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New cadets finish their final week of Cadet Basic Training before testing their skills at the Neel Challenge today and Friday. The new cadets will return to West Point Monday after completing March Back. **MIKE STRASSER/PV**



ACAP supports career success for Soldiers

By Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch
U.S. Army Installation Management
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Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch

The decision to transition out of uniform is as important as the initial decision to put it on. Soldiers deserve as much support at this critical point in their service as they do during the earlier parts of their career. That is why the Army provides the Army Career and Alumni Program and is working to make ACAP even more effective.

ACAP delivers transition and job assistance services to Soldiers to support them in making informed career decisions.

These services include pre-separation counseling, Veteran Affairs benefits briefings and Department of Labor Transition Assistance Program workshops, which cover career planning, job searches, resumé writing and interviewing.

ACAP services are available to separating and retiring active component Soldiers, demobilizing Reserve and National Guard Soldiers, family members, retirees and civilians affected by BRAC, reduction in force or global realignment.

In April 2010, the Vice Chief of Staff of the Army directed a thorough review of ACAP, which included visits to ACAP centers and thousands of interviews with Soldiers

and civilians. The study found that while Soldiers are allowed to use ACAP services up to two years prior to retirement or one year prior to separation, they do not always have leadership support in doing more than the minimum required by law, which is attending the pre-separation briefing no later than 90 days prior to separation. However, just meeting the letter of the law is too little, too late. The more Soldiers are able to use ACAP services, the more successful their transition.

Based on the study results and the Vice Chief of Staff's guidance, over the next few months ACAP is implementing an enhanced 12-month transition program model focused on helping Soldiers develop an Individual Transition Plan and put it into action.

Under this choice-based, results-oriented model, Soldiers will have the opportunity to spend up to 60-70 hours accessing ACAP resources, including the pre-separation briefing, the two-and-a-half day Transition Assistance Program workshop, the four-hour VA briefing and individual counseling sessions. The TAP workshop is also being updated, to incorporate development of the Individual Transition Plan.

The 12-month timeframe is designed to minimize conflict with unit mission requirements and enable Soldiers to take full advantage of ACAP resources. About four out of 10 eligible Soldiers who start ACAP decide to re-enlist or join the

National Guard or Reserves, while others need to get a solid start preparing for the next phase of their careers, whether it is going to school, starting a new job or starting a business. New policy and guidance on the transition program will be issued in the first quarter of FY12.

The key to making ACAP as effective as possible is leader commitment. ACAP is a commander's program. Soldiers will take off the uniform at some point, whether through separation or retirement, and it is up to leaders to take care of them until the very last day. Taking care of Soldiers includes supporting their active participation in ACAP and, if Soldiers decide to separate, making sure no stigma is attached to their decision.

It is smart business to support Soldiers' use of ACAP. In FY10, the Army spent more than \$500 million in unemployment compensation for veterans, a number expected to rise even higher in FY11. The Army is looking to reduce that amount by better preparing Soldiers to enter the civilian workforce.

More to the point, it is the right thing to do—to support Soldiers' transition planning. Transition is stressful under the best of circumstances, and right now Soldiers are facing a tough job market. We have to equip our Soldiers to take the skills and values they learned in the Army and translate them into success in the next phase of their career.

When Soldiers take off the uniform, we want them to know they made the right choice for themselves, their careers and their families when they put it on in the first place. It's the least we can do for their service and sacrifices.

Expect traffic delays during March Back Monday

By Matt Cassidy
DPTMS

The Cadet Basic Training Regiment will conduct its annual March Back to West Point Monday.

During this scheduled event, West Point personnel may experience traffic delays at the Round Pond entrance to the 9W intersection from 4:30-10 a.m.

At 11:45 a.m., the new cadets are scheduled to move from the Victor Constant Ski Slope for the final portion of March Back.

During entrance into Washington Gate, individuals traveling on Route 218 will experience delays since traffic

will be stopped from the Ski Slope parking lot to Washington Gate. Once the new cadets enter the installation, the Military Police will prevent vehicles from entering Washington Road until the regiment turns onto Jefferson Road at the 101 intersection at approximately 12:30 p.m.

Personnel entering or exiting the installation on the routes and during the times noted above should use alternate routes to prevent experiencing any delays. Anyone expecting deliveries affected by the routes and during the times noted above should make arrangements to adjust the delivery times, as appropriate.

For further information, contact DPTMS at 938-3650 or 6909.



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

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(Above) New cadets from Company A practiced firing the M203 grenade launcher at targets with four practice rounds and then one high-explosive round. At the crew-served weapons range, new cadets were also instructed on the AT4 rocket launcher and the Claymore mine. (Right) New cadets assigned to Company A were on the range July 28 for weapons familiarization. Soldiers attached to the 3rd Battalion, 304th Training Regiment out of Lewiston, Maine, instructed new cadets on the assembly and firing of the M249 SAW (squad automatic weapon) and the M240 machine gun. Following a safety briefing, they learned the main differences between the two machine guns and the field environments where they are most effective. Before sending rounds downrange, the new cadets practiced loading and clearing the weapons and what to do if they malfunction. With field training completed, the Class of 2015 will tackle the Neel Challenge today and Friday, followed by March Back Monday.



Challenging day for new cadets

Neel Challenge physically, mentally tests Class of 2015's confidence, proficiency

Story and photos by Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor

The challenge is on.

Before the day even began for most early-morning risers, the new cadets and Cadet Basic Training cadre were already awake and taking on the Neel Challenge today.

The Neel Challenge is the culminating military skills test for the Class of 2015, named in honor of 1st Lt. Phillip Neel, a Class of 2005 graduate who was killed April 2007 while supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The event takes everything they've learned throughout CBT, scatters it throughout the Camp Buckner training areas and allows squads of new cadets to demonstrate confidence and proficiency in their Soldier skills and problem-solving abilities.

"Furthermore, we are also looking to validate some of the overall outcomes of Cadet Basic Training, such as mental and physical toughness, being a reliable member of a team and the ability to demonstrate disciplined initiative," Class of 2012 Cadet Colby Brunette, CBT regimental commander, said. "It

What's Happening

- New cadets have all but completed Cadet Basic Training as they are currently engaged in the Neel Challenge

- Awards will be presented this weekend to the CBT Regiment and cadre

- The Class of 2015 will return to West Point Monday after completing March Back

- The CBT cadre will prepare new cadets for Acceptance Day and the transition from military training to a mindset focused on the upcoming academic semester

is going to be long and challenging, but that is why this class came to West Point: to push themselves and to be amazed at what they can accomplish."

Four companies take on the challenge today, with another four completing it Friday. Squads finish at the 1st Lt. Neel Memorial where the fallen Soldier's parents will be present to congratulate the new cadets for finishing the challenge. The family will also present awards at a ceremony Saturday.

"This challenge is all about paying respect to a fallen comrade and to his family," the CBT S-3 officer, Class of 2012 Cadet Artur Liamin, said. "Having the family here helps new cadets understand what it means to be part of the military family and about joining a brotherhood."

Class of 2012 Cadet Glenn Meyer, the CBT operations officer, said the challenge focuses on the major skill sets at each station—whether it be evacuating and treating a casualty or reporting a nine-line medical evacuation.

"We're going to be looking to see if they can shoot, move, communicate and survive ... but also critical thinking and problem-solving is essential," Meyer said.

On July 29, Company A squads were scattered around Trophy Point preparing for an upcoming rappelling lane and live-fire exercise. They were also training up for some of the Neel Challenge events, like assembling the field antenna and plugging in frequencies on the ASIP radio to communicate a report.

Class of 2012 Cadet Merlin Boone led 3rd Platoon, Co. A through some of that training for the Neel Challenge, which he said is essentially a leadership exercise for the new cadets.

"We're performing the train-up on a squad-level basis so we really need our squads to be able to operate on these tasks without the support of the cadre," Boone said. "None of the squads have really been able to act independently on a lot of the lanes—primarily for safety reasons. So this assessment will challenge the most fundamental group, the squad, and give them an opportunity to lead instead of follow."

Class of 2013 Cadet Mark Owens, the platoon sergeant in 3rd Platoon, Co. A, said the refresher training helps fine-tune some of the things new cadets may not have fully understood before or didn't get enough of the hands-on approach they needed. From what he saw that day, Owens was confident that Co. A was motivated and ready for the challenge.

"I've seen nothing but high motivation this entire detail," Owens said. "This is a really tight-knit group and I can't stress enough about their motivation which pumps up the cadre and keeps us going."

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Pictured are the grenades found in areas of West Point, including one found behind the West Point Middle School July 27. Weston Solutions is searching for unexploded munitions and the grenade found, although a possible WWII munition, still had gun powder inside. The team detonated the grenade and others found in other areas as a precaution. Residents in the Barry Road area were evacuated while technicians retrieved munitions in the area. Other historical artifacts, such as a civil war-era cannonball and a shoe buckle dating back to the Revolutionary War were also found behind the school.

Munitions found during remedial investigation project

Story and photo by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

West Point has a rich history dating back to the Revolutionary War—and proof of this history is often found during construction with the excavation of historical artifacts and sometimes, unexploded ordnance.

This was the case July 28 when Weston Solutions, part of a remedial investigation project that began in March to determine if any hazards related to munitions exist on 10 sites around West Point, found a World War II-era grenade that still had gunpowder inside. The munitions were found behind the West Point Middle School along with a Civil War-era cannonball and a Revolutionary War-era belt buckle.

“We found a grenade and about 2,000 (pieces of) munitions debris in the area,” Jeff Sanborn, Directorate of Public Works, Environmental Management Division director, said. “We evacuated many of the residents on Barry Road just as a precaution. The grenade was taken away to a safe area and exploded.”

The U.S. Army Garrison—West Point and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers,

Baltimore District began a remedial investigation of the sites encompassing 510 acres around West Point under the Army’s Military Munitions Response Program in March. The sites were predominantly associated with military training in artillery used by cadets from the mid-1800s to the mid-1900s.

Ridding the area of unexploded ordnance and munitions debris is an important safety concern. After the 1999 fires on Storm King Mountain, unexploded ordnance left over from 19th century training were found and caused the mountain to close for hiking until October 2002. During the building of the West Point motor pool on Route 293, an unexploded ordnance was found during the site excavation.

After completion of the remedial study, which is in its second phase, a report will summarize what was done and the results of the study. The report will be available to the West Point community at the USMA library, West Point community library, Highland Falls library and Alice Curtis Desmond and Hamilton Fish Library.

For more information on this project, contact Jeff Sanborn at 938-5041.



HHC welcomes new commander

Col. Michael Tarsa, garrison commander, hands the colors of Headquarters and Headquarters Company to Capt. Marc C. Vielledent, the incoming HHC commander, and Class of 2005 graduate, July 29 at Eisenhower Hall. Vielledent arrives from Fort Lewis, Wash. Outgoing commander Capt. Matthew Pride (right), will head to his next duty station at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., later this year.

KATHY EASTWOOD/PV



New cadets assigned to Company E made it through the Mountain Challenge obstacles July 29. The Mountain Obstacle Course is designed as a timed event for squads to negotiate four obstacles with the emphasis on teamwork. Squads will be tested on their ability to work together again during the Neel Challenge.

MIKE STRASSER/PV

CBT Challenge, cont'd from Page 3

Brunette joined Company C on its final CBT ruck march July 29—a 10-mile trek from the range through the Ski Slope and to the barracks. Having observed a lot of the training firsthand, the regimental commander was impressed with the results.

“I have complete and utter faith in the training the new cadets have received over this summer,” Brunette said. “First detail laid a great foundation of discipline and basic skills that second detail was able to utilize. I attribute a lot of the success to the tireless effort of the cadet chain of command. They never wasted a moment and always sought to prepare their new cadets not only for the academic year, but also for their future Army career.”

While occupying the top leadership position in the CBT Regiment, Brunette keyed in on the squad

leaders as being most critical to the success of this summer detail.

“Each one was constantly looking for ways to train their squad effectively,” Brunette said. “They recognized early on that everyone is different and provided individualized attention when it was needed.”

Nearly a week from now, the new cadets will officially be accepted into the Corps of Cadets and claim their position as plebes in the Class of 2015. When they march onto the Plain for the Acceptance Day parade, Brunette said the new class will have earned its place at West Point.

“The Class of 2015 itself had a huge role in their own success,” he said. “The class profile speaks for itself; just less than 9 percent of the class were high school valedictorians. Each and every step of the

About 1st Lt. Phillip Neel

When the Class of 2015 completes the culminating test of Cadet Basic Training, they will have honored the service and sacrifice of a fellow West Pointer.

The military skills test is named the Neel Challenge in honor of 1st Lt. Phillip I. Neel, a Class of 2005 graduate, who died at the age of 27 while serving in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The Fredericksburg, Texas, native was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

He deployed with his unit to Iraq and died April 8, 2007, of wounds suffered when his unit came in contact with enemy forces using grenades.

Neel was a 1998 graduate of Fredericksburg High School and had previously deployed as a paratrooper to Kosovo before deciding to continue his career as a commissioned officer.

At West Point, he was on the academy's parachute team and participated in national competitions, performing group



1st Lt. Phillip I. Neel

aerial designs and formations during free-fall events.

His military awards and decorations prior to his death included the Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Kosovo Campaign Medal with Bronze Star, Global War on Terrorism (Service) Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Expert Infantryman Badge, the Parachute Badge and the Italian Parachutist badge.

way this class has been ready and willing to accept the lessons of CBT. I have seen their determination to complete training despite injuries, on their pre-dawn foot marches and through their attitude overall. Make no mistake—this class is more than ready to join the Corps.”

SHARP Response Team

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- Maj. Missy Rosol, USCC: 845-401-3476;
- Lt. Col. Linda Emerson, Diversity Officer: 845-590-1249.

Support or More Information

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24/7 Victim Advocacy

- Dan Toohey, Installation: 914-382-8180;
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- On-call Behavioral Health: 845-938-4004;
- Duty Chaplain: 845-401-8171.

Cadets cover Israel in 10 days

Submitted by the Department of Defense and Strategic Studies

For the fourth consecutive year, cadets and faculty from the Defense and Strategic Studies major traveled to Israel for an Advanced Individual Academic Development experience.

They were escorted by members of the Israeli Defense Force from the northern border with Lebanon and Syria, to a city outside of the Gaza Strip, to observation points along the Egyptian border, and ending in a visit to Jerusalem. Israel is roughly the size of the state of New Jersey, so it was possible to travel the entire country within just 10 days.

Class of 2012 Cadets Samantha Abernathy, Mark Courey, James Lewis and Jacob Henry, along with Maj. Kelli Moon, Defense and Strategic Studies assistant professor, first traveled to the Golani Training Base, where they met with various Infantry platoon leaders of the IDF and were able to witness a presentation of their capabilities in open terrain.

They traveled to an observation point along the border with Lebanon to discuss Israeli points of weakness and lessons learned during the Second Lebanon War in 2006 with Hezbollah.

On the third day, they traveled to the Naval Instruction Base in Haifa. There, cadets sat on a panel with Israeli Naval Academy cadets and shared a mutual learning experience about the differences in their respective academies.

They also participated in patrol boat and submarine simulations.

From there, everyone traveled to Sderot, a city about five kilometers outside of the Gaza Strip. The city's proximity has allowed it to be under close fire of rockets from Hamas terrorists and has led to bomb shelters being built on every street corner, attached to every home and on every school playground.

There, cadets received an explanation of Operation "Cast Lead," also known as the Gaza War in December 2008.

In observance of the Jewish holy day of Shabbat, the group had some free time in the city of Eilat. Nearly one year ago, Hamas operatives in Egypt were responsible for firing rockets on Eilat and the Jordanian city of Aqaba.

Nevertheless, Eilat remains a tourist attraction for its waterfront appeal and nightlife. Taking advantage of this tourist area, the team enjoyed scuba diving in the Red Sea.

On the seventh day abroad, the group traveled along the Egyptian border to Karakal Base, where they learned the challenges of this zone.

One battalion is responsible for 50 miles of border and 40 miles of depth, rough terrain, and defending against the smuggling of weapons, drugs and people. From there, they traveled to the Officer Training School, where they once again met with cadets and shared the differences in officer training.

Nearing the end of their trip, they visited the National Training Center where they observed Israeli Armor capabilities and discussed Armor tactics with platoon leaders.

The AIAD concluded with a visit to the Holocaust museum and to one of the world's cultural treasures, the Old City of Jerusalem.



West Point cadets and faculty enjoyed a scuba diving excursion in the Red Sea in July.
PHOTO BY THE ISRAELI DEFENSE FORCE



Cadets discuss Israeli Armor tactics with an Israeli Defense Force platoon leader.

PHOTO BY MAJ KELLI MOON

West Point Concert Band presents “A Night at the Movies”

The West Point Concert Band will continue its popular “Music Under the Stars” series at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at West Point’s beautiful Trophy Point Amphitheatre. Titled “A Night at the Movies,” the performance features a collection of well-known music from cinema. This concert is free and open to the public.

Lt. Col. Jim Keene will take the baton and lead the Concert Band through an array of popular works. Highlights include music from Michael Giacchino’s “The Incredibles” and a medley of Hans Zimmer’s “Pirates of the Caribbean.” The concert will also feature John Williams themes from “Jurassic Park,” “Indiana Jones” and “Harry Potter.”

Please allow extra travel time for the 100 percent vehicle and photo I.D. inspection at Stony Lonesome and Thayer gates. Due to changing security requirements at West Point, call the Academy Band’s hotline at 845-938-2617, or check www.westpoint.edu/special before leaving for the concert.

The West Point Band is proud to support Army Community Service’s effort to collect food for the Food Bank of the Hudson Valley. A donation box will be available at Trophy Point concerts through Aug. 31. The most desired items include canned fruits/vegetables, cereal, rice, pasta, canned soup, canned proteins (tuna, chicken), peanut butter, canned 100 percent juice and paper products such as paper towels and bathroom tissue.

For concert information, cancellations and updates, call the Academy Band’s 24-hour hotline at (845) 938-2617 or visit www.westpointband.com.



USMA BAND PHOTO

West Point community gathers for National Night Out



A firetruck is always a favorite with children and this was no different when children climbed aboard at the National Night Out event, sponsored by Balfour Beatty Communities, Tuesday at the Post Exchange parking lot. Participants also enjoyed hot dogs and soft drinks while adults picked up information on emergency preparedness from the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, American Red Cross and the Directorate of Emergency Services.

PHOTOS BY KATHY EASTWOOD/PV



(Above) Sisters Ahuva and Avigail Felzenberg demonstrate their skill at spinning hula hoops at the National Night Out celebration Tuesday at the Post Exchange parking lot. The girls competed for a \$25 gift card. National Night Out events appear across the nation in August to increase awareness of crime and generate local support for local anti-crime efforts. The Army's antiterrorism efforts include the iWatch campaign to enhance terrorism awareness within the Army community.



(Above) Military and civilian volunteers served a hungry crowd during the National Night Out event. Participants enjoyed hot dogs and soft drinks outside the Post Exchange parking lot Tuesday.

WELCOME TO WEST POINT

On-Post Housing— Home Sweet Home



A view of the new homes in Stony Lonesome I as RCI continues to improve West Point's housing inventory. The initial development period will continue through 2016 and create 160 new homes.

MIKE STRASSER/PV

Submitted by Balfour Beatty Communities

The West Point RCI Project is a partnership between Balfour Beatty Communities and the Army. Balfour Beatty Communities, as the private partner, is the managing member of the partnership. As such, they are responsible for the day-to-day operation of the community management function (housing assignments and maintenance) as well as the successful completion of the new construction and renovation programs.

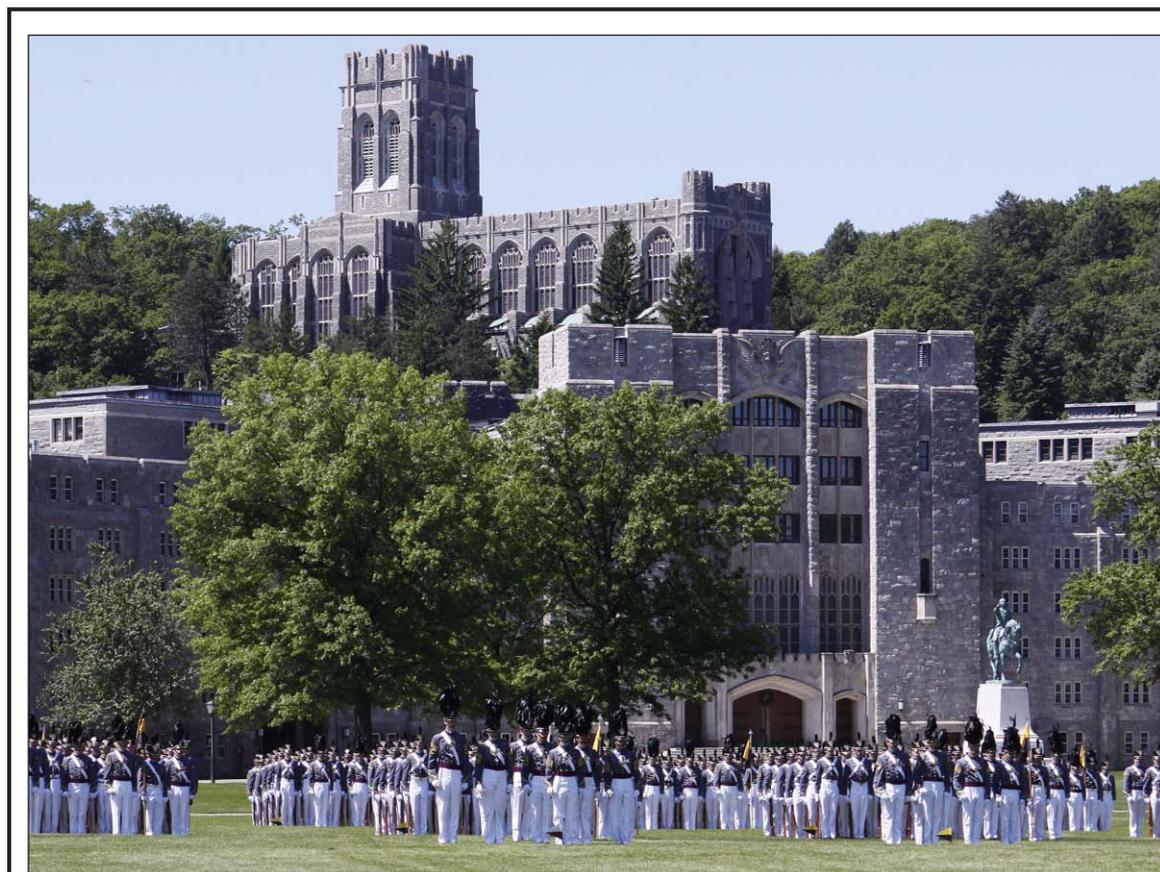
The Army provides oversight to the project and is consulted on all major decisions affecting the project. It operates under a 50-year lease.

The initial development period for the project is eight years and ends in July 2016. During the IDP, the project plan involves the demolition of 196 homes and the construction of 160 new homes.

Additionally, 317 historic homes will be renovated. The renovation plan includes the conversion of 174 duplex or multiplex homes into 87 single Family homes. West Point will have a total of 824 homes at the end of the IDP.

This list describes the basic scope of work in each neighborhood during the IDP:

- General Officers Quarters—Full renovation;
- Grey Ghost—Utility meters for existing homes. The two homes that burned in 2008 will be rebuilt;
- Lee Area Quints and Triples—Full renovation to include a first floor bump-out in the rear;
- Lee Area Doubles—Full renovation;
- Stony Lonesome I—Demolition of all 190 units and construction of 158 new units;
- Stony Lonesome II—Utility meters;
- New Brick—Utility meters;
- Old Brick—Conversion from eight-plex to four-plex, full renovation;
- Merritt Road—Conversion from duplex to single Family homes, full renovation;
- Washington Road—Conversion from duplex to single Family homes, full renovation;
- Biddle Loop—Conversion from duplex to single Family homes, full renovation;
- Band—Conversion from duplex to single Family homes, full renovation;
- North and South Apartments—The basement and attic apartments will be converted to storage space for residents. Four of the remaining two-bedroom apartments will remain and receive a full renovation.



225 Years of Excellence

The history of West Point is integral to the history of the United States of America. Established in 1786, 16 years before Thomas Jefferson approved the founding of the U.S. Military Academy, West Point is the oldest continuously occupied military post in America. The academy graduated such leaders as Ulysses S. Grant and Robert E. Lee, John J. Pershing and Douglas MacArthur, Dwight D. Eisenhower and George S. Patton, among the more than 60,000 graduates. Renowned as the world's premier leader development institution, West Point accomplishes its mission by developing cadets intellectually, physically, militarily, ethically, spiritually and socially. The student body, or Corps of Cadets, numbers 4,400 and each year approximately 1,000 cadets join the Long Gray Line as they graduate as commissioned second lieutenants in the U.S. Army.

TOMMY GILLIGAN/WEST POINT PAO

The other four two-bedroom apartments will be converted to four-bedroom apartments;

- Professor's Row—Minor renovation to provide central AC;

- Old English North—The four units that were recently renovated by the Army will receive a minor renovation (central AC). The other four will receive a full renovation;

- Old English South—The 18 units that were recently renovated by the Army will receive a minor renovation (central AC). The other five will receive a full renovation;

- Lusk—The 28 senior officer homes will receive a full renovation. The USMA CSM home was recently renovated by the Army and will receive a minor renovation (central AC);

- Wilson Road—Full

renovation;

- Special Category—These various homes scattered throughout the cantonment area will all receive a full renovation. Some will be converted back into single Family homes.

The general scope of work for a full renovation consists of fixing all mechanical and aesthetic defects to the home, adding central air conditioning if needed, replacing appliances as needed, and renovating the kitchens and bathrooms with tile floors and granite counters.

Some homes recently renovated by the Army will undergo a minor renovation that primarily involves installing central air conditioning.

The Stony Lonesome I project will be completed in November. The

current schedule is:

Demolition:

- 190 units—Completed;

New Construction:

- 112 units—Completed;

- 46 units—through November.

The renovation schedule spans the entire IDP through 2016.

Detailed planning of the renovation schedule has been completed. Every effort is being made to minimize forced moves and to relocate the Families on post in an appropriate home.

The project is looking for residents to voluntarily move into a recently renovated home in the same neighborhood.

In all cases where the development plan causes a resident to relocate, on- or off-post, the See **POST HOUSING, Page 13**

Submitted by Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Welcome to Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation at West Point. We heartily subscribe to the tenet that military Families should enjoy the same level of service they would expect in their civilian hometowns, and we strive to enhance your quality of life. The team members of FMWR encourage you, your family and loved ones to explore and participate in the myriad of programs at FMWR.

For up-to-date information regarding FMWR special events and activities, visit our website at westpointmwr.com or find us on Facebook.

Take a peek inside West Point FMWR activities and events:

Army Community Service

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Need items to help you get settled? The ACS Lending Closet can help with a variety of items such as kitchen kits, twin-size cots, tables and chairs, microwaves and much more.

Soldier and Family Assistance Center

(Bldg. 626, 2nd floor, 938-2519)—The

SFAC mission is to provide assistance and support services for wounded, ill and injured Soldiers, wounded Department of Defense civilians, and their Families. The West Point SFAC serves Warriors in Transition and their Families across the Northeast.

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The Auto Shop is a licensed New York State Motor Vehicle inspection site.

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers

(Bldg. 628, 938-6497)—West Point's Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers gives single Soldiers, geographical bachelors and single parents the opportunity to have fun, make a difference in the community, and ensure a better quality of life. Take advantage of weekend trips, whether it's snowboarding in Vermont or getting drenched at Niagara Falls. Impact the community by volunteering at the local Veterans' Hospital or helping at an FMWR event. BOSS is here to help you make the most of your time at West Point!

Bowling Center

(Bldg. 622, 938-2140/8142)—The Bowling Center is a state-of-the-art, air-conditioned, 10-lane bowling facility complete with Lil' Skeeters BBQ and Primo's Pizza restaurants that are open seven days a week. Leagues and open bowling are available or have fun with Galactic bowling Fridays and Saturdays from 5-11 p.m. Don't miss out on Dollar Night Wednesdays—dollar shoe rentals, pizza slices, hot dogs and more. The

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Bowling Center also specializes in parties—stop by for party package information.

West Point Arts & Crafts

(Bldg. 648, 938-4812)—Unleash your creativity at West Point Arts & Crafts. We offer a full service frame shop to meet your framing needs or take a self-framer class and learn to do it yourself. We offer a variety of adult and child craft classes to include pick and paint pottery, stained glass and sand art. We also offer birthday party packages that are tailored to your child's imagination.

Child, Youth and School Services

(Bldg. 681, Administrative Office, 938-2023)—The Stony Area Child Development Center (Bldg. 1207) is a full-day program and includes center-based services that meet the needs of working parents requiring child care. Our newest building, the Lee Area Child Development Center (Bldg. 140) is home to the SKIES Program, part-day preschool and hourly care.

School Age Services (Bldg. 693) is designed to meet the specialized needs of children from first through fifth grades who are enrolled in school on a full-time basis. Youth Services (Bldg. 500), which is open to youths and teens grades six through 12, offers a variety of middle school and high school programs.

FMWR Fitness Center

(Bldg. 683, 938-6490)—Need a place to relieve stress and improve your overall health? The Fitness Center has something for everyone—whether you are an avid fitness buff or just want to stop in for a quick workout, this facility features a full range of strength equipment, free weights and cardiovascular machines. A full variety of classes are offered: spin, yoga, Crossfit, BodyPump, Zumba and more. Personal



West Point 5K/10K

Popular throughout the tri-state area, the scenic course through historic West Point starts and ends at Buffalo Soldier Field. Be on the lookout each May for the West Point 5K/10K and register online at active.com.

training services and massage therapy are also available for a fee. Stop by for a tour of the facility or pick up a monthly calendar.

Leisure Travel Services

(Bldg. 683, 938-3601/2401)—Located inside the Fitness Center, LTS offers great travel rates for active duty or retired military, all government employees and cadets. In addition to being well stocked with brochures and information about local area attractions, LTS vans make regularly scheduled trips to New York City for a variety of outings.

The theater van rolls on selected Thursday evenings for patrons interested in half-price Broadway tickets. LTS is also your place to pick up Yankees, Mets and NY Jets tickets. Check with us for great discounts on admission to Disneyworld, Disneyland, Busch Gardens, Universal Studios, Sea World, Sesame Place and many other amusement parks, including some in the tri-state area!

Five Star Inn

(Bldg. 2113 and Bldg. 785, 446-5943)—The Five Star Inn, West Point's Army Lodging Facility—South Post, has 18 Family rooms and 16 suites, some with spectacular views of the Hudson River. Bldg. 785 on West Point has 11 Family rooms and 24 efficiency apartments. Call 24 hours a day for reservations. Anyone with a military or DOD civilian ID card is eligible to make reservations at the Army Lodging Facility for themselves or for house guests. PCS personnel may make reservations 120 days in advance; TDY personnel 90 days in advance; all others may reserve rooms either 30 or 15 days in advance depending on date of arrival.

Morgan Farm Stables & Kennel

(Bldg. 2026, 938-3926)—Morgan Farm, located three miles south of Thayer Gate, is beautifully surrounded by meadows and woods, which provide an ideal setting for trail rides and riding lessons. Interested equestrians may

rent horses or make reservations for guided trail hours. While you're away, the Morgan Farm Kennel is the perfect "home away from home" for your Family pet. Let us take care of your Family friend during your vacation, or while you are in transition to/or from West Point.

Post Library

(Bldg. 622, 938-2974)—The Post Library is a friendly place and has a large collection of reading material, fiction and nonfiction, a paperback book exchange, DVDs, CDs, audio books, tax forms, copier and much more.

Round Pond

(Route 293, 938-2503)—You don't have to travel far to find a place to camp, hike, boat, swim, fish or relax with your Family. Round Pond, located three miles from Washington Gate, offers all this and more. Don't forget to make a stop at the Equipment Checkout Center to rent canopies, chairs, bounce houses, kayaks and other outdoor equipment.

Bull Pond

(Route 293, 938-2503)—Bull Pond offers fishing, boating, hiking and swimming. Two cottages by the lake are available for rent through a lottery system conducted in early April.

Lake Frederick

(Route 293, 938-2503)—This spring-fed lake on the West Point Reservation offers camping, Scout camping and Cadet Field Training. Ten A-frame cabins, a sandy beach with floating docks, grills and complimentary boats make this an ideal place for Family camping.

Victor Constant Ski Slope

(Route 218, 938-3726)—Skiing at West Point is an affordable Family affair with an average of 65 ski days per season. Along with 100 percent snowmaking capabilities, the West Point Ski Slope maintains a complete downhill and snowboard rental center, plus a tuning and repair shop. Check

out westpointmwr.com for information on rental and lift fees, lessons and activities offered at the ski lodge and slope.

West Point Club

(Bldg. 603, 038-5120 or 446-5504)—The West Point Club is open to all military and DOD civilian employees working at West Point, regardless of rank or pay grade, to military and DOD civilian retirees and to cadets. The club is a one-stop center for all club system services at West Point, including private party functions, off-premise catering and booking of party facilities.

West Point Golf Course

(Route 218 and 9W, 938-2435/2327)—Nestled in the Hudson Valley highlands, the West Point Golf Course offers an unforgettable experience of an 18-hole challenge on a mountain layout. It was voted one of the best courses in the area.

Whether you want to practice your swing at the 18-station driving range or grab a quick bite to eat, we encourage you to come enjoy the natural beauty of the West Point Golf Course. WPGC is a spikeless course and is open April through November.



Swimming

You may purchase season swim passes at the Fitness Center and at Round Pond. Daily passes are available at each facility.

• Delafield Pond

(Delafield Road, 938-5158)—Delafield Pond (above) is open from mid-June through Labor Day weekend from noon-6 p.m. Delafield offers a water slide and a kiddie pool for toddlers.

• Round Pond Swim Area

(Route 293, 938-2503)—Stop by Round Pond for all of your camping needs, but don't miss out on the swimming area that is open from mid-June to Labor Day.

• Indoor Recreational Swim Crandall Pool

(Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center, 938-2985)—FMWR offers recreational indoor swim programs for ages 3-13, cadets, Soldiers and civilians. Children ages 10 and younger must be accompanied by an adult and children under the age of 14 must pass an administered swim test before they will be allowed in the pool. The pool is for lap swimming only.

FMWR annual events

Month of the Military Child Picnic

Each year, FMWR hosts a picnic at Victor Constant Ski Lodge for West Point youths and parents to celebrate military children.

Kids Fishing Derby

Hosted in part with the West Point Bass Club, this event is an opportunity to introduce and educate children about fishing techniques and safety.

It is also a venue for teaching about campground clean up and caring for the environment.

Summer Reading Program

Each year a different theme is explored in-depth during the six-week program as the children read their way to a better education. There are several scheduled in-house activities and a final event to

conclude the program.

Military Appreciation Day

FMWR hosts a picnic each year for Soldiers and their Families in appreciation of their outstanding dedication to our nation. Soldiers can take part in a basketball and volleyball tournament, cardboard boat regatta and a cookout.

Kids Bike Rodeo

Come to the event where children can register their bikes, join the national Ident-a-Kid program and test their riding skills. Be sure to join us for a day of fun Aug. 27.

Oktoberfest

Enjoy a fall day with tradition German food and drink, kids' activities and music. Have fun with us Sept. 23-24 at H Lot.

Haunted House

Families can enjoy a haunted house at

Camp Buckner plus children's crafts and refreshments. A ghostly time for all will be held for all in October.

Interested in acting or just helping out? Call 938-6497 for information.

Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony

This traditional holiday event kicks off the West Point holiday season—the lighting of the community tree, singing carols, sipping cider, eating cookies and visiting with Santa.

Polar Fest

Our largest winter event, Polar Fest, is a daylong festival at Victor Constant Ski area. A blend of indoor and outdoor winter activities includes a Lift Dart Challenge, cross country skiing, snow tube bowling, ski and snowboard races, a pig roast and live band. Look for Polar Fest every February.

THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT DPW

Submitted by the Directorate of Public Works

Notification of DPW activities

When possible, DPW will notify members of the community about pending utility outages and other DPW information.

Because emergency situations arise, pre-coordination of road and parking lot closures, utility outages and other DPW activities is not always possible.

Notification is made by public media sources within the timeframe required, to include "All organization" email distributions and postings on the DPW website, Channel 23, the Daily Bulletin and the *Pointer View*.

Email notifications are also sent to building commandants, Balfour Beatty Communities and community mayors for notices to residents.

Community members are urged to regularly check these sources for messages.

Service Desk

The Service Desk (938-2316/4031) is operational 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday to process all public building/area maintenance and repair needs.

All maintenance issues in the housing areas should be reported to Balfour Beatty Maintenance at 446-3570.

During non-duty hours, including weekends, nights, holidays and when the post is closed (Code Red), contact the Service Desk for public area emergency issues only, using the same phone number.

During non-duty hours, it might take time to call in the appropriate maintenance personnel and for them to arrive on post to

address the problem.

Routine service requests will not be addressed by emergency maintenance personnel during non-duty hours and will be referred to the Service Desk on the next business day.

The quickest way to get routine issues handled is to call the Service Desk during normal duty hours.

This will ensure that a service order is entered into the system and is sent to the shop for scheduling and needed action quickly.

For information, contact DPW Customer Relations at 938-4407.

DPW work requests

Work requests (DA Form 4283) are required for all projects affecting buildings, roads, grounds or any other West Point facilities, whether or not materials are provided by non-DPW individuals or organizations.

Submit them to the Work Reception Office located in the Business Operations and Integration Division on the third floor of Bldg. 667.

For additional information, contact DPW Work Control, 938-6786/7232.

Energy Star policy

Army policy is that all new and replacement appliances must be Energy Star rated.

DPW requires that all equipment installed in public buildings purchased through the Directorate of Contracting must be Energy Star rated.

The program rates a large assortment of products, including electronics, lighting, air conditioners, computers, office products and

commercial food products.

A list of Energy Star approved products can be found at its website—www.energystar.gov.

Mechanical room access

Access to mechanical rooms in public buildings is limited to authorized personnel only.

Storage of files and other property in mechanical rooms is prohibited.

Mechanics and telephone personnel need clear access to the equipment in those areas.

If you are currently using them without authorization, clear them immediately.

Rooms will be, if they are not already, locked, so access can be limited to authorized personnel only.

For information, contact DPW Customer Relations at 938-4407.

Energy approvals

Energy approvals are required for all energy consuming products purchased by USMA 11-27.

Energy approval forms may be obtained by calling 938-4776.

DPW uses this process to help ensure that energy efficient equipment is being purchased and to check that the correct electric, gas or other services are available to support the equipment.

Recycling

Recycling is mandatory in all West Point public buildings.

Everyone must collect recyclables in the containers provided:

- Blue is for all types of paper;
- Maroon is for comingled cans, bottles and plastics;

- Gray or black containers are for printer cartridges;

- Brown in cadet areas is for newspaper.

Do not relocate the containers without the permission of the recycling program coordinator.

Questions or comments on the West Point program should be addressed to West Point Recycling Center at 938-4281.

Drinking water quality report

DPW issues the West Point annual drinking water quality report to inform community members of drinking water quality and to raise community awareness of the need to conserve drinking water sources.

The tap water at West Point continues to meet all Federal and New York State drinking water health standards.

The report provides an overview of water quality for 2010 and includes information about the source for West Point's drinking water, what the water contains and how it compares to Federal and New York State standards.

Hard copies of the report are available at the Environmental Management Division, Bldg. 667, and the Balfour Beatty Communities Office, Bldg. 132, for public viewing.

The report can also be viewed online at www.usma.edu.dhbw by clicking on announcements.

Car washes

Car washing is a regulated activity as it may cause contamination of our water and streams. Residents should limit car washing at home and wash the car on the lawn.

Organizations planning a fund-raising

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Quick Reference—Key Hours and Phone Numbers

Keller Army Community Hospital (Bldg. 900)

Emergency Room—938-4004/4005/4006

Hours:

Active Duty Sick Call—Mon.-Fri. 7:30-8:30 a.m.
(Closed training and federal holidays), 938-4004

Appointments—Mon.-Fri.—6 a.m.-7 p.m.
938-7992

Outside of area: 800-552-2907

Shoppette

Class 6

Service Station

Bldg. 1202

446-3666

Hours:

Mon.-Sat.—7 a.m.-10 p.m.

Sun.—8 a.m.-8 p.m.

West Point Claims Office

Bldg. 626

Hours:

Mon.-Thurs.—8 a.m.-noon and 1-4:30 p.m.

Fri.—8-11 a.m.

Questions? Call 938-2016.

Post Exchange

Bldg. 1204

446-5404/05/06

Hours:

Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri.—10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Thurs.—10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Sat.—9 a.m.-7 p.m.

Sun.—10 a.m.-6 p.m.

West Point Commissary (Bldg. 1200)

Call 938-3663 for information

Hours: Tues.-Sun.—9 a.m.-7 p.m.

Monday—Closed

FMWR Fitness Center

Call 938-6490 for information

Hours: Mon-Fri.—5:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m.

Sat.—7 a.m.-2 p.m.

Sun.—1-6 p.m.

Legal Assistance Office

Staff Judge Advocate

Bldg. 606, Fourth Floor

938-4541/5104

Hours:

8 a.m.-noon

1-4:30 p.m. weekdays

Wednesday mornings - Military Walk-ins

Services: Notaries and powers of attorney

To arrange to see a legal assistance attorney, call for an appointment.

Key RCI players — who to know, call

Submitted by the Residential Communities Initiatives Office

On-post Family housing transitioned to privatized operations under the Army's Residential Communities Initiative program Aug. 1, 2008.

Family housing is now run by a project company called West Point Housing LLC, which is jointly managed by the Army and Balfour Beatty Communities.

Balfour Beatty Communities is the West Point privatization partner and the managing member of the partnership.

Balfour Beatty Communities performs all the traditional Family housing functions—assignments, terminations, operations and maintenance.

In addition, they will renovate all of the historic houses on West

Point and construct new houses in the Stony Lonesome I housing area.

The newer neighborhoods of New Brick, Grey Ghost and Stony Lonesome II will only receive minor upgrades such as utility meters.

While Balfour Beatty Communities is responsible for the daily operation of the project, the RCI Office is responsible for project oversight, asset management and coordination between Balfour Beatty Communities and the West Point community.

Points of contact:

Residential Communities Initiative Office, Bldg. 2101, Room 4-10

- Michael Colacicco, RCI project and assets manager, 938-5948;

- Paul Merritt, RCI engineer, 938-6239;

- Susan Frederick, RCI financial analyst, 938-0138.

RCI Housing Services Office, Bldg. 2101, Room 4-7

Off-post housing assistance and referral is available to military and Department of Defense civilian personnel.

Lists of area rental properties are maintained along with information on homes for purchase.

Call Eileen Kaczkin at 938-2500 or Candy Farley at 938-6205 for an appointment.

(Please note: Incoming military personnel must inprocess first through the HSO Office for on-post housing, off-post housing and single Soldier housing.)

Those desiring on-post Family housing will then be referred to Balfour Beatty Communities Management Office in Bldg. 132.

Personnel desiring to live in

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project will pay for the move. Residents can contact the Community Management Office at 446-6407 for details.

As a result of the overall net decrease in housing at West Point, the project, in consultation with the West Point leadership, has redesigned the rank designation of the various neighborhoods.

These new neighborhoods are in the process of being “turned on” each summer after an analysis has been conducted of the housing needs of the incoming personnel, both officer and enlisted.

Consequently, there will be a mixing of ranks in some neighborhoods for some time.

At the end of the IDP in 2016, the new rank designations should be completely implemented.

More information can be found at www.westpointfamilyhousing.com or by calling the Community Management Office at 446-6407 or project director Richard Wagner at 446-3960.

Single Soldier housing will be referred to the SSH office in Bldg. 652.

Landlords and property managers can list their rentals on the DOD-sponsored website, Automated Housing Referral Network at www.ahrn.com.

Single Soldier Housing, Bldg. 652, Rooms 101 - 105

For more information, call Larry Higgins at 938-6202.

Balfour Beatty Communities

Office, Bldg. 132

- Randy Tucker, community manager, 446-6407;

- Balfour Beatty Communities website: www.westpointfamilyhousing.com.

Balfour Beatty Maintenance Office, Bldg. 695

For work orders and emergencies, call 446-3570.

Balfour Beatty Project Director, Bldg. 2101

- Richard Wagner, 446-3960.

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car wash on-post must contact DPW's Environmental Management Division for guidance, in addition to obtaining permission from the Garrison Commander's office (938-2022).

For information on West Point's Stormwater Management Program, contact Rahul Verma at 938-5263 or visit <http://sodhpw/stormwater/index.htm>.

Need a map of West Point

West Point map data in various formats is available at <http://gis.usma.mil/gis>.

This website is for the use of internal West Point users.

If you need assistance, contact the DPW GIS Center at 938-6388.

Energy use offices

Did you know that your computer monitor and speakers use energy even in “sleep” mode—actually up to 40 watts of electricity?

There are about 9,000 computers at West Point.

Think about the electricity and the money being wasted when these peripherals are left on when not in use—of the 8,760 hours in a year, an average office computer is used only 1,776 hours, leaving 6,984 non-use hours per year.

Energy costs for West Point are about \$.12 per kilowatt hour.

If all the monitors and speakers on-post were turned off when they were not being used then West Point could save \$301,708.80 each year.

Storm Water

West Point has a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer permit. As part of the permit, illicit discharges to the storm sewer must be reported and corrected.

Illicit discharges include dumping into storm

sewers. Don't dump into our storm sewers—all of them drain to our streams and eventually into the Hudson River.

If you see or smell something strange in the storm sewer or streams, report it.

For information on West Point's Stormwater Management Program, contact Rahul Verma at 938-5263 or visit <http://sodhpw/stormwater/index.htm>.

Building Commandants

Building commandants and alternate building commandants serve a unique and extremely important function in maintaining the integrity of West Point's public buildings and facilities. Building commandants and alternates are appointed on orders by the activity director of the prime user of each building.

If you are no longer a building commandant or alternate or if you are a newly appointment one, please contact DPW Real Estate Office Pat Horne at 938-5940 or DPW Customer Relations at 938-4407 to insure that you are officially registered and we have updated contact information. The annual mandatory training for all building commandants/alternates will be held in the next month.

Please watch for future announcement.

Is your office ordering new equipment or furnishings?

If you are, and the equipment or furnishings will require electricity or other utility or facility changes, notify DPW work control early using a F4283 to insure that your new equipment has the correct power supply, at the correct location to be available for your use right away. The use of extension cords to supply power is not a safe alternative—so please plan ahead. Contact DPW Customer Relations at 938-4407 for more information.

Eisenhower Hall Theatre's 2011-12 season offers much entertainment

Submitted by the Directorate of Cadet Activities

West Point's Eisenhower Hall Theatre will open its 2011-12 season with Comedy Central's Gabriel Iglesias at 8 p.m. Sept. 24.

According to West Point's Cultural Arts Director Gary Keegan, the Ike Hall schedule boasts 11 outstanding shows, five of which are Broadway national tours, including “Monty Python's Spamalot,” “In the Heights,” “The Wizard of Oz,” “The Color Purple” and Mel Brooks' “Young Frankenstein.”

“This year, we provide patrons three convenient subscription options,” Keegan said. “The best deal, the Marquee Series, includes all 11 shows. The Broadway Series provides four of our Broadway presentations, and the Music Series that includes three concerts.”

Subscribers enjoy many benefits, including reserved seats, a private subscriber's lounge, advanced notice for added special events and cast meet-and-greets.

“In addition to our strong Broadway lineup and Gabriel Iglesias,” Keegan continued, “the Ike Hall season also takes in such name acts as ‘The Four Tops & The Temptations,’ ‘John Tesh: Big Band Christmas,’ ‘Women of Ireland,’ Sandy Hackett's ‘Rat Pack Show’ and The ‘Cast’ of ‘Beatlemania.’ We try to book a wide spectrum of diverse entertainment and I believe we truly accomplished that goal.”

Keegan said that Ike Hall subscriptions are available online at Ikehall.com for first-time buyers, or at the box office, located off the Eisenhower Hall ground-level tunnel.

“This season, I think you'll agree ‘there's a lot to like at Ike,’” Keegan said. The Ike Hall box office is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays (except holidays), and two hours prior to performances.

“I am very pleased with the variety and quality of shows offered this season and invite all West Point staff, faculty and families to subscribe,” Keegan said. “Any profits Ike Hall shows receive directly benefit the Corps of Cadets through the Directorate of Cadet Activities.”

FMWR Blurbs

West Point Military Appreciation Day

The annual West Point Military Appreciation Day will be held from 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. today at Lake Frederick.

It is open to all active duty officers, enlisted Soldiers and their Families. Food will be served from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Unit teams are now forming for the Commanders Cup Competition.

Sign-up for 4-on-4 Volleyball, Tug-O-War, 3-on-3 Basketball or the Cardboard Boat Regatta.

For more information, call 938-6497 or visit westpointmwr.com.

CYSS new policy of self-registration at the Middle School & Teen Center

A new policy is in effect for the West Point Middle School and Teen Center.

The self-registration policy is designed to provide the benefits of MS/TC membership while, at the same time, facilitating the timely and proper processing of needed releases, permissions and registration documents.

Self-registration is an option available to those registering for MS/TC Open Recreation only.

Patrons seeking enrollment in Sports, SKIES, or other CYSS services must complete the regular registration process at Parent Central.

Benefits of self-registration include:

- Streamlined application process;
- No waiting for an "in-person" registration interview;
- Full participation as guest members while paperwork is processed.

For more information, call 938-3727.

CYSS auditions for the MCT production of "The Jungle Book"

The Missoula Children's Theater is coming to West Point CYSS. Auditions for the MCT production of "The Jungle Book" will be held from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Monday at the West Point Middle School Gymnasium.

There are roles available for students entering 1-12 grades.

There is no guarantee that everyone who auditions will be cast in the play.

For more information, call the Lee CDC at 938-8893.

CYSS fall sports program registration

Child, Youth and School Services fall sports registration is ongoing for military family members and civilians.

For more information and to register, call 938-3550.

Wee Ones Play Group

The Wee Ones Play Group hours are 10:15-11:30 a.m. every Monday through Aug. 29.

Wee Ones is open to parents with children 4 years old and younger. The play group is held at the Lee Area CDC.

For more information, call Shelley

Ariosto at 938-3369.

Inaugural ACS Family Symposium

The inaugural ACS Family Symposium takes place Sept. 9 at the West Point Club.

Events include a Career Expo, Volunteer Stewardship Fair, Myers Briggs (MBTI) Workshop and EFMP Symposium.

In addition, numerous workshops will be offered from the various ACS programs to include AFTB, ID Theft and a school transition workshop for parents.

For more information, call 938-4621/2519.

American Red Cross

In an effort to streamline and ensure quality service, the American Red Cross has consolidated service to the Armed Forces call intake, emergency verification and message delivery functions, as well as financial assistance, into a single call center environment.

All military members (including cadets) and their Families can access these services through the use of one telephone number nationwide.

Call toll free at 877-272-7337.

West Point volunteer opportunities

Do you want to get involved at West Point? The perfect volunteer opportunity is waiting for you.

To find out more, including how to be added to the Army Community Service email list, go to westpointmwr.com and click on the ACS tab for Army Volunteer Corps or call 938-3655.

August hours of operation for FMWR Community Swim Program

The FMWR community noontime lap swim program for August will be held from noon-1:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday at the Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center.

During the first two weeks of August, the program will be conducted in the Cadet Intramural Pool.

The program will then switch back to Crandall Pool starting Aug. 15.

For updates or changes to the schedule, call 938-2985.

Mongolian Barbecue at the West Point Club

The West Point Club invites you to a Mongolian Barbecue from 5-7 p.m. Aug. 19.

Choose from a selection of beef, turkey, pork, shrimp and fresh vegetables, sauces and spices. Also check out its Asian-themed beverages.

For more information, call 938-5120.

USAG Golf Scramble

Come out to the West Point Golf Course for a 1 p.m. shotgun start Aug. 25. This is a four-person team scramble tournament open to all garrison Soldiers and employees, as well as the West Point community.

USAG Soldiers and employees can have up to three guests on their team. Fee includes golf cart, prizes and an afternoon barbecue. Greens fees are not included.

Register from 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Aug. 25.

To sign up, call the Pro Shop at 938-2435.

CYSS Summer Boat Ride

If you are entering 9th grade at O'Neill High School, join us for a Hudson River Boat Ride featuring dancing and games.

The boat ride is from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Aug. 26. Boarding begins at South Dock at 1 p.m.

A permission slip is required. The slip can be turned in at O'Neill's orientation or on the day of the boat ride.

For more information, call 938-8897.



Kids Bike Rodeo

FMWR and the Directorate of Emergency Services present West Point's annual Kids Bike Rodeo from 10 a.m.-noon Aug. 27 at West Point Middle School.

Learn all aspects of bicycle safety and security. It is open to all West Point, Town of Highlands and DOD civilian children ages 5-12.

For more information, call 938-0249/4585.

Christmas in August

Celebrate Christmas in August at the West Point Club from noon-5 p.m. Aug. 28 in the Grand Ballroom.

Have your picture taken with Santa, purchase gifts from the many crafters present and then enjoy indoor skating at Tate Rink.

For more information, call 938-5120.

Hired! Program

Teens ages 15-18 who are interested in working and meet the Hired! Program requirements can earn \$500 for working 15 hours a week for 12 consecutive weeks.

Hired! Workshops are offered for free at Youth Services Bldg. 500 from 3-5:30 p.m.

ACS will be teaching workshops Sept. 1, Oct. 6, Nov. 3 and Dec. 1.

Interested teens can contact Marion DeClemente at 938-8889 or email marion.declemente@usma.edu.

CYSS 4-H Program

The first meeting of the 4-H West Point Crusaders is scheduled from 3-4:30 p.m. Sept. 9 at the Youth Center, Bldg. 500.

Interested teens in grades 6-12 who

are registered through Parent Central are welcome.

The 4-H program provides learning opportunities for young people to develop a sense of belonging, master a skill through experience, demonstrate independence and learn the meaning of community service and generosity.

Participants will work on projects and learn how to run business meetings.

For more information, call 938-8889.

NEW INFO

Youth sports coaches needed

CYSS Sports and Fitness is seeking volunteer coaches for youth soccer for the fall 2011 season.

If you are interested, call the Youth Sports Office at 938-8896.

Moonlight Madness

The West Point Golf Course invites you to indulge in a little Moonlight Madness Aug. 13.

Enjoy dinner at 6:30 p.m. in the clubhouse and then head out to the course at 8 p.m. for a four-person team scramble using balls that glow in the dark and chem lights to guide your way.

For further information, call 938-2435. This event is open to the first 18 teams to register.

Hiring a ELL Instructor

Army Community Service is hiring an English for Language Learners instructor.

Successful applicants should have experience teaching, great organizational skills and a positive work attitude.

Call or email Monica Orecchio for more information at 938-3487 or monica.orecchio@usma.edu.

Resumés are due no later than Aug. 19.

Water Wars 5K

The FMWR Fitness Center presents the Water Wars 5K Aug. 20. The race starts at 8 a.m. at the Fitness Center.

Awards will be given to the last team of the two remaining in the water balloon toss—adult and child awards will be given.

Cost of entry is one FMWR Fitness Center coupon (cadets are free, but must register).

Pre-register at the FMWR Fitness Center the week before, or on that day at the start line.

Strollers and leashed dogs are welcome.

For more information, call 938-6490.

Lunch & Range at the Golf Course

The West Point Golf Course continues its Lunch & Range specials throughout the month of August.

From 11 a.m.-1 p.m. every Tuesday-Friday, there is a lunch combo in the clubhouse. Receive a free token for range balls to hit afterward.

For more information, call 938-2435.

What's Happening

Purple Heart Appreciation Day

The National Purple Heart Hall of Honor and the New Windsor Cantonment State Historic sites are honoring Purple Heart recipients on Purple Heart Appreciation Day from 1-4 p.m. Sunday.

The NPHHH is located at 374 Temple Hill Road (Route 300), New Windsor. A presentation on "Why We Are Here Today: The Significance Of Purple Heart Appreciation Day" will be shown at 1:30 p.m., followed by a cake cutting.

At 2 p.m., Song of the Valley Chorus, Sweet Adeline's International, will sing patriotic tunes, including an audience participation sing-along.

Throughout the afternoon, representatives of the Hudson Valley Veteran's Administration Health System and the Dutchess Veteran's Services Agency will provide outreach for veterans on site.

The New Windsor Cantonment staff will interpret the life of the Continental Soldier with demonstrations on blacksmithing, 18th century medicine and surgery, and musket firing. Admission is free.

For more information, call 561-1765.

West Point Schools

West Point Schools registration offices are open all summer Monday-Friday.

The hours are 8 a.m.-3 p.m. daily.

The first day of attendance for students is Aug. 18.

August Motorcycle Safety Courses

The West Point Safety Office is offering Motorcycle Safety Courses for staff and faculty who are active duty and reserve component military Aug. 24-25 and to cadets Aug. 26-28.

Motorcycle Safety Courses are no longer available to civilians, dependents, retirees and contractors.

For more information about motorcycle safety or the safety classes, call the West Point Safety Office at 938-3717.

Women's Equality Day Luncheon

The installation Equal Opportunity Office, the Margaret Corbin Forum and the William E. Simon Center for the Professional Military Ethic are hosting the Women's Equality Day Observance from 11:45 a.m.-1.30 p.m. Aug. 26 at the West Point Club's Grand Ballroom.

The theme this year is "Celebrating Women's Right to Vote."

For more information, contact Sgt. 1st Class Timothy Morgan at 938-8456.

Sergeant Audie Murphy Club monthly meeting

The Sergeant Audie Murphy Club-West Point Chapter monthly meetings will be held the first Wednesday of every month at 4 p.m. at the Garrison Conference Room, Bldg. 681.

The meetings are for all Sergeant Audie Murphy Club members and candidates.

For more information, email Sgt. 1st Class Karen Moody, club president, at Karen.Moody@amedd.army.mil.



Historic Fort Putnam is open for 2011 Season

Fort Putnam is open to the public during August from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday-Sunday.

Admission is free. For more information, contact the West Point Museum at 938-3590.

Monday Night Mixed Bowling League needs subs

The Monday Night Mixed Bowling League, a social league with a focus on fun, still needs substitutes.

If you don't think you can commit to every week, but are interested in bowling sometimes, being a sub is the way to go.

Team members will contact you for specific nights and you bowl for free—you just have to pay your sanction fee.

Teams are comprised of four people—two men and two women. It is an adult, handicap league, so experience isn't required.

The league meets from 6:30-9 p.m. Mondays throughout the academic year, starting Sept. 12.

For more information, contact the League secretary, Paul Merritt, at 938-6239 or Paul.Merritt@usma.edu.

Volunteers needed

Volunteers are sought for Club Beyond. Join the parent support team. There are many ways to help the ministry flourish.

For more information, call Stephanie Zuck at 706-987-3907 or email stef.zuck@hotmail.com.

Contract child care providers needed

The West Point Post Chapel needs child care providers. These are paid contract positions and applicants must pass a background check and receive training to be certified.

For more details on how to apply, call the West Point Post Chapel Office at 938-2003.

Highland Falls Farmers Market

The Highland Falls Farmers Market is open from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. every Sunday through Oct. 30.

The market is located at the municipal parking lot across the street from the West Point Museum and Sacred Heart Church.

Cornwall Farmers Market

Looking for a convenient place to purchase fresh, local produce, flowers, baked goods, meats and other items? Then come to the Cornwall Farmers Market on the lawn at the Cornwall Town Hall from 11:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. every Wednesday through October.

NEW INFO

Military Council of Catholic Women Welcome

The Military Council of Catholic Women is hosting a beginning of the year welcome event at 7 p.m. Aug. 14 at the Most Holy Trinity Rectory.

A faith study kickoff will be at 9 a.m. Aug. 23 at the Post Chapel basement. Childcare is provided.

For more information, contact Christina Pride at Christina.Pride@gmail.com.

USAG Prayer Luncheon

The USAG Prayer Luncheon is scheduled for 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Aug. 18 at the West Point Club's Hudson Room.

The guest speaker is Medal of Honor recipient Gary Beikirch.

The luncheon includes a pay-as-you-go build-your-own sandwich.

No tickets are required, but notify Chaplain Shmuel Felzenberg at Shmuel.Felzenberg@usma.edu of your intention to attend the luncheon.

Army Education Center

John Jay College's Master of Public Administration at West Point is now accepting new students for the Fall Semester. Application deadline is Aug. 25.

For more information, contact jjcwestpoint@yahoo.com or 845-446-5959.

October Motorcycle Safety Courses

The West Point Safety Office is offering Motorcycle Safety Courses for staff and faculty who are active duty and reserve component military Oct. 19-20 and to cadets Oct. 20-23.

For more information, call the West Point Safety Office at 938-3717.



Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed for the Kosciuszko's Garden clean-up beginning at 9 a.m. Aug. 11. Volunteers will be working in the Garden to get it looking pristine. Tasks will include weeding, raking, trimming and laying mulch. If you can give an hour or several hours, we could use your help. Individuals and groups are welcome. To sign up and for more information, volunteers should contact Christina Overstreet at christina.overstreet@usma.edu or 938-3655.

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Keller Corner

Additional School and Sports Physicals available

The Primary Care Department is opening a dedicated clinic Aug. 11 to ensure that incoming children and those unable to make an appointment earlier this summer have their physicals prior to the start of the school year.

This dedicated clinic is a mass school physical day and you can expect lines at the various stations.

We are making every effort on this day to have children see their Primary Care Manager. Additional individual appointments will continue to be offered through September.

This is also the time to review your child's immunization records and to prepare additional documentation for the administration of medications during school hours or emergency instructions for children with known allergies. Obtain the necessary forms from the appropriate school nurse, complete the parent's portion and bring them to your child's appointment, along with all copies of your child's immunizations.

Don't wait. Call 845-938-7992 or 800-552-2907 to request an appointment for a school or sports physical.

West Point providers rank No. 1 at 100 percent for overall satisfaction in NARMC

West Point's overall satisfaction among those who saw their Primary Care Manager ranked No. 1 at 100 percent in

the recent Army Provider Level Satisfaction Survey.

West Point was also ranked No. 1 for overall visit satisfaction at 93.9 percent. There are nine military treatment facilities in the North Atlantic Region Medical Command.

Congratulations to all West Point MEDDAC Staff.

Don't forget to fill out your survey when you receive it in the mail. We value your comments and suggestions.

Childbirth preparation classes

Childbirth preparation classes are now held each month, four-week series, in the KACH 2nd floor classroom from 6-8 p.m. August classes will be held Tuesday, Aug. 16, 23 and 30.

A breastfeeding class is scheduled Sept. 1. Call OBU at 938-3210 to register.

Follow up with your Primary Care Manager

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.

"Feds Feed Families" continues until Aug. 31

Army Community Service and the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation is calling for your support of the West Point arm of the "Feds Feed Families" Food Drive, which kicked off this month.

The goal is to collect two million pounds of food this summer. West Point's goal is to collect 1,000 pounds of non-perishable goods for this effort. The drive ends Aug. 31.

Collection boxes are located throughout West Point at:

- Bldg. 601, Thayer Hall (4th floor entrance);
- Bldg. 622, Army Community Service;
- Bldg. 626, Lobby outside CPAC;
- Bldg. 667, Lobby area;
- Bldg. 681, Garrison HQs (DOC lobby);
- Bldg. 745, Washington Hall (4th, 5th and 6th floors by fishbowl);
- Bldg. 900, Keller Hospital (lobby, staff entrance);
- Bldg. 1200, Commissary;
- Bldg. 2101, Spellman Hall (lobby).

The most needed items include:

- Canned fruits and vegetables;
- Cereal;
- Rice or pasta;
- Canned soup;
- Canned proteins (tuna, chicken);
- Canned entrees (beef stew, ravioli);
- Peanut butter;
- Non-food items (paper towels, napkins, bathroom tissue, diapers).

For more information about the campaign, go to www.fedsfeedfamilies.gov/.

For answers to other questions, contact Christina Overstreet, Army Community Service, at 938-3655 or christina.overstreet@usma.edu.

LifeWorks

at Balfour Beatty Communities

• **Sand Art Craft:** Join us at 126 Washington Road from 1:30-3 p.m. Wednesday to make a sand art craft, new friends and a great memory.

RSVP to Jodi Gellman at 446-6407 by Friday.

• **Tour of Fort Putnam:** Balfour Beatty Communities will arrange a tour to Fort Putnam from 10 a.m.-noon Aug. 12. Meet BBC at Fort Putnam for an educational guided tour where we can see most of West Point and the surrounding Hudson River Valley.

Snacks and beverages will be provided but you should bring your own lunch. Call Jodi Gellman to register by Tuesday.



Home Depot Kids Workshop

On July 21, residents of West Point participated in a Home Depot Workshop. Children made their own miniature tool box and ate doughnuts and other treats. It was extremely hot, but the turnout was fantastic as 35 children went home happy with their mini tool boxes, certificates of achievement, pins and a Balfour Beatty Communities hard hat. Call Jodi Gellman at 446-6407 to register for future BBC events. COURTESY PHOTOS



West Point Band

Since 1817

Free Community Concert!

West Point Concert Band

Wednesday, August 10th
6:30 p.m.
Vanderbilt Mansion
Hyde Park, New York

Inclement site:
Rhinebeck High School
North Plank Road
Rhinebeck, New York



Lt. Col. Jim Keene, conductor

For more information and weather updates
call 845 229-8086

WWW.WESTPOINTBAND.COM
U.S. Military Academy Band, 685 Hardee Place, West Point, New York 10996

Starting a home-based business at West Point

Submitted by the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Are you thinking about starting a home-based business at West Point? Many military spouses have found self-employment in a home enterprise to be a good solution to the challenge of frequent moves.

Home-based businesses provide support for the military and their families. Some of the types of on-post establishments include photography, handicrafts and the sale of products by sponsors and/or family members.

However, you can also register for a home-based business if you have a specific niche or service that you would like to provide to your customers.

To register for a home-based business, you must contact Balfour Beatty Communities at 446-6407 or visit them online at westpointfamilyhousing.com.

Balfour Beatty Communities coordinates approval with the Garrison Commander's Office for on-post establishments to sell their products and services.

Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

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

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.

See SUDOKU SOLUTION, Page 2
Difficulty: Medium

Command Channel 8/23

Aug. 4-11

(Broadcast times)

Army Newswatch

Today, Friday and Monday through Aug. 11
8:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

The Point

Today, Friday and Monday through Aug. 11
8 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.

NOW SHOWING

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

Friday—Green Lantern, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday—X-Men: First Class, PG-13,
7:30 p.m.

Aug. 12—Cars 2, G, 7:30 p.m.

Aug. 13—Mr. Popper's Penguins, PG,
7:30 p.m.

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

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ODIA 1 takes North Division Championship

Having beaten their opponents twice in the regular season, ODIA 1 defeated ODIA 2 in the best-of-three series to claim the North Division Championship at the FMWR Softball Complex Tuesday. ODIA 1 claimed the opening win, 5-2, but ODIA 2 retaliated with a 11-9 win in the second contest. The North Division Championship went to ODIA 1 after a 9-5 win in the finale.

(Left) Shaun Weyer and Jimmy Belladone (right) contributed to the division championship win for ODIA 1 Tuesday to advance to the post championship against the Math Team. Math advanced to the post championship with a South Division Championship series sweep of EECS/DPE Monday.

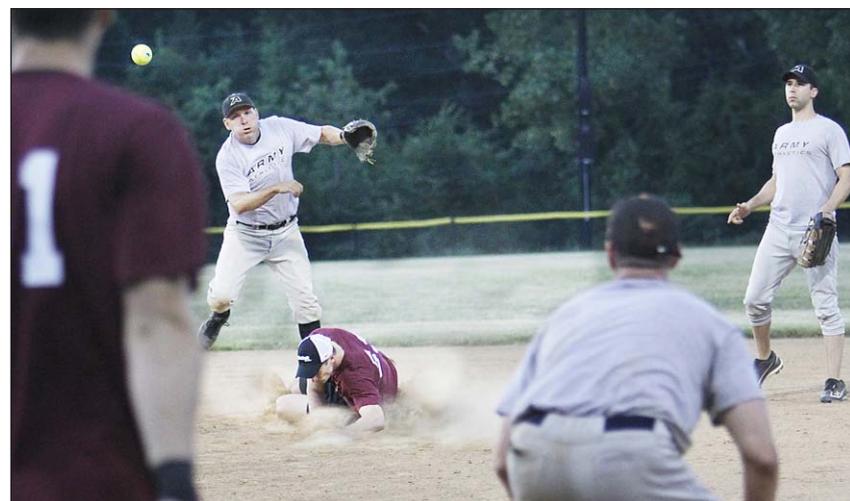


(Right) Kenny Hall, at shortstop for ODIA 1, attempts a double play at second base to stymie a scoring spree by ODIA 2 in the championship series Tuesday. On offense, he recorded two walks, a hit and a run in the three-game series.



Jake Stevens opened the first game with a triple and the second game with a home run for the ODIA 2 team in their division series loss Tuesday to ODIA 1.

PHOTOS BY MIKE STRASSER/PV



Staff & Faculty Softball

Playoffs as of Tuesday (three-game series)

July 13—(South Division playoffs) #4 seed Systems Engineering defeated #5 seed Chemistry/Physics two games to none.

July 14—(South Division playoffs) #6 seed Social Sciences/History defeated #3 seed BTD/BS&L two games to one.

July 18—(South Division playoffs) #2 seed EECS/DPE defeated #7 seed DMI two games to none.

July 18—(North Division playoffs) #3 seed ODIA 2 defeated #6 seed KACH two games to none.

July 20—(South Division playoffs) #2 seed EECS/DPE defeated #6 Social Sciences/History two games to none.

July 27—(North Division playoffs) #2 seed Stewart Marines defeated #7

seed WTU two games to none.

July 27—(North Division playoffs) #5 seed MPs defeated #4 seed MEDDAC two games to none.

July 28—(North Division playoffs) #1 seed ODIA #1 defeated #5 seed MPs two games to none.

July 28—(South Division playoffs) #1 seed Math defeated #4 Systems Engineering two games to none.

Monday—(North Division playoffs) #3 seed ODIA 2 defeated #2 seed Stewart Marines two games to none.

Monday—(South Division Championship) #1 seed Math defeated #2 seed EECS/DPE two games to none.

Tuesday—(North Division Championship) #1 seed ODIA 1 defeated #3 seed ODIA 2 two games to one.

Football is back, team hit gridiron Monday



Junior quarterback Trent Steelman gets back into the groove on the first day of practice Monday as he rolls out of the pocket and throws down the field.

By Brian Gunning
Army Athletic Communications

The Army football team held its first practice of the 2011 preseason Monday afternoon. The workout, conducted in helmets and shorts, lasted approximately 75 minutes, and was split between Howze Field and the Foley Athletic Center.

Notables from first practice:

- Army braved nearly 90-degree temperatures and high humidity on its first day. The session consisted mostly of walk-through style drills and some individual work on offense, defense and special teams. The Black Knights also practiced in helmets Tuesday before they donned shoulder pads Wednesday and today. The first fully-padded session is scheduled for Friday.

- There were plenty of new faces taking snaps at wide receiver during the offense's team walk-through. Senior Davyd Brooks, a returning starter, and junior Justin Allen were with the first group. Freshman Chevaughn Lawrence was the first new cadet to take a snap, working with the second unit.

Sophomore Jonathan Crucitti, a regular in the slotback rotation in 2010, also worked as a w/outout with the second team.

- Senior linebacker Andrew Rodriguez and junior linebacker Nate Combs were both back practicing Monday. Rodriguez missed all of 2010 with a back injury. He wore a blue jersey over his normal No. 42 indicating limited activity. The coaching staff

has said they will work him back slowly to make sure he is ready for full-contact work. Combs started last season's opener at "whip" linebacker, Rodriguez's position in 2009, but he suffered a season-ending knee injury in the first game at Eastern Michigan.

Combs is working with the first unit at middle linebacker with no limits on his activity, although he is wearing a brace on the injured knee.

- Sophomore slotback Ray Maples, freshman slotback Terry Baggett, freshman fullback Larry Dixon, junior slotback Brian Austin, freshmen wide receiver Lawrence Scott and slotback Trenton Turrentine all took turns catching kickoffs out of the Juggs gun after practice.

Monday's Quotables:

Head Coach Rich Ellerson (*Ref.: the first day of practice*):

"They (the NCAA) want you in shorts a couple of days as you get yourself into the groove a little bit, and we're doing that. We were able to get a lot done in terms of introduction and revisiting some of those fundamentals and details that we can slow things down for. (Tuesday), we'll complete the introduction to the practice routine so they know how things go and the sequence of events. The hope is that we'll get a lot of installation done and become familiar and efficient in the practice environment without wearing our legs out so when we get into shells and, eventually, full pads later in the week, we'll still have our legs underneath us."



Senior linebacker and team captain Steven Erzinger goes through a drill where he has to strip the quarterback of the football. The first day of practice consisted mostly of walk-through style drills and some individual work on offense, defense and special teams. The workout, conducted in helmets and shorts, lasted approximately 75 minutes, and was split between Howze Field and the Foley Athletic Center.

PHOTOS BY ERIC S. BARTELT/PV

Choose the movie for Michie Movie Night

Army fans still can help choose what movie is shown at Michie Movie Night Aug. 31 by voting on the official Army Athletics Facebook page.

Voting is open through Friday.