Bus Shelter (Front)

(0822) Radiere Loop Bus Shelter (Rear)

ROUTE 5:

(0817) Heath Loop Bus Shelter (Rear)

(0819) Heath Loop Bus Shelter (Front)

(0822) Bus Stop at Ruger Rd. & Howard Rd.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BUS SCHEDULE

Buses will stop only at the points indicated. Students will arrive at school between 7:30–7:35 a.m.

ROUTE 1: SPECIAL PICK-UPS

Parents will be contacted by the WPS transportation officer with pick-up times.

ROUTE 2:

(0720) Bus Stop #1 on Meigs Rd. - Stop Sign @ Qtrs. 3400

(0721) Bus Stop #2 on Meigs Rd. - Between Qtrs. 3232 & 3234

(0722) Bus Stop #3 on Meigs Rd. - Lamp Post above Qtrs. 3248

(During Construction-East Continental will walk to Meigs/Stop #3)

(0727) Heath Loop Bus Shelter (Rear)

(0728) Heath Loop Bus Shelter (Front)

(0724) Rear of Qtrs. 25A Thayer Rd. (Svc. Rd.)

(0725) Qtrs. 5 Thayer Rd.

(0728) Qtrs. 101 Jefferson Rd.

(0729) Qtrs. 109D Washington Rd.

(0730) Qtrs. 118 A&B Washington Rd.

ROUTE 4:

(0720) Patterson Loop Entrance - Bus Shelter

(0721) Radiere Loop Entrance - Bus Shelter

(0725) Partridge and Schofield (Lusk Area)

(0727) Partridge and Stewart (Lusk Area)

(0729) Corner DeRussey Rd. & Stony Lonesome Rd.



ROUTE 3:

(0723) Smith Pl. & Wilson Rd. (Svc. Rd. @ Qtrs. 42A Wilson Rd.)

Free and reduced meal policy

West Point Schools provides a free and reduced price meal policy for all area school children and have adopted the following Family eligibility criteria to assist in determining eligibility:

Food Stamp/TANF/FDPIR Households:

Those currently include children who receive Food Stamps or Aid to Dependent Children/Temporary Assistance to Needy Families or the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations must complete an application listing the child's name, a food stamp, TANF or FDPIR number, and the signature of an adult household member, or provide a Direct Certification letter from the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance.

Children with the same case number may be included on the same application. Separate applications are required for children with different case numbers. If the Family does not list an appropriate number for all children for whom they are applying, then the application must contain all the information as required for "other households" as described below.

Other Households: Those with incomes the same or below the amount of money listed below for their Family size may be eligible for and are urged to apply for free

and/or reduced price meals by completing the application forms sent home with a letter to parents. Additional copies are available at the principal's office in each school. Applications may be submitted any time during the school year to the Child Nutrition Director.

The information provided is confidential and is used for determining eligibility. The names and eligibility status of participants may also be used for the allocation of funds to federal education programs such as Title I and National Assessment of Educational Progress, state health or state education programs, provided the state or local education agency administers the programs, and for federal, state or local means-tested nutrition programs with eligibility standards comparable to the NSLP.

Eligibility information may also be released to programs authorized under the National School Lunch or the Child Nutrition Act. The release to any program or entity not specifically authorized by the NSLA requires a written consent statement from the parent or guardian.

The school district does, however, have the right to verify the application information

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INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS
(Effective Until Further Notice)
(You Will Be Notified If Guidelines Change)

FREE ELIGIBILITY SCALE Free Lunch				REDUCED PRICE ELIGIBILITY SCALE Reduced Price Lunch			
Household Size	Year	Month	Week	Household Size	Year	Month	Week
1	\$14,079	\$ 1,174	\$271	1	\$20,036	\$1,670	\$ 386
2	\$18,941	\$ 1,579	\$365	2	\$26,955	\$2,247	\$ 519
3	\$23,803	\$ 1,984	\$458	3	\$33,874	\$2,823	\$ 652
4	\$28,665	\$ 2,389	\$552	4	\$40,793	\$3,400	\$ 785
5	\$33,527	\$ 2,794	\$645	5	\$47,712	\$3,976	\$ 918
6	\$38,389	\$ 3,200	\$739	6	\$54,631	\$4,553	\$1,051
7	\$43,251	\$ 3,605	\$832	7	\$61,550	\$5,130	\$1,184
8	\$48,113	\$ 4,010	\$926	8	\$68,469	\$5,706	\$1,317
For each additional Family member ADD	+ 4,862	+ 406	+ 94	For each additional Family member ADD	+6,919	+ 577	+ 134

MEAL POLICY cont'd from Page 6

at any time during the school year. If a parent does not give the school this information, the children will no longer be able to receive free or reduced price meals.

Foster children may also be eligible for these benefits. Their applications must contain the child's name, the child's personal-use income and an adult signature.

Under the provisions of the policy, the designated official will review applications and determine eligibility. If parents are dissatisfied with the ruling of the designated official, they may make a request either orally or in writing for a hearing to appeal the decision.

The Superintendent, Michael Gould (705 A Barry Road, West Point, NY 10996), has been designated as the Hearing Official. Hearing procedures are outlined in the policy.

However, prior to initiating the hearing procedure, the parent or School Food Authority may request a conference to provide an opportunity for the parent and official to discuss the situation, present information and obtain an explanation of the data submitted in the application or the decisions rendered. The request for a conference shall not in any way prejudice or diminish the right to a fair hearing.

Only complete applications can be approved. This includes complete and accurate information regarding: the Food Stamp, TANF or FDPIR number, the names of all household members, the social security number of the person who signs the form (or an indication that the adult does not have one) and the amount and source of income received by each household member. In addition, the parent or guardian must sign the application form, certifying the information is true and correct.

The Nondiscrimination Statement explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly.

In accordance with federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write to USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-A, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call 202-720-5964 (voice and TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

A complete copy of this policy is on file in the office of the School Food Authority District Administrator where it may be reviewed by any interested persons.

Impact Aid—how WP high school costs are funded

By **Jodi Cabrera**
School Liaison Officer
Directorate of Family and Morale,
Welfare and Recreation

Many local school districts across the United States include within their boundaries land owned by the federal government or that was from the local tax rolls by the federal government.

These school districts face special challenges. They must provide a quality education to the children living on the federal land while sometimes operating with less local revenue than is available to other school districts, because the federal property is exempt from local property taxes.

Since 1950, according to the U.S. Department of Education, Congress has worked to remedy this issue by providing financial assistance to school districts through the Impact Aid Program. Impact aid assists school districts that have lost property tax revenue due to the presence of tax-exempt federal property or that have experienced increased expenditures due to the enrollment of federally connected children.

The Impact Aid law (now Title VIII of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965) provides assistance to local school districts with concentrations of children residing on military bases, Indian lands, low-rent housing properties or other federal properties and, to a lesser extent, concentrations of children who have parents in the uniformed services or who are employed on eligible federal properties who do not live on federal property.

Impact aid is treated as tax revenue. The revenue goes into the district's general fund and is not earmarked for schools attended by military children. Additionally, impact aid is not forward funded—payments received are for the current year, using prior year's enrollment figures.

There are several different components to the Impact Aid Program. Some school districts receive assistance for educating federally connected children, including those children of members of the uniformed services, children who reside on federal property or children whose parents work on federal Property. This type of funding is considered Basic Support Payments or Section 8003(b)

of the Impact Aid regulations.

Another type of impact aid is Payments for Federal Property or Section 8002. To be eligible for this type of impact aid, a school district must demonstrate that since 1938 the federal government has acquired real property with an assessed valuation of at least 10 percent of all real property in the district at the time of acquisition.

These payments assist local school districts that have lost a portion of their local tax base because of federal ownership of property.

The Highland Falls-Fort Montgomery Central School District receives Impact Aid Section 8002 for lost tax revenue due to federal and state land surrounding the school district that is not taxable.

The district is eligible for this type of aid because they have demonstrated that 93 percent of the land geographically within the school district is federally or state owned. The estimated school district Impact Aid Section 8002 allocation is \$2.1M. This allocation is capped by federal appropriation language that has been in existence since 1997.

Impact aid funding that is considered Basic Support Payments or Section 8003(b) of the Impact Aid regulations is not received by the HFFMCS D.

To be eligible for this type of assistance, a school district must educate at least 400 federally connected children in average daily attendance, or the federally connected children must make up at least 3 percent of the school district's total average daily attendance. The HFFMCS D does not qualify for this type of impact aid.

The U.S. Military Academy and the HFFMCS D recognized the lack of impact aid received by the district as an issue in the early 1980s and, as a result, established a tuition contract between the Department of Defense and the school district.

The USMA and the USMA Board of Visitors worked with the school district to determine that a Section 6 (of Public Law 91-874) arrangement would be a long term solution to guarantee that funding was available to support educating the high school students residing at West Point.

A Section 6 arrangement established a contract between the federal government and the school district ensuring a continuing payment of educational expenses. In August of 1985, an agreement was signed between HFFMCS D and DOD under the provision of Section 6 Public Law 91-874 for the school year of 1985/1986.

For many years following the signing, the contract was reviewed annually. HFFMCS D uses the tuition contract in lieu of military student impact aid (Section 8003(b)) as it is a more favorable formula for the school district. The tuition contract is currently done for a four- or five-year period and the rate received per pupil is approximately \$16,403.

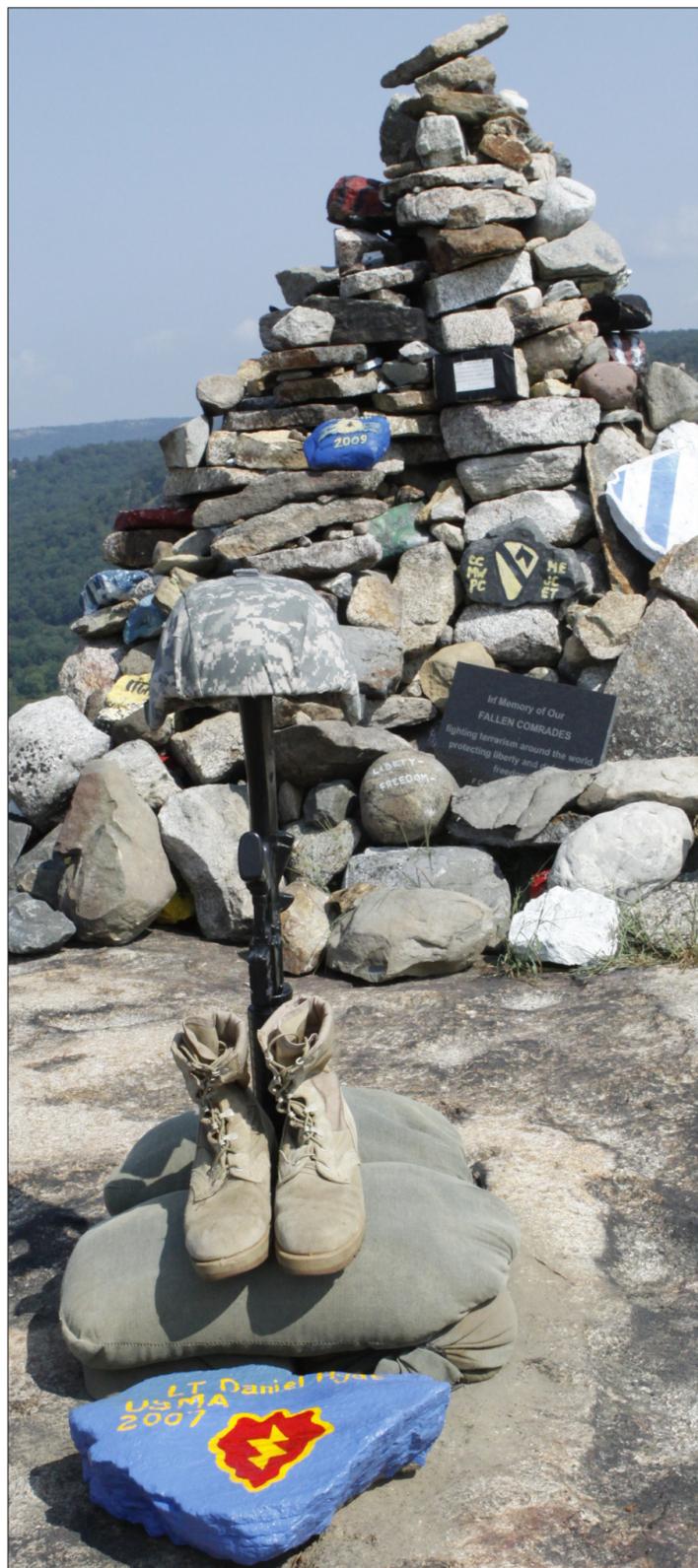
LUNCH

MONDAY

Oven Baked Chicken Nuggets w/
 Dipping Sauces, Vegetable Pasta
 Salad, Corn Niblets, Fresh or Chilled
 Fruit, Milk Variety

TUESDAY

Spaghetti w/Marinara Sauce (with
 or without Meatballs), Italian Cheesy
 Bread, Garden Salad Cup, Fresh or
 Chilled Fruit, Milk Variety



A memorial for fallen warriors was erected on top of Mine Torn Hill.

HYDE Challenge

Honoring a fallen warrior

Story and photos by Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor/Copy

More than 1,300 new cadets trekked up Mine Torne Hill, scaling rocks and clasping hands to reach the top, thus completing the final mission of the Hyde Challenge.

It was a test of their field training and a testament to a West Point warrior who gave his life in service to his country.

First Lt. Daniel Hyde, a Class of 2007 graduate, had served as a cadet regimental commander during CBT during his first year.

He graduated 23rd out of the graduating class of 968 commissioned second lieutenants. Hyde was serving in Iraq on March 7, 2009, when he died from injuries sustained from a rocket-propelled grenade attack. He was an infantry platoon leader assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team with the 25th Infantry Division out of Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

The Hyde Family, Glenda, Brian and daughter Andrea, saw firsthand all the training events that comprised the Hyde Challenge and made the climb to view the memorial.

"It was beautiful," Glenda said. "I thought I had a pretty good idea what it would be like, but it was pretty amazing once you've seen it."

Brian described it as a spiritual experience and Andrea was touched knowing that her brother was being remembered by so many cadets.

The Family also attended the CBT Awards Ceremony on Sunday and presented the award for the best squad performance at the Hyde Challenge. Glenda spoke to the new cadet regiment about her son, who had received appointments to all three service academies but chose West Point out of a desire to lead Soldiers.

"And he really didn't like those white shoes

the Navy guys wear," she said.

Glenda described Daniel as a born leader, diligent and humble who lived by the philosophy of never accepting mediocrity.

"He thought West Point would be the toughest thing he ever did...until he went to Ranger School," Glenda said. "But that's a story for another day. "We continue to celebrate his life and thank all of you for the celebration of his life here in this challenging final event of your training."

Cow Robert Baxter, an Alpha Company squad leader and member of the best overall CBT company, said the Hyde Challenge was a good assessment of the new cadets' skills.

"They performed excellent. As a squad leader, I tried to let them take charge of land navigation and whenever they could, to see how they could do on their own," Baxter said. Pretty much the whole time I never had to worry about them."

Baxter's brother and sister are members of the Long Gray Line, and said the memorial was a fitting tribute to all West Pointers who've made the ultimate sacrifice.

In her closing remarks, Glenda shared an e-mail from Daniel, his final words to his cadet company before graduation:

"In my humble opinion, I know this place throws some tough stuff at you, but it is the people that you get to share this time with that will get you through it. That has been an absolute truth for me. So no matter what you do, or where you go, lean on the person to your left and right, because we are a team and that is what good teams do."

Given those parting words, it seemed oddly appropriate that the first class to complete the Hyde Challenge chose as their class motto—"Forever One Team."

"Be an amazing team, Class of 2014, and God bless each and every one of you along the way," Glenda said.

Throngs of cadets, old grads and West Point community members cheered as awards were presented to the best companies, squad leaders and new cadets at the end of Cadet Basic Training. Among the awardees were:

- Best Drill and Ceremony Company: Company A
- Best APFT Company: Company A
- Best Overall Company: Company A
- Best Marksmanship Company: Company E
- Hyde Challenge Plaque: Company B, 4th Platoon, 4th Squad



New cadets take up fighting positions after disembarking from a Chinook at LZ Owl at the start of the Hyde Challenge. The Hyde Challenge tested the new cadet regiment on all their Cadet Basic Training skills in a squad-level competition Aug. 5-7. New cadets and their squad leaders were evaluated on individual and squad ability to shoot, move, communicate, survive and conduct nighttime operations.



An Alpha Company squad bursts through the smoke and into an adrenaline-pumping marksmanship course at Range 5 during the Hyde Challenge.



An Echo Company squad navigates their way across Stilwell Lake where they will encounter a scenario to test their Soldier First Responder skills.

To see all the action from Reception Day to the end of Cadet Basic Training, view the 2014: Cadet Basic Training photo album on Flickr at: www.flickr.com/photos/west_point/. Revisit the site often to see more of the Class of 2014 as they approach the Acceptance Day Parade and onto their first academic semester.



Three of the four generations of Webbers, from left to right: New Cadet Kenneth Webber, Class of 2014, Kenneth Webber, Class of 1948, 2nd Lt. Kris Webber, Class of 2010 and his father Lt. Col. Kurt Webber, Class of 1979. The Family posed for photos before the final leg of the Cadet Basic Training March Back at the ski slope. Nearly 190 old grads marched with the new cadets during the march from Camp Buckner to the ski slope to Washington Hall.

Old Grads endure march

Story and photo by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

The March Back is a time-honored tradition at West Point marking the end of Cadet Basic Training. The grueling march from Camp Buckner to the Superintendent's quarters is made slightly easier as West Point graduates showed their support by march alongside the new cadets, a fairly new part of the tradition begun in 2002.

Some "old grads" stayed overnight at Camp Buckner with the new cadet regiment and marched to the Victor Constant Ski Slope for a little rest before continuing the final two miles to the Washington Hall apron. Other graduates begin at the ski slope and marched the final leg with the new cadets.

The Class of 2014 completed their basic training with the 12.2-mile March Back on Aug. 9 with 90-degree heat and just about the same amount of humidity alongside 190 "old grads" who marched with them.

Retired Col. Richard Williams, Class of 1945, was one of those who marched with the new cadets from Camp Buckner.

"I was working as a contractor for West Point when I heard of the graduate march back and just thought it was a neat idea," the 87-year-old grad said. "In my day, Camp Buckner wasn't built yet, but our summer training was at Lake Popolopen."

Williams said his class had a 50-year affiliation link to the Class of 1995 and gave that class their second lieutenant bars at graduation. The March Back is just another way to associate with cadets on

the journey to become part of the Long Gray Line. The Miller brothers, Jerry, Class of 1973, and Brink, Class of 1964, marched with the cadets to celebrate their Families' seven generations of West Point cadets.

"Jerry has two daughters who are West Point graduates and that makes seven generations of West Point grads in our Family," Brink Miller said. "I am a member of the Class of 1964 and have a 50-year affiliate with the Class of 2014."

Brink will see the new cadets again at graduation when his class presents the second lieutenant bars to the graduates.

Dr. Jack McWatters, Class of 1964, also made the complete sojourn with the new cadet regiment.

"In my day as a cadet, we marched from Lake Frederick and had to walk to the top of the ski slope," McWatters said. "(Marching back) with the new cadets was great. I got to talk to a group of kids, some who were inspired by us for being here and some who inspired us."

Kenneth Webber, Class of 1948, was here with his son Kurt, Class of 1979, and grandson Kris, Class of 2010, who cheered on his new cadet grandson.

"We never marched back this way," said the senior Webber. "We never left the main post except to go to Fort Drum for maneuvers."

The Webber's history with the Long Gray Line extends past those attending the March Back. Kurt Webber's brother graduated in 1974 and Kurt's grandfather was a member of the Class of 1923.

CBT 2010 MARCH BACK

Photos by Tommy Gilligan



A new cadet has her foot examined by Spc. Abe White at a check point.



New cadets walk along the West Point golf course en route to Victor Constant ski slope during the annual March Back.



Members of Echo Company make their way to their designated rest area on the ski slope to hydrate and eat lunch prior to the final push to the Plain.



Dirtman marches along with the West Point Band during the annual March Back.



People cheer on the Class of 2014 as they march down the road during the annual March Back.



Lt. Gen. David H. Huntoon Jr., West Point's 58th Superintendent, and Brig. Gen. William Rapp, the 72nd Commandant of Cadets, along with the West Point and USCC chain of command lead the March Back for the Class of 2014 en route to Washington Gate.



More than 40 West Point cadets and Heart of Texas West Point Society members gathered at the home of 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division commander, Col. Douglas Crissman, to relax and talk with former West Point graduates and senior leaders, July 22. SGT. KARL WILLIAMS, 3RD BCT PAO, 1ST CAV. DIV.

Cadets enjoy night out with West Point alumni

By Capt. Harold Huff III
3rd BCT PAO, 1st Cav. Div.

Col. Douglas Crissman, Class of 1988, and commander of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, his wife Carolyn, as well as the Heart of Texas West Point Society, hosted a reception for the U.S. Military Academy cadets participating in the Cadet Troop Leading Training program, July 22.

The reception, held at the Crissman residence, presented the cadets an opportunity to relax and talk with West Point graduates and senior leaders.

Crissman noted that the program gives cadets a feel for what life in the Army is like outside of the classroom.

"Going to West Point is a great experience, but it only allows you to see a certain way of doing things. CTLT allows cadets to experience the Army life outside the gray walls of West Point," said 2nd Lt. Ashley Browne, the brigade's preventive medicine officer from Natchez, Miss.

Browne, a 2009 graduate of West Point, along with other junior officers on post, are sponsoring some of the cadets enrolled in CTLT.

"I've been having a great time here at Fort Hood,"

said Cow Paul Bryant. "I've participated in unit PT, company briefings, (planning meetings) and, most importantly, have been able to see the Army for what it really is outside of West Point."

Firstie Anthony Ruizcalderon, of Miami, Fla., said his experience here has been truly rewarding.

"I've had the opportunity to fly in UH-60's, trained on an Apache simulator and learned the mechanics and maintenance processes in keeping these systems operational," he said.

When asked what his most valuable lesson learned here on Fort Hood was, Ruizcalderon replied, "I've learned that no matter what branch or specialty that an officer works in, being a competent and proficient officer comes first. Hence, officers must realize that their first priority is leading Soldiers."

Ruizcalderon spoke very highly of Fort Hood as a whole.

"I actually want to return and be stationed here in 1st Cav.," said Ruizcalderon. "Besides the great Soldiers and unit traditions, Fort Hood is located in close proximity of Austin, Dallas, Houston and San Antonio, providing

me with different places to visit over the weekends."

This reception marks the last of three iterations of cadets to conduct CTLT on Fort Hood this year. The first West Point students arrived in June and the second consisted of ROTC cadets.

"This Heart of Texas West Point Society is dedicated to welcoming cadets from all commissioning sources to Fort Hood," said West Point graduate James Rodgers, the president of HOTWPS. "We want all who come here to feel welcome so that when they are commissioned they come back to our Family here in Central Texas."



Sandhurst Officer Cadet Bhavish Patel, right, and West Point Class of 2012 Cadet Jacob Shelton, middle, are confronted by the "local" population during Exercise Dynamic Victory at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst. Shelton shadowed the Sandhurst officer cadets as part of his Military Individual Advanced Development opportunity. The 10-day exercise Shelton took part in is the capstone event of the officer cadets' Commissioning Course, which tests them on the military knowledge they learned in the past year. Twenty-five West Point cadets went this year for the annual training event July 4-30. PHOTO BY MARK OWENS, ARMY PHOTOGRAPHER-SCOTLAND

Training at Sandhurst

Staff Reports

More than 230 officer cadets from the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst ended their 10-day military training exercise in the Galloway Forest July 24, to include a detachment of 25 West Point cadets. The Academy trains officers to enable them to take command of Soldiers both on and off operational duties.

The culmination of the Commissioning Course is Exercise Dynamic Victory, a 10-day exercise that sought to include

everything that the officer cadets have learned over the past year.

"In the past the training has been held in various locations overseas," Commandant of the Academy, Maj. Gen. I Patrick Marriott CBE said.

"However, in order to focus on the present operational climate and include live-firing training, it was decided to find an area in the UK that would suit our needs and the Dumfries and Galloway training areas met these requirements perfectly."

BBC manager awards scholarship

Randy Tucker, community manager for Balfour Beatty Communities presents Kristen Hendricks a \$2,500 scholarship while her proud father, Col. Michael Hendricks, academy professor in the Geography and Environmental Engineering Department, looks on. Balfour Beatty Communities offers scholarships through their Balfour Beatty Communities Foundation, which awards scholarships to military Families in need of financial assistance. KATHY EASTWOOD/PV



Joe Senger, DPTMS operations and training officer, and Matt Cassidy, DPTMS antiterrorism officer, stand with their display on terrorism at the National Night Out celebration Aug. 3, reminding people to always be alert.

New iWatch Campaign to enhance awareness

Story and photo by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

Military communities worldwide have already initiated antiterrorism awareness training with the recent Active Shooter exercise and the annual antiterrorism training for military and civilians who travel to give them situational awareness to help protect them from becoming victims of terrorist.

A new Army-wide antiterrorism effort began Aug. 1 in conjunction with the Army initiative declaring August as Antiterrorism Month. August was selected because of the month's proximity to Sept. 11 when terrorist attacked our country in 2001.

The Army's antiterrorism efforts include the iWatch campaign to enhance terrorism awareness within the Army community and to encourage community members to be alert to possible terrorist activities. The iWatch campaign is modeled after the national neighborhood watch campaign designed to aid civilian police in detecting possible criminal activities.

The program, designed to encourage and enable members of the community to help protect their communities by identifying and reporting suspicious behavior that is known to be associated with terrorist activities, is governed by DOD Directive 5400.11. Two elements of iWatch are individual situational awareness of surroundings and individuals taking action to report suspicious behavior to law enforcement. In the case of suspicious activities at West Point, call the Military Police at 938-3333.

The Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobility and Security initiated the antiterrorism campaign at the National Night Out event sponsored by Balfour Beatty Communities Aug. 3 here.

"The antiterrorism and force protection office had a table providing hand outs and circulars to participants," said Matt Cassidy, antiterrorism officer for DPTMS. "We also had a table at the Community Fair Aug. 5."

Access to the iWatch website is through the West Point homepage at www.westpoint.edu. Just click the iWatch icon.

"Once at the site, readers will see a single iWatch informational page with a link to a suspicious activity report," Cassidy said. "Should a report be filled out, it will be sent to a desksgt@usma.army.mil account viewable by Department of Emergency Services desk sergeants."

More awareness events will take place Aug. 26 with two AT Level 1 training sessions open to the community. The morning session is at 9:30 a.m. in Robinson Auditorium in Thayer Hall and an evening training in Mahan Hall begins at 6 p.m.

"We also distributed posters throughout the installation with the main emphasis on primary gathering places and schools and did an information briefing to the new Child Development Center Aug. 3 and will do an additional briefing at the old CDC Aug. 19," Cassidy said.

Questions pertaining to antiterrorism training, iWatch or other force protection matters can be addressed by the AT/FP office by calling 938-3650 or 8859.



Megan Helf, research assistant in the Army Center for Enhanced Performance, shows off her five shots from an M-4 assault rifle in the target area at range 11 Aug. 4. The event was coordinated by the Department of Military Instruction to allow the West Point community to familiarize themselves with the training that cadets go through during summer training. Participants braved the heat and humidity to get a feel for what the new cadets have experienced during Cadet Basic Training, but with a lot less stress placed on their performances. This is the second year DMI has hosted the event for the community.

West Point community samples cadet training

Story and photo by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

The Department of Military Instruction opened a rifle range to the community Aug. 4 for a sampling of marksmanship training which the Corps of Cadets engage in during summer training.

Civilians and military assigned to West Point in any capacity or their Family members were invited to fire the M-4 rifle using either an iron sight or the M68 optic sight. Coaches from DMI provided instructions on shooting from the prone position at paper or steel targets. After proving proficient in shooting prone, participants continued shooting the M-4 from a standing or crouching position.

"The prone position is the most stable platform (to shoot)," said Lt. Col. Kevin Parker, Chief of Military Science at DMI. "Your weapon shoots at the same place (you point), but your eye doesn't."

Parker said the participants were taught some minor functioning of the rifles, loading a magazine into the weapon and some mechanics just to get a feel of what they have in their hands. The M-4 magazine generally holds 30 rounds of ammunition, but participants, when first learning how to shoot, shoot only five rounds.

"This is a great way for participants to get an appreciation of what a cadet's training is like," said Col. Casey Haskins, DMI director.

"This is an activity that has the highest payoff and the lowest cost where people can have fun."

This is the second year DMI hosted the event. Although the heat and humidity was stifling and the ground wasn't the most comfortable place to shoot, there were many who braved the conditions for the chance to shoot an assault rifle. Last year there were 130 shooters.

"I can see how this training has direct application to statistics," said Steven Bloom, economics instructor in the Social Science Department. "This will help me perfect my lessons. The M-4 has a little kick to it, but it has more noise than kick."

Bruce Ollstein, manager of the Thayer Hotel and former Army pilot, enjoyed getting the chance to shoot.

"It's fun getting to know how the new equipment works, especially the M68 sight," said Ollstein.

The M68 sight has a red dot inside the sight and moves based on eye position, but always represent the point of aim.

"It's called CCO or Closed Combat Optic," said Maj. J.C. Stroh, instructor for Defense and Strategic Studies for DMI.

"Cadets shoot better with these types of sights," he said.

Stroh added that the cadets have been trained on the M-4 with the M68 sight for the last two years.

DPW CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

- 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;
- Masonry repairs/upgrades to Lee Barracks, Bldg 740, are continuing with work beginning on 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 no later than Aug. 13;
- 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;
- 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. To allow a safety margin for the work, one lane of traffic will be restricted with flag person directing traffic;
- Steam line repairs on Ruger Road between Bldgs. 667 and 146/Clock Tower has begun. Traffic on Ruger Road is restricted to one lane;
- 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;
- The sidewalk between the Science Center staging area and Jefferson Hall will be closed on Wednesday–Friday to allow for permanent gas line tie in for the new Science Center facility. Pedestrians will be detoured to the sidewalk the other side of Jefferson Hall or to the Thayer Hall Pedestrian Bridge.

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- Saturday—The A-Team, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**
- Aug. 20—The Twilight Saga, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**
- Aug. 21—Grown Ups, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**
- Aug. 21—Knight and Day, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.**

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Major Jim Keene, Conductor

Sunday, August 15th, 7:30 p.m.
Trophy Point Amphitheatre
West Point, NY

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

Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

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

Difficulty: Medium

Command Channel 8/23

Aug. 12-19

Army Newswatch
(broadcast times)

Thursday, Friday and Monday through Aug. 19
8:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

The Point

(broadcast times)

Thursday, Friday and Monday through Aug. 19
8 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.

POINTER VIEW

Help us tell the West Point Story by submitting your ideas to: Eric Bartelt, managing editor, at 938-2015/3883, or e-mail eric.bartelt@usma.edu.

Story submissions should include point of contact information (name, phone number, e-mail address).

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/



What's Happening

(New Info) West Point Women's Club Events

The WPWC Gift Shoppe is open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. The shoppe is located near the Subway parking lot. It will also be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 21.

Join the WPWC for a welcome boat ride down the Hudson River on the Superintendent's boat from 6-9 p.m. Aug. 25.

Boarding begins at 5:45 p.m. at South Dock.

Snacks and beverages will be served.
RSVP to wpcreserve@hotmail.com.

Post Chapel Protestant Service revival/picnic

A revival/picnic celebration takes place from 7-8:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday at the Post Chapel and from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday 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.

(New Info) Catholic Religious Education Classes at the Chapel of the Most Holy Trinity

Register for Catholic religious education classes at Chapel of the Most Holy Trinity. Classes begin Sept. 12.

There is a Catechist Orientation meeting at 7 p.m. Aug. 23 and RCIA inquire night is at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 24.

For more information, call Cindy Ragsdale at 938-8761.

(New Info) Antiques on the Lawn

The Historical Society of Newburgh will host 'Antiques on the Lawn' from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday on the grounds of the

historic headquarters, the 1830 Captain David Crawford House at 189 Montgomery St. in Newburgh. Vendors will sell a host of interesting and unique antiques, collectibles and ephemera.

Local artist David O'Shea will conduct furniture restoration demonstrations and local numismatist, Gary Ferguson will be on hand to appraise and possibly buy U.S. and foreign coins and paper money.

Food and drinks will be available for purchase. Vendor space is still available.

Call Carla Decker at 565-4352 for more information.

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.

Basic Motorcycle Training course

The next Basic Motorcycle Training course is scheduled for 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 to provide shawls to those who have lost loved ones, are experiencing distress or are overcoming an 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

The Post Chapel needs watch care

providers for Sunday mornings and Protestant Women of the Chapel Wednesdays.

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

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.

To register with the C.W. Bill Young/DOD Bone Marrow Donor Program, do so at the time of the blood drive.

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.

Keller Corner

Suicide Prevention is Everyone's Business

To find a Behavioral Health Provider:

- North Region: 877-747-9579
- West Region: 866-651-4970
- South Region: 877-298-3514
- 24 hour crisis/suicide assistance line:
 - North Region: 800-273-Talk (8255)
 - West Region: 866-284-3743
 - South Region: 904-254-2313
 - VA and National suicide prevention life line: 800-273-8255
 - Military One Source suicide prevention life line: 800-342-9647

Newborn Enrollment

Ensure all newborn or newly adopted children are formally registered in DEERS and enrolled in TRICARE Prime.

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 is Anucha Brown-Sanders, a former executive of the NBA's New York Knicks, 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.

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.

Also, follow the same steps if you become the legal guardian of a child.

- Complete and DD form 1172 through the unit Personnel Office or at the nearest Uniformed Services ID Card Facility as soon as you receive a birth certificate.

The preferred document is the certified state birth certificate. You may also use a properly signed, sealed certificate of live birth issued by the hospital in which the child was born.

- On the same day, complete a TRICARE Enrollment form and hand-carry it to the TRICARE Service Center at 273 Main Street in Highland Falls or mail the form to the address that appears on the enrollment form.

Allow extra time if you plan to mail the form to Health Net.

FMWR Blurbs

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.

(New Info) Celebrate "Right Arm Night"

At the West Point Club's Hudson Room and patio deck from 5-9 p.m. on Aug. 26.

Enjoy a free BBQ featuring grilled ribs, hamburgers and hot dogs as well as potato salad and coleslaw too.

For more information, call 938-5120.

(New Info) Burn Your Own Steak Night

At the West Point Club's Hudson Room and patio deck from 5-9 p.m. on Aug. 27.

Although called Burn Your Own Steak Night, we will have a cook available to prepare what you select.

Rib eyes, NY Strip, and T-Bone steaks will be offered by the ounce.

There will be grilled chicken breasts and various salads available too. For more information, call 938-5120.

(New Info) Family Child Care Program

The FCC program is looking to train individuals interested in providing child care services from the comfort of their homes.

You can choose from working with children ages 6 weeks through 12 years, for hourly, full/part time, before/after school, and weekend/evening care.

For more information, please contact Elizabeth Peralta at 938-6170 or *Elizabeth.Peralta@usma.edu*

(New Info) Child Care Available for Football Saturdays

Child care will be provided from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. for Football Saturdays at the West Point

CDC Registration is nine days prior to the game day.

For child care fees and more information, call 938-3921.

Game Date	Reservation Deadline
Sept. 11	Sept. 1
Sept. 18	Sept. 8
Oct. 2	Sept. 22
Oct. 30	Oct. 20
Nov. 6	Oct. 29

WPC'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.

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.

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.

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.

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 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.

BBC LifeWorks events

Bal-4 Coloring Contest

Stop by 132 Bartlett Loop for a free VIP Woodbury Common Premium Outlet Voucher for extra savings on back to school sales.

Back to School Essay

Calling all kids! We are encouraging all children preparing to return to school to write an essay about "What I did this summer" and drop it off at the Community Management office before 5 p.m. Aug. 19. All school age groups are welcome to enter. The Balfour Beatty staff will select two winners who will receive a backpack full of school supplies.

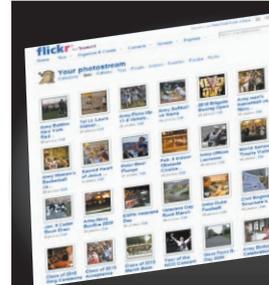
After School Snack

You're invited to 126 Washington Road from 2-3:30 p.m. Aug. 18 to make S'mores from graham crackers, chocolate and marshmallow. It's a wonderful treat. Come and enjoy.

Uniform Change Aug. 16

All military staff and faculty - REMINDER

The academic year uniform change to Class Bs goes into effect Monday. The exception is Spirit Thursdays, when the uniform is ACUs.



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www.flickr.com/photos/west_point/sets/

Army Football into Week Two of Camp

Provided by Army Athletic Communications

Army football head coach Rich Ellerson opened his second week of training camp with a 12.2-mile march.

Ellerson, Army's second year coach, joined the Class of 2014 for the annual March Back from Camp Buckner, signifying the end of Cadet Basic Training.

Following the nearly seven-hour march that included the freshman class, alumni, faculty, staff and coaches walking behind a banner with the class motto, "Forever One Team" that culminated in Central Area, Ellerson began the second week of football practice.

"For me, it was an opportunity to spend some quality time if you will with some guys that I probably haven't sat down one-on-one with and just visited since we recruited them," said Ellerson, following his second march back. "Even though we've had them through mass athletics and training camp, it was an opportunity for me to spend some individual time in one of those iconic moment at the end of 'beast barracks' where you can reflect on what has been happening through 'beast' and on the football field. I really value that part. It was a great thing to be able to share with the guys."

Because the freshmen members of the football team completed the march back and were being issued computers, phones and identification cards this week, the practice fields were missing quite a few bodies.

Using the spacious Foley Center as well as the new Field Turf on Howze Field, Ellerson and his staff led the players through a high energy, high tempo practice in shorts and shoulder pads.

Players were given more repetitions and a lot of players were out of position to make up for the lack of freshmen on the field.

"Without the freshmen today, we did a lot of things where

Sign up today for Staff & Faculty Flag Football

The Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation's Sports Office has announced sign-ups for the 2010 Staff & Faculty Flag Football League.

The league is open to all USMA Departments and units, as well as Stewart Air National Guard and Marine units. Departments and units may combine personnel to form a team. The season will start on or around Sept. 8 at Shea Stadium.

For more information or to register a team, contact James McGuinness at 938-3066. Deadline to register a team is Aug. 27.



Army Football is close to finishing the second week of practice, with noticeable absences from the freshmen players who finished Cadet Basic Training with the March Back on Monday and have spent time this week preparing for the upcoming academic semester, collecting computers, identification cards and other equipment. A scrimmage is scheduled Saturday.

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the first and second teams are scouting the first and second team and we flipped it around," said Ellerson. "A good football team, a quality football team will take pride in its ability to prepare itself. A good offense will take pride in its ability to prepare the defense. A good defense will take pride in its ability to prepare its offense. That's all that today was about. While there were some things we weren't willing to do from a combative standpoint against those guys, we should be able to look at that tape and see we had some really seasoned athletes doing their best to give them a quality look of what the initial look from an opponent might be. That's a good thing for a football team developmentally when the offense and defense are taking responsibility for one another's development."

That development continues with a full week of practice and a scrimmage scheduled for Saturday. All sessions are slated to run from 2:30 to 5 p.m.

Army opens its 121st season of intercollegiate competition on Sept. 4 when the Black Knights visit Eastern Michigan at 7 p.m. Army begins its home slate the following week, hosting Hawai'i on Sept. 11.

Full season, mini-plan and single-game tickets for all Army home contests are currently on sale at the Army Ticket Office, by phone at 1-877-TIX-ARMY or online by clicking here. Full season ticket packages in a special section dubbed "Coach E's Army," begin at just \$99 for lower-deck seating locations in Michie Stadium.

Monday's Quotables

Firstie Center Zach Peterson:

"This week we are turning it up a notch. Everyone knows the routine and the pattern of practice so we can go at it at a higher rate of speed."

Firstie Linebacker Stephen Anderson:

"The biggest difference is our ability to let the defense fit again. During the first week we were getting our individual steps right on every down and play. Now, we see the big picture. Everyone is starting to fit the defense and looking nice on film."

Triathlons set for this weekend

The U.S. Military Academy and the Directorate of Cadet Activities will host the Kids Triathlon, starting at 10 a.m., Saturday; and the 21st annual West Point Triathlon at 8 a.m., Sunday at Camp Buckner.

The adult race includes an 800 meter swim in Lake Popolopen, a 25 kilometer bike course along Route 293 and a 5 kilometer run on roads in and around Camp Buckner and Camp Natural Bridge. This is a USA

Triathlon sanctioned event and triathletes will earn points toward end-of-year rankings.

Parking at Camp Buckner is on a first-come, first-serve basis, and no vehicle will be allowed to depart until the final athlete has finished the course. An awards ceremony is scheduled at 11:30 a.m.

Information can be found on the West Point Triathlon website at: www.westpointtri.com/.



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