

## Class of 2011 Ring Presentation



The Class of 2011 Ring Presentation Ceremony was held at Trophy Point Aug. 20 as the Firsties enjoyed the time-honored cadet milestone. Hundreds of Family members, friends and invited guests situated themselves on the hillside behind Trophy Point to watch the ceremony. Ring Weekend is a tradition at the U.S. Military Academy where senior cadets are awarded their class ring followed by a formal dinner and dance. West Point is the first American school to have class rings. Another tradition following the ring ceremony was witnessed as groups of Firsties and their guests made their way back to Central Area. A raucous and lively group of Plebes mobbed the Firsties to admire their rings and recite the Ring Poop. For stories and photos, see pages 8-9. Visit the West Point Public Affairs Flickr site for event photos at [www.flickr.com/photos/west\\_point/sets/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/west_point/sets/).

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## On Guard: Security conversion at West Point gates

By Mike Strasser  
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“Have a good day. Duty, honor, country.”

People regularly coming through West Point gate entries have become familiar with the faces greeting them onto post. However, new security personnel have been cropping up, and there's more to come. The Installation Management Command has authorized the conversion of more than 2,500 contract security guards to the position of Department of the Army security guards at all U.S. garrisons.

The switch to federal employee status will not affect the service provided seven days a week, 24 hours a day.

In fact, if people haven't already noticed the change, they probably won't, said Raymond King, West Point Directorate of Emergency Services plans officer.

“To be honest, I come in through Stony Lonsome gate every morning at the same time, and there's been no difference,” King said. “The uniforms are basically the same, with the only thing different is the Department of the Army Security Guard patch.”

While the contracted guards are not direct hires, many of those familiar faces have either graduated or are currently enrolled in the four-week training academy on post. King said the academy training includes textbook training in the classroom and weapons qualification on the range; but it's also West Point specific, given the influx of motorists during concert and sporting events.

The conversion is due to congressional mandates and the expected loss of a waiver established after 9/11 that allowed the Department of Defense to contract security guard services, according to Craig Shreiner, IMCOM branch chief of physical security.

The end state at West Point is the hiring and training of 75 new DA Security Guards, with the conversion deadline of Sept. 30 for all IMCOM garrisons in the northeast.

Job announcements will continue to be published throughout the conversion and can be found at the Army's Civilian Personnel Online site at [www.cpol.army.mil/](http://www.cpol.army.mil/) or USAJobs at <http://usajobs.opm.gov>, using the key words “security guard.”

“Additionally, veterans' hiring preferences are in place,” Shreiner said, “and previous experience with military security work is something we value.”

(Editor's note: IMCOM Public Affairs contributed to this story.)

# Antiterrorism: remain vigilant every day

**Commentary by Matt Cassidy  
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As we near the end of this year's Antiterrorism Month, we must keep in mind that our responsibility is to remain vigilant every day. With the implementation of iWATCH (check it out at [www.usma.edu](http://www.usma.edu)), the West Point community can assist us with their ability to recognize suspicious activity.

You know your surroundings best—what looks right or who should be or not be in a particular place.

You may ask, “but what should I be looking at as suspicious?” The short answer is anything out of the ordinary should be suspect.

To help you further, here are eight signs of terrorism that will assist you when observing routine details or even a one-time irregularity. All may indicate warning signs that you should report:

**Surveillance:** Involving someone recording or monitoring activities. This may include the use of cameras, note taking, drawing diagrams, annotating maps or using binoculars or other vision enhancing devices.

**Elicitation:** Attempts to gain information about operations,

staffing and security. These attempts may be made by mail, fax, and telephone or in person.

**Tests of Security:** Any attempts to measure reaction times to entering restricted areas.

**Acquiring Supplies:** Obtaining explosives, weapons, uniforms and credentials.

**Suspicious (or Out of Place) Persons:** This may include people who are in places they should not be, as well as people who do not fit in to the daily routine of your community.

**Dry or Trial Run:** Putting people into position and moving them around without actually committing a terrorist act.

**Deploying Assets:** People and supplies getting into position to commit an act.

**Funding:** Suspicious transactions involving large amounts of cash and criminal activity.

Force protection is a team effort that involves an array of West Point security elements, but it is critical that you become part of this team—responsible for awareness of your surroundings, your community and place where you work.

Members of our entire community, including Soldiers, Family members, staff, faculty, the civilian workforce and cadets



## Saving a life

**Yearling Sean Coffey donates blood through the capable hands of Lucy Berberena during the New York Blood Center Blood Drive Tuesday at Eisenhower Hall. The blood and platelets will be given to local hospitals such as Keller Army Community Hospital and also to Walter Reed Army Hospital.**

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are encouraged to respectfully challenge an unfamiliar person, contractor or delivery personnel in their work area, living quarters, restricted areas or community housing.

The installation Antiterrorism/

Force Protection office is available at any time to assist you, your community or group, office and organization.

If you encounter any suspicious activity, report it to the Military Police at 938-3333.

You can make a difference—every person is a sensor.

We need you to report any and all suspicious activity to the proper authorities.

Remember, “See Something, Say Something.”

## SHARP

The members of the Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention program are Lt. Col. Kay Emerson, Shelley Ariosto (Garrison), Dan Toohey (Victim Advocate), Maj. Missy Rosol (USCC), Lt. Col. Kim Kawamoto (ODIA) and Bernadette Orland (Dean). Community members can e-mail Emerson at [Kay.Emerson@usma.edu](mailto:Kay.Emerson@usma.edu) for advice or to offer any recommendations on the program here. Cadets also can call the sexual assault support helpline at 845-591-7215. West Point Soldiers and civilians needing assistance can call 938-3369.

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# Army Football hosts Movie Night Wednesday

By Bob Beretta  
Army Athletic Communications

As part of the week leading up to the start of the 2010 football season, Army fans are invited to Michie Movie Night Wednesday with the Army Football Team presented by Army Athletics, Mix 97.7 FM and True Oldies 1340/1390 AM.

Fans can meet the Black Knights at historic Michie Stadium before viewing the movie "Shrek Forever After" on the 30-by-50-foot high-definition video board.

The free event begins at 5 p.m. with activities for children and live radio remotes from True Oldies and Mix 97.7.

The Army football team will join the festivities following its practice and will be available for autographs and photos. Concessions will be available and picnic tables will be set up.

Fans are invited on to the Michie Stadium turf at 6:30 p.m. to watch "Shrek Forever After" on the ITT Knight Vision video board (93-minute run time).

No chairs, food or drink will be allowed on the field. Fans wishing to eat during the movie can do so from the east stands.

There is no rain date for the event. All fans 16 and older must have photo identification to enter West Point.

The Army Athletic Association's new ticket scanning system will be used at the event. Fans can log on to [www.goARMYsports.com](http://www.goARMYsports.com) and print free tickets.

Those unable to use the print-at-home option can pick up their free tickets at the event. No advance reservation is necessary.

For more information, contact Elle Nichols in the Army Sports Marketing department at 845-938-0390 or [ellen.nichols@usma.edu](mailto:ellen.nichols@usma.edu).



Firstie defensive end Josh McNary signed autographs at the inaugural event in 2009, and will return with Army Football to Michie Stadium Wednesday for Movie Night.

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## A Family Affair

Brig. Gen. Timothy Trainor, Dean of the Academic Board, officially received the rank of a one-star general during a promotion and investiture ceremony Aug. 17 at Crest Hall. Pictured above, he is flanked by his wife, Col. Donna Brazil, associate professor in the Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership, and his mother Janet. Other Family members who attended included James Trainor, father; daughter Cory Trainor, Class of 2013 cadet; and sons Danny and Zach. Members of the Army Baseball, Women's Lacrosse and Basketball teams were also present, as well as cadets majoring in Systems Engineering—the department Trainor had previously headed before his appointment as the 13th Dean of the Academic Board. Lt. Gen. David Huntoon Jr., West Point Superintendent, presided over the ceremony.

TOMMY GILLIGAN/PV

## News Briefs

### Class of 2010 grads earn top award for project

WEST POINT—The American Concrete Institute Student Activities Committee has recently announced the winners in the 2010 ACI Concrete Projects Competition, with first place going to a team of former West Point cadets from the Class of 2010.

Second Lts. Mainor E. Bojorquez, David T. Carlson and Alexander J. Vanhout earned the top honor for their project titled "Modulus of Elasticity and Mechanical Behavior of Ultra High Performance Concrete." Faculty advisors were Col. Karl F. Meyer and Dr. Christopher Conley.

### AAFES charging error will be fixed

DALLAS—Numerous transactions at Army and Air Force Exchange operations are experiencing a processing error resulting in duplicate charges on credit and debit card transactions.

"Shoppers who swiped their cards any time between Aug. 7 and Aug. 9 at an AAFES facility are strongly encouraged to review their statements to see if they are impacted by this issue," Army Col. Virgil William, AAFES chief of staff, said. "If a customer finds a billing anomaly, no action will be required on their part, as we're working to correct inaccuracies on their behalf."

# Linn leads West Point's legal staff

Story and photo by  
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In recent months, the West Point community has welcomed a new garrison commander, superintendent, dean of the academic board and commander at Keller Army Community Hospital. Hails and farewells are often presented in formal ceremonies and receptions, but there are also those key leaders on post who report for duty without considerable attention.

The staff judge advocate is one of those.

Col. Jerry Linn, West Point's staff judge advocate, said it's simply the nature of the business. The Army rotations and timetables established are such that there are generally no overlaps between SJAs to accommodate a ceremony.

The closest he ever came to any semblance of a changeover was in 2005 when he was stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

In a courtroom setting, he was able to introduce himself to the staff; then the outgoing SJA said his goodbyes before handing Linn the keys to the building.

"That's just the way it is," Linn said. "We're not in the limelight, so to speak, as much as others but that's the unique nature of what we do. Our mission is to provide effective and responsive legal advice to the command, and I think this office has had a rich history of being hard-working and mission-oriented. I just want to continue that, and I'm happy to be part of this team."

Linn arrived here in late June, having served in the U.S. Army Sustainment Command at Rock Island Arsenal in Illinois. He spent the first few weeks in meetings with staff, receiving briefs on key issues and meeting with the leadership on West Point.

Having worked on TRADOC and FORSCOM installations,



Col. Jerry Linn heads the West Point Staff Judge Advocate's Office.

most legal issues are commonplace regardless of the duty station.

"We still have those same legal services that every installation provides, to include legal assistance to Soldiers, retirees, Family members and then there are cadets," Linn said. "They have those same legal needs whether it's a power of attorney or they may have some outstanding legal issue prior to coming here that still needs to be resolved."

Contracting and fiscal issues are common in the day-to-day operation of the SJA office, especially in the midst of major military construction such as the preparatory school or

housing construction under the Residential Communities Initiative.

As Linn familiarized himself with operations here and eased into a battle rhythm, he also recognized the unique environment that is West Point.

"One area where we have a specialist, and I don't think anywhere else does except at the Department of the Army level, is in trademark law," Linn said. "There are always folks who want to use some West Point trademark or logo and put it on a building or T-shirt. Whatever it might be, there's a procedure that must be followed and we have a trademark attorney who handles those issues."

Linn said about a third of the workload pertains to issues unique to West Point, providing legal assistance relating to a Division I collegiate sport, or the Association of Graduates. That's where it benefits to have the continuity of a civilian work force, Linn said.

"You don't have that at most SJA offices," Linn said, "where you have a civilian as an executive assistant. You

can't have military in that position who move out every few years. In that way, our organization is a little bit different."

Most people wouldn't suspect the SJA Office also staffs a special assistant, U.S. Attorney, who prosecutes any federal offenses which occur on post by civilians. Parking violations, traffic offenses, misdemeanors and felonies are prosecuted by an Army officer in U.S. Magistrate's Court in Middletown.

"Any civilian, whether working for the Department of the Army, a Family member or someone visiting the post; just by the fact it occurs on federal property makes it a federal crime and the federal government has jurisdiction over that case," Linn said.

The SJA also dedicates a captain and noncommissioned officer to work for the Warrior Transition Unit, to ensure all Soldiers processing there have legal representation.

This new legal environment for an officer with an Army career of 25 years can be refreshing, Linn said.

"It's always good to experience new things, and as an attorney, that's one of the benefits of getting to move around," Linn said. "It's especially good for the young officers to learn from this diversity, the different legal disciplines. The more you can branch out, it can make you a better officer, a better Soldier and a better attorney."

Linn's two areas of interest at law school were litigation and criminal law, and his desire to go from graduation dais to the courtroom steered him toward the Army.

"I knew that the Army provided that opportunity," Linn said. "You could get in the courtroom quickly as a young officer, and it's still that way today. It's a great opportunity to litigate and a great opportunity to gain responsibility early in your career as a young lieutenant or captain that you're not going to get in the civilian practice."

Now that Linn and his Family have settled into life at the academy, he looks forward to partaking in the uniqueness of West Point, not just in the job itself.

"Just like everybody else, I want to be a part of those football weekends, the concerts and everything else that goes on here," Linn said. "There's also all the great academic happenings here—the guest speakers, symposiums and things you don't have at other installations. I won't be hurting for things to do."

## West Point Post Office offers V-J Day postmark

By Tom Gaynor  
U.S. Postal Service

The Postal Service is offering a special pictorial V-J Day Gen. Jonathan Wainwright Station Postmark at the West Point Post Office starting Sept. 2.

Those who can't get to the Post Office, but who wish to obtain the pictorial postmark, may submit a mail order request. Pictorial postmarks are available only for the dates indicated, and requests must be postmarked no later than 30 days following the requested pictorial postmark date.

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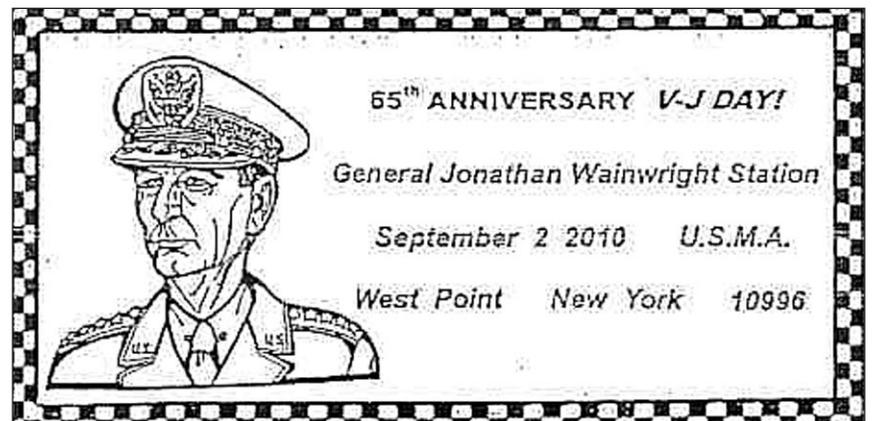
Customers wishing to obtain a postmark should affix stamps to any envelope or postcard of their choice, address the item to themselves or others, insert a card of postcard thickness in envelopes for sturdiness, and tuck in the flap.

Place the envelope or postcard in a larger envelope and address it to: PICTORIAL POSTMARK, V-J Day General Jonathan Wainwright Station Postmark, Postmaster West Point, NY 10996 before Oct. 2.

Customers can also send stamped envelopes and postcards without addresses for postmark, as long as they supply a larger envelope with adequate postage and their return address.

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# WP team provides assistance in Nicaragua

By Sgt. Vincent Fusco  
Dir. of Public Affairs & Communications

In the classroom, West Point cadets learn how to build paths of cooperation between the United States military and foreign nations in need of assistance. From July 23-Aug. 6, Firstie Emeline Hood did just that outside of the classroom—literally.

The Freeland, Pa., native, traveled with Firstie Sam Yoo, Cows Taylor Mosera and David Payne, and Maj. James Schreiner, an instructor in the Department of Systems Engineering, to assist the University of Connecticut chapter of Engineers Without Borders – USA in and around Granada, Nicaragua.

They evaluated the conditions of a road that connects the impoverished suburban village of La Prusia to Granada, Hood said. The road serves as the vital link for the people of La Prusia to travel into Granada to work and move supplies into the village.



Firstie Emeline Hood makes a new friend in Granada, Nicaragua, while surveying the road in some soggy weather.

COURTESY PHOTO

According to Hood and the EWB–USA website, the road is subject to flooding that makes it impassable during the rainy season. There are also many families that live alongside this road who are affected by the flooding.

The team spent 10 days working in the area, surveying the road, gathering technical data and interviewing the people living nearby. They also met with the leader of La Prusia and the mayor of Granada, who told them about how problems with the road affected their communities.

“I was able to apply stuff I learned from classes (in systems engineering) and also learn about other areas of engineering,” Hood said. “It was very successful, and we still have a lot to do on the project.”

During their time in the area, Hood and the team were able to come up with cost estimates of materials needed to build improved drainage systems into the road. They also came up with ideas for street lighting and trash removal they can present to city hall once the critical problems with the road issues are solved.

“There are many aspects affecting this project,” Hood said, “and as systems engineers, it is our job to keep them all in mind so that this effort will be successful in the long run.”

Hood believes this was the perfect opportunity to use skills learned from her Engineering Management major to help the people of a foreign nation. It also allowed her to become familiar with intrapersonal relations, a useful skill in her future Army deployments.

“(Schreiner) kept telling us how this would be really similar to something we would do on a deployment,” Hood said. “The biggest difference (was) security, because we were doing a lot of stuff down there and didn’t have to worry about that.”

This opportunity offered the cadets unique experiences that would not have been possible in a classroom setting. Hood hopes that the team’s efforts will help to produce a technical plan to fix the road in order to assist EWB–USA with their mission of improving the quality of life for the

people of La Prusia.

“It would mean so much to put to use skills learned from our major to help people far outside the classroom,” Hood said.

According to its website, EWB–USA is a non-profit humanitarian organization created to work with developing communities worldwide to improve their quality of life. The group participates with those communities to implement sustainable engineering projects while involving and training internationally responsible engineers and engineering students.

Hood documented the West Point team’s experiences throughout the project by posting on the Army Strong Stories website at [www.armystrongstories.com/blogger/emeline-hood/](http://www.armystrongstories.com/blogger/emeline-hood/).

Cadets share  
stories online

Find out what West Point  
cadets did this summer on the  
Army Strong blog at: [www.  
armystrongstories.com/tag/  
west-point/](http://www.armystrongstories.com/tag/west-point/)



# Bionic Foot Project is a work in progress

By Sgt. Vincent Fusco  
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The Six Million Dollar Man may be a work of science fiction, but one piece of him is already becoming scientific fact. Firstie Elijah Bales spent four weeks this summer working on improving West Point's own bionic foot project.

Originally, the bionic foot was a three-year program. In the first year, the project team developed a walking foot, followed by a running foot in year two. For this third year, the team will develop a model that an amputee will use to conduct an Army Physical Fitness Test. To achieve that, the team plans to cut the weight of the foot by more than 50 percent and add a second degree of freedom, allowing for more range of motion and a more biologically accurate ankle.

Bales visited various facilities that have contributed to the science of modern prosthetics to research solutions to help achieve this year's goal. He traveled to Phoenix to work with SpringActive for one week on improving the mechanics of the bionic

foot. Lt. Col. Joseph Hitt, Department of Civil and Mechanical Engineering instructor and officer-in-charge of the project, previously worked with the company during his doctoral studies on prosthetics.

From there, Bales went to Fort Detrick, Md., to conduct more research at the Telemedicine & Advanced Technology Research Center. He worked with the prosthetics portfolio to gather more ideas on improving the bionic foot and helping write research proposals and ideas for other companies as well.

In addition, he spent a few days at Walter Reed Army Medical Center to visit the prosthetics lab and physical therapy clinic, and talk to amputees about their prosthetic needs. Currently, active duty military amputees perform their duties using as many as a dozen—or in some cases more—different prosthetics.

"I learned (this summer) that every amputee likes a different prosthetic," the Knoxville, Tenn., native said. "There's not one end-all, be-all solution for amputees, but if you have a device that's as customizable as

possible they can change (the foot) and allow them to do whatever they needed to do versus doing just part of what they needed to do."

Bales also visited KCF Technologies, an engineering company that works with Penn State University, to learn about power-generating solutions for the motors inside the foot. The company specializes in making energy-harvesting devices that generate electricity through motion.

"There has been a lot of research into piezoelectrics, which is pretty much a material that if you shake it, it produces an electric signal," Bales said. "Or if you induce an electric signal, it will shake."

With this semester's research and development underway, Bales hopes to have

new designs completed by October and necessary parts acquired before the end of the calendar year. After assembly and preliminary tests are done in the next semester, the foot should be ready for the APFT after spring break.

If the APFT-fielded foot works, Bales also hopes to introduce new ideas and set up the next couple of years for success with the project. The ideal prosthetic device would aid the amputee in traveling over various surfaces such as flat, sandy or rocky terrain without needing to switch leg models for each.

Bales documented his experiences in a blog on Army Strong Stories, which can be accessed at [www.armystrongstories.com/blogger/elijah-bales/](http://www.armystrongstories.com/blogger/elijah-bales/).



Firstie Elijah Bales uses a computer console to maneuver a robot while conducting research for the West Point bionic foot project. Bales visited various research institutions and technology companies to gather ideas for improving the capstone project.

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# Pulling double-duty with Academic Development

By Sgt. Vincent Fusco  
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Every summer, West Point cadets are offered a variety of opportunities to travel abroad for academic and cultural enrichment. Cow Avinash Chaurasia was fortunate to receive not one, but two of those opportunities.

For his first Advanced Individual Academic Development opportunity, the French and life sciences double major traveled to the Republic of the Congo for four weeks to teach English to children and adults at a recreational facility belonging to the U.S. Embassy.

With guidance from the French Department and his own research, Chaurasia put together three lesson plans that he taught two or three times per week.

His curriculum included low-level English education for children and middle-aged adults, and a conversational English class for college-age adults.

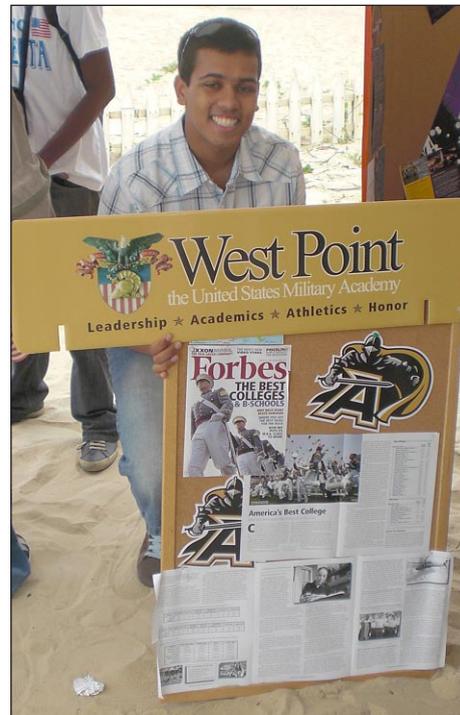
“The college-age (students and I) did debates, discussions and intense readings,” the Ridgewood, N.J., native said. “It was pretty dynamic because I had to work with three totally different classes.”

The most difficult part of teaching was preparing his lesson plans. To access the Internet, he needed to travel from the recreational facility to the embassy itself. He did this multiple times per week, as he often had to change and restructure the lesson around his students’ varying learning pace.

French and Lingala are the languages most commonly spoken in the Congo. Chaurasia, who speaks fluent French, was extremely impressed

with how easily he could carry on a French conversation with the Congolese.

“Their French is very, very good,”



**Cow Avinash Chaurasia presents a static display of information about West Point during an academic fair at the U.S. Embassy in the Republic of the Congo. Chaurasia participated in the fair following four weeks of teaching children and adults English from his own curriculum.**

PHOTO COURTESY OF COW AVINASH CHAURASIA

Chaurasia said. “In other parts of Africa, it is heavily accented, but here they take pride in how pure their French is.”

After completing his mission in the Congo, Chaurasia traveled north to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany. There, he became familiar with the hospital by rotating through the different departments, shadowing doctors and talking to patients as he did so.

Chaurasia visited with doctors and patients in the departments of family medicine, pediatrics, orthopedics and intensive care and observed surgeries as well. He enjoyed visiting the pediatric unit, and was impressed with how well the doctors worked with their patients.

“I think working with kids is really cool: they’re very upbeat and cheerful, and just great patients,” Chaurasia said. “Also, the doctors ... were so good at working with the kids. It almost seemed as if they were trained to do all that.”

In the intensive care unit, he visited with combat veterans who were whisked off the battlefields of Iraq and Afghanistan into Landstuhl for treatment. He learned

about the minute-to-minute care many of the patients required and the efforts the doctors made to sustain the patients until they could be sent to the United States for further care.

“These guys don’t have limbs, they might have their eyes taken out,” Chaurasia said. “They made a sacrifice for their country, and it’s great to see that the doctors work tirelessly to make sure these people are taken care of.”

His interaction with the doctors and patients was very informative and provided excellent exposure to life as an Army doctor. Because of this opportunity, Chaurasia was convinced that he definitely wanted to become an Army doctor after graduating from West Point.

“Having talked to the doctors, they have the skills of healing and helping Soldiers in ways that no one else can,” Chaurasia said. “That was the most enlightening thing—to know that even though I’m spending so much time in education and not actively being on the battlefield my first couple of years out of West Point, I’m training to serve my country still.”



## Building the framework for success

Firsties work on steel construction during Civil & Mechanical Engineering Department's Structural Projects Day Monday. This was one of three projects cadets are participating on, designed to teach them skills they may employ in the field as engineer officers.

TOMMY GILLIGAN/PV



Immediately following the Class of 2011 Ring Ceremony at Trophy Point Aug. 20, Firsties gathered with Family, friends and colleagues to show off their new rings.

## Class of 2011 celebrates Ring Ceremony

Story and photos By Mike Strasser  
Assistant Editor/Copy

Hundreds of onlookers hovered hillside behind Trophy Point to catch a glimpse of gold, a flash of silver and the gleam of gemstones during a West Point tradition that spans 165 years.

Adorned in their India Whites, Firsties gathered for the Class of 2011 Ring Ceremony Aug. 20. Standing in formation, they anxiously awaited the ring presentation from their tactical officers and noncommissioned officers, while Family, friends and guests gathered 300 feet away, ready to celebrate Ring Weekend festivities with the senior class.

“The West Point class ring is a wonderful symbol of unity, of pride and of connection,” Brig. Gen. William Rapp, Commandant for the Corps of Cadets, said. “The ring unites the class with a crest unique to that year and indicative of the elements valued by that class.”

The tradition of class rings was conceived at West Point in 1835 with a simple signet ring of flat stone bearing the motto: “Danger brings forth friendships.” The small rings were designed to be worn on the pinky finger and had flat crests used to seal wax on letters. A ring committee was first formed in 1869 to bring uniformity to the ring. In 1917, a standard die was cut where the USMA crest and class crest would be positioned on either side of the ring; the two stars and class year were added in 1921, which became the standard ever since.

“Lee, Grant, Pershing, MacArthur, Eisenhower and Schwarzkopf all stood on this very same ground that you stand on today,” Rapp told the Class of 2011. “They leave us a legacy to uphold and a challenge to face in our own lives. I’ve got the utmost confidence that you will rise to that challenge, and that you will be there for our country, just as those who’ve donned the rings many years ago have done so.”

Firstie Jonathan James has been waiting for the chance to wear a West Point ring since attending preparatory school four years earlier. The band of gold validates all the hard work and perseverance required to reach this moment, he said.

“This is the greatest feeling ever,” James said.

It was hard for Michele Merzi to hold back the tears trickling down underneath her sunglasses. She’s more accustomed to seeing her son, Firstie Anees Merzi, in his Black Knights uniform and on the football field.

“This is the first time I’ve seen him in his whites, and the first time in a situation that was not football,” Michele said “So I cried.”

Although the left tackle had the afternoon off from practice for the ceremony, his mind was still on football. When asked what was next for mom and son, they both responded: a college bowl, and to win it. So while most Firsties made plans to celebrate the milestone, Merzi was thinking about getting some extra sleep before practice Saturday.

“The ring is awesome because it feels like everything has come full circle for me,” Merzi said. “It’s like just yesterday I was here as a Plebe and now everything’s coming together and I’m almost in the Army now.”

While many cadets and guests lingered at Trophy Point, a steady stream trickled back toward Central Area. Civilians may have been puzzled by the noise and chaos that ensued, but the Firsties knew better.

The task at hand was avoiding the onslaught of Plebes lurking around Central Area hoping to accost them with the traditional verses known as Ring Poop. With Ring Weekend festivities awaiting, the Firsties all plotted out the fastest routes possible.

“I’m just going to have to pull some juke moves,” James said. “I’m probably going to have to jump through a window, but I’ll make it.”

## Catch the Firsties

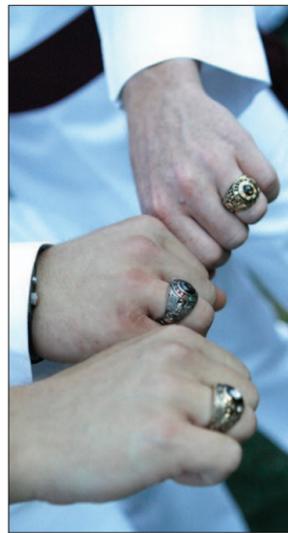
Frantic Firsties abandoned all hope as swarms of eager Plebes awaited the Class of 2011 after the Ring Ceremony on Aug. 20. The mission: ambush the Firsties, get a look—maybe a touch—of those new rings and deliver the Ring Poop. Crowds of Family members and guests stood in amusement and amazement from this unusual tradition until their Firsties found their way back so they could continue with Ring Weekend festivities.



**The Ring Poop:** “Oh my god, sir/ma’am! What a beautiful ring! What a crass mass of brass and glass! What a bold mold of rolled gold! What a cool jewel you got from your school! See how it sparkles and shines? It must have cost you a fortune! May I touch it, may I touch it please, sir/ma’am?”



(Above and left) Firsties Derek George, Kiernan Kane and Alex Graves compare rings following the Class of 2011 Ring Ceremony Aug. 20 at Trophy Point. (Below) Firsties Tim Underwood and Jonathan James pose for photographs with their new rings.



## Ring History

By Mike Strasser  
Assistant Editor/Copy

The concept of a class ring originated in 1835, as West Point became the first American university to honor its senior class with a treasured keepsake of gold. A decade ago, a new chapter to this West Point tradition was forged when molten gold emerged from a fiery furnace to inaugurate the Memorial Class Ring Donor Program.

In 1999, the ring donor concept was introduced in an article by retired Lt. Col. Ron Turner, Class of 1958, published in Assembly Magazine.

The idea was simple enough. Donations of class rings would be collected, melted and merged. A portion of the original gold would be infused with gold from preceding melts to become part of the rings for each Firstie class.

Even before the article went to press, Tony Ferraiuolo, then Class Support Program director for the Association of Graduates, began generating interest to turn the concept into reality.

In 2002, gold from 32 rings was melted and merged with new gold to make the rings for the Bicentennial Class. Since that time, 185 rings have been donated to the Ring Melt. This perpetual link to the Long Gray Line spans generations, with donor rings ranging from the Class of 1901 to 1984.

Upon receiving their rings Aug. 20, the Class of 2011 will have grasped hands with battlefield commanders from World War I to Desert Storm, Silver Star and Purple Heart recipients, fathers and grandfathers. The 10th annual Ring Melt contributed 20 rings to the Class Ring Memorial program, and the owners of those rings ranged from a member of the Class of 1908 to a 1984 graduate. During the ring melt, Firstie Brandon Lawrence presented the ring of his grandfather, Class of 1958 graduate Col. Richard E. Bauchspies.

“It was an honor to be part of such an important and memorable event for my class and my Family,” Lawrence said. “I’ve aspired to wear the West Point class ring for a long time, and I am beyond honored to have a piece of my grandfather’s ring in my own.”

Barbara Bauchspies was one of the first ring donors to arrive to the Class of 2011 Ring Ceremony, wearing the smile of an adoring grandmother and proud Army wife. Though her husband’s gold is now worn on the rings of nearly 1,000 Class of 2011 cadets, she still wears his tourmaline gemstone on her own ring.

“This is the biggest thrill being here,” Bauchspies said. “He loved West Point and wanted this so much.”

She said that Brandon celebrated the night before the Ring Ceremony. “What are you celebrating,” she asked her grandson. “The last day without my ring,” he told her.

The first day of wearing the ring, however, was incredible, Lawrence said. “It feels good to wear it,” Lawrence said. “Just knowing that my grandfather’s ring is in my ring is a nice feeling; and hearing his name called out during the ceremony. It’s awesome.”

Additionally, the ring of Lt. Col. John W. Hynd, Class of 1960, was dropped into the crucible by his West Point roommate of four years, Donald Prosser. Hynd commissioned Field Artillery and soon after deployed to Vietnam. He would return to West Point to teach physics. Col. William T. Kirkpatrick donated the ring of his father, Col. Elmer E. Kirkpatrick, Jr. of the Class of 1929 in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of his own Class of 1961.

To learn more about the Ring Donor Program or about those whose rings have been donated, visit the AOG website at: [www.westpointaog.org/netcommunity/page.aspx?pid=310](http://www.westpointaog.org/netcommunity/page.aspx?pid=310).

*Editor’s Note: Excerpts were taken from the Association of Graduates’ Ring Donor website at [www.westpointaog.org/netcommunity/](http://www.westpointaog.org/netcommunity/).*



# What's Happening

## **(New Info) Puppies Behind Bars Training**

Help socialize a puppy that will become a service dog for a disabled service member from 1-5 p.m. Sunday at Ike Hall.

Local prisoners help train puppies and once their training is completed, the dogs go to volunteers for one or two days to acclimate them to different types of environments and noises.

RSVP to [kate@puppiesbehindbars.com](mailto:kate@puppiesbehindbars.com) or call 212-680-9562. Locally, e-mail [jana.fajardo@usma.edu](mailto:jana.fajardo@usma.edu).

## **Pack 23 Cub Scout sign up**

Sign up and information briefings for West Point Cub Scouts will be held at 6:30 p.m. tonight in the West Point Elementary School multi-purpose room.

All Cub Scout eligible West Point youths are invited to attend.

For additional information or answers to questions, contact Col. Grant Crawford at 446-3851.

## **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 Tuesday-Sunday.

Present a valid CAC/military ID and downloaded complimentary military tickets from [www.thebarclaysgolf.com](http://www.thebarclaysgolf.com) when you arrive.

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

For tournament details, visit [www.thebarclaysgolf.com](http://www.thebarclaysgolf.com).

## **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.

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

## **Volkssport Club of West Point**

Join the Volkssport Club of West Point Sunday for a pre-walk breakfast and social hour at Park Restaurant, Main Street, Highland Falls at 8 a.m.

Register to walk at 9:15 a.m. at the West

Point Visitor's Center.

There are 5k and 10k trails with a difficulty rating of two.

The walks are on sidewalks throughout West Point and suitable for strollers.

Wheelchairs are not recommended due to hills.

The walk is free but AVA credit has a fee.

This walk qualifies for many AVA special programs, to include Artistic Heritage, Authors and Literary Landmarks, Cemetery Stroll, Firehouses, Forts of the U.S., Historic Churches and Law Enforcement.

For more information, call 446-4709 or go to [www.ava.org/clubs/westpoint](http://www.ava.org/clubs/westpoint).

## **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 Tuesday.

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

## **(New Info) Commissary Case Lot Sale**

The West Point Commissary is holding its case lot sale from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sept. 2, 3 and 4.

Shoppers can get bargains by the case and savings of up to 50 percent off regular prices on popular items.

For more information, contact Joanne Ruiz at 938-3663 ext. 202 or e-mail [Joanne.Ruiz@deca.mil](mailto:Joanne.Ruiz@deca.mil).

## **(New Info) Gymnastics Club**

The West Point Gymnastics Club resumes classes for children ages 5-18 Sept. 7.

For additional information, contact Carmine Giglio at 938-2880.

Registration forms are available at [www.westpointgymnasticsclub.com](http://www.westpointgymnasticsclub.com).

## **(New Info) The West Point Women's Club and the Daughters of the United States Army Invite**

Help the community extend a warm welcome to Margaret Huntoon, Superintendent Lt. Gen. David H. Huntoon's wife, and Donna Brazil, Dean of the Academic Board Brig. Gen. Tim Trainor's wife, from 7-9 p.m. Sept. 8 at the Thayer Hotel in the Eisenhower

Room.

RSVP to Pam Kastner at 446-2617 or e-mail at [TKPAM@aol.com](mailto:TKPAM@aol.com).

## **(New Info) Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services**

A complete list of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services are as follows:

Sept. 8—Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year) evening services at 7 p.m.;

Sept. 9—Rosh Hashanah (1st day) services at 9:30 a.m.;

Sept. 9—Rosh Hashanah evening services at 7 p.m.;

Sept. 10—Rosh Hashanah (2nd day) services at 9:30 a.m.;

Sept. 17—Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) evening services at 7 p.m.;

Sept. 18—Yom Kippur Worship Services at 9:30 a.m.;

Sept. 18—Yom Kippur Afternoon/Evening Worship services & break-the-fast meal at 5 p.m.

For more information, contact the Jewish Chapel staff and/or Chaplain Shmuel Felzenberg at 938-2710.

## **(New Info) Thayer Protestant Sunday School**

The Thayer Protestant Sunday School starts 9-10 a.m. Sept. 12 at Thayer Hall 3rd floor. Park on Thayer Roof and go to the 3rd floor.

Bagels, fruit, donuts, orange juice and coffee are provided. Classes are available for adults, cadets and children.

Children of all grades can join the team of Cadet Sunday School teachers.

A nursery and classes for pre-K through high school grades are offered.

Adult classes will trace the footsteps of Christ with Mark Stoneburner and Dietrich Bonhoeffer's "Life Together" with Marty Conkling; "The Revelation: Things to come" with Dave Hampton/Greg Parnell; and "The Character of God" with Mark Fairbrother.

A cadet-specific discipleship training course with Mike Warren and a Baptist Student Union class on Christian college life with Dwain Gregory are also available.

Register by e-mail through Eric Bryan at [eric.bryan@usma.edu](mailto:eric.bryan@usma.edu).

## **Patriot Day Golf Scramble**

Come and enjoy 18 holes of golf with a cart, cookout and fun times at 9:30 a.m. Sept. 12 at the Somers Pointe Country Club in Westchester County for a nominal fee.

The golf scramble helps the Folds of Honor Foundation, which provides scholarships for dependents of fallen Soldiers.

Respond to Joe Damore at [rigatoni500@aol.com](mailto:rigatoni500@aol.com) or call 914-241-0261 for more information.

## **(New Info) DLA Document Services**

The Defense Logistics Agency print shop invites the community to see why DLA Document Services is more than just a print shop.

Learn about DLA Document Service's full portfolio of services, meet with staff and tour the facilities from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sept. 15.

For more information, contact Maggie Batchelor at 212-264-104.

## **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.

## **Highland Falls/WP 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 Windsor Cantonment event**

There will be a special presentation at the New Windsor Cantonment on the important role of the Continental Army military headquarters in Newburgh and New Windsor from 1-2 p.m. Sept. 25.

The presentation gives visitors the background of the American military presence in the Hudson Valley during the Revolutionary War.

From 2-5 p.m., a special tour of the Edmonston House, located on Route 94 west of the Vails Gate intersection with Routes 32 and 300, will be given.

For more information, call 845-561-1765 ext. 22.

## FMWR Blurbs

### "Right Arm Night"

Celebrate "Right Arm Night" at the West Point Club's Hudson Room and patio deck from 5-9 p.m. tonight.

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

For more information, call 938-5120.

### Burn Your Own Steak Night

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

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

Ribeyes, New York 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) Staff & Faculty Intramural Flag Football League

The FMWR Sports Office is conducting the 2010 Staff & Faculty Flag Football League.

The league is open to all USMA personnel over the age of 18.

Departments, units or personnel wishing to enter a team, contact Jim McGuinness at

938-3066.

League play will start on or about Sept. 8 and deadline for team entries is close of business Monday.

### West Point's Career Expo

A career expo will be held from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Sept. 8 at the Thayer Hotel.

The expo is hosted by Army Community Service, Employment Readiness Program along with **Military.com** and NCOA.

**Military.com**, the largest online military membership organization, and the Non Commissioned Officers Association have joined forces for this expo, which is designed to place separating and retiring veterans and Family members in direct contact with companies and corporations seeking individuals with military training and experience.

Individuals looking to attend the career expo may register to attend the event online at [www.military.com/career-expo/](http://www.military.com/career-expo/).

For more information, call Amy Rodick at 938-5658.

### (New Info) Wee Ones Play Group

The Wee Ones Open Play Group will move to the Lee Road Child Development Center Sept. 13.

The group time will continue to be from 9:30-11 a.m. Come join the fun.

For more information, call Shelley Ariosto at 938-3369.

### 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 day and reservation deadline dates are below:

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

### (New Info) Power Hour/Homework Assistance

The Power Hour/Homework Assistance program is available to teens in grades 6-12 at the Youth Center located at Bldg. 500. The service is free—youth must be registered with CYSS (registration is free).

This program has a dedicated homework

assistance staff member who works with youth daily on their homework.

Participants earn points through doing their homework and can earn prizes.

For more information, call 938-8525.

### 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.

### Fit EDGE! Fitness Rangers

Fitness Rangers is for children in grades 3-5 enrolled in CYSS programs.

The classes run Thursdays from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Sept. 9-30.

Enroll at CYSS Parent Central at the Lee Area CDC.

For more information, call 938-4458.

# West Point offers new archery range to hunters

Story and photo by  
Kathy Eastwood  
Staff Writer

There are many hunters in the West Point community who enjoy bow hunting. Now bow hunters can practice their craft at West Point's new 3D archery range located in area J3 on Patrick Trail off Stony Lonesome road.

The archery range was inaugurated Aug. 21 by 13 hunters, including three cadets, who practiced their craft with life-like animal statues ranging from bears to pigs to turkeys. The range of target hunting is about a mile with 14 animal targets in total.

"We at the West Point Hunting Club have been working on the 3D archery range for about a year," Ray Parrott, S4 facilities manager and president of the West Point Hunting Club, said. "It is open to active duty, retired, DOD personnel and their Families, as well as cadets."

Upcoming range events are Sept. 4, Sept. 25 and Oct. 9. Archers must bring their own equipment.

Parrott said many in the hunting club used bow and arrows and thought a 3D archery range would be great to teach them how to shoot or practice shooting a bow and arrow and to get others interested in archery.

Trails are throughout the woods with

14 targets at various sites and at various distances. Hunters shoot plastic animals and can see how they did when retrieving their arrows from the animals.

All targets and trails are away from populated areas and are well marked.

"When someone is using a target, there is a red sign," Parrott said. "Once hunters have retrieved their arrows and are ready to go on, the sign is flipped to the green side. This helps protect hunters, who may not be seen by others who are retrieving their arrows from the target."

The club has 38 members and is still recruiting. The mission of the WPHC is to develop and foster a community of West Point hunters that is separate from, but in support of the, Cadet Hunting Club.

"The WPHC will assist in management and conservation efforts, share knowledge and information, provide input on regulations and policies and promote firearm, archery and hunter safety," Parrott said.

"It will promote a sense of community amongst West Point hunters through meetings, classes, projects and various social functions," he said.

The archery clubhouse is located at Stilwell Lake and meetings are the third Thursday every month.

The next meeting is at 5:30 p.m. tonight. For more information about the hunting club, call Parrott at 938-3773.



Retired Marine Bruce Stokes from West Nyack lets his arrow fly using his compound bow and arrow to see if he could shoot a deer at 20 meters at the West Point Hunting Club's 3D archery range Aug 21. The club received a grant from the West Point Women's Club to purchase animal statues and the Cadet Hunting Club hopes to get members interested in archery.

## 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 Sept. 6. 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 is approximately 95 percent complete and should be complete by the end of August;
- Steam line repairs on Ruger Road between Bldgs. 667 and 146/Clock Tower has begun. Ruger Road is closed for approximately three weeks;
- Steam line replacement between the West Point Elementary School and Keller Hospital parking lot is estimated to be complete by mid-September;
- Sidewalk renovation near the Catholic Chapel has begun with an estimated completion of mid-September. Curb cuts and leveling the sidewalk in the area leading from the parking lot to the cloisters are necessary to allow handicap access into the church. At some point, a concrete pumping truck will be positioned below the chapel on Washington Road for the placement of the concrete. Washington Road will be reduced to one lane with a flag person and appropriate signage;
- Tree removal on the west side of Qtrs. 48 (in the vicinity of the intersection of Mills Road and Wilson Road) starts at 7:30 a.m. Saturday. During removal, trucks and other equipment will be positioned along the northbound lane of Mills Road blocking it and restricting traffic to one lane, with a flagperson available as needed to direct traffic for safety. During actual lifting of tree trunk and large limbs, it is possible that Mills Road traffic in both directions will be stopped for safety for no more than 10 minutes, while limbs are being lifted over the road. The entire operation should be done by 11:30 a.m.;
- Excavation of test pits begins Monday at the first of four sites in central post to locate and map underground utilities. The first site is along Thayer Road near Qtrs. 6-7. There are two sites along Williams Road and an additional site on Thayer Road in front of Bldg. 606, near the Mahan Hall turnaround.

## NOW SHOWING

in the movie theater at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752

**Friday—The Sorcerer's Apprentice, PG, 7:30 p.m.**

**Saturday—Despicable Me, PG, 7:30 p.m.**

—The Twilight Saga: Eclipse, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.

**Sept. 3—Despicable Me, PG, 7:30 p.m.**

**Sept. 4—The Last Airbender, PG, 7:30 p.m.**

—Predators, R, 9:30 p.m.

**Sept. 10—The Last Airbender, PG, 7:30 p.m.**

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

## Command Channel 8/23

*Aug. 26-Sept. 2*

**Army Newswatch**  
(broadcast times)

**Thursday, Friday and Monday through Sept. 2**  
8:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

**Town Hall Meeting Rebroadcast**

**Friday at 7:30 p.m., Monday at Noon and Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.**

**The Point**

(broadcast times)

**Thursday, Friday and Monday through Sept. 2**  
8 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.

# Keller Corner

### KACH outpatient clinics closures

All outpatient clinics, laboratory, pharmacy and radiology will be closed Sept. 3 (Training Holiday) and Sept. 6 (Labor Day). The emergency room will remain open.

### Refractive Surgery Seminar

The KACH ophthalmology service will conduct a Refractive Surgery Seminar from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Sept. 7 in

Robinson Auditorium.

The seminar is open to cadets and active duty Soldiers interested in obtaining laser vision correction.

Find out how laser surgery works, the pros and cons of surgery, and how to get treated here.

For more information, call the ophthalmology clinic at 938-2207.

### Speak Up—Prevent errors as your child takes new medicine

What can you do to make sure it is safe for your child to take new medicine?

Tell the doctor or nurse your child's current weight or ask them to weigh your child (in kilograms).

Medicines for children are based on weight. Ask the following questions:

- Why does your child need a new medicine? How will it help?

- What are the names of the medicine?

- Is there written information about the medicine?

- What does the medicine look like? Is it a liquid or a pill?

What color is the medicine?

- What are the instructions for taking the medicine? Measure dose carefully with an oral syringe, medicine spoon or cup. Do not use kitchen spoons.

- What are the side effects?

Remind the caregiver about your child's allergies and reactions to any medicines in the past.

Tell the caregiver if you do not understand any information about the medicine.

When you get the medicine, check the label for your

child's name and the correct medicine name and strength.

- Can you cut or crush pills or put them in food if your child has trouble swallowing them?

Ask the doctor or pharmacist. As an example, time-release medicines should not be cut or crushed. Ask if the medicine comes in a liquid or can be given another way.

- What should you do if your child has accidentally taken a medicine or taken too much medicine?

Immediately call the poison control center at 800-222-1222 or dial 911.

### 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: Hard

# Promoting safety and fun at annual Bike Rodeo



Story and photo by  
Kathy Eastwood  
Staff Writer

The annual Bike Rodeo sponsored by the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreations, Daughters of the United States Army and the West Point Women's Club was held at the West Point Middle School Aug. 21 to emphasize safety in bike riding, such as using hand signals and wearing helmets.

"We go through three stages of safety," Spc. Dustin Nellis, Military Police, one of the volunteers at the rodeo, said. "We have them signal that they are going to stop by using their hand, then signal when they will be making a left turn and when they are making a right turn—all this while they are riding through the course."

Four-year-old Sophia Sawser is an old hand at riding her bike according to her dad, Maj. Brian Sawser, instructor at the Operation Research Center for the Center of Excellence.

"We are new here having come from Texas. Sophia learned how to ride a bike at three, which is easy in Texas because a lot of that state is flat," Sawser said. "She does need more instruction of hand signals though."

Bike safety inspection is another part of the safety efforts.

Volunteer MP's check for breaks, ensuring the bike chains are not loose and the tire pressure is at the correct level.

Bikes are not the only safety efforts as parents may have their children fingerprinted in a packet, which they keep in case anything happens.

Then the prints can be turned into to the MP's for identification.

Bikes are also registered, so in case a child loses a bike, an MP will be able to identify to whom the bike belongs.

However, safety went along with a lot of fun, such as a bouncy house and face painting.

The West Point fire department's truck was also on hand to allow children to go through and find out about the equipment the fire department uses.

Sp. Dustin Nellis, Military Policeman, helps Sophia Sawser negotiate hand signals during the Bike Rodeo held at the Middle School Aug. 21. The annual Bike Rodeo emphasizes bike safety including learning hand signals, has Ident-a-Kid Child Identification services available to fingerprint children, a bounce house and many prizes.



Helena Sawser wasn't sure she wanted to join twins, Logan (in yellow) and Jonathan Frank, in the bounce house at the Bike Rodeo.



Three-year-old Camron Jones gets his face painted by Maggie Oakes from the Craft Shop at the Bike Rodeo.

# Simulations prep Black Knights for opener

By Brian Gunning  
Army Athletic Communications

The Black Knights took an important step in their preseason preparations Aug. 21 at Michie Stadium, working through game-like scenarios that included coaches in the booth and officials on the field.

After a coin toss, the kickoff return unit took some repetitions before the offense came on the field. Army's first unit ran a scripted series against the scout team defense before the punt team took the field for its dress rehearsal. The defense came on for a series of its own, setting the stage for the punt return unit.

The Black Knights also rehearsed sudden changes with turnovers lost and gained, worked on field goals and installed their onside kick and "hands" squads. Army ran everything at "thud" pace. The plays were run at full-speed, but there was no tackling.

"It was combination of a little bit of scrimmage and a lot of mock game," head coach Rich Ellerson said. "We tried to do things in the sequence they will happen in the game. We experienced some things for the

first time that will happen on a game day, and we did some installation in the kicking game. We got an awful lot done without putting guys in a lot of physical jeopardy."

The defense had a different look with starters such as Stephen Anderson, Josh McNary, Donovan Travis and Steven Erzinger held out of the defensive portion of the workout. On the offensive side, Yearling quarterback Trent Steelman watched the workout from the sideline. Steelman has not practiced since Aug. 18 because of a minor knee issue. The incumbent starter's absence was an opportunity for Cow Max Jenkins to take the reins of the first-team offense.

"We have a guy in Max who really knows his way around the offense," Ellerson said. "His claim to fame is that he really doesn't need a lot of practice. He is able to internalize things especially well. He took advantage of the fact that Trent has a minor injury going on. This far before the opening game we were able to rest that and give Max a chance to validate in our minds, his mind and in his teammates' minds how effective and efficient he can be with the offense."

Firstie quarterback Chip Bowden also took

snaps on Saturday after being held out of last weekend's scrimmage.

"Every day you have to come out and work, and as a backup you have to prepare like you're one play away from having to be in there running the offense," Jenkins said after the workout. "With Trent resting up this week, I was able to take advantage and get some reps with the ones. I just need to keep working hard. Chip has been doing really well, and I think we're pretty deep at the quarterback position."

One other position that built its depth this week was on the offensive line. Firstie offensive tackle Jason Johnson has been hampered by leg injuries since the start of camp, but participated in today's practice without any sort of limitation.

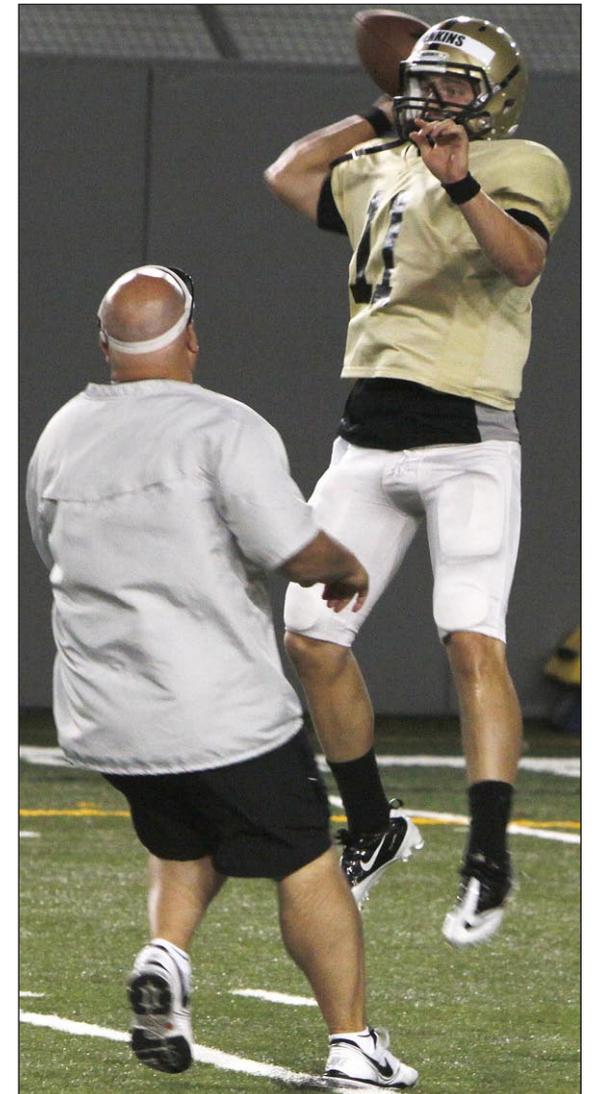
"I've been rehabbing hard and trying to get ready for the season," Johnson said. "The work paid off today. I can't wait to get out there against Eastern Michigan. It's going to be a great day."

Fans attending Aug. 20's football practice at Howze Field and the Foley Athletic Center got a preview of what the Spring 2011 workouts will look like with the Firsties not attending the workout while participating in Friday's class ring ceremony. The session lasted roughly 90 minutes and featured special teams, offensive and defensive team work in helmets and shorts.

With the veterans out of the mix, it was an opportunity for some of the youngsters to get added repetitions. Offensively, two rookies have worked their way into the top two units—Plebe slotback Raymond Maples and Plebe wide receiver Anthony Stephens. Both players worked with the second unit during last weekend's scrimmage and continued to force their way into the huddle during the week.

While both are unknown quantities until Sept. 4, the classmates entered West Point on opposite ends of the coaches' radar. Maples starred at the prep school last season as a fullback, while Stephens is a direct admit walk-on from Mauldin High School in Greenville, S.C.

"Anthony has been a pleasant surprise,"



**Cow quarterback Max Jenkins had the opportunity to take the reins of the first-team offense during practice Aug. 21.**

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offensive coordinator Ian Shields said. "He just kind of showed up here. His dad went to school here and he's a walk on. We knew about him, but he's been better than advertised. We knew all about Raymond from the prep school last year. He's a special talent. The arrow is pointed up for both those young guys. Are they ready for prime time yet? I think they're getting close."

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

## Sign up 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 Friday.

# A buzz surrounds men's soccer with new coach

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There is a distinct buzz coming from Clinton Field and it is not just coming from the women's soccer team. Since stepping on campus this past January, head coach Russell Payne and his staff have begun changing how men's soccer is viewed here at West Point; from inviting world-class talent for a friendly to their pitch this past spring to dominating local competition in preparing for the regular season.

In less than a week, Payne will lead the Black Knights onto the field for their first contest. However, the Columbia, Md., native feels that they have already made strides.

As some soccer managers sit back and oversee the progress of the program from afar, Leo Cullen and Kevin Reiman, along with Payne, are extremely hands-on with every aspect of practice; from scrimmaging, ball handling drills to conditioning right alongside with the cadets.

"It is not just the idea, it is the simple direct approach of changing the culture of the team to perform and hold themselves to the same standards of a professional," Payne said. "My staff and I hold ourselves to the same standard that I expect the team to hold themselves to."

The competitive natures of these student-athletes are being pushed on a daily basis, not only by the staff, but, more importantly, by each other.

Throughout practice, they challenge each other like it is the final moments of the real contest, running so hard they would tear the soles off their cleats, such as the case with Plebe Jim Delnaro, who continued conditioning with his teammates—barefoot.

"We are setting out this season to be the last team standing," the first year head coach said. "I believe it is the only approach that a competitor can take."

Payne said that he does believe it should take years to turn around the program, but it can start to fall into place right away if everyone gets inline.

Last spring as the staff and the team were getting to know each other, they did just that. The Army footballers battled a mixed squad from the MLS Red Bulls in a heated contest they were in until the final moments of the game.

At that point, the change had begun.

"Our approach as a team is to win every moment and small battles," Payne said. "That means knowing what you need to work on or getting treatment on an injury when it first happens."

So far this preseason, the Black Knights have been led by their four Firsties. They have taken control of the newly installed philosophy and won the first two contests of the fall preseason, defeating Nyack 4-1 and Central Connecticut 2-1 in a monsoon Sunday.

With one game left in the preseason at 7 p.m. Friday at Clinton Field versus SUNY New Paltz, the team members know they have a lot work in front of them to accomplish their goals this season.

"We have to master all of the intangibles," Payne said. "All the things you can leave to chance and hope that others are going to take don't always happen, so we have to make sure we, as a team, are doing that and things will fall into line."



Plebe Jim Delnaro ran barefoot during conditioning drills at practice after tearing off the soles of his cleats during an intersquad scrimmage on Clinton Field Aug. 13.



Yearling midfielder Michael Kim scored a goal and assist last season while finishing second on the team with 25 shots.

## S&F Ultimate Frisbee

Standings as of Aug. 20

TEAMS	W	-	L
1. DPE	3	-	0
2. ENGLISH/PHY.	2	-	0
3. MATH	2	-	0
4. DFL/GENE	2	-	1
5. DMI	1	-	1
6. PANE	2	-	2
7. BS&L/CHEMISTRY	1	-	2
8. EE&CS	1	-	2
9. SOCIAL/HISTORY	1	-	3
10. SYSTEMS ENG.	0	-	1
11. C/ME	0	-	3