



Liberty lifesaver

Within the tight confines of the Statue of Liberty stairwell, Firsties Spurgeon Petty (right) and David Watts secure the railing replacement design before the live demonstration of the Statue of Liberty Casualty Evacuation Device to members of the local media in New York City. Eight cadets from the Class of 2010 visited the Statue of Liberty May 5 for the demonstration of their capstone project. The civil and mechanical engineering majors spent the better part of a year designing and building a rescue device for the National Park Service, which uses the outer railing of the statue's staircase and rides down at a constant speed, dampened by a modified personal-escape rope system. (See Statue of Liberty story and photos on Page 4.)

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West Point honors five distinguished graduates

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The West Point Association of Graduates honors five distinguished graduates at 11 a.m. Tuesday during the alumni exercise and review ceremony on the Plain.

The distinguished graduate honor was first awarded in 1992. Awardees are nominated by presidents of West Point societies and U.S. Military Academy classes and are chosen by a WPAOG committee.

The committee selected retired Lt. Gen. Frederic J. Brown, retired Gen. Barry R. McCaffrey, retired Lt. Gen. Daniel W. Christman, former Secretary of the Army Thomas E. White, Jr. and Ambassador

Robert M. Kimmitt as this year's distinguished graduates.

Frederic J. Brown, Class of 1956: Brown was commissioned into the armor branch and served in the 1/33rd Armored Battalion in Germany to begin his 32 years of active duty service.

Brown furthered his education as an Olmstead Scholar at the University of Geneva, where he earned a Master's degree in Political Science in 1963 and a Ph.D. in 1967.

His professionalism and bravery were manifested during two combat tours in Vietnam. During his assignments with 2/2nd Infantry and 1/4th Cavalry, he earned the Silver Star, the Distinguished Flying

Cross, the Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star Medal of Valor.

Throughout the years, Brown served on the Army staff, the Joint staff and the National Security Council staff.

In 1973, he was appointed as interim Deputy Chief of Staff for President Richard M. Nixon. He later served as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Training of the Training and Doctrine Command at Fort Monroe, Va., from 1981-82. From 1983-86, he served as commander of the Armor Center at Fort Knox, Ky., and then finished his military career as the commanding general of the 4th U.S. Army from 1986-89.

Brown was credited as having

a major influence on modernizing armored units while Chief of Armor and Cavalry and was the architect of the mounted force that fought and won Desert Storm.

Barry R. McCaffrey, Class of 1964: McCaffrey was commissioned into the infantry and began a 32-year military service. See **DISTINGUISHED**, Page 2

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career that included four combat tours—one in the Dominican Republic, two in Vietnam and one in Iraq.

He earned three Purple Hearts for wounds received in combat. He earned the Combat Infantryman's Badge and Bronze Star as a parachute infantry platoon leader in the 82nd Airborne Division during the Organization of American States' intervention in the Dominican Republic.

Years later, as a rifle company commander, he was awarded two Silver Stars for exceptional valor. He was also awarded the Distinguished Service Cross twice for extraordinary heroism in Vietnam.

In 1970, McCaffrey received a Master of Arts degree in Civil Government from American University and returned to the academy to teach.

During his final combat tour, as commanding general of the 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized), he led a remarkable 370-kilometer left-hook attack into Iraq during Operation Desert Storm. For this bold maneuver, McCaffrey was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal.

As a general, McCaffrey served as the Special Assistant to Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Colin Powell. In his last position before retirement, McCaffrey was the Commander-in-Chief of U.S. Southern Command.

After retirement from military service, President Bill Clinton chose McCaffrey to serve as Director of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy in 1996.

In 2001, he continued his commitment to West Point by becoming the Bradley Distinguished Professor of International Security Studies, where he developed a course in international security for the top 20 and firstie cadets from all academic departments. After leaving the Bradley Chair in 2005, he continued as the Adjunct Professor of International Affairs in the Department of Social Sciences.

He was inducted into the U.S. Army Ranger Hall of Fame in 2007. Currently, he serves as a military analyst for NBC News, where he helps explain complex national security issues to the American public. He is also a member of the Council of Foreign Relations and is on the Board of Advisors of the National Infantry Foundation.

Daniel W. Christman, Class of 1965: Christman graduated West Point at the top of his class. He subsequently earned two master's degrees from Princeton University, in public affairs and civil engineering, and also graduated with honors from the George Washington University Law School.

While his career showed off his remarkable intellect and extraordinary character, it was his return to West Point that put an exclamation point on his distinguished career.

In 1996, Christman became the 55th Superintendent of the U.S. Military Academy. During his tenure, he crafted a newer academy mission statement to reflect the link between West Point and the Army. He also drafted a new strategic direction for the academy's future in areas ranging from academic excellence to facilities modernization to cadet leadership development.

He took a personal interest in efforts to publicize West Point's Bicentennial celebration and renew public awareness and pride in the academy.

Christman led an unprecedented fundraising campaign with the West Point AOG that raised more than \$200 million in private funds.

The increased resources, which included Congress increasing federal funding for the academy, subsidized the "Margin of Excellence" at West Point.

Thomas E. White Jr., Class of 1967: After graduating in 1967, White commanded troops with great distinction at every level of the armored cavalry. He served two tours in combat as a junior officer in Vietnam. He was decorated several times for valor, including the Silver Star and the Distinguished Flying Cross, while serving with the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment and 1st Aviation Brigade.

During his military career, White was the main analyst in the office responsible for developing and acquiring the M1 Main Battle Tank. He served 23 years on active-duty, becoming the first general officer in his 1967 class.

He left the Army in 1990 to embark on a successful business career, and was involved in exploring new state-of-the-art alternative energy concepts that led to solar, wind, bio fuels and other green technologies. Today, these concepts serve as essential building blocks for U.S. energy policy.

One of these cutting edge businesses, the wind segment, was developed and sold to General Electric. It is now the second largest wind turbine manufacturing business in the world.

White left the civilian business sector in 2001 and returned to working with the Army. He accepted an appointment as Secretary of the Army in the administration of President George W. Bush.

He served in that position until May 2003, leading the Army during one of the most difficult periods ever encountered by the nation.



Retired Lt. Gen. Daniel W. Christman (left), Class of 1965, served as the Superintendent of the U.S. Military Academy from 1996-2001. He will be honored as a distinguished graduate Tuesday and join retired Gen. Eric K. Shinseki (right), former Army Chief of Staff, who became a DG last year. They're shown here doing the "Rocket" at the 2000 Army-Navy game.
Jim Fox/PV ARCHIVES

It started with the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, and was followed by the early days of the Global War on Terrorism and combat operations in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Through all the demands and challenges, White endeavored to do right for Soldiers, the Army and the nation. Army transformation, the Stryker family of vehicles, Future Combat System and the Army Family Well-Being all bear his handprints.

However, he is perhaps best remembered for his unwavering support of former Army Chief of Staff (retired) Gen. Eric Shinseki, and his testimony before Congress on the required force structure needed to sustain ongoing operations in Iraq.

After his service as Secretary of the Army, White and several other West Point graduates started DKRW Energy LLC. During the past six years, the company has grown into one of the leading alternative energy development companies in the country.

Robert M. Kimmitt, Class of 1969: Kimmitt was a cadet company commander and captain of the rugby team while at the academy. He volunteered for duty in Vietnam with the 173rd Airborne Brigade after graduating first in his Ranger School class.

He served with three other units in Vietnam. He became the first member of his class to command in combat and earned three Bronze Stars, the Purple Heart and an Air Medal in Vietnam.

In 1974, as a captain, Kimmitt was a member of the first class of the military's Funded Legal Education Program and

attended Georgetown University Law Center. While at Georgetown, he began working on the National Security Council staff, beginning a lifetime's work in international and security policy.

Kimmitt served as the NSC Executive Secretary and the first NSC General Counsel. During his time there, he served under three presidents while bridging the Iranian hostage crisis, the Marine barracks bombing in Beirut and the liberation operation in Grenada.

Later in his career as the Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs, he served during the German Unification and the fall of the Soviet Union, the Panama operation in December 1989 and the first Gulf War.

As the architect of the U.N. strategy that supported the historic coalition effort to remove Iraqi forces from Kuwait, he was awarded the Presidential Citizens Medal, the nation's second highest civilian award, by President George H.W. Bush.

In 1991, he was appointed as the first American Ambassador in more than 50 years to a united Germany. For his service, he was awarded Germany's highest decoration, the Order of Merit, and the U.S. Defense Department Public Service Award.

Kimmitt served in many more capacities, including Deputy Secretary of the Treasury from 2005-09, but his finest effort happened years earlier when in remembering his own generation of servicemen and women, he was a member of a small group of veterans who led the effort to construct the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington D.C., where 17 of his classmates are forever remembered.

Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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2	9	5	4	7	6	3	1	8
3	2	1	7	9	4	6	8	5
7	8	6	2	1	5	9	4	3
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Parking and force protection Grad Week info

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

To keep traffic moving throughout post during Graduation Week, the following information is provided to help both residents and visitors.

"It includes activities not related to force protection measures, which are provided to alert residents and the workforce to events that could potentially restrict traffic on post," Joe Senger, from the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, said. "Plan accordingly and allow more time for arrivals and for travel around the post."

West Point personnel planning TDY trips during Graduation Week should not leave their vehicles parked in Clinton, Doubleday and other Central Area lots because of parking restrictions in effect during the week.

Doubleday Lot will be reserved parking for special pass holders only Tuesday, Wednesday and May 20 from 10 p.m. the night before until the end of the review each day.

Tuesday

For the Alumni Wreath Laying Ceremony and Alumni Review, the following restrictions apply:

- Parking for the work force is allowed in the Central Post Area to include Clinton Lot throughout the day.

However, in support of the review, 35 parking spaces will be blocked for handicapped parking;

- Doubleday Lot will be reserved parking for special pass holders only until the end of the review;

- Traffic control points will be established on Cullum, Washington, Ruger and Parke roads by 10 a.m.;

- At approximately 10:10 a.m., traffic will be stopped from entering the Thayer Statue area until the end of the wreath laying ceremony;

- Washington and Cullum roads will re-open for normal traffic at the end of the ceremony.

May 20

Stony Lonesome Road will be closed to all vehicle traffic from the intersection with Washington Road (in the vicinity of the Catholic Chapel) to the intersection with Delafield Road near Michie Stadium and Mills Road from Herbert Hall to Stony Lonesome Road from 7:30-8:10 a.m.

In support of the Superintendent's Awards and Farewell Review, the following apply:

- Parking for the work force will be allowed in the Central Post Area to include Clinton Lot throughout the day. However, 35 parking slots in Clinton Lot will be designated for handicapped parking only;

- Doubleday Lot will be reserved parking for special pass holders only until the end of

the review.

May 21

In support of the Graduation Parade, the following restrictions apply:

- Parking for the work force is allowed in the Central Post Area. However, Clinton Lot and the tennis court parking area will be designated for handicapped parking only and Doubleday Lot will be reserved parking for special pass holders only until the end of the review;

- At the end of the parade, Clinton and Doubleday lots will be re-opened and available for general parking until 4:30 p.m., when the lots are again reserved for guest and handicap parking for the graduation banquet.

The work force is encouraged to park in the Old PX Lot (K Lot) and use the post shuttle.

May 22

In support of the Graduation Exercise, the following restrictions apply:

- Stony Lonesome Road will be closed from the intersection with Washington Road (in the vicinity of the Catholic Chapel) to the intersection with Schofield Place (entrance to Lusk housing area) from 7-7:45 a.m.;

- Thereafter, Stony Lonesome Road will only be open from the intersection with Washington Road to the intersection with Schofield Place until the completion of the graduation exercise;

- All roads around Michie Stadium will be blocked to traffic from 6 a.m. until the completion of the graduation exercise at around 11:30 a.m.;

- Delafield Road will be open to move from the Central Post Area to the PX/ Commissary area;

- Because of the heavy traffic expected at Stony Lonesome and Thayer gates, those wishing to attend the ceremony who live off post and are authorized to use Washington Gate (DOD decal and CAC card or military ID card) should do so.

Park in the Old PX Lot (K Lot) and ride the shuttle bus to the Michie Stadium area. Families and visitors can enter Michie Stadium through security checkpoints established at gates 6, 6A and 7;

- Clinton, Doubleday and the Kosciuszko lots will be closed for parking after the May 21 banquet and hop. They will re-open for parking at the conclusion of the graduation ceremony;

- All persons entering the stadium will pass through metal detectors at the above annotated gates.

Large bags, coolers, backpacks, unwrapped packages and umbrellas will not be allowed into the stadium.

Safety and security are a paramount concern during graduation week activities.

Everyone's help in the detection and reporting of criminal activities helps ensure that this year's graduation is a success.

Anyone observing suspicious behavior or activity is urged to promptly report it to the West Point Military Police at 938-3333.

Remember, if you see something, say something.

For more information, contact Senger at 938-8859.

WEST POINT 5K/10K AND DECADES CAR SHOW traffic route changes

Be advised that parking will be restricted at Buffalo Soldier Field Saturday to support the 5K/10K Race, the Kids Fun Run and the Decades Car Show. Traffic will be re-routed up Mills Road to Wilson Road (a left turn), then a left onto Hawkins Place Drive, then a right onto Knox Place Road and continue straight out by the PMO parking lot to exit Thayer Gate. The community should be advised to use caution when passing runners during the race which will begin at 8:30 a.m. until 11 a.m.

GRAD DAY POSTMARK

Starting May 22, the Postal Service is offering a special pictorial U.S. Military Academy Graduation Day Station Postmark at the West Point Post Office, 634 Swift Road.

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.

All requests must include a stamped envelope or postcard bearing at least the minimum first-class mail postage.

Items submitted for postmark may not include postage issued after the date of the requested postmark. Such items will be returned unserved.

Customers wishing to obtain a postmark should affix stamps to any envelope or postcard of their choice, address the envelope or postcard 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 before June 21 and address it to:

PICTORIAL POSTMARK
USMA Graduation Day Station Postmark
Postmaster
West Point, NY 10996.

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.

After applying the pictorial postmark, the Postal Service returns the items (with or without addresses) under addressed protective cover.

Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention

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

A Crowning Achievement

Cadets invent evacuation device for National Park Service

Story and photos by
Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor/Copy

Eight cadets spent the better part of a year with one particular lady in mind.

She stands more than 150 feet tall, from foot to crown, and is known to most as Lady Liberty.

On May 5, a team of civil and mechanical engineering majors visited the Statue of Liberty for a live demonstration of their capstone project, a device which makes evacuating casualties inside the national monument safer and faster.

The statue's unique double helix staircase, 146 steps from pedestal to crown, offers visitors an amazing view of New York City. But from a first responder perspective, the cramped and narrow space becomes a challenge when assisting the sick or injured back to ground level.

That challenge was passed onto the cadets, all of whom will be graduating May 22, to design and build a better evacuation system.

No small feat, considering the regular schedule of academics and athletics, but Firstie David Watts, mechanical engineering team leader, said they still managed to invest thousands of hours into this historic project.

The team overcame setbacks, stresses and failures, but, ultimately, achieved their goal ahead of deadline.

The evacuation device consists of a reclining seat set upon a collapsible aluminum frame and is able to support 350 pounds of weight.

When attached to the railing, a rope belay system uses mostly gravity to

lower a casualty down the spiral staircase.

In places where the railing ends, an aluminum gap replacement bridge was designed to accommodate those areas.

The team of Watts and Firsties Nick Reisweber, Thanat Boonprasert, Alex Mumford, Spurgeon Petty, Rick Storm, Greg Griffith and Diana Worth successfully demonstrated this to the National Park Service superintendent and staff, emergency medical service personnel and members of the local media.

Crammed within the confines of the stairwell, cadets explained the design concept, process of evacuation and the means by which they achieved this final design.

There was no doubt the team impressed the group of invited guests as they broke into a round of applause for the future Army officers.

Maj. Mark DeRocchi, civil and mechanical engineering executive officer, and Maj. Joel Dillon served

as the team's officers-in-charge and advised the cadets throughout the process.

DeRocchi said it was rare to find a project of this magnitude with such educational value that supports cadet involvement from start to finish.

"These eight cadets have spent countless hours creating this device on a very short timeline, and they've performed magnificently," DeRocchi said. "The fact that we are able to assist this national icon to remain open to the public for future generations, and perhaps help a visitor in their time of need, only makes this project that much more valuable."

Just as Watts is about ready to enter into service for his country, he hopes what he and the other seven cadets have done will serve the public for years to come.

"I hope one day I can take my Family inside the Statue of Liberty and it will still be there," Watts said. "I can say to my kids, 'Daddy was on the team that built that.'"

Pictured below are Firsties Diana Worth, Nick Reisweber, Greg Griffith, Alex Mumford, David Watts, Rick Storm, Spurgeon Petty and Thanat Boonprasert. Kneeling are Maj. Chad Caldwell and Maj. Mark DeRocchi.



Photo 1: Firsties Rick Storm and Greg Griffith help Nick Reisweber down the narrow staircase during the live demonstration of the casualty evacuation device May 5. Photo 2: Firstie David Watts, a mechanical engineering major, is interviewed by the local CBS affiliate. Photo 3: The West Point team was presented with a commemorative coin by the National Park Service for their contribution of the Statue of Liberty Casualty Evacuation Device.



Expressing West Point experience in words

Story and photo by Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor/Copy

It's no easy task summing up the West Point experience in a few hundred words. Firstie Alexander Nikssarian did it best, however, and was awarded for his work at the 4th annual John J. Pershing Reflective Essay Writing Competition Awards Luncheon May 6.

"To me, this is the culmination of my West Point experience because I wrote the essay about my four years' of self-development," Nikssarian said, "the physical aspect of development and growing in terms of leadership, confidence and competence."

The competition began in 2007, co-sponsored through the West Point Association of Graduates by retired Lt. Gen. John H. Cushman, who was first captain for the Class of 1944, and Anne Mudd Cabaniss, wife of the late Jelks H. Cabaniss Jr., Class of 1944.

The writing assignment is part of the MX400 Officership Capstone curriculum, so every cadet from the Class of 2010 had a chance to win, said Maj. Chad DeBos, Simon Center for Professional Military Ethic education officer. With graduation approaching, the cadets were asked to reflect on their experience at West Point, what it meant to them and how it contributed to the initial development of their professional identity.

The top essays were narrowed from a company and regiment-level selection process, with the winners from each earning bronze and silver Pershing medallions. The four regimental winners then competed for the brigade-level competition to earn the gold Pershing medallion.

"I've read all 32 of your essays," Cushman told the finalists at the awards ceremony. "And I say to you members of the Class of 2010 here today that when you graduate, the Corps will be a part of you. That's what these essays told me. They've told me that you kept Gen. Pershing's idea in mind, 'What the academy stands for has been my guide throughout my military career.' As you leave these gates, keep in your heart and soul the values you've learned at West Point."

Before writing his essay, Nikssarian, an Economics and Russian double major, plotted out three key points he wanted to address—leadership, confidence and competence. He launched into his narrative of self-development first with the William Butler Yeats poem, "He wishes for the Cloths of Heaven," citing West Point as the springboard for the attainment of high ideals.

In Memoriam

Curtis Lee Bryant, 56, of Highland Falls, died May 3, at his residence. Bryant served more than 21 years at West Point as a custodial machine operator.

Colleagues said the devout N.Y. Knicks fan was hardworking, honest and always dependable.

He was a native of the Craven Corner community of Havelock, N.C., and is survived by two sons, Lamont Frazier of Havelock and Ryan Wilson of Beaufort; his father, William Bryant and stepmother Delilah G. Bryant of Havelock; eight brothers, Cherry Lee Frazier, Keith Bryant, Michael Bryant, Frederick Bell, Prentice Bryant and Ashley Bryant, all of Havelock, Percy Godette of Newport and William Bryant Jr. of Homer, La.; five sisters, Lula Washington of Forestville, Md., Dollie Bryant, Thomasa Godette of Havelock, Tamara Bryant of Greenville and Judy Ortiz of Manassas, Va.; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday. Online condolences are available at www.oscarsmortuary.com.



From left: Brig. Gen. William Rapp, Corps of Cadets commandant; Firstie Alexander Nikssarian, Company A-4; retired Lt. Gen. John H. Cushman and Lt. Col. Stephen Michael, 4th Regiment regimental tactical officer. During the 2010 John J. Pershing Reflective Essay Awards Ceremony May 6, Nikssarian was awarded the gold Pershing medallion for an essay on his West Point experience and self-development of character. The essay contest was developed to, in the words of retired Lt. Gen. John H. Cushman, "remind all West Pointers of the relevance and practical meaning of what the academy stands for in their lives." The 4th annual competition was extended to all cadets from the Class of 2010, with 32 cadets earning awards for their essays.

So what exactly does a gold medal essay say? Here's an excerpt from Nikssarian's essay:

"West Point offers the opportunity to become extraordinary, to become the master of one's destiny through self-transformation. Since R-Day on 26 June 2006, I, too, have been on a journey of self-discovery that has brought me full-circle and drastically changed who I am today, my capabilities, and my potential in three key areas: competence, confidence,

and leadership. West Point has inculcated in me an intrinsic motivation to ceaselessly strive for self-betterment and commit myself to excellence. West Point evaluates cadets in every aspect of cadet life, be it academic, physical or military, and offers direct, immediate feedback on progress. Such an environment is tremendously conducive to catalyzing change for those wishing to seize the opportunity, as it allows weak points to be identified quickly via hard data."

Learning combat leadership lessons at Gettysburg

Story by Maj. Christopher Kasker
Department of Military Instruction

For the third consecutive year, the Defense and Strategic Studies faculty led a group of Firsties on a staff ride to Gettysburg, Pa., April 16-18.

The group taught each other about the actions and decisions which occurred during the historic three-day Civil War battle.

"I think it is one of a handful of events this year that has topped off my cadet experience," Firstie Edward J. Allen said.

Although the faculty was there to lend a hand, it was the cadets who played the crucial roles of the generals at the Battle of Gettysburg. At each key point on the battlefield, the cadets briefed their general's background, decisions and actions.

"The opportunity to study and analyze the actions of a Confederate artillery commander ... was incredibly beneficial as I prepare to embark on a career as an officer in the field artillery," Firstie Parker Woolwine said, as he studied his role of Col. E.P. Alexander.

For nearly five hours, the cadets stopped at every piece of key terrain and every key engagement to discuss their characters. The first day ended on the same battlefield where the armies ended their Day 1 in 1863.

However, the next morning, the cadets didn't start their Day 2 the same way or place as the armies of 1863. The cadets and faculty started on a different kind of field, one that provided the cadets the opportunity to learn about the importance of offense and defense.

This field was one of friendly strife, the Ultimate Frisbee field, where the DSS faculty routed the cadets 21-1. By mid-morning, the cadets were ready to tackle the real battlefield as they walked and talked the events of Day 2 of the battle. They walked Hood's Assault through the Slaughter Pit and Devil's Den to Little Round Top.

"It was sobering to stand in locations where thousands of



Lt. Col. Brian De Toy, Defense and Strategic Studies program director, explains how to identify an authentic civil war cannon to the staff ride group April 16-18 in Gettysburg, Pa. PHOTO BY CAPT. KELLI MOON

men lost their lives," Firstie Adam David said.

On Day 3, the cadets retraced the movements of the assault and gathered around the wall where the Confederates crashed into the Union lines.

Lt. Col. Brian De Toy, the DSS program director, spoke about the withdrawals from Gettysburg and the strategic effects the battle had for both armies. The group also toured the cemetery, and De Toy led another discussion where Abraham Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address.

"Walking the field made me contemplate the human element of war ... I feel a stronger connection with the Army's heritage," Firstie Nathan Custer said.

The following morning, the cadets entered the third phase of a staff ride, the integration phase. They visited the museum

and famous Gettysburg Cyclorama before breaking up into small groups to discuss what they learned during their three days of study.

Firstie Alexander Small took away something he feels will apply directly to the battlefield he may find himself on in the near future.

"Friction will always play a role in warfare; no matter if it is a conventional fight at Gettysburg or a counterinsurgency in Afghanistan," Small said.

When the discussions were over, the group boarded the bus for the ride back to West Point. The thought of being a combat leader weighed more on their mind during their trip back to West Point than it had on the trip from West Point. Of course, most battlefields have that affect on Soldiers.

Elective explores Special Ops mission

Submitted by Department of Military Instruction

The Defense and Strategic Studies major offers the MS360 Special Operations/Low Intensity Conflict elective. This class is becoming more popular as the need to understand how the Special Operations community operates and how they can best be employed by conventional forces is increasing.

Special Operations Forces have been integral in the campaign to "win the hearts and minds" of the population in today's overseas contingency operations.

Maj. Kevin Kirby, U.S. Army Special Forces, and Capt. Kelli Moon, former Air Force Special Operations member, designed this class to give cadets insight into this world of special operations missions.

The course is organized into three blocks: the history of USSOCOM and its components; theories and strategies of special operations and case studies on special operations.

The first block discusses history and legislative impacts that led to the development of USSOCOM as well as a look into each service component.

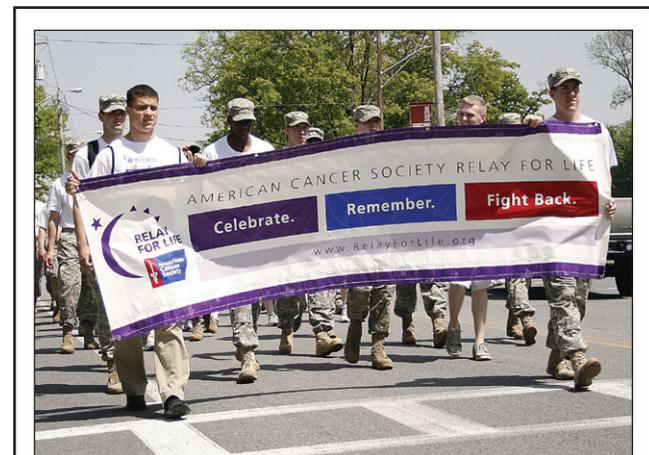
Guest speakers from the Naval Special Warfare, Air Force Special Operations, Army Special Operations and Marine Special Operations commands lectured during this block.

The second block examines theories and strategies developed by special operations experts, such as Vice Adm. William McRaven, Robert Spulak and Lucien Vandembroucke. These theorists analyze the definition of special operations and how to be employ them successfully.

The third block explores case studies in which these theories and strategies can be applied. These include operations in Vietnam, Somalia and present day Iraq and Afghanistan.

Additionally, cadets participated in a trip to the Joint Terrorism Task Force in New York City, to understand interagency coordination with Special Operations Forces, and to the 193rd Special Operations Wing in Harrisburg, Pa., to become familiar with the jointness of the Army and Air Force's Psychological Operations mission.

Cadets ended the 2010 spring semester with a visit from the elite 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment.



Relay for a Cure

Hundreds of West Point cadets gathered May 1 to walk in support of cancer research, from the U.S. Military Academy to Highland Falls Middle School, where teams circled the track all day in a relay. The second annual American Cancer Society Relay for Life, coordinated by Cow Carson Homme, Company B-2, raised more than \$44,000 with more than 757 cadets in 39 teams registered to walk. "Since February, cadets have formed teams throughout the Corps of Cadets to fundraise and compete amongst one another to raise money," Homme said.

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Josh Hawthorne-Madell and Myles Billard huddle in front of their monitors as they work on a bridge design. The duo from Cornwall High School claimed the top prize among the five teams competing at the 2010 West Point Bridge Design Contest May 8 at Eisenhower Hall.

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Felicity Hart concentrates on getting a bite on her fishing line at the annual fishing derby at Round Pond May 8.

Fishing Derby hooks Families, despite rain

Story and photo by Kathy Eastwood

Roughly 35 hardy souls braved the chill and rain to attend the annual fishing derby May 8 at Round Pond. The event hosted by the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation and the West Point Bass Club, has been on going for more than 30 years.

Fishing is just one of the fun aspects of the event. A barbecue is served with hot dogs and hamburgers and quick safety and baiting clinics are held before fishing.

First-time "fisher folk" with the more experienced anglers and more than one dad untangled their lines from other lines, retrieved seaweed and poles that, in a child's excitement, were thrown into the pond.

"It's fun for Families," WPBC President Pat Wimmer said. "Children enjoy throwing their (lines) out there and they get so excited about it."

Fish must be at least six inches if anglers want to keep them. Otherwise, the fish are thrown back into the pond.

Bass must be thrown back in any case, as it is not bass season until June.

Children received first, second and third prizes for the biggest fish in their age groups and prizes for the most trash that is picked up at the end of the event.

"This is not just a Family event," Wimmer said. "It also teaches children about the environment."

Nikita Brabant, Justin Scott and Curtis Williams received first, second and third prize for the 12-16 year-olds; Logan White, Abigail Pray and Duncan Hart received prizes for the 9-11-year age group and Gabe Jones, Cole Ensten and Katelyn Eubanks received prizes for the 5-8-year-old group.

In the environmental category, or trash pick up, Elizabeth Wertz picked up the most trash.

Best bridge awarded to Cornwall H.S. team

Story and photo by Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor/Copy

Thousands of budding engineers from middle and high schools throughout the country put their skills to the test in the 2010 West Point Bridge Design Contest. The finals, held May 8 at Eisenhower Hall, narrowed the playing field to the top five two-student teams.

Huddled around monitors, working in whispers, the teams were tasked with designing two bridges based on different site conditions in two hours. Pressure mounted as they budgeted time and money between the designs, glancing frequently at the giant screen which displayed the teams' standings, based on total cost of the combined bridges. The winning team had to build the cheapest bridges, but also structurally-sound enough to pass a load test.

Hushed silence erupted into applause as parents, teachers and visitors congratulated the top design team of Myles Billard and Josh Hawthorne-Madell, seniors at Cornwall High School. Placing second was another Cornwall team, marking the first time in the contest's history two teams from the same school competed in the final round.

Billard, team captain, said their physics teacher Doug Stack, deserves a lot of the credit for that.

Stack has been using the West Point Bridge design program for several years with his advanced placement physics class. In preparation for this year's contest, Stack conducted mini-competitions for the students, giving the teams dozens of scenarios to design bridges. Four Cornwall teams advanced to the

semifinals this year, he said, in part because they became increasingly competitive with each other. Billard, however, has his sights on outperforming his teacher. Next year, he'll be attending the Schreyer Honors College at Penn State University, but plans on entering the open competition for the West Point Bridge Design Contest where he'll more than likely face his mentor.

"That is the ultimate goal because, technically, he is the best bridge design builder in the world," Billard said.

Open to students, ages 13 through 12th grade, the annual contest provides an opportunity to learn about engineering through an online, hands-on, problem-solving experience.

Col. Stephen Ressler designed the software used by more than 10,000 participants this year to create well over 25,000 bridge designs. The software contains all the essentials for bridge design, with tools to model, test and optimize the bridge. Ressler said the contest promotes STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) by offering students and introductory study of engineering in an engaging way.

"Giving students an authentic experience serves as a motivator," Ressler said. "And this experience tends to break stereotypes as to what engineers do and that's a good thing."

All finalists were rewarded with notebook computers for their efforts, while the winning team members were awarded \$5,000 scholarships.

To learn more about this annual contest, sponsored by the U.S. Military Academy's Center for STEM Education, visit <http://bridgecontest.usma.edu/>.

Cadets hold scholarly debate during debut of Junto

By Yearling Alex Stein

Yearling Micah Ables called the room to attention as Brig. Gen. Patrick Finnegan, dean of the West Point academic board, entered. The buzzing room full of cadets and officers found their seats, and two hours of intense academic debate followed. Other officers in attendance included Col. Mike Meese, head of the Department of Social Sciences and Lt. Col. Ike Wilson, director of the American Politics program.

This was the first official meeting of Junto, a cadet-run intellectual organization that focuses on the discussion of "important political, social and security issues that challenge the United States." The group's name comes from founding father Ben Franklin's eponymous club of intellectuals concerned with the preservation of American liberty.

The topic of the inaugural session was the spread of violent Islamic extremism

through prisons and religious schools known as madrassas. Members Pat Kelly, Travis Hughes and Micah Ables, all yearlings, gave brief presentations on the subject, followed by moderated open discussion.

Junto will resume after the summer break, with next semester's topic being "American security."

"We hope that Junto will inspire others, especially young people, to take interest in the issues that face our country, not just scholars," Yearling vice-chairman Chase Cappo said.

The West Point Junto was founded this year and is run entirely by cadets—they are independent of any academy endorsement or funding, in order to maintain their status as a neutrally affiliated and self-governing organization.

The Junto's published mission statement says "Embracing a lifelong commitment to civic virtue, we strive to promote liberty, peace and prosperity through research, collaboration and publication."



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Scholarship deadline is Saturday

By Balfour Beatty Communities

Balfour Beatty Communities Foundation has extended the deadline for its academic scholarship applications to Saturday.

“With recent spring breaks and income taxes returns due, we thought we’d give Families a break and extend the deadline for scholarship applications,” Randolph Tucker, Community Manager for Balfour Beatty Communities, said.

Family housing residents with high school and undergraduate students are encouraged to apply for these scholarships for the 2010-11 academic year. Scholarships are valued up to \$2,500.

The application, details and requirements can be found at www.bbcommunitiesfoundation.org.

In 2009, Balfour Beatty Communities formed Balfour Beatty Communities Foundation, a non-profit organization committed to honoring military personnel—active, disabled and fallen—and their Families.

One of the primary goals of the foundation is to promote the pursuit of education and a commitment to community leadership through educational scholarships to the children of active duty military members that reside in Family housing.

“We encourage our high school and undergraduate residents to apply,” Tucker said. “With the cost of tuition and books, any little bit helps.”



BOSS beautifies North Dock area

Spc. Hung Luong (front), Spc. Deanna Clark (back, right) and Spc. Tory Rogers (back, left) help tidy up the North Dock area, as the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers members did their part during the Directorate of Public Works’ Earth Day project. This was also part of the postwide cleanup month efforts.

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Farewell Social

Judy Hagenbeck and Joan Finnegan receive people at a tea given in their honor, hosted by the West Point Women’s Club and the Daughters of the U.S. Army, at the Haig Room in Jefferson Hall May 5 to say goodbye, as both their husbands—Dean of the Academic Board Brig. Gen. Patrick Finnegan and Superintendent Lt. Gen. Buster Hagenbeck—are retiring.

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Cadet Chapel will be 100 years young June 12

By Sherman Fleek
U.S Military Academy Historian

On June 12, 1910, the “old” Cadet Chapel that served the West Point community since 1836 held its last service and then closed its doors. Then a procession of cadets, faculty and staff walked up the hill behind the barracks and held a dedicatory service for the “new” Cadet Chapel.

Since that day, the Cadet Chapel has been the foundation of service, worship and community for 100 years. West Point is graced with chapels where specific denominations worship, which exemplifies the importance of morality, ethics and faith-centered service in cadet life and for others.

One of the great features of the Cadet Chapel is the magnificent pipe organ considered to be one of the largest (holding the most pipes) in the world.

First installed in 1911 with the help and insistence of Col. Hugh Scott, the Superintendent at the time, the organ has been a major part of the chapel ever since. Initially, it had 2,406 individual pipes, but now there are 23,511, making it the organ with the highest number of pipes in a religious edifice.

The organ and pipes grew mostly through donations from former cadets, classes and Family members. In 1920, the first organ console was replaced with a second and, again in the 1950s. The latest and current console is now an artistic and historic feature itself.

The Cadet Chapel has been the house of worship for individuals, generations of West Point Families and hundreds of weddings, baptisms and other sacred rites.

Though the chapel was the home for Protestant services over the years, many faiths at times worshipped and gathered at the chapel for programs and events.

The Cadet Chapel was so central to the community that on Nov. 22, 1963, when the news circulated that President John F. Kennedy was assassinated, many cadets, staff and faculty walked up to the chapel for solace and to mourn. That afternoon, chaplains conducted three special memorial services for several hundred participants.

With the end of mandatory chapel attendance in 1972, the religious community of West Point diversified and gained a more egalitarian form and nature.

Not only is the chapel a house of worship, but it has



The Cadet Chapel has served the West Point community for nearly 100 years. A centennial celebration is scheduled 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. June 11, beginning outside Bartlett Hall.

TOMMY GILLIGAN/PV

become a place of memory and honor. Hundreds of stained glass windows represent religious, military and academy themes.

The classes from 1802, the academy’s founding year, through 1976, the year of national bicentennial, are represented in these windows.

Tens of thousands of West Point cadets and other members of the community have been uplifted and strengthened because of the Cadet Chapel.

Members of the West Point community are invited to join in the Cadet Chapel Centennial Commemoration Ceremony from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. June 11.

The beginning of the ceremony, outside Bartlett Hall, includes a band prelude, remarks by West Point leadership and then, at 11 a.m., the march up to the Chapel to recreate the march from 1910. (NOTE: For those unable to march, bus transportation will be available.)

At the chapel, there will be some organ music and hymns, the rededication reading and a prayer of rededication, followed by fellowship in the Fenton/1924 Room.

Prior to everyone adjourning to the Fenton Room, there will be a cake presentation of a chapel cake by Buddy Valastro and his staff from The Learning Channel’s “Cake Boss” show under the tent in the parking lot.

Asian flair featured at annual heritage celebration

Story and photo by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

Trophy Point is always a place for special events such as the annual tattoo or the summer musical series.

However, Trophy Point had a distinct Asian flair May 7 when it was turned over to Chinese, Korean and the Filipino members of cadet Asian-Pacific groups and their guests to showcase their food, cultural dances and demonstrations of martial arts for the 9th annual Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month Celebration.

This event is sponsored by the West Point Equal Opportunity Office and the Simon Center for Professional Military Ethic department.

Participants enjoyed Asian food samplings such as Korean Kimbap, a fast Korean food made from steamed white rice and other ingredients rolled in seaweed that looks like sushi.

The audience also enjoyed the dances of various cultures such as the Hula from Hawaii performed by the Cadet Hula Club; Filipino dancing by the Alay Philippine Cultural Dance Group from Danbury, Conn.; demonstration of Kendo or “the way of the sword” and judo performed by members of the Cadet Martial Arts Club.

“This is the fifth event I’ve been to,” Tony Guarco of the Department of Public Works said. “My mom is a Philippine native and instinctively always asks for the ingredients when she tastes food. (Then again) when mom went to her daughter’s home, she made corn beef and cabbage and her daughter’s boyfriend made Asian food.”

Col. Bryan Goda, head of the Asian-Pacific Awareness Club, credited the cadets who organized the event. Cadets perform, organize and plan the event every year.



The Alay Philippine Cultural Dancers from Danbury, Conn., performed a traditional dance at the Asian Pacific American Heritage month celebration at Trophy Point May 7.

“I expect there will be at least 400 people here,” he said as he eyed the line of people waiting to sample the food.

May was chosen to celebrate Asian and Pacific American heritages because it was in May 7, 1843 when the first Japanese

immigrated to America and celebrated the completion of the transcontinental railroad.

The majority of the workers on the railroad were Chinese.

Alumni and Graduation Week Schedules and Events

May 16-22

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
SUNDAY		
Noon - 6 p.m.	Alumni Class Registrations	Class Hotels
3 - 4 p.m.	Alumni Band Concert	Cadet Chapel
6 p.m.	Alumni Social Activities	Various Locations
7 p.m.	Black Knight Awards Ceremony	Robinson Auditorium
MONDAY		
8 a.m.- 5:30 p.m.	Alumni Headquarters Open	Herbert Hall
10 - 11:40 a.m.	Qtrs. 100 Tours for Alumni	Qtrs. 100
11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Alumni Luncheons and Meetings	Various Locations
1:30 - 2:30 p.m.	Superintendent addresses Alumni	Eisenhower Hall Theatre
3 - 4:40 p.m.	Qtrs. 100 Tours for Alumni	Qtrs. 100
TUESDAY		
8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Alumni Headquarters Open	Herbert Hall
10:05 a.m.	Assembly for Alumni Exercises	Thayer Walk
10:20 a.m.	Alumni March to Thayer Statue	Diagonal Walk
10:35 a.m.	Alumni Exercises	Thayer Statue
11 a.m.	Alumni Review & Distinguished Graduate Award Presentation	The Plain
12:15 - 1:15 p.m.	Alumni Luncheon & Superintendent's Address	Cadet Mess
2:30 - 3:30 p.m.	Commandant's Award Ceremony	Crest Hall, Eisenhower Hall
6 p.m.	Alumni Dinners	Class Sites
7:30 p.m.	Cadet Glee Club Concert	Eisenhower Hall Ballroom
WEDNESDAY		
8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Association of Graduates Open	Herbert Hall
1 - 2:30 p.m.	Superintendent's Reception 1st Regiment	Superintendent's Garden Qtrs. 100
3 - 4:30 p.m.	Superintendent's Reception 2nd Regiment	Superintendent's Garden Qtrs. 100
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Gospel Choir Concert	Arnold Aud., Mahan Hall
8 - 9 p.m.	Combined Choirs Concert	Cadet Chapel

THURSDAY		
10:50 - 11 a.m.	Cadet Drill Team Performance	The Plain
11 a.m.	Superintendent's Awards and Farewell Review	The Plain
	<i>Inclement weather site</i>	<i>Robinson Auditorium, Thayer Hall</i>
Following Review	Cadet Parachute Team demo	The Plain
1 - 2:30 p.m.	Superintendent's Reception 3rd Regiment	Superintendent's Garden Qtrs. 100
Noon - 4 p.m.	Academic Awards Ceremonies	Various locations
3 - 4:30 p.m.	Superintendent's Reception 4th Regiment	Superintendent's Garden Qtrs. 100
7 p.m.	Catholic Baccalaureate Mass	Most Holy Trinity Chapel
	Protestant Baccalaureate Service	Cadet Chapel
	Jewish Baccalaureate Service	Jewish Chapel
	Eastern Orthodox Service	St. Martin's Chapel
FRIDAY		
10:30 a.m.	Graduation Parade	The Plain
2 - 2:45 p.m.	Awards Convocation	Eisenhower Hall Theatre
7 - 8:30 p.m.	Graduation Banquet	Cadet Mess
8:30 p.m. - 1 a.m.	Graduation Hop	Eisenhower Hall
SATURDAY		
7 a.m.	Shuttle buses begin running to Stadium	Parking lots
7 a.m.	Gates Open to public	Michie Stadium
9:35 a.m.	Entrance of the Class of 2009	Michie Stadium
10 a.m.	Graduation Exercises	Michie Stadium
After Graduation	Bar Pinning Ceremonies	Check with your cadet

- Park in designated lots (A-F, Buffalo Soldier Field) only. Visitors are encouraged to use the shuttle.
- Cadets are limited to three guests in the Cadet Mess for the graduation banquet.
- The graduation exercise will be conducted in Michie Stadium except in the case of severe weather. The severe weather site is Eisenhower Hall. Seating is limited. Tickets are required.
- Severe weather locations for non-ticketed attendees are Bartlett Hall—Rms. 211 and 412, Thayer Hall—Rm. 144 and Robinson Auditorium.
- Reserved seating for the May 22 graduation ceremony is available by ticket only through members of the Class of 2010. Tickets for general public seating can be obtained 7-10 a.m. May 22 at Michie Stadium at Gates 4, 5, 6, 6A and 7. Tickets are free.
- **Bar pinning shuttles** start immediately after Graduation and run until 4 p.m. Depart Thayer Extension (behind Superintendent's Review Box) with continuous shuttle movement to parking lots: BSF, H-Lot (Commissary), K-Lot (Old PX) and Target Field. These shuttles will travel to the Central Post area and back to the parking areas.
- The West Point Ferry to Garrison will run continuously from South Dock from 6:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. May 22.

Graduation Family and Friends Tours

West Point Tours is offering tours for cadet guests only Tues.-Thurs. One-hour tours are at 12:45, 1:30, 2, 3:15 and 4:30 p.m. The two-hour tour, which includes the cemetery, is at 2:45 p.m. For departure and price information, call the Visitors Center at (845) 938-2638.

GRAD WEEK SHUTTLE SERVICE

Special graduation week shuttle service will provide transportation between lettered lots and all major West Point areas. This service will augment the daily shuttles and run 8 a.m.-11 p.m. May 19-20 and 8 a.m.-1:30 a.m. May 21.

Minutes After the Hour

A Lot (pick up and drop off inside the lot)	0	30
Holleder Center	1	31
Herbert Hall	2	32
Buffalo Soldier Field	3	33
Visitors Center/ Pershing Center	5	35
Thayer Hotel (exit ramp)	7	37
Thayer/Mills intersection	8	38
Mahan Hall	9	39
West Point Club	10	40
Eisenhower Hall	12	42
K-Lot (Old PX)	14	44
H-Lot (Commissary/PX)	29	59

Note: Additional stops will be added Thursday evening to support the Baccalaureate Chapel Services.

ADDITIONAL SHUTTLES

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECEPTION—A special shuttle will run between A-Lot and the Superintendent's Garden Reception, noon-6 p.m. Wed. and May 21.

CONSTITUTION ISLAND—A special shuttle between Arvin (in front) and South Dock will run noon-6:30 p.m. Wed. and May 21 for boat service to Constitution Island and back.

GRADUATION PARADE—A special shuttle will provide direct service May 21, starting at 8:30 a.m., between A-Lot and The Plain.

GRADUATION BANQUET—A special shuttle starting at 5:30 p.m., May 21, will run between A-Lot and the Graduation Banquet/Hop.

GRADUATION DAY—Special shuttles will provide direct service between the parking areas and the stadium, 7 a.m.-2 p.m. May 22.

GRAD WEEK PARKING

EVENT	GENERAL	HANDICAPPED
TUESDAY		
Alumni events	A-C Lots	Clinton Lot
WEDNESDAY		
Reception 1st & 2nd Reg.	A-C Lots	Arvin PDC
THURSDAY		
Supes Award Review	A-C Lots	Clinton Lot
Reception 3rd & 4th Reg.	A-C Lots	Arvin PDC
BACCALAUREATE		
Most Holy Trinity	A-C Lots	Chapel Lot
Jewish Chapel	A-C Lots	Chapel Lot
Cadet Chapel	A-C Lots	Chapel Lot
FRIDAY		
Graduation Parade	A-C Lots	Clinton Lot
Awards Convocation	A-C Lots	Eisenhower Hall
Graduation Banquet	A-C Lots	Clinton Lot
SATURDAY		
Graduation	A-F Lots/BSF	H Lot

SHUTTLE BUS SCHEDULES

Monday through Friday

NORTHBOUND SHUTTLE

First bus-6:15 a.m. Last at 4:45 p.m.

Pickup Area Min. After Hour

Pershing Center/Spellman	15	45
Thayer Hotel (exit ramp)	17	47
Mills/Thayer Road	18	48
Thayer/Cullum Road	19	49
Mahan Hall Tunnel	20	50
Library Corner	21	51
Thayer Statue	22	52
Bldg. 667A	23	53
Bldg. 681	24	54
Washington/Buckner	26	56
Keller Hospital	29	59
Post Laundry	30	60
Motor Pool	31	01
Child Development Center	45	15

SOUTHBOUND SHUTTLE

First bus-6:15 a.m., Last at 4:45 p.m.

Pickup Area Min. After Hour

Child Development Center	15	45
Motor Pool/Rest Stop	29	59
Post Laundry	30	60
Keller Hospital	31	01
Washington/Buckner	34	04
Bldg. 681	35	05
Bldg. 667A	36	06
Thayer Statue	37	07
Library Corner	38	08
Mahan Hall Tunnel	39	09
Thayer/Cullum Road	40	10
Buffalo Soldier Field	41	11
Bldg. 622/626	42	12
Pershing Center/Spellman	45	15

PLEASE NOTE: BUS DRIVERS WILL STOP TO PICK UP AND DISCHARGE RIDERS AT OTHER SAFE LOCATIONS WHEN SIGNALLED.

PLACES OF INTEREST

May 16-22

Visitors Center and Gift Shop:
Sun.-Fri., 9 a.m.-4:45 p.m.
Sat., 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

West Point Museum and Gift Shop:
Sun., 10:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m.
Mon.-Sat., 9:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m.

AOG Gift Shop:
Mon.-Fri., 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Sat., 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

WP Women's Club Gift Shop
Fri., 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
May 21, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Fort Putnam:
Fri. and Sun., 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
Sat., after ceremony-4 p.m.

Constitution Island:
Wed.-Thurs., 1-5:30 p.m.

SECURITY ISSUES:

West Point is operating under a heightened security posture. All visitors must enter through Thayer Gate or Stony Lonesome Gate only and should expect minor delays. Visitors should use the shuttle buses from the lettered lots (A-F) and Buffalo Soldier Field throughout the week. Everyone ages 16 and older must have valid photo ID in their possession at all times. All vehicles may be searched.

GRADUATION DAY:

Everyone must pass through metal detectors. The following items are not allowed: large bags, backpacks, coolers, umbrellas and all beverage containers (glass, metal or plastic). Arrive early to avoid delays at the gates.

Selflessly bringing smiles to thousands of people

Story and photo by
2nd Lt. Amanda M. Bent
Company Commander
Military Police Company

One of the core Army values is Selfless Service. Two individuals who have been selflessly serving the Army, Military Police Corps and West Point for more than 13 years are Chuck Schroedel and Joanne Clarke. Schroedel and Clarke volunteer their time, vehicles and spirit at no cost to anyone but themselves.

Schroedel, a Scarsdale, N.Y., 1958 high school graduate and University of Florida alumni, has been working on cars since he was a boy.

He joined the Army in 1958 and served as an MP patrolman working in AWOL apprehension and escorting until 1961. After leaving of the Army and getting his degree in journalism, he worked in marketing at IBM for 25 years.

Clarke, a 1954 Red Hook Central School and Oberlin College, Ohio, alumni, was a Washington, D.C. staff member for Senator Lowell Weicker, Jr. and a former teacher.

Schroedel and Clarke have volunteered hand-in-hand with the Directorate of Emergency Services providing support for Army football games, high-profile VIP escorts, cadet events, tours, graduation and parades since 1997, using the five MP vehicles—1956 Chevrolet Marked Military

Police sedan, a 1957 Chevrolet Marked Military Police sedan, a 1957 Criminal Investigation Division black sedan, a 1993 Military Police HMMWV M1044 and a 1996 Chevrolet Caprice Black 9C1 LT1 that Schroedel restored during his West Point volunteering.

They take their volunteer work very seriously. Along with whichever vehicle is driven to an event, a vintage uniform for the matching generation is worn to perfection and add to the historic relevance of their vehicle, uniform and West Point.

Schroedel brought his 1957 Chevrolet sedan to the 2010 International Car Show at the Javitz Center in New York City, where thousands of people saw a great representation of the Military Police Corps.

They started volunteering because of their love for Military Police, military academies and West Point. Their favorite missions are VIP escorts and alumni class escorts.

When asked what their favorite part of their volunteer work is, they both replied with an astounding “constant satisfaction!”



Joanne Clarke and Chuck Schroedel pose in vintage uniforms with their 1957 Chevrolet Marked MP Sedan in front of the West Point Provost Marshal's Office.

They are not paid by the almighty dollar, but by “thank you” notes and gratefulness. Schroedel and Clarke are truly fine examples of individuals displaying selfless service and dedication to the Army, the MP Corps and West Point.



Black and Gold ceremony

The Black and Gold Volunteer Awards Ceremony was May 7 at the Army Community Service building. Pictured from left to right with Deputy Garrison Commander Wilfred Plumley (far right) are Jennifer Rice, Maria Ohlson, Cindy Palka, Amy Crispino, Sylvia Moss, Carrie Henderson, Meredith Kilby, Madison Teague, Susan Bryde, Delta Christiansen, Lt. Col. Pete Kilner, Patty Bastianelli, Danielle Hamilton, Kristina Crow, Marie Smith and Heather Sapp. The Volunteer of the Month is Carrie Henderson of the West Point Women's Club.

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AER continues through Saturday

For 68 years, the Army Emergency Relief program has provided financial assistance to active duty and retired Soldiers and their Families in times of distress. AER also offers scholarship and spouse education assistance programs.

To find out how to contribute to the West Point AER Campaign, call 938-5839 or e-mail at amy.weyhrauch@us.army.mil.

2010 Hat Toss Recovery Ceremony

Requirements to Participate

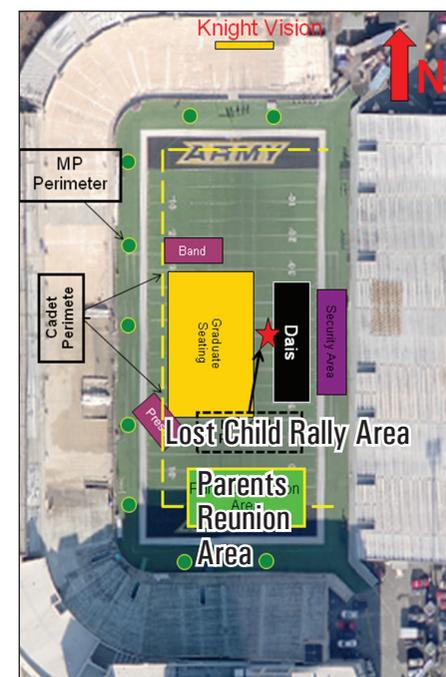
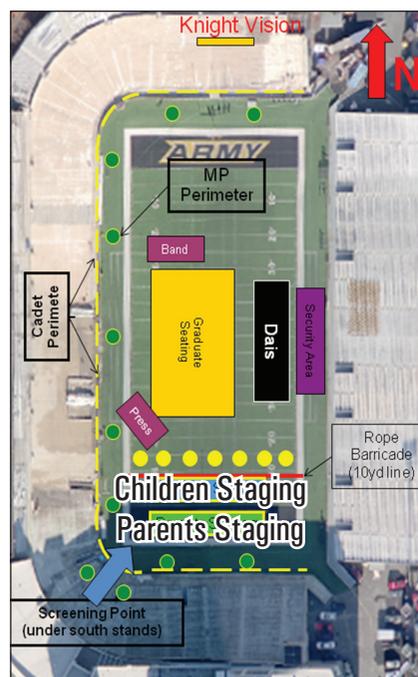
- Children participating must be accompanied by a parent or guardian
- Children must be between **6 and 10 years old**
- Children must be between a **minimum 42 and maximum 54 inches tall**

Execution

- Parents move to Screening Point under south stands at the signal on the “Mini-tron/Knight Vision” where children are height screened
- Those allowed to participate will be moved to staging area in south end zone
- Upon Hat Toss, Cadets release children into the graduate seating area
- Children pick up **one** hat and move back to south end zone to link up with parents (see diagram below)

(Before Hat Toss)

(After Hat Toss)



West Point Troop 186 supported Emergency Preparedness venture

Submitted by the West Point Girl Scouts

In April, West Point residents received a bag of important information on their front doors. The U.S. Army Garrison Emergency Management office received support from the West Point Girl Scouts to distribute more than 800 Emergency Preparedness Awareness information bags to the Families on West Point.

Susan Foley, USAG-Directorate of Planning, Training, Mobilization and Security operations assistant, contacted the leaders of West Point Girl Scout Troop 186 and worked out the annual event with precision.

To make this project a success, Foley solicited the support of the American Red Cross and New York State Emergency Management Office to provide emergency management information to put into the bags.

"These outside partners continuous support to our emergency management program is immeasurable," Foley said.

The Girls Scouts, ranging from Daisy (K-1st Grade) through Senior (9th - 10th grade), worked together to assemble and then deliver the bags. In less than two weeks, the residents of West Point received their bags from teams of girls who

were supervised by parents and troop leaders.

Delta Christiansen, Registrar and Troop 186 co-leader, said, "I cannot tell you the pride my three co-leaders and I have for the girls in our troop. They seek opportunities for service projects and are excited to work on them, especially when they can work with troop members from other age levels.

"Having lost many leaders and the entire leadership team last summer, the Girl Scouts readily accepted the opportunity to assist the USAG-DPTMS Installation Emergency Management Office in their efforts to inform and educate residents of West Point in Emergency Preparedness and Awareness," Christiansen added.

Diana Ringquist, VCC for Girl Scouts and co-leader of Troop 186, also noted that the project was well received.

"The girls were honored with the opportunity to promote and support the Emergency Preparedness Initiatives on West Point, and we look forward to working with West Point Emergency Management personnel in the future," Ringquist



Girls Scouts from West Point Troop 186 placed Emergency Preparedness Awareness information bags on more than 800 doors at West Point in April.

PHOTO BY DIANA RINGQUIST

said. "Girl Scouts at West Point are always willing and eager to help where needed. Our girls are very aware of the importance of working with others to improve our community, our nation and our world. It is a lesson that they will carry with them into their adult lives."

Troop 186 collects more than \$800 for Haitian Relief effort

On Jan. 31, Girl Scout West Point Troop 186 helped collect donations with the American Red Cross for relief in Haiti. The troop is comprised of Daisies, Brownies, Juniors and Cadettes. The girls were happy and excited to be helping the children of Haiti. They chanted "Help Haiti! Donate Now!" and applauded every donation. More than \$800 was raised for the Haiti effort. Lower Hudson Valley board member Robert Gould called it "a spectacular event."

Keller Corner

KACH outpatient clinic closures

All outpatient clinics, laboratory, pharmacy and radiology will be closed May 28 for a training holiday and May 31 for Memorial Day.

The Emergency Room will remain open.

Tops in Patient Satisfaction

West Point Pharmacy and Radiology ranked #1 for overall patient satisfaction in the North Atlantic Regional Medical Command for the month of April.

There are eight other military treatment facilities in the NARMC Region.

Thank you to all our patients who participated in the survey. We value your comments and suggestions.

Congratulations to the Pharmacy and Radiology staff.

See Your PCM

It's a good idea to schedule an

appointment with your primary care manager after you've had any kind of emergency care.

This is especially important if you were hospitalized after visiting a civilian emergency room.

Your PCM can help you continue on the return trip to good health by entering referrals for Health Net Federal Services to process.

Make that primary care appointment by calling 845-938-7992.

Make the most of your appointments...arrange your priorities

Make the most of your time. If you have several things to talk about, let the provider know that at the beginning of your visit.

Concentrate on those questions that are most important to you.

If it's an embarrassing issue to you...still talk about it

Sometimes it's hard to talk about

certain subjects. But don't wait until the end of the visit to finally get the nerve to discuss them.

No matter how embarrassing your problem, you're not the first person in the world to have it.

Give the provider relevant information

Be prepared. You will probably be asked about your symptoms, medical history or things that may have caused your problem.

This could include things you ate, strenuous or unusual exercise, places you have traveled to or medications you've been taking.

Keller Tip

Write down your problem, your symptoms, where it hurts, how it hurts, when it hurts and other information at home, when it's fresh on your mind.

Also, write out your questions and uncertainties from your last visit.

West Point Band
The Concert Band presents
Armed Forces Day Concert
With a Salute to USMA Alumni
LTC Timothy J. Holtan conducting
Also Featuring organist Craig Williams

Sunday, May 16, 3:00 p.m.
West Point Cadet Chapel
Free & Open to the Public
845-938-2617
www.westpoint.edu/band

Command Channel 8/23
May 13-20
Army Newswatch (broadcast times)
Thursday, Friday and Monday through May 20
8:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

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NOW SHOWING
in the movie theater at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752.
Friday—Diary of a Wimpy Kid, PG, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday—Clash of the Titans, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
May 21—How to Train Your Dragon, PG, 7:30 p.m.
May 22—Diary of a Wimpy Kid, PG, 7:30 p.m.
THE THEATER SCHEDULE ALSO CAN BE FOUND AT WWW.AAFES.COM.

BBC LifeWorks events
National Chocolate Chip Day
Stop by 132 Bartlett Loop to sit and chat while enjoying freshly made David's Double Chocolate Chip Cookies during National Chocolate Chip Day Friday.
Breakfast on the Go
Hungry? Come start your day right with an orange juice and a "Otis Spunkmeyer" muffin.
The BBC staff will be handing out a free bite to eat between 7:15-8:15 a.m. Wednesday.
For more information, call Jodi Gellman, LifeWorks coordinator, at 446-6407 or e-mail her at jgellman@bbcgrp.com.

Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS
Rules: Fill in the empty cells with the digits 1-9 so that no digit appears twice in the same row, column, or 3-by-3 box.
Difficulty: Medium

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

Help us tell the West Point Story by submitting your ideas to: Eric Bartelt, managing editor, at 938-2015/3883, or e-mail eric.bartelt@usma.edu. Story submissions should include point of contact information (name, phone number, e-mail address).

A Spouse's Point of View

By Janine Boldrin

... the end

Almost two years ago, I approached the *Pointer View* with an idea. I wanted to write a column about being a spouse at West Point.

What did I know about West Point? To tell you the truth, not much.

We had moved a month before and my husband had not attended the academy. I was a newbie but, with my column, I was going to share my entire experience with anyone who turned to one of the last pages of this newspaper.

When the editor gave me the go ahead, I didn't have any idea of what lay ahead. Yes, I was a writer. But how would other spouses react to my point of view? I did receive a few lumps along this journey.

With an early column, came criticism. With a later column, came a few phone calls. But sprinkled in between were many supportive e-mails and conversations, so I continued to watch what happened around me, write about it and tried to drown out the little voice that said life would be so much easier if I just gave up "that column."

With a possible deployment on the horizon, my attention is now focused on my Family and new writing commitments.

So even though our moving truck will most likely not be coming this June, this will be my last column for the *Pointer View*.

I'll see you on the hills (no, I'm still not a runner) or up in the commissary (I'm the one with the blue spaceship cart who can't seem to make the corners). You can still stop and tell me your stories.

Even with two years of columns, there are a lot of topics I wish I had written on.

I wish I wrote about the spouses of enlisted Soldiers who live on West Point and their point of view on the experience.

I would have loved to have written about the cadets my husband and I have gotten to know over the past two years.

I should have written about the Highland Falls Library, a little gem that I hope more Families will visit.

I wish I had written about a Family that lives off-post and their perspective. I wish I had written about all of the causes and concerns that many of you have discussed with me. And a column to encourage more of us to get involved in our local community, especially because of the Highland Falls education budget crunch.

There is a long overdue shout out to the West Point Elementary School second grade that I promised when



Finding bargains

Although the weather was iffy due to thunderstorms, the bi-annual West Point Yard Sale went on without a hitch May 8 throughout post. People looking for books to baby clothes to computers found them at the yard sale.

KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

I visited their classes to talk about writing. Sorry it took so long!

And I should have written about the spouses whose husbands have been deployed and the Families who stayed here while they were away. But I can only hope what I wrote

was enough.

I am not an expert on military life. I am definitely not an expert on West Point. I'm just one of the many spouses of a servicemember who is still trying to figure out how to make military life work for them.

And I loved writing about all of it for you.

(Editor's note: Janine Boldrin is a writer, a mother and an Army spouse. To continue reading her work, visit her Web site www.janineboldrin.com.)

FMWR Blurbs

Staff and Faculty Softball Leagues forming now

The FMWR Sports office is sponsoring the summer staff and faculty softball league, which is open to all West Point personnel, 18 years of age and older.

Deadline for team entries is May 27.

League play starts the week of June 7 and continues through Aug. 16.

Games are played Monday-Thursday at 5:30, 6:30 and 7:30 p.m.

For information or to enter a team, e-mail jim.mcguinness@usma.edu or call 938-3066.

Part-day Preschool CDC enrollment

The Child Development Center is continuing part-day preschool enrollment for the 2010-11 academic year through Friday for deployed Soldiers and Warriors in Transition.

Military Families with children enrollment is Monday through May 21.

DOD civilian children enrollment is May 24-28. No phone calls will be taken for registration.

Parents need to report to the CDC registration at 8 a.m. Patrons can sign up children after June 1 for slots on a "space available" basis.

For more information, call Outreach Services at 938-4458.

WFSG Hearts Apart Support Group

The WFSG Hearts Apart Support Group, presented by the ACS Mobilization and Deployment Program, is for Families of deployed Soldiers.

Group meetings are from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Saturday and June 19.

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

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

For more information, call 938-5658.

Army Ten Miler

West Point FMWR is sponsoring a team of four active duty runners to represent West Point at the Army Ten Miler Oct. 24.

To qualify, you must register to run in the West Point 10K Saturday.

For more information, call 938-6497.

West Point 5K/10K and Decades Car Show

Registration is ongoing for the West Point 5K/10K on active.com (keyword "West Point").

The West Point 5K/10K is Saturday,

Armed Forces Day, with both races kicking off at 8:30 a.m. and the Kids' Fun Run at 8:45 a.m.

For more information, call 938-6497.

The car show immediately follows the race from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. with cars from each decade, starting from the 1900s.

Horse Riding Camps

Register now for one of Morgan Farm's three- or five-day summer riding camps.

Dates are available in June, July and August.

For more information, call 938-3926.

AER Campaign

The West Point Army Emergency Relief Campaign is almost over.

The campaign deadline is Saturday.

For more information, call 938-5839.

Art EDGE! Make a Birdhouse

Art EDGE! Birdhouse-making sessions are on Wednesdays at 3 p.m. including Wednesday and May 26 at the Youth Center (Bldg. 500) for grades 6 and up.

Register at the Youth Center or for more information, call 938-0829.

Fit EDGE! Intro to Golf

There is a Fit EDGE! Introduction to golf for grades 3-5, from 3:15-4:15 p.m. every Tuesday in May.

There is also an instruction class for grades 6-12, from 3:15-4:15 p.m. every Thursday in May.

Register at the Youth Center, Bldg. 500, Washington Road.

Class sizes are limited.

For more information, call 938-0829.

ACS Culture Club

This month's ACS Culture Club get-together from 5:30-8 p.m. May 25 involves learning how to make authentic homemade Texas tortillas.

Please bring a potluck dish traditional of your Family's culture or a Tex-Mex dish to share.

For more information, call 938-3487.

(New Info) Free Workshop

A free workshop for parents and caregivers, "Who's in Charge at Your House," is scheduled from 6:30-8:30 p.m. May 26 at the West Point Child Development Center.

Call 938-3921 to register.

(New Info) Out and About with ACS

Are you interested in historic

landmarks?

The fifth installment of Army Community Service's Out and About series will visit battle grounds, museums and historical homes in the Hudson Valley and beyond.

Join the group at 3 p.m. May 27 at the ACS Training Room, Bldg. 622.

For more information or to RSVP, contact ACS at 938-4621.

Memorial Day Ceremony at Castle Point VA Hospital

BOSS is heading to the VA Hospital at Castle Point for its Memorial Day ceremony May 28.

Volunteer a few hours of your time to help escort the veterans to and from the ceremony.

Transportation is provided and will leave Buffalo Soldier Pavilion at 1 p.m. and return by 4 p.m.

For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Jermaine Malone at 938-8063 or Sheryle Miller at 938-6497.

(New Info) Membership Appreciation Night

All club members are invited to enjoy a free buffet and dessert bar from 5-8 p.m. June 1 at the West Point Club's Grand Ballroom.

Enjoy music, dancing and a cash bar.

Patrons who sign up for membership on this night can eat for free too.

There is a nominal fee for non-members who want to attend this event.

For more information, call 938-5120.

(New Info) Delafield and Round Pond swim passes on sale now

Delafield and Round Pond swim punch cards can be purchased at the FMWR Fitness Center and Round Pond.

Starting June 11, cards will be available for purchase at Delafield Pond.

Punch cards are valid for use at Round Pond and Delafield swim areas. Each punch card is good for 12 visits.

Daily swim passes are available at a minimal cost for cadets, children (ages 3-13) and adults.

Children under age 14 must pass an administered swim test to be allowed in the deep area of both ponds.

Children ages 13 and below must be accompanied by an adult.

Round Pond Beach hours of operation:

- May 29-31, noon-5 p.m.;

- June 5-6, noon-5 p.m.;

Open for the season June 11, regular hours are:

- Mon.-Sun., noon-6 p.m.

Delafield Pond Hours of Operation:

Open for the season June 11, regular hours are:

- Mon.-Sun., 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

English for Language Learners

English for Language Learners is a free class for anyone who wants to improve their English skills.

Classes will be held in the ACS training room, Bldg. 622.

Classes will continue each Monday through May 31.

For more information and to register, call 938-3487 or e-mail william.luna@usma.edu.

Lunchtime Spin Class

Enjoy a lunchtime spin with Kate for 45 minutes every Monday at noon.

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

FMWR Craft Shop

Do you have a graduation, retirement or promotion gift that you need framed or engraved?

The FMWR Craft Shop can do it for you. Most work is completed in about three weeks. The Craft Shop is conveniently located in Bldg. 648 behind the Post Office.

For more information, call 938-4812.

CYSS Technology Camps

The CYSS Summer Technology Camps are coming.

Sign up now for four-day classes in Lego Robotics, Stop Motion Animation or Anime Studio.

Class dates are in July and August at the Youth Center, Bldg. 500.

For more information, call 938-3727.

BOSS Six Flags Trip

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers is going to Six Flags Great Adventure in New Jersey June 5.

A limited number of spaces are available.

Call now to reserve a place for you and one guest at 938-2070 or 938-8063.

Army Family Team Building Super Sign-Up

Join ACS from 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. June 15 for its Army Family Team Building Super Sign-Up Family Celebration.

There will be games, prizes, hot dogs, popcorn and cotton candy.

What's Happening

(New Info) Vehicle return to D Lot

The following is change from the original message about RVs, boats and all other vehicles that were removed from D Lot for graduation.

Authorized West Point residents are now allowed to restore their RVs, boats and other vehicles to D Lot May 23, the day after graduation, through Sept. 1.

The vehicles will need to be moved again prior to the football season.

Those authorized to store vehicles on West Point may again use D Lot beginning Nov. 8, after the final home football game.

Please note that all vehicles stored at West Point must be registered with the Provost Marshal's office.

Commissary Case Lot sale

The commissary case lot sale is offering bargains by the case and savings up to 50 percent of regular prices on popular items from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. today through Saturday.

A bakery/deli food show is Friday.

(New Info) Hudson Valley Orienteering

An orienteering instruction and competition will take place Sunday at the Taconic Outdoor Education Center in Fahnestock State Park, N.Y.

Orienteering combines exciting races in wooded areas and navigating with the use of a map and compass.

The Hudson Valley Orienteering Club is offering beginner instruction starting at 10:45 a.m. There will be a course for beginners, one for advanced beginners and several advanced courses.

For more details and other orienteering events taking place this season visit www.hvo.us.orienteering.org.

Armed Forces Day concert

The West Point Concert Band will present an Armed Forces Day concert at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Cadet Chapel.

This concert marks Sgt. Maj. Lynn Cunningham's final performance with the West Point Concert Band.

Cunningham will retire with 30 years of service, having served her entire career at West Point.

For concert information, cancellations and updates, call the Band's 24-hour hotline at 938-2617 or visit the band's Web site at www.westpoint.edu/band.

Child Safety Seat Inspections

Child safety seat inspections will be conducted from 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Stony Lonesome Road Fire Station.

Certified child passenger safety technicians from the Rockland County Sheriff's Department will conduct the inspections.

Seats will be inspected, checked for proper installation use and checked against a list of recalled seats.

The event is open to active duty military

stationed at West Point and DOD civilians employed at West Point.

Parents are encouraged to visit during the earlier hours of the event to allow adequate time for inspections, which could take up to 30 minutes.

Parents should have their child with them if possible and be sure to bring an ID card.

Contact the West Point Safety Office at 938-3717 for more information or questions.

(New Info) West Point Glee Club Graduation Concert

The West Point Glee Club will present its annual graduation concert at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Eisenhower Hall Ballroom.

The concert is a traditional highlight of Graduation Week and offers a rare opportunity to hear the renowned college choir perform in concert at home. The public is invited to attend this free concert.

Join the cadets of the West Point Glee Club as they celebrate the conclusion of a great year.

For more information, call 938-3322 or visit the club Web site at www.usma.edu/uscc/dca/clubs/glee.

(New Info) The Great West Point Giveaway

The Great West Point Giveaway is a free 'swap' open to all West Point residents.

The Post Chapel basement will be open to allow you to give away or take useful goods from 9-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 2, June 16, July 7 and July 21.

All items leftover or not swapped by 11:30 a.m., must be picked up by the original owner.

For more information, e-mail teamfreds25@yahoo.com.

(New Info) Book Signing

Roger Miller will sign his book, "An Inside Look at the Long Gray Line" from 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. May 20 at USMA Cadet Bookstore on the fourth floor, Thayer Hall.

Family Fun Day

The Children's Angel Network of Highland Falls is hosting its 2nd annual St. Jude's Family Fun Day May 22 at Holy Innocents Church, Main Street, Highland Falls.

Come and enjoy an afternoon of pony rides, a petting zoo, vendors, food and a giant slide.

The event is free, but donations are being accepted for the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

For more information, call 446-2030.

(New Info) Veterans' Spring Picnic

The Orange County Veterans Coalition will host the 2010 Orange County Veterans Spring Picnic and Resource Fair from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. May 23 at the Thomas Bull Memorial Park, Day Camp Pavilion on Route 416 in Montgomery.

Veterans and their Families will receive

information covering a wide variety of veteran benefits and concerns by participating government agencies and veteran assistance groups.

Captain Squeeze and the Zydeco Moshers will perform and participants can relax with a free picnic-style Family barbecue with hamburgers, hot dogs, salads and cold drinks.

For more information, call 291-2470.

(New Info) HHC Change-of-Command

Headquarters and Headquarters Company U.S. Army Garrison West Point will have a change of command ceremony at 10 a.m. May 26 at the West Point Club's Grand Ballroom.

(New Info) Memorial Day activities

Honor our nation's fallen Soldiers at the New Windsor Cantonment at 2 p.m. May 31. Enjoy watching the cantonment staff in 18th century dress and performing a ceremony to honor our nation's veterans at the cemetery site. Admission is free.

From 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m., visitors will see Soldiers performing musket drills, blacksmithing and other activities performed at the original encampment.

In addition to the special programs and activities, the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor and the New Windsor Cantonment Visitor Center are open.

For more information, call 561-1765.

(New Info) The Embroiderers' Guild of America

The Mid-Hudson Chapter of the Embroiders' Guild of America is hosting a needlework show from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. June 5 and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. June 6 at the Jenack Appraisers Gallery on Route 13A, the Sugar Loaf Bypass Road.

For more information, call Marie at 986-7316 or Nancy at 783-4657.

Speed and Agility Camp

All sports are based on speed and quickness.

The "It's Okay To Be Fast" camp will help increase linear speed and lateral quickness by learning how to run correctly.

All classes are at the Foley Center. The dates of the camp are:

- June 19 for ages 12-15;
- June 20 for ages 16-19;
- June 26 for ages 12-15;
- June 27 for ages 16-19;
- July 10 for ages 16-19 for football specific drills.

Registration is available online at www.goarmysports.com.

For further information, call Brett Gerch at 938-8047.

Vacation Bible School

The Vacation Bible School needs adult/teenager and pre-teen volunteers from June 21-25 at the West Point Elementary School.

Volunteer positions include music, games, Bible story, crafts, crew and assistant crew leaders.

If interested in volunteering, contact Melissa Prosperie at 859-4351 or e-mail her at mprosperie@hvc.rr.com.

Clearwater Great Hudson River Revival

Inspired by Pete Seeger's desire to clean up the Hudson River more than 40 years ago, the Clearwater's Great Hudson River Revival is now a yearly festival with music, dancing, storytellers, crafts and the sloop Clearwater and the schooner Mystic Whaler will be conducting sails throughout the weekend as well as rides offered on smaller boats.

This year's event is June 19-20 at Croton Point Park in Croton-on-Hudson.

For more information, call 418-3596 or go to www.clearwaterfestival.org.

Boys Basketball Camp

Army Men's Basketball Head Coach Zach Spiker is directing the 2010 West Point Boys Basketball Camp July 5-9.

Boys ages 8-18 are welcome to participate. Early registration is suggested.

For more information, call 446-4996 ext. 119 or visit www.goarmysports.com.

(New Info) Wrestling Camps

There are three wrestling camps offered this summer at West Point. The dates are:

- July 6-10, "Ranger Style" intensive camp;
- July 18-22, Competition/technique Camp;
- July 18-22, Kids Camp.

It is an intense training environment for ages 12-18 at the regular camps and for ages 9-12 at the Kids Camp.

Register online at www.goarmysports.com. For more information or to inquire about a brochure, call 938-7671 or e-mail ryan.wilman@usma.edu or rafael.vega@usma.edu.

Girls Basketball Camp

Army Women's Basketball will hold positional series of clinics from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Aug. 1-3. Girls must be ages 8-18 to participate.

Fine tune your game with West Point basketball coaches and increase your positional IQ.

Registration is required through the camp section of www.goarmysports.com.

Second Division Reunion

The Second (Indianhead) Division Association is searching for anyone who ever served in the 2nd Infantry Division at any time.

For information about the association and its annual reunion in Danvers, Mass., from Aug. 18-22, visit the association's Web site at www.2ida.org or contact Mike Davino at (808) 744-5062.

Army softball sweeps Colgate, earns No. 1 seed

By Mady Salvani
Athletic Communications

Army swept both ends of a Patriot League softball doubleheader from Colgate to capture the conference regular-season title for the third time in school history as the team rallied with a five-run sixth inning for a 5-1 nightcap win after taking the first game, 7-3, May 7 in Hamilton, N.Y.

The Black Knights (32-18, 15-5 PL) broke the school record for wins at the Division I level with the sweep and they're just one win shy of the overall mark of 33 set in 1988, while tying their league wins mark of 15—first set in 1994.

Yearling center fielder Reanna Johnson went 3-for-5 with four runs driven in and three runs scored and Firstie catcher Erin McClain went 6-for-7 with two RBI and a run scored in the sweep.

Yearling hurlers Shawna Bleyl and Beverly Nordin went the distance in both wins as Army snapped Lehigh's run of 11 straight regular-season titles in claiming the crown and top seed in 2010. Lehigh posted a 14-6 league mark and would have clinched the title had Army faltered and lost a game to Colgate.

McClain was 4-for-4 with two RBI and Johnson ripped a two-run homer as Army took a step closer to capturing the regular-season Patriot League title with a first game 7-3 win.

The Black Knights snapped a 2-2 tie on Cow designated player Angela Deger's two-run single with two outs in the bottom of the third inning scoring Yearling pinch runner Natalia Gruenbaum and Yearling first baseman Alexis AuBuchon to pull ahead 4-2.

Colgate drew to within a run of Army, 4-3, in the top of the fifth inning with two outs and bases loaded.

Bleyl nipped that comeback with a groundout to the second baseman en route to retiring the final seven batters she faced. The sophomore right-hander was touched for eight hits, struck out two and walked three batters in going the distance for the seventh time this season and 19th in her career.

Army padded its lead to 6-3 with two outs in the bottom of the fifth inning on Johnson's home run to left center field with McClain on board after she ripped a leadoff single and moved to second on a wild pitch. The round tripper was Johnson's third of the season.

In the nightcap, Colgate jumped out to a 1-0 lead on Jennifer Ortega's leadoff home run in the top of the second inning. Army threatened in the bottom of that frame in loading the bases, but Courtney O'Connell (8-6) got out of that jam on a groundout.

O'Connell did not allow Army into scoring position over the next three innings, yielding just one hit, but the Black Knights rallied in the sixth inning as they batted around collecting six hits along with five runs to take the game.

With one out, McClain ripped a single to left field and AuBuchon followed with a double up the middle. The bases became loaded when Plebe right fielder Tiffany Held was hit by a pitch.

Johnson, who struck out in her last at bat after opening with a single, laced a double to left center field to deliver the tying and go-ahead runs.

Held, who reached third on that hit, scored on a wild pitch. Deger's groundout delivered Johnson for the fourth run.

With two outs and no one on base, Cow second baseman Jessica Garcia smacked a single to right field and moved into scoring position on Firstie left fielder Jenna Tomlinson's single up the middle.

Plebe shortstop Alex Reynolds singled up the middle to knock in Garcia for the final run of the game as Army padded its lead to 5-1.

Nordin retired seven of the final eight batters she faced and did not let the ball out of the infield in the seventh.

Nordin caught a popup for the final out as the team broke onto the field to celebrate the sweep.

The right-hander evened her season mark at 7-7 on the season and allowed just one run over seven innings scattering six hits, striking out four and issuing no walks.

"We say a lot to the team, but I like to be on the side sometimes and let the players take over," first-year coach Michelle DePolo commented following Army's rallying sixth inning. "They knew what was at stake and they knew what they needed to do. It was 1-0 and what was great for us is that we have been in this situation a lot this year and have come from behind.

"I was not worried about us scoring runs, but I was worried about the defense continuing to hold Colgate to one run while our offense found its groove," DePolo added. "I am very much a defensive coach and believe that is what wins games in the end. However, we practice hitting the ball well, how to be smart in the box and knowing what we need to do to get the job done (in the batter's box)."

The three-day double-elimination Patriot League Tournament begins Thursday and runs through Saturday at the Army Softball Complex with the times yet to be decided. As host and top seed, Army will play Colgate in the opening round at 4:30 p.m. today, while No. 2 seed Lehigh takes on No. 3 Bucknell.



Yearling pitcher Beverly Nordin pitched a complete game victory to help Army clinch its third regular season title in school history. Nordin retired seven of the final eight batters she faced and caught a popup to end the game. She evened her record at 7-7 while allowing just six hits and one run during the 5-1 win.

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Did You Know? ... By winning the Patriot League Tournament with two more victories, Army would break a school record for wins and return to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2002.

Men's lax to face two-time defending champs

By Tim Volkman
Athletic Communications

The Army lacrosse team plays two-time defending champion Syracuse in the first round of the NCAA Division I Championships at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at the Carrier Dome as the 16-team pairings were announced.

Sunday's matchup marks the third time the two New York rivals have met in the NCAA Tournament.

Army opened the 1984 tournament with an 8-7 victory over Penn, before falling to the host Orange, 11-9, in the program's first and only appearance in the national semifinals.

Syracuse also defeated Army, 12-3, in the opening round of the 1996 tournament in a game hosted by Cornell.

"Our guys are fired up to be part of the tournament and be one of the final 16 teams standing," Army head coach Joe Alberici said. "We were pretty certain we would get a tough draw, and Syracuse certainly fits the bill. We are going to go to work on them this week and we hope to come out on Sunday playing our best lacrosse."

Army is making its 16th overall appearance in the NCAA Tournament after winning its ninth Patriot League Championship and first since the conference went to a tournament format in 2004.

The Black Knights own a 3-15 mark in the NCAA Tournament with their last victory coming in 1993 against Maryland 15-11.

"Syracuse is a tough team. It definitely helps that they are a familiar opponent and we know a lot of their strengths and weaknesses," Cow attackman Jeremy Boltus said. "But they are a different team than when we first saw them, just like we are a different team, too. It will be a tough task, but it is an amazing opportunity to be playing in the last game on Sunday night in the first round of the tournament against the two-time defending champs."

The two teams met Feb. 28 this season. Trailing 5-2 at halftime, Army scored three unanswered goals to tie the game with 6:52 left in the third quarter, but Syracuse answered with four-straight goals of its own and finished the game on a 7-2 run to take the



Plebe attackman Garrett Thul (#9) has potted 38 goals this season for Army. Heading into the NCAA Tournament game against Syracuse, if Thul reaches 40 goals with two more Sunday, it will be the 11th time in Black Knights' lacrosse history a player has reached that mark.

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12-7 victory.

Boltus led the way with two goals and three assists, while Cow goalkeeper Tom Palesky finished one save short of his career-high (21) to keep Army within striking distance all afternoon.

Army leads the all-time series with Syracuse by a 38-19 advantage, but only

three of those wins have come since 1980. The Black Knights' most recent victory in the series was an 8-6 upset Feb. 23, 2007, when the Orange started the season as the preseason number-one ranked team in the country.

Army is one of only five current Division I teams that has a winning record against the 11-time national champions.

The Black Knights, Johns Hopkins (26-21-1), Virginia (14-12), Maryland (8-6) and Navy (18-8) are the only teams that have over a .500 record opposite the Orange.

The winner of Sunday's game will advance to take on either seventh-seeded Cornell or Loyola in the tournament quarterfinals at 2:30 p.m. May 23.

Martin, Gordon take gold at USASA National Championships



Yearling Joshua Gordon took first place in the Slopestyle competition at nationals in the skiers (ages 19 and over) division.

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Catskill Mountain Series

The Catskill Mountain Series National Team recently returned from the USA Snowboarding and FreeSki Association's National Championships held in late April at Copper Mountain, Colo. The CMS National Team consisted of 68 snowboarders and skiers who competed with 1,524 athletes from 32 regions across the United States.

Yearling Joshua Martin took first place in the Slopestyle competition at nationals in the skiers (ages 19 and over) division. Firstie John Gordon took first place in the Halfpipe in the skiers (ages 19 and over) division.

Bob Basil, Catskill Mountain Series Director, said he is happy to have so many of his athletes qualify for the National Championships.

"I'm always proud of all our athletes who compete at the championships and I'm extremely pleased with Joshua and John's wins," Basil said.

Gordon has been competing with the

Catskill Mountain Series since 2008, and Martin started competing with CMS this season.

"Joshua and John are hard-working, talented skiers," Basil said. "These wins showcase their ability and commitment to training."

Catskill Mountain Series Regional Pro/Am events are centered on fun and skill development in a relaxed competitive environment. The series offers a true grassroots competition experience with safe, fun and fair events which allow aspiring competitors of all ages to get together and have some fun.

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TODAY-SATURDAY — SOFTBALL, PATRIOT LEAGUE TOURNAMENT (DOUBLE ELIMINATION), TIMES TBA. ARMY FACES COLGATE IN OPENING ROUND, 4:30 P.M., TODAY, ARMY SOFTBALL COMPLEX.	LEAGUE TOURNAMENT SEMIFINALS (GAMES 1 AND 2) vs. BUCKNELL, NOON, DOUBLEDAY FIELD.
SATURDAY — BASEBALL, PATRIOT	SUNDAY — BASEBALL, PATRIOT LEAGUE TOURNAMENT SEMIFINALS (GAME 3, IF NECESSARY) vs. BUCKNELL, 1 P.M., DOUBLEDAY FIELD.