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Smiley—driving on with life

Captain Scott M. Smiley grins while passing the guidon back to 1st Sgt. Deon E. Dabrio during the U.S. Army Warrior Transition Unit at West Point change of command ceremony Monday. The 2007 Army Times Soldier of the Year is the first blind officer and second Wounded Warrior to hold a command position.

Story and photo by
Tommy Gilligan
Assistant Editor

Soldier, Infantryman, Airborne, Ranger, combat diver, mountain climber, skier, triathlete, surfer, husband and father are just a few words to describe Capt. Scott M. Smiley. Now, add company commander to his decorated resumé and incredible distinction. At 1 p.m. Monday, Smiley became the first blind officer bestowed with the responsibility of leading a company as he assumed command of the Warrior Transition Unit at West Point.

For people not familiar with Smiley's story, the idea of an officer at the rank of captain taking command is part of the normal progression in a commissioned officer's career path and this is the way the new commander feels.

Yet, what makes him so similar to so many throughout the Armed Forces has allowed him to overcome so much to get to this point. During Smiley's last deployment to Iraq in 2005, he was wounded, permanently losing his vision.

After receiving medical attention, Smiley was transferred to the Ft. Lewis, Wash., WTU, where he began his recovery and his journey to get back to active duty status.

The 2003 West Point graduate wanted to return to doing what he loved and that was serving his country in uniform.

Smiley attributes his strength and drive during his recovery to his Family, faith and friends.

"It was my wife, my Family and friends who were in my hospital room singing songs and reading the Bible that gave me the strength during my recovery," he said. "It was all of this which allowed me to put one foot in front of the other and has allowed me to accomplish everything that I have done to get to where I am today."

> ***"He may not have the eyes to see, but he sees more things than most leaders could ever see ..."***
> — Mike Krzyzewski, Duke University head basketball coach.

The Army Times 2007 Soldier of the Year looked at what had happened to him and made the decision that he was not going down the same path as the character Gary Sinise played in the 1994 movie "Forrest Gump."

"The decisions that Lt. Dan made after his injuries never came into my mind. I wanted to take care of myself—physically, mentally and spiritually," he said. "I just did not want to give up because of something that negatively happened to me."

He dreamed of returning back to active duty, but he knew it was going to be a long and strenuous path. However, it was not anything Smiley was willing to give up on.

"There were some very long dark days, physically and mentally, but I just had to keep pushing on," Smiley said.

He transitioned back to active duty, working at the U.S. Army Accessions Command at Ft. Monroe, Va. After being there for some time, Smiley's commander told him he had been selected to go to graduate school.

"I thought he was kidding me. I was absolutely shocked," he explained. "Then they were going to let me go teach—that was awesome," Smiley said with a smile stretching from ear to ear.

He attended Duke University where he received his Master of Business Administration. While Smiley was in school, he also cultivated a friendship that began in the summer of 2007 with legendary Duke University basketball coach and fellow West Point graduate, Mike Krzyzewski, Class of 1969, before the men's

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Yearling Winter Weekend

Class of 2012 cadets and their dates toasted the President, the Army and the academy at the Yearling Winter Weekend banquet at the Cadet Mess Hall Jan. 30. Like the senior class' 100th Night and the junior class' 500th Night, this banquet and dance are some of the many social events cadets attend throughout their tenure at West Point.

SGT. VINCENT FUSCO/DPAC

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basketball world championships and Olympics.

"When my brigade commander, who was (then a) Colonel and is now Brig. Gen. Brown, asked if I would be interested in speaking to the team, I was taken aback. 'Are you sure you know who you are talking to? Why would the national basketball team want me to talk to them?'" Smiley said.

"The first time I met him, he spoke to the Olympic team in Las Vegas. We were trying to teach the team about selfless service," Krzyzewski said. "They not only heard what Scott had to say, but they truly felt what he had to say.

"When I think of Scotty, I think of ultimate service, especially selfless service," he added.

When Smiley realized why Coach K wanted him to come speak to the team, it made sense to him.

"Coach Krzyzewski went and coached here, he understands what sacrifice is all about," Smiley said.

After completing his masters, Smiley returned to where it started during the summer of 1999, although in a very different capacity.

Over the past six months, Smiley has been an instructor in the Behavioral Sciences and Leadership department teaching a leadership course to third-year cadets.

"His endurable spirit and character are traits that the cadets can just relate to," Lt. Col. Eric Kail, a BS&L instructor, said. "He has overcome so much, through his attitude and desire to excel in life. Scott is a great teacher."

Even though Smiley will not be physically teaching in a classroom for the duration of his tour as WTU commander, he will be leading by example as he begins this new chapter of his life.

Smiley's former commander while at USAAC and present U.S. Army Chief of Engineers and Commanding General of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Lt. Gen. Robert Van Antwerp, shared his thoughts on this occasion.

"Scott brings a whole new dimension to Soldiering and leadership. When you are around him, you can't help but want to do your best—without complaining—because he gives his best every day," Van Antwerp, Class of 1972, said.

About Smiley being the second Wounded Warrior to hold a command position, Van Antwerp said, "Scotty will be a great commander. He will lead from the front like he has always done. I am proud of him and proud of our Army for giving him this opportunity."

As the Army has given him this opportunity to lead, others like Krzyzewski seconded that notion.

"He may not have the eyes to see, but he sees more things than most leaders could ever see," Krzyzewski said. "His ability to translate that to his unit and the people he has (under his command), he will have the ability to touch many and they will be impacted tremendously."

Smiley now takes command of a company that he himself understands.

"I know what they are going through. I understand the dynamics of the company, how it works and areas of concern that need to be improved," Smiley said.

With only 50 percent of his command on West Point grounds, Smiley will travel from the rocky shorelines of Maine to the rolling hills of Pennsylvania to ensure his troops are being taken care of and doing what they need to do to get better.

"It is now my responsibility to inspire them and to continue to help them get the job done," Smiley said.

With his goals set and with a firm personal understanding of his present and future troops, the new company commander begins his tour, leading from the front like he always has.

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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: Easy

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SHARP

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

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VA to recover Post-9/11 GI Bill advance payments

By Veteran's Administration Public Affairs

WASHINGTON—The Department of Veterans Affairs is beginning the process of recovering advance payments made available during the fall 2009 semester to servicemembers who applied for education benefits.

Active-duty servicemembers were actually not eligible for the "advance" or partial payment on reimbursements owed veterans under the Post 9-11 GI Bill, according to VA officials. They said those servicemembers who mistakenly applied for and received the advance payment may be asked to pay it back or return un-cashed checks.

The VA will begin sending out notification letters this week explaining the repayment process, officials said.

Some servicemembers may have been confused, one official said, because under VA terminology active-duty servicemembers are not considered student veterans. The advance payments were only intended for veterans who had left active duty and were enrolled in an institution of higher learning for the fall 2009 term.

"The advance payments were a huge success and helped thousands of student veterans during the first days of the historic Post-9/11 GI Bill focus on studies and not their finances," Keith Wilson, director of Education Services at VA, said. "Now, we can get to the business of closing the books on advance payments and focus on supporting veterans for the spring semester."

In October, VA instituted the advanced payment process for all eligible students to ensure the veterans were able to focus on their academic studies and not be burdened with financial concerns, officials said. As part of that process, a Web portal was established to allow electronic submission for advance payment.

Advance payments were also made on-site at VA offices around the country. At that time student veterans were told that advance payments would be deducted from future benefit payments.

The VA discontinued advance payments via the Web portal following the conclusion of the fall 2009 semester.

The VA is currently processing about 7,000 education benefits daily, up from an average of 2,000 at the beginning of the fall 2009 term, officials there said.

As of Jan. 22, the department has processed more than 105,000 of the nearly 132,000 spring enrollments received. Since the inception of the new program last year, the VA has paid out more than $1.3 billion in education benefits, and opened the door to higher education to more than 183,000 veteran students.

USMAPS CONSTRUCTION SITE OFF LIMITS

As a reminder to all community members, the USMAPS construction site located at the old TMP site near Washington Gate is off limits to all personnel. Recently, runners have entered the site apparently by "jumping the fence" to get to their normal trails. The site has heavy construction equipment stored and in use and an active decompression of landfill areas is in progress. All dangers might not be clearly apparent. Please do not risk your safety by entering the site. Visitors with a legitimate need to enter or transit the area should check in with the appropriate contractor personnel. For more information, contact DPW Customer Relations at 938-4407.

Board of Visitors meets Wednesday

WEST POINT, N.Y.—The Board of Visitors of the U.S. Military Academy meets from 1-4 p.m. Wednesday in Room SVC 201/200 of the Capitol Visitors Center in Washington, D.C.

This is the 2010 Organizational Meeting of the Board at which members will be provided updates on academy issues to include the following—Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Center of Excellence; Energy Costs and Initiatives; Wastewater Privatization; A–76 Commercial Activities and Resources.

The Board of Visitors will discuss proposed meeting dates for the 2010 Spring Meeting, and will hold elections for the 2010 Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

Members of the public wishing to attend the meeting need to notify Joy A. Pasquazi no later than Friday at *joy.pasquazi@us.army.mil* or (845) 938–5078 to have their names included on the list for Capitol Visitor Center access. Photo identification will be required to gain access to the meeting location. All participants are subject to security screening.

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

Presidential appointees are John S. Rainey, Dr. Charles Younger, Karen Hughes, Frederick Malek and Randolph Brock III. The Senators are Honorables Kay Bailey Hutchison, Jack Reed, Mary Landrieu and Richard Burr. Representatives include Honorables Maurice Hinchey, Jim Marshall, John Hall, John Shimkus and Jerry Lewis.

French HeadStart2 language program released for official use

By Defense Language Center Media Relations

MONTEREY, CALIF.—The Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center's edition of the computer-based HeadStart2 language program in French is available online for military servicemembers and Department of Defense civilian personnel.

The French HeadStart2 program, along with seven other languages—Chinese, Dari, Iraqi, Korean, Pashtu, Persian Farsi and Urdu—are accessible at the Institute's Web site at **http://fieldsupport.dliflc.edu/products/headstart/french/index.html**.

Some materials are also available for download in the video iPod version.

DLIFLC's HeadStart2 programs are learning tools that incorporate 750 of the most commonly needed phrases by troops on the ground.

This 80-hour computer-based program uses human-to-avatar interaction, games, word scrambles and other interactive exercises to draw the user into the learning program.

After completing the course, servicemembers should be able to hit the ground in a new country with enough survival language skills to communicate with the locals on basic topics.

DLIFLC is the Department of Defense's premier language instruction facility and trains an average of 3,000 military linguists each year in 24 different languages, making it the largest language institute in the world.

Check the Institute's main site for more products at **www.dliflc.edu**.

For more information, call DLIFLC's media relations office at (831) 392-6585.

A cultural explosion hits USCC

Story and photos by Tommy Gilligan
Assistant Editor

The fourth and fifth floors of Washington Hall became an international zone as more than 1,000 cadets, faculty, Family and staff filled the halls for the first International Day held at West Point Jan. 27.

The event was a collaborative effort of the Depts. of Foreign Language and Social Sciences, the Cadet Respect Staff, the Equal Opportunity Office, the international cadets and the Simon Center for the Professional Military Ethic.

"Having been an exchange student at the Brazilian Military Academy (Academia Militar das Agulhas Negras) and seeing their tribute on the Fourth of July to myself and cadet (Firstie Kyle) Mayfield, I wanted to give a tribute to our international cadets," Firstie Andrew T. Branch, Respect Captain, said.

As Branch and others arrived back on campus this past fall, the planning for International Day began in early October.

"With these friends that I have made, I feel as if I could go anywhere in the world and 'belong' ... to me that is powerful. They are my heroes," Branch said.

With many members of the faculty getting involved, the notion was simple—give these international cadets a venue to show the community who they are.

"These cadets wanted a forum to show the rest of the corps about their countries culture and military," Maj. Zack F. Miller, Portuguese instructor, said. "We wanted to showcase all 56 of our international cadets, so we divided them into geographical regions to emphasize the different areas that they came from."

Throughout the 12 rooms on the fourth floor, cadets and visiting foreign officers set up multi-media presentations, displayed artifacts and symbols that represented their countries and served food that represented the true flavors of their homes.

"They went out and spoke with a variety of businesses for help setting up their room displays," Miller said. "Some of the cadets traveled as far as Northern New Jersey to gain assistance for obtaining their authentic cuisine for the evening."

The rest of the cadets and other attendees traveled from room to room, each of them carrying a mythical passport for travel. At each room they entered and gained knowledge from, they received a stamp symbolizing their 'trip' to another country. Five hundred passports were printed, but they ran out of them early in the evening.

Esther Decew, a professional dancer, leads cadets in a traditional Malaysian dance during the West Point International Day festivities Jan 27. More than 1,000 cadets, staff and community members filled the halls of Washington Hall for the first International Day event. Throughout the evening, the 56 four-year exchange students were able to showcase various aspects from traditional food to historical artifacts of their home country.

To heighten the learning experience of the cultural diversity, live demonstrations were held in an auditorium on the fifth floor, some by the international cadets and cadets of other ethnic backgrounds and some by outside individuals, to show what their countries had to offer.

From Brazilian folk songs to Malaysian dancers, the audience experienced a cultural explosion that would be hard to find in one central location anywhere else.

The event far exceeded the expectations of everyone in the planning cell, from the overwhelming support of the community to the cadets volunteering to do even the smallest details. Plans for next year are already underway. With thoughts of improving this great event, one can only imagine how high the bar will be set next year.

More than 1,000 cadets, staff, faculty and community members filled the fourth floor halls to sample cuisines, culture and military history from a vast array of regions of the world. This was the first International Day held at West Point. The event was a collaborative effort between Depts. of Foreign Language and Social Sciences, the Simon Center for the Professional Military Ethic, Cadet Respect Staff, and the international cadet club. These cadets are sampling foods from the Jordanian room.

FRAUD, WASTE and ABUSE HOTLINE

If you suspect or know someone who either is committing, or has committed, any type of fraud against the U.S. government in the West Point or surrounding area, report it by calling the Fraud, Waste and Abuse hotline at 938-3158.

FDR birthday celebration

Story and photo by Eric S. Bartelt
Editor

Dean of the Academic Board Brig. Gen. Patrick Finnegan (left) and seasonal Park Ranger Susan Rayls place a Presidential Wreath at the foot of President Roosevelt's gravesite Jan. 30 during a ceremony commemorating his 128th birthday. More than 150 people attended the ceremony that included members of the Military Police Honor Guard, two members of the West Point Band and six cadets from 1st Regiment.

A champion of the everyday, working-class man, President Franklin D. Roosevelt helped America through its post-Great Depression years into an age of great economic prosperity.

It was Roosevelt's "New Deal" social programs that helped shape America through great economic hardships and his leadership through a world war that transcended him into one of the most revered presidents the nation has ever known.

Every year a contingent of cadets and Soldiers from West Point participate in a birthday ceremony honoring Roosevelt's life. The West Point group traveled to the FDR Presidential Library and Museum in Hyde Park Jan. 30 to commemorate his 128th birthday during a wreath laying ceremony.

Members of the Military Police Honor Guard participated as flag bearers (color guard) and firing party, two members of the West Point Band played Taps during the ceremony, six cadets from 1st Regiment served as the honor guard and Brig. Gen. Patrick Finnegan, dean of the academic board, placed a wreath at the foot of Roosevelt's tomb on behalf of President Obama.

Despite the freezing temperatures, more than 150 people braved the weather to pay tribute to the 32nd President of the United States. Before 11 wreaths were laid down at his gravesite in his honor, a speech glorifying Roosevelt's career concentrated on the years after he took office in 1933 when his social programs, including the start of Social Security, redefined a hurting country.

This was the third year in a row that Finnegan laid the presidential wreath at Roosevelt's gravesite.

"We're honored to be a part of this ceremony in recognizing President Roosevelt for his great service and his great leadership to our country," Finnegan said. "It's particularly appropriate for us to do this because as you look at our country right now, we're experiencing some of the same things—problems with the economy and fighting a difficult war—that President Roosevelt led us through.

"I think we can take some hope from what he did and what this country did under his leadership, and we can trust that our leaders now will emulate what he did and what our country did to pull through those difficult times," he added. "It's a great lesson for our cadets who are here and it's great to respect President Roosevelt for what he did."

Among those who presented wreaths at the ceremony were the Town of Hyde Park, American Legion Post #1303, the Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce, the March of Dimes, the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, the Roosevelt-Vanderbilt Historical Association, the Eleanor Roosevelt Center at Val-Kill, the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute, the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library, the National Park Service and West Point.

Part of the West Point contingent included the 1st Regiment staff, who served as the honor guard for the event. Firstie Jennae Tomlinson, 1st Regiment commander, led the group of cadets during the ceremony and remarked on how special it was to take part in a ceremony praising such a beloved president.

"It's a thrill and an honor to do anything that involves a president," Tomlinson said. "I didn't realize some of the emotions that individuals would have with this ceremony and for the six (cadets) of us who came down here to represent the academy and 1st Regiment—it's a real honor."

Tomlinson recognizes how important a historical figure Roosevelt is and the significance he has for our country today.

"The first thing I think about (when President Roosevelt comes to mind) is the Great Depression and everything he did for our country in order to pull us out of that," Tomlinson explained. "You can see a lot of correlation to a lot of things that happened in the past that is happening at present.

"I think our country will be able to do the same things that FDR did with our country in the 1930s, and I think if our country sticks it through and pulls together that we'll be able to do the same things that we did back then," she added.

For West Point community members interested in seeing the FDR Library and Museum, they're located about an hour northeast of West Point on the east side of the Hudson River in Hyde Park. Hyde Park, the birthplace of Roosevelt, is four miles north of Poughkeepsie and a couple miles from Marist College and the Culinary Institute of America.

For more information about the FDR Presidential Library and Museum, visit **www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu**.

Active shooter training meant to inform and prepare, not scare

By Tommy Gilligan
Assistant Editor

With the ever-growing climate of terrorist acts around the world, many have become numb to the actions and results of what has happened to others in far off places. From recent history, the actions of an 'active shooter' are not isolated to just the areas of conflict, they happen at colleges, shopping malls and even on military installations—most recently on the confines of Ft. Hood, Texas.

The Chief of Staff of the Army mandated training for all personnel on Active Shooter Awareness and Response. One of the tools West Point is using is a video, which is on the West Point internal Web site at **www-internal.usma.edu/Security/active_shooter/active_shooter.asx**.

The Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security has oversight over security at West Point and has additional guidance for preparing for such an eventuality.

"We want to give the community members the tools and the understanding of what to do if and when they encounter an event similar to Ft. Hood," Joe Colombo, installation emergency manager, said. "We want our community here and around West Point to understand and know what to do when a situation such as an 'active shooter' happens."

Throughout the country, businesses, colleges and military installations are doing their part in making their communities more aware of the potential threats that are among them.

"We are not telling people this to alarm them; we are spreading the word to inform them through awareness, preparedness and being informed," Colombo said. "This is just a part of an awareness campaign that is in place here on post."

The process can be broken down into three sections—how to respond when an active shooter is in the vicinity, how to respond when law enforcement arrives on the scene and recognizing signs of potential workplace violence.

How to respond when an active shooter is in your vicinity:

• Evacuate—Have an escape route and plan in mind. Leave your belongings behind. Keep your hands visible;

• Hide out—Hide in an area out of the active shooter's view. Block entry to your hiding place and lock the doors;

• Take action—As a last resort and only when your life is in imminent danger, attempt to incapacitate the active shooter and/or act with physical aggression and throw items at the active shooter.

How to respond when law enforcement arrives on the scene:

• Remain calm, and follow the officers' instructions;

• Immediately raise hands and spread fingers;

• Keep hands visible at all times;

• Avoid making any quick movements toward officers such as attempting to hold onto them for safety;

• Avoid pointing, screaming and/or yelling;

• Do not stop to ask officers for help or direction when evacuating, just proceed in the direction from which officers are entering the premises;

• Information you should provide to law enforcement or 911 operator:

- Location of the active shooter;
- Number of shooters, if more than one;
- Physical description of shooter(s);
- Number of weapons held by shooter(s);
- Number of potential victims at the location.

Recognizing signs of potential workplace violence:

An active shooter may be a current or former employee. Alert your human resource department if you believe an employee exhibits potentially violent behavior. Indicators of potential violent behavior may include one or more of the following:

• Increased use of alcohol and/or illegal drugs;

• Unexplained increase in absenteeism, and/or vague physical complaints;

• Depression/withdrawal;

• Increased severe mood swings and noticeably unstable or emotional responses;

• Increased talks of problems at home;

• Increase in unsolicited comments about violence, firearms, and other dangerous weapons and violent crimes.

With this knowledge one can gain an understanding of the steps required to react in a grave situation, which happens far too often in today's society.

Much like teachers consistently reminding children what to do in the event of a fire, it is imperative that this knowledge is passed out not just to co-workers, but to Family as well.

(**Editor's note:** These are guidelines that were developed by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, National Tactical Officer Association, Fairfax County Police, National Retail Federation and the Retail Industry Leaders Association.)

FMWR Blurbs

Haitian relief

As you have seen from the widespread news coverage, a series of powerful earthquakes struck Haiti.

The area hardest hit was in a highly-populated area 10 miles from Port-au-Prince. The loss of life has been catastrophic with many buildings being destroyed, including hospitals and government buildings.

To help in the relief efforts, all Post Chapels will be having designated offerings Friday-Sunday for the Haitian Relief Efforts fund. There are numerous relief efforts on going.

The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) has provided a list of relief organizations and further information on their Web site at **http://www.usaid.gov/locations/latin_america_caribbean/country/haiti/eq/**.

Defensive driving class

A defensive driving class is scheduled from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday in the Buffalo Soldier Pavilion, Bldg. 628.

To register, call Leisure Travel Services at 938-2401/3601.

Super Bowl party

Watch the big game Sunday at the West Point Club's Benny Haven Lounge and Gray Room.

Doors open at 11:30 a.m. for game kickoff at 6:28 p.m.

The club is featuring wings and a special halftime buffet.

For more information, call 938-5120.

BOSS Valentine Candy Grams on sale now

Surprise someone with a BOSS Valentine Candy Gram. A BOSS Soldier will deliver the Valentine's Gram, a latte mug, chocolates and personalized note.

Drop off your form and payment by Tuesday at the FMWR Fitness Center.

Deliveries will be made Feb. 11-12.

For more information, call 938-6497.

ACS Employment Readiness classes

Army Community Service is offering employment readiness classes.

The classes include: Resume Success: Building Accomplishment Statements, 10-11:30 a.m., Tuesday.

Interview and Dress for Success, 1:30-3 p.m., Wednesday.

For more information and to register, call 938-5658.

West Point ski lessons

Registration for ski lessons will take place from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday at the Ski Rental office for ages 5 and older.

A CYSS membership is needed for ages 5-17.

For more information, visit FMWR's Web site at **westpointmwr.com**.

Teen Night at the Ski Slope

Teens can meet at 6 p.m. every Friday at the Youth Center, Bldg. 500, to go to the ski slope.

This program is open to teens in grades 9-12 throughout the ski season.

Youth Services will provide transportation to the ski slope and return the teens to their homes at 9 p.m.

There is a one time, introductory fee. CYSS registration is required.

For more information, call 938-3727.

Club membership

Attention enlisted Soldiers and West Point cadets—did you know that your West Point Club Membership is free?

Stop by the club today to start taking advantage of your membership savings—just let us know at the register that you are a member.

For more information, call 938-5120.

Round Pond reservations

Reservations for the 2010 camping season are going on now for active duty military and cadets.

All other categories may call starting Feb. 16.

Reservations may be made by phone at 938-8811 or in person at the West Point Ski Slope from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Strength training for golfers

The FMWR Fitness Center is running an eight-week strength training program for golfers.

The program runs Monday-Thursday through March 25.

The times are as follows: 11:45 a.m.—Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5 p.m.—Mondays and Wednesdays.

For more information and to register, call the Fitness Center at 938-6490.

Morgan Farm holiday kennel boarding

Check out Morgan Farm's Kennel Special over the Valentine's/Presidents' Day Weekend.

Drop off your cat or dog Feb. 12 and pick your animal up Feb. 16.

Get four nights of boarding for the price of three nights.

For more information, call 938-3926.

School Deployment Group

The ACS Mobilization and Deployment Program will host a bi-monthly School Deployment Group at the West Point Elementary and Middle School.

Children who are enrolled in the program will participate in fun deployment related activities and will receive projects to take home.

For more information or to enroll your child in the program, call 938-5654.

Spring Story Hour

The West Point Post Library will conduct its spring session of story hour at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. every Tuesday from Feb 16 through April 27.

This program is open to all West Point community children ages 3-5. There are no fees.

Registration is required on a weekly basis.

Stop by the West Point Post Library, Bldg. 622, or call 938-2974 for more information.

ACS Newcomer's Orientation

An Army Community Service Newcomer's Orientation and Welcome will be held at 8:30 a.m. Feb. 16-18 at ACS, Bldg. 622.

If you arrived at West Point after Oct. 29, 2009, then the NOW class is for you.

This three-day class will cover what services West Point has to offer, provide a historical tour of West Point and show a firsthand look on how to use the train and subways systems as we take a trip to New York City to visit the USO in Times Square.

For more information, call 938-3487.

Valentine's Day Dinner Dance

From 6-10 p.m. Feb. 13, the West Point Club is hosting a Valentine's Day Dinner Dance—featuring a choice of Chateaubriand for two, Stuffed Filet of Sole or Chicken ala Valentino.

Enjoy music and dancing with your special someone and indulge them with our complimentary rose and chocolate.

Cash bar and wine list are available.

Call 938-5120 to make your reservation.

February is Multicultural Diversity Month

Celebrate by attending this month's Culture Club at 5:30 p.m. Feb. 17 at ACS, Bldg. 622.

The club will be discussing upcoming and current multicultural services in the community and playing Multicultural Jeopardy.

Come out and see if you have what it takes to be a Jeopardy Champion.

Bring a potluck dish traditional to your culture or Family.

For more information, call 938-3487.

Polar Fest

The 2010 Polar Fest returns to the West Point Ski Area Feb. 20.

Bring the whole Family for a day of downhill races, children's crafts, a pig roast, a live band and more.

For more information, call 938-6497.

Family Child Care training

The Family Child Care program will he offering training for 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 and weekend/evening care. Training is set to take place from Feb. 23-March 5.

To sign up, or for more information, contact Elizabeth Peralta at 938-6170 or *Elizabeth.Peralta@usma.edu*.

Father and Daughter Dance

A Father and Daughter Dance hosted by CYSS will be held from 6-9 p.m. March 6 at the Youth Center, Bldg. 500.

Youth ages 5-18 are eligible with a CYSS membership. Dress attire for girls is Sunday best and military blues or a suit for fathers. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information, call 938-3921.

Volunteer Recognition Ceremony

It's time to recognize all of the volunteers that give their time throughout the year.

The annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony will be held April 19 at the West Point Club.

To ensure that your volunteers are properly recognized, contact the Army Volunteer Corps Coordinator at 938-3655 or *christina.overstreet@usma.edu*.

CYSS HIRED! Workforce Program

Attention teens ages 15-18, do you want to earn $500?

For more information, contact the CYSS HIRED! Workforce Preparation Specialist, Marion DeClemente, at 938-8889.

Command Channel 8/23

Feb. 4-11

Army Newswatch
(broadcast times)
Thursday, Friday and Monday through Feb. 11
8:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

"The Point"
(broadcast times)
Thursday, Friday and Monday through Feb. 11
8 a.m., noon, 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.

TSP TICKER

FEBRUARY share prices (as of 02/1)

C Fund	–	– 0.09	(12.9240)
S Fund	–	– 0.12	(16.2907)
I Fund	–	– 0.39	(17.8712)

What's Happening

Tax center

The tax center, located in Bldg. 626, is now open from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Filers should start getting documents together now (W-2's, mortgage interest statements, childcare expenses, etc.).

Call 938-4145 if you have any questions.

Baggers needed

The West Point Commissary needs baggers. Duties include bagging groceries and carry out service.

Baggers work for tips only.

For more information, contact Christina at 938-3663.

MCCW marriage class

The Military Council of Catholic Women will host The Hot-Button Topics in Your Marriage from 7-9 p.m. today.

Remember Pre-Cana, your preparation for marriage? Two married panelist couples will review the "Plan of Life" that soon-to-be married couples discuss before saying "I do."

Compare notes with your husband beforehand or bring him along. Whether you've been married for one or 50 years, this evening is for you.

For more information, contact Susan Lathrop 859-4987.

G&EnE Lecture

Dr. Dwight Bowman, Professor of Parasitology, College of Veterinary Medicine, from Cornell University will present a lecture on "Case Studies in Parasite Outbreaks" to students enrolled in EV396, Environmental Biological Systems, from 12:50-1:45 p.m. Friday in Washington Hall, sixth floor conference room 6004.

Members of the West Point community are invited to attend.

For more information, contact Maj. Travis Rayfield at 938-4265.

DUSA continuing ed grants

Daughters of the U.S. Army continuing education grant applications are available now at the DUSA Gift Shop.

The deadline for applications is Monday.

For more information, call Patty Bastianelli at 446-6684.

World Series Trophy on display

The New York Yankees will bring their 2009 World Series championship trophy to West Point Tuesday.

The trophy is scheduled to be introduced at lunch at the Cadet Mess Hall.

Immediately following lunch, the trophy will be on display from 1-3 p.m. in Jefferson Hall for the West Point community to view it.

Black History Month movie

Kickoff Black History Month with an award winning movie, "The Pursuit of Happyness," starring Will Smith.

Embark on a journey to economic empowerment through Chris Gardner's true and inspirational life story.

The movie is showing at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Mahan Hall.

PWOC Program

The Protestant Women of the Chapel are having a special program from 9-11 a.m. Wednesday at the Post Chapel titled "Green Was God's Idea!"

Join PWOC for this special program as participants learn about scripture-based Christian stewardship of God's beautiful creation.

For more information, contact Anna Mayo at *jtandjax@yahoo.com*.

National Prayer Breakfast

The annual National Prayer Breakfast is from 6-7:20 a.m. Feb. 11 at the West Point Club. Archbishop Timothy Paul Broglio, the Archbishop of United States Military Services, is the guest speaker.

There is a small fee for E-1 and above. Cadets will sign a ration sheet.

Contact the Cadet Chaplain's office at 938-3412, the Community Chaplain's office at 938-2003 or the USMA Chaplain's office at 938-3316 for additional information.

Book signings

There are book signings at the West Point Bookstore Feb. 11 and March 3.

From 1:15-3:15 p.m. Feb. 11, Martin Abbott, Class of 1990, will sign copies of his new book, "The Art of Scalability: A Scalable Web Architecture, Process and Organization for the Modern Enterprise."

Craig Mullaney returns to West Point from 12:30 p.m.-4 p.m. March 3 to sign copies of his book, "The Unforgiving Minute."

The bookstore is located on the fourth floor in Thayer Hall.

Army Education Center

John Jay College is accepting applications for Master of Public Administration degrees until March 15.

Please call (845) 446-5959 or (860) 430-9468 for more information.

West Point Women's Club

Grants and scholarship applications are available at **www.westpointwomensclub.com**. The applications are due Feb. 27.

For more information, e-mail *jgrande@hvc.rr.com*.

DUSA community grants

The West Point Chapter of the Daughters of the U.S. Army's 2010 Community Grant season runs through Feb. 15.

Applications are available at the DUSA Gift Shop located at the West Point Museum.

Organizations must complete and return the applications by Feb. 15 to be considered.

Complete details are on the application.

Army Emergency Relief Campaign

The West Point community is invited to attend the 2010 Army Emergency Relief Campaign "Kickoff" at 1:30-3:30 p.m. March 1 at ACS, Bldg. 622.

The 2010 AER Campaign goes from March 1-May 15.

For more information, call 938-5839.

Goose and coyote hunters

West Point is extending its open dates for hunting geese and coyotes.

This year, West Point is permitting hunters to pursue Canadian Geese on the military reservation from March 1-10.

Coyotes may be hunted until March 28.

All New York State and West Point regulations apply.

Check Range Control for area availability and to sign out at the hunt shack.

DUSA is hiring

The Daughters of the U.S. Army local chapter is hiring a bookkeeper part-time for an hourly wage.

Knowledge of Excel, retail and accounting is necessary and Peachtree knowledge is a plus.

Resumés will be accepted until Feb. 22.

Interviews will be conducted the last week in February, with a start date on or about March 1.

For more information, call Ginger Hopkins, President, at (845) 567-3643.

Send resumé and cover letter to:

DUSA President
P.O. Box 78
West Point, NY 10996.

Give a Hand: Serve, Share, Support

West Point has designated February as the "Give a Hand: Serve, Share, Support" month.

This monthlong campaign is intended to encourage volunteerism and service in and around the West Point community.

Community members are encouraged to participate in some way, whether it is through a small gesture (e.g.—buying coffee for a co-worker), assisting a neighbor (e.g.—shoveling snow) to getting involved in a volunteer project.

For ideas about how to get involved, please feel free to contact me or visit **http://www.westpointmwr.com/ACTIVITY/IVC/IVC.HTM**.

Please share the details about how you gave a Hand by sending an e-mail to *jgellman@bbcgrp.com* no later than noon Feb. 22.

To recognize campaign participants, a free chili luncheon will be provided by West Point Chaplains from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Feb. 25 at the Post Chapel.

Contributions to individuals, groups and the community will be recognized with prizes. The campaign will culminate in a Haiti Relief fundraising Chili Cook-Off Contest at the luncheon, sponsored by Balfour Beatty Communities.

For more information and a contest participation form, stop by 132 Bartlett Loop or call Jodi Gellman at 446-6407 or *jgellman@bbcgrp.com*.

Polar Bear Plunge

The Department of Civil and Mechanical Engineering Hydrology instructors and students will take part in the 2nd annual Polar Bear Plunge into the Hudson River at noon Feb. 17.

The plunge takes place at South Dock. Cadets and community members not involved with the hydrology class can also particpate.

For more information, call Maj. Mark DeRocchi at 938-4194.

West Point Band
Since 1817
Music at West Point
Chamber Recital Series
Master Sergeant Matthew Wozniak, Bass Trombone

Sunday, February 7, 3:00 p.m. Egner Hall
(West Point Band Building)
West Point, NY
Free & Open to the Public
845-938-2617
www.westpoint.edu/band

Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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

Influenza hotline

For information about influenza and flu shots, both seasonal and H1N1, call 938-0888.

Viva! Las Vegas: Bigger and Brighter in 2010

By Janine Boldrin

A Spouse's Point of View

The Rat Pack-era Las Vegas glamour will be one of several exciting changes to this year's Viva! Las Vegas event at the Thayer Hotel on West Point. The annual event, sponsored by the West Point Women's Club, will host gaming and good times from 6-11 p.m. Feb. 26 to raise money for community grants and scholarships.

This year's Viva! Las Vegas night will be bigger and brighter than ever, according to Belinda Bault, WPWC President. The changes the club has made should allow more people to attend.

"Our planning committee is trying something new by adding dinner to the evening's event as well as arranging childcare at the Child Development Center on post for those who might need it," Bault said.

The evening of glitz and gaming will include blackjack, craps and roulette. There will also be bingo, horseracing, casino chance, a silent auction and a poker tournament that begins at 7 p.m.

"(Viva! Las Vegas) is going to have a Rat Pack theme to make (the event) more reminiscent of an older, more glamorous Vegas experience," Carrie Henderson, Viva! Las Vegas Chairperson, said. "We are including dinner in the price of the ticket so that it will be more like a date night."

The evening will also play host to a floor show full of dazzle, plus one room that draws a lot of onlookers and checkbooks.

"The silent and live auction room is my favorite because of the special baskets and donations from all of the departments and the donated items from the community," Janet Browne, WPWC Advisor for Viva! Las Vegas, said.

Auction items include baskets donated by the West Point community and local businesses and will consist of sports-themed goods, hotel stays, gift certificates, autographed items and much more. There also will be some "big ticket" items including a trip to the 2010 Army-Navy game with box seats, hotel and gala tickets.

"I have been attending this event for years. It is always so much fun to see everyone relaxing and having a great time," Browne said. "It is a time when the West Point Women's Club, the Thayer Hotel and our community members come together to have fun and to support each other, our neighbors, Soldiers and their Families."

The casino night raises money for the West Point community, the Highland Falls and Cornwall communities and national charitable organizations that support Soldiers and their Families.

Over the past few years, the WPWC has donated profits from this event to West Point Elementary and Middle Schools, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, West Point FMWR, Cadet Activities, O'Neill High School, Sacred Heart School, Church of the Holy Innocents Programs and Food Bank, Cornwall Band Boosters, American Red Cross, Homes For Our Troops and Fisher House.

Profits also have been used for college scholarships for students from the community, including graduating high school seniors and military spouses working toward initial and advanced degrees.

"The reason I am so passionate about the (WPWC) and this event is because we give back to the community," Bault said. "So, make sure to buy your tickets and come be a part of a fun filled night of Viva! We cannot wait to see you all there."

For more information on Viva! Las Vegas, please visit **www.westpointwomensclub.com**.

Ticket Information

Tickets, which include dinner (served from 6 to 8 p.m.), entrance to the event, viva chips for playing casino games and a fabulous floor show, must be purchased by Feb. 22 and are available online at **www.westpointwomensclub.com**. Tickets will be available at the door after 8 p.m. but will not include dinner.

Childcare Information

The Child Development Center is offering childcare services for children ages 6 months-12 years from 6 p.m.-midnight for the evening of Viva! Las Vegas. The deadline for CDC reservations is Feb. 16.

Reservations must be pre-paid and are non-refundable. Contact the CDC at 938-4798 to make a reservation.

Keller Corner

Free developmental screenings

Not all children develop the same way, some need extra help. If you have concerns with your child's communication skills, motor skills, self-help skills, learning, behavior, and/or social interactions, come to the free Developmental/Hearing Screenings.

The screenings will be conducted from 8:45 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesday at the CDC in conjunction with Audiology, EDIS and West Point School for children ages birth to 5 years old.

It is by appointment only, so call to schedule at 938-2698/6868.

KACH outpatient clinics closure

All outpatient clinics, laboratory, pharmacy and radiology will be closed Feb. 15 in observance of Presidents' Day.

The emergency room will remain open.

Let Us Know How We Are Doing ...

Don't forget to fill out the Army Provider Level Satisfaction Survey when you receive it in the mail.

We value your opinion!

BBC LifeWorks events

"Go Red for Women"

Balfour Beatty Communities takes the health of our residents seriously. Come join us at 132 Bartlett Loop from 8-10 a.m. Friday and wear red for the American Heart Association's "Go Red for Women Day." BBC will give out information, carnations and a heart healthy breakfast.

Valentine's Day crafts

Join BBC for a Valentine's craft making experience from 3:30-4:40 p.m. Wednesday at the Chapel Nursery, Bldg. 791. The first 10 Families to RSVP for the event will receive a present for their mom.

Call Jodi Gellman to RSVP the above events at 446-6407 or email *jgellman@bbcgrp.com*. All events are free and open to current West Point residents.

NOW SHOWING

in the movie theater at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752

Friday—Invictus, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday—Armored, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday—The Blind Side, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.

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

WEST POINT Viva! LAS VEGAS NIGHT

Viva! Las Vegas, the West Point Women's Club annual fundraiser, is from 6-11 p.m. Feb. 26 at the Thayer Hotel. The general public and all cadets are welcome. The cost of admission includes dinner, and viva chips to play games. If you're interested in eating dinner at the event, you must pre-purchase a ticket to ensure a reserved spot for dinner.

Games will include bingo (separate buy-in), blackjack, roulette, craps and horseracing. Also, there is a poker tournament (separate buy-in), a silent auction and a fabulous floor show.

The games will have a wide variety of prizes available as well as tickets for casino chance.

Childcare is available at the West Point Child Development Center and care must be reserved in advance. The cost of childcare must be paid separately to the CDC.

Visit www.westpointwomensclub.com or e-mail *wpwc.viva@gmail.com* for more information.

Sefchik's late goal ties Air Force, Army earns 3 of 4 points

Firstie captain and forward Eric Sefchik (above) scored with 11 seconds left to help Army to a 3-3 tie versus Air Force Jan. 30. With the 4-2 win Jan. 29 over the Falcons, the Black Knights earned three of four points against their academy rivals.

Photos By Eric S. Bartelt/PV

By Ryan Yanoshak
Athletic Communications

Firstie captain and forward Eric Sefchik scored the tying goal with 11 seconds left in regulation as Army skated to a 3-3 tie with Air Force Jan. 30 in an Atlantic Hockey Association matchup at Tate Rink.

Air Force jumped out to a 2-0 lead, but it couldn't hold the advantage as Army rallied with an extra-skater goal to bring the crowd of 2,513 to its feet.

The Black Knights, coming off a 4-2 win Jan. 29 against the Falcons, moved to 9-12-5 overall and 8-8-4 in conference games this season.

Air Force, which held a 40-32 advantage in shots on goal, is now 12-10-6 overall and 12-6-6 in league games.

The Falcons took a 3-2 lead with less than four minutes remaining and seemed to be on their way to a win until Army pulled its goaltender and netted the tying goal.

Army had three shots on goal in the five-minute overtime session and Air Force had one, but neither team was able to break the logjam for the third tie in the series. The last time these service academy rivals tied was a 3-3 contest Feb. 28, 1999, in Colorado Springs, Colo.

"As I told the guys, there are good ties and bad ties and this was a good one," Army hockey head coach Brian Riley said. "Air Force was all over us in the first period, but we were able to weather the storm and the guys got their legs going."

Plebe forward Andy Starczewski and Yearling forward Kyle Maggard also scored goals for Army, which ended a four-game homestand and is now unbeaten in its last five games with Air Force (4-0-1) at Tate Rink.

Sefchik had his second consecutive multiple-point game with an assist while forwards Cow Cody Omilusik, Cow Joey Ammon, Firstie Owen Meyer, Yearling Danny Colvin and Plebe defenseman John Clark collected assists.

"You want your big players to score big goals and that's what happened at the end," Riley said. "You don't want to have any regrets after playing the game, especially this one, and the guys left it all on the ice. It was a great college hockey game."

Army goalie Jay Clark made 37 saves while Air Force's Andrew Volkening turned away 29 shots.

Air Force came out flying, applying offensive pressure and getting off 21 shots on goal in the first period. The game was scoreless until the 15:09 mark when Air Force's Blake Page knocked home a rebound.

Twenty-six seconds later, Matt Fairchild scored from in front of the crease to extend the Air Force advantage to 2-0 as the Falcons held a 21-6 advantage in shots on goal.

Army responded in the second period, outshooting the Falcons 14-11 and cutting its deficit in half.

Starczewski was rewarded with the goal as Army made it a 2-1 game. Sefchik and Omilusik collected the assists. It was Starczewski's eighth goal of his plebe season and the third straight game that Omilusik earned an assist.

The Black Knights tied the game five minutes into the third period when Maggard slammed home a shot off of assists from Ammon and Colvin. The goal swung the momentum back to Army.

Air Force continued to crash the net and were rewarded when Fairchild scored his second goal of the game to give the Falcons a 3-2 lead with less than four minutes remaining.

Army, which held a 9-7 advantage in shots in the third period, pulled Clark with under a minute to go.

Sefchik won the faceoff to Volkening's right and John Clark collected the puck. Clark worked the puck down the boards to Meyer behind the net. Meyer fed Sefchik in front of the net and the captain potted the goal that ensured at least a point with his seventh goal of the season.

Army had more opportunities in the extra session, but settled for the tie as the Black Knights' firstie class finished with a 4-4-1 mark against Air Force.

Plebe forward Andy Starczewski (left, #11) scored his eighth goal of the season to cut Air Force's lead to 2-1 during a 3-3 tie Jan. 30 at Tate Rink. The tie moved Army to a 9-12-5 overall record and 8-8-4 in Atlantic Hockey Association games. Meanwhile, Air Force's record goes to 12-10-6 overall and 12-6-6 in AHA play. The Black Knights are now unbeaten in their last five games (4-0-1) at home versus the Falcons, including a 4-2 victory Jan. 29.

Gymnastics finishes second at triangular meet

By Mady Salvani
Athletic Communications

Plebe Ikaika Jakub and Yearling Tim Tieng shared medalist honors on parallel bars as No. 17-ranked Army finished second in a college gymnastics meet hosted by No. 12 Springfield College at Blake Arena in Springfield, Mass., Sunday.

The Black Knights' season-high 330.95 bested No. 17 Navy's score of 326.10, while the host Pride captured the meet with 333.00 points.

The Black Knights (1-2) captured the team scoring titles on pommel horse (51.2), still rings (55.5) and parallel bars (55.65). While the team set a season-high on floor exercise (55.9), it did not fare as well against the field in that event, along with vault, in splitting the triangular meet.

However, Army's 330.95 team score was its highest since posting a 336.5 at the end of the 2008 campaign. It is the first time the Black Knights have defeated Navy in a dual match since 2007.

Jakub and Tieng turned in career-high 14.1s on parallel bars as they shared first-place honors with Springfield's Kyle Bartgis. Yearling Chase Brown posted the second highest score in the parallel bar event with his personal best 14.0.

Brown's career-high 14.4 on floor exercise topped Army in that event with Plebe Garrek Hojan-Clark and Firstie Justin Sappington taking third (13.0) and fourth (12.84), respectively, to lead the way on pommel horse.

Jakub and classmate Jared Breeden posted season highs 13.9s, tying them for fourth place on still rings, while Tieng was Army's top performer on vault with a 14.85.

Yearling Jonathan Hoey led the Black Knights on the final high bar event with a 13.9, and he was followed closely by Firstie Ty Smith's 13.85.

"It was a great meet and I am pleased at how well we did, but we have a few spots we have to clean up," Army head coach Doug Van Everen said. "The two events (floor exercise and vault) that we fell short on cost us about four points, but we are a young team that made some mistakes. We continue to improve each meet and we're coming together as a strong unit.

"We did well in the team scoring on pommel horse, rings and parallel bars and just came up short on high bar," he added. "We wanted to score 330 today and we did."

The Black Knights face a stern test Saturday when they head to Annapolis, Md., to take on Navy in the annual "Star Match."

Army holds a 50-32-2 lead in the series versus Navy following Sunday's win. Army will be looking for its first victory over Navy in Annapolis since 2004. It'll be the third time the two teams have met this season.

The Black Knights and Midshipmen met twice in January with Army finishing ahead of its counterparts both times.

Firstie Justin Sappington (above) finished in fourth place on the pommel horse with a score of 12.84. He placed one spot behind Plebe Garrek Hojan-Clark, who finished with a 13.0 score. Their scores helped Army earn the team-scoring title on the pommel horse. The Black Knights got a season-high 330.95, besting Navy's score of 326.10, to finish second behind Springfield.

Plebe Ikaika Jakub (right) earned medalist honors on the parallel bars as he finished in a first-place tie with teammate, Yearling Tim Tieng, and Springfield's Kyle Bartgis with a 14.1 score. The score was a career-high for Jakub on the parallel bars. Jakub also posted a season-high of 13.9 on the still rings, tying him for fourth place with classmate Jared Breeden.

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SCUBA Club takes dive into the Florida Keys

Submitted by USMA SCUBA team

Every year the U.S. Military Academy SCUBA team takes a weekend trip to a coastal location to scuba dive, conduct dive training and bond as a team.

This year, the team chose Key West, Fla., because of its popularity for diving.

Taking the trip on a three-day weekend helped give the team an extra day to dive, without taking away from school or training that would normally have taken place.

The trip was a great learning experience with good training and team bonding. The team dove the Key West Reef Jan. 15, and each team member got at least one dive during the day.

There was an abundance of sea life, including porcupine fish, cobia, stingrays and schools of barracuda. One team member even touched a shark.

While enjoying the scenery, the team also got some training in, including navigation, buoyancy control and other basic skills that are much more different when out in the open ocean.

Competency is something the team stresses both in and out of the water, which is why the members make sure to focus on skills training.

Sharpening their diving skills on these trips also helps them become more proficient at teaching these same skills to their students.

The SCUBA team teaches basic certification classes to fellow cadets, so it is important that they are proficient in those skills to pass that knowledge down to their students.

The team visited the Special Forces Underwater Operations School in Key West Jan. 16.

This was an unique opportunity to see what the SCUBA team's counterparts in the military are doing as far as training and checking out the equipment they use on a daily basis.

(**Editor's note**: Refer to the bottom of page 13 on the publication of this story.)

Yearling Sean Christman enjoyed a dive in the Key West Reef Jan. 15 during the U.S. Military Academy's SCUBA team's trip to Florida. COURTESY PHOTO

Intramural Basketball

Final standings before playoffs

NORTH DIVISION TEAMS	W - L
1. SYSTEMS	12 - 4
2. MATH I	11 - 5
3. DMI	8 - 8
4. ODIA	7 - 9

EAST DIVISION TEAMS	W - L
1. BAND	11 - 5
2. GARRISON	7 - 9
3. DPE I	6 - 10
4. MPs (out of league)	8 - 8

SOUTH DIVISION TEAMS	W - L
1. HISTORY	8 - 8
2. BTD/USCC	7 - 9
3. D/LAW	6 - 10
4. BS&L	4 - 12

WEST DIVISION TEAMS	W - L
1. DPE II	12 - 4
2. MATH II	8 - 8
3. GENE/DFL	6 - 10
4. ENGLISH	6 - 10

****First round playoff series—As of Monday**
#2 seed BTD/USCC defeats #3 seed D/LAW 2 games to 0.
#2 seed GARRISON defeats #3 seed DPE I 2 games to 1.

Sports calendar

Feb. 4-10

Corps

Saturday—Women's Tennis vs. Binghamton, 9 a.m., Lichtenberg Tennis Center.

Saturday—Swimming and Diving, Army Diving Invitational, 10 a.m., Crandall Pool.

Saturday—Lacrosse vs. Massachusetts (Exh.), 1 p.m., Michie Stadium.

Saturday—Men's Tennis vs. Hofstra, 1 p.m., Lichtenberg Tennis Center.

Saturday—Women's Tennis vs. Hofstra, 5 p.m., Lichtenberg Tennis Center.

Sunday—Women's Tennis vs. Seton Hall, 9 a.m., Lichtenberg Tennis Center.

Sunday—Men's Basketball vs. Colgate, Noon, Christl Arena. (Television Coverage: CBS College Sports.)

Sunday—Men's Tennis vs. Yale, 1 p.m., Lichtenberg Tennis Center.

Sunday—Women's Tennis vs. Sacred Heart, 5 p.m., Lichtenberg Tennis Center.

Wednesday—Men's Basketball vs. Holy Cross, 7 p.m., Christl Arena.

Club

Saturday—Men's Handball, Northeast Handball League Games vs. NYC Handball Club, Boston Handball Club and NY Athletic Club, 10 a.m., Arvin Gym.

Saturday—Women's Handball vs. Boston Freeze Handball Club, 11 a.m., Arvin Gym.

CLUB RESULTS

• **Inline Hockey:** The West Point Inline Hockey team continued its march toward the Collegiate Roller Hockey National Championship with another undefeated weekend, Jan. 29-30, at Mount Pleasant, Pa.

The team opened the weekend with a 4-0 win over Hofstra University as Plebe goalie Bradford Witt recorded his first collegiate shutout and Yearling Matthew Riopelle scored the game winner. Team captain and Firstie Michael Migliaro netted two goals in West Point's third consecutive win.

The second game featured a first-time matchup with the University of Texas at Dallas. West Point dominated the game from start to finish with a 10-4 victory.

Six different players scored as Yearling goalie Tony Day earned the win. West Point goal scorers were Migliaro (4), Plebe Frankie Candelmo (2), Firstie Mitch Day (1), Cow Tommy Gomez (1), Yearling Bobby Gryfinski (1) and Yearling Teddy Moore (1).

The third game of the weekend was a rematch of last year's round of 16 in the National Championship Tournament where West Point upset the University of Michigan, 3-2. West Point maintained its undefeated record against the Wolverines with a convincing 9-5 win.

West Point jumped out to a quick 5-1 lead, but Michigan battled back to tie the game with six minutes left remaining. Following a timeout, West Point regrouped, came out poised and scored four goals in the final minutes to stretch its win streak to five and its unbeaten streak to seven.

Witt was solid in goal and enjoyed goal support from Migliaro (5), Candelmo (3) and Moore (1). West Point completed a clean sweep of the weekend by defeating the University of Connecticut, 10-5. Cow goalie Matt Condon, who had been recovering from a preseason knee injury, got the start and played well in two periods of action. Day came in as the replacement for the third period.

Once again, Migliaro led all players in scoring with another hat trick. Firstie Nick Stortini (1), Yearlings Todd Graham (1) and Steve Gonzalez (1), as well as Candelmo (2), and Gomez (1) were the West Point goal scorers.

Army Pistol defeats MIT 6359-6103

Story and photo by
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Pistol team

The Army Pistol team improved to 9-0 on the season after defeating the Massachusetts Institute of Technology pistol team Jan. 29-30 at West Point. Army won the match with a three-event aggregate score of 6359 to MIT's 6103.

This three-event aggregate is the combined scores from the three different shooting disciplines performed by collegiate shooters—air pistol, free pistol and standard pistol.

Air pistol is an Olympic event in which shooters have one hour and 45 minutes to fire 60 recorded shots at a target 10 meters away, with the bull's-eye 4 millimeters in size. Several first-year shooters with the Black Knight pistol team performed well, scoring in the 530s and 540s out of a possible 600.

The team captain, Firstie David Matoi, said, "(The team) had a lot of good individual performances (at air pistol) this weekend, many of them from younger shooters."

Army won the event by a score of 2199 to MIT's 2130. Army Yearling Jake Shelton led the team with a 559 out of a possible 600 in the event.

Free pistol is also an Olympic event in which competitors have two hours to fire 60 recorded shots at a target 50 meters away. No college in the U.S. currently has a 50-meter range, so the event is fired at 50 feet on a reduced-sized target. Free pistol is usually one of Army's stronger events, but there seemed to be a slight downward trend this match. Army won the event with a score of 2001 to MIT's score of 1912. Cow Adam Schinder led Army with a score of 535 out of 600.

Team captain Firstie David Matoi helped lead Army's pistol shooters to a 6359-6103 win against MIT Jan. 29-30 at West Point.

Army kept its focus and won the Standard Pistol event with a score of 2159 to MIT's 2061. Yearling Ben Poth led the scoring for Army with a 555 out of a possible 600. With plenty of young talent on the team, team captain Matoi sees the Black Knight Pistol team as a "national contender for this year and years to come."

Men and women compete equally in air pistol, free pistol and standard pistol. The women also compete in two women-only events—the 40-shot air pistol and sport pistol.

They scored a total of 2112 in sport pistol beating MIT's score 2091.

Sport pistol is an Olympic event fired in two phases. In the slow fire phase, the competitors fire six strings of five shots each in 5 minutes for a total of 30 record shots.

In the rapid fire phase, the competitors again fire six strings of five shots each. In each string, the target is exposed for three seconds during which the competitor fires one shot.

The target then faces away for seven seconds after which the target is faced for another three-second exposure. This system of shooting is done for all 30 shots of the rapid fire phase.

Plebe Heather Deppe did exceptionally well with a score of 561 out of 600 in sport pistol.

The Black Knights pistol team competes in New London, Conn., Friday-Sunday against the U.S. Coast Guard Academy.

Sylve takes 60-meter dash, five Army athletes earn IC4A qualifying marks

By Dallas Miller
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Cow Domonick Sylve won the 60-meter dash in a time of 8.01 seconds and five Army athletes posted IC4A qualifying marks Jan. 30 at the College Invitational at the Armory in New York City as the Black Knights returned from a two-week hiatus in the indoor track and field season.

Sylve, who already passed the IC4A mark in Army's last appearance at the Armory, lowered his personal-best in the preliminaries to 7.96 and then claimed top honors in the finals with a time of 8.01.

Times continue to drop as Army approaches the championship portion of its season, with Navy and Patriot League meets on the horizon.

Cow Alfred McDaniel (60-meter prelims, 6.97), Firstie Andrew Tingan (1:04.64) and team captain Firstie Andrew Ferrara (1:05.15) finished in the Top 8 in the 500-meter race and qualified for the IC4A Championships, as did Cow Thomas Meyer (1000-meter, 2:29.37), Firstie Torre Santiago (One Mile, 4:12.04) and Yearling Frederick Beebe (Triple Jump, 14.51m).

In the team standings, Army collected 28 points to finish in eighth place among 11 teams. Princeton took top honors with a combined 126 points.

McDaniel also scored for the Black Knights in the 60- and 200-meter dashes with times of 7.00 and 22.60, respectively.

Also scoring for Army in the field events were Yearling Michael Hutchins (Long Jump, 7th place, 6.72 meters) and Firstie Adam Schwartz (Weight Throw, 8th place, 15.53 meters).

"We asked (our athletes) to compete hard today," head coach Troy Engle said regarding his team's performances after the meet. "We tried to get some looks at people in different events as we try to figure out where we are going to run some folks."

Cow Domonick Sylve won the 60-meter dash in a time of 8.01 seconds at the College Invitational at the Armory in New York City. PHOTO BY FRANK DIBRANGO

Many of you may have noticed that pages 13 and 15 of last week's Pointer View are dated Dec. 10, 2009 and page 13 has a pre-Army-Navy football story, among other things.

There was a production error at the printer and somehow those two pages went to press by mistake instead of the pages we sent them.

The Jan. 28 issue on the archives at **http://www.westpoint.edu/Dcomm/PV-Archv.asp** has the correct pages.

However, this week's SCUBA Club story on Page 12 is running one more time in the paper.

Although this story can been seen on the Web edition of last week's issue, it was the editorial staff's decision to run this story again for the print version.

Sorry for any inconveniences—The Pointer View staff.