

POINTER VIEW

See next week's *Pointer View* for features on Acceptance Day, Club Night and the Corps of Cadet's new command sergeant major

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Ready to join Corps of Cadets

With a winding backdrop of cheering family, friends and guests lining the roads, more than 1,300 people including new cadets from the Class of 2015, cadet cadre and graduates completed the March Back from Camp Buckner to Washington Hall Monday. During an awards ceremony a day earlier, Foxtrot Company was named Best Overall Company during Cadet Basic Training and led the Class of 2015 in the march carrying the banner with their new class motto: "For Those We Lead." See Page 3 for March Back photos and story.

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Ring Weekend force protection information

Submitted by Matt Cassidy
Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security

In support of the Class of 2012 Ring Weekend events, Aug. 19-20, the following force protection measures are in effect:

Aug. 18—Ring Ceremony rehearsal

Traffic: Beginning at 4:30 p.m., traffic attempting to transit the Trophy Point area will be blocked at the intersection of Washington and Stony Lonesome Roads, the intersection of Howard and Ruger Roads, the intersection of Brewerton and Parke Roads (in the vicinity of the Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center) and by the entrance to Clinton Lot.

Traffic in the area will remain blocked until the completion of the Ring Ceremony rehearsal. Vehicles

parked in the Clinton, Doubleday and surrounding lots will be allowed to depart by exiting south on Cullum Road past the cadet library.

Aug. 19—Ring Ceremony

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Traffic in the area will remain blocked until the completion of the Ring Ceremony. Vehicles parked in the Clinton, Doubleday and surrounding lots will be allowed to depart by exiting south on Cullum Road past the cadet library.

Parking: There will be no vehicles authorized on Jefferson Road and the Thayer Road extension at Trophy

Point after 4 p.m. Vehicles parked on these roads are subject to towing.

Transportation: Bus transportation will be available from Buffalo Soldier Field Parking Lot to Trophy Point from 3-6:30 p.m.

Aug. 20—Banquet and Formal

Traffic: The Cullum Road area in front of the Commandant's quarters is subject to brief closures after 7:45 p.m. to support pedestrians crossing at that intersection.

Parking: There is no parking on Jefferson Road.

Transportation: Bus transportation will be available from Buffalo Soldier Field Parking Lot to the Cadet Barracks area from 4:30-7 p.m.

Shuttle buses will be available to take participants from Washington Hall to Eisenhower Hall after the banquet and back to Buffalo Soldier Field once the formal concludes.

For more information, call 938-3650.



A Pocono Salute

Fifty cadets held the state flags and the West Point Military Police Company Color Guard presented the Colors before NASCAR's Good Sam RV Insurance 500 Sunday at Pocono Raceway in Long Pond, Pa.

PHOTO BY CHARLES G. BARANYAI/DPTMS

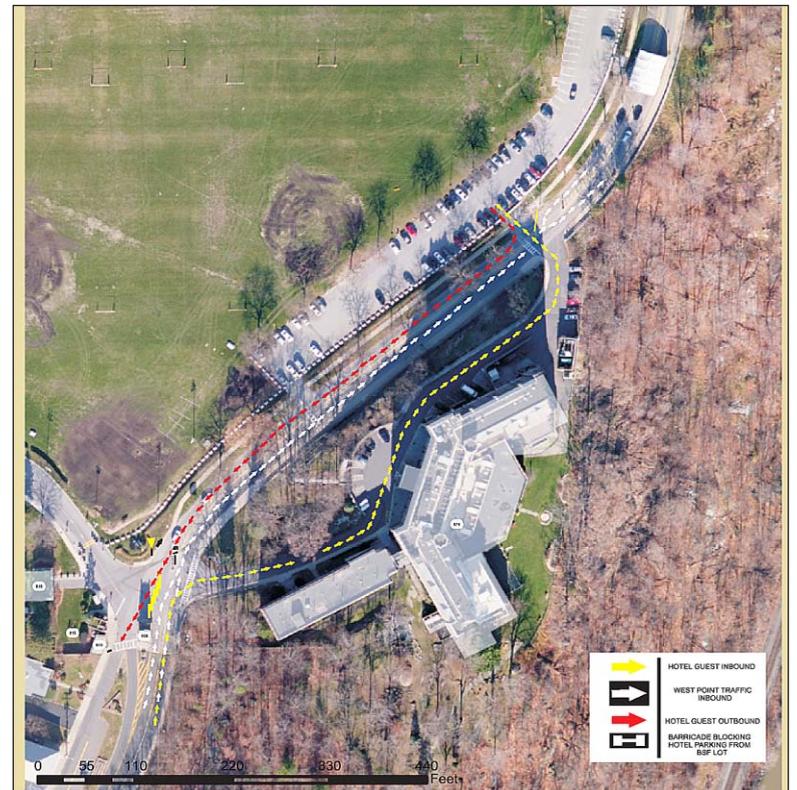


Diagram of the pilot test changing the inbound traffic pattern at Thayer Gate starting Aug. 21. PROVIDED BY DIRECTORATE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

Test for possible traffic re-route

Submitted by the Directorate of Emergency Services

West Point will conduct a pilot test from Aug. 21-27, essentially changing the inbound traffic pattern at Thayer Gate (Please see diagram above).

Currently, there are two lanes for inbound traffic to West Point through Thayer Gate. With this change, there will be one inbound lane on Thayer Road from the Thayer Gate entrance to the northernmost driveway of the Thayer Hotel. Traffic will again split into two lanes after the northern driveway, one for DOD-decaled vehicles, and the other for those without decals.

This change allows for Thayer Hotel guests to check into the hotel, and then proceed directly into the Thayer Hotel parking lot using the northern driveway. When they wish to depart the installation, they would then be able to turn right out of the parking lot, and proceed directly out Thayer Gate. The West Point community will exit post using the current outbound route on Swift Road. Barricades and signage will be in place to support these changes.

Report Suspicious Activity or Behavior

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See Something Say Something

Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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

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Having been awarded Best Company for Cadet Basic Training, Company F led the way through Victor Constant Ski Slope during March Back Monday.

March Back marks end of Beast for new cadets

Story and photos by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

Nearly 1,200 new cadets completed a significant rite of passage Monday when they celebrated the completion of Cadet Basic Training by marching almost 12 miles from Camp Buckner to Washington Hall.

The March Back after Beast Barracks has been a long-standing tradition for the Corps of Cadets. In 2002, another tradition began when former graduates marched with the new cadets in a show of support and solidarity to the Long Gray Line.

The Class of 2015 marched back with 26 members of their sister class—the class that graduated 50 years before—and other graduates who met up with the new cadets at the Victor Constant Ski Slope to hydrate, rest and aid blistered feet.

“The Class of 1965 is tied to The Class the Stars Fell On,” Class of 1965 President and retired Maj. Gen. Clair Gill said. “That is the Class of 1915, which included Dwight Eisenhower and Omar Bradley.”

The Class of 1915, a century before the Class of 2015, graduated 59 cadets who earned general stars out of a total class of 164.

“March Back brought out a lot of cadet memories,” Gill said. “We marched from Lake Frederick back then and we didn’t march with former grads, but we marched over much of the same terrain. They just beat us with a stick and told us to move.”

Despite the long march that began in the wee hours of the morning and ended with sore feet, Gill enjoyed marching and talking with cadets.

“I’m in shape. After being in the Army for 34 years, you realize that physical fitness is an everyday thing you do all of your life,” Gill said.

Capt. Ryan Miller, 28, is a Class of 2005 graduate who also marched with the cadets. Miller was severely wounded in Iraq in 2007 and marched with a prosthetic leg. Miller also recently marched in the Bataan Death March re-enactment.



Capt. Ryan Miller (left), a Class of 2005 graduate who was severely wounded in 2007 while serving in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, marches with Company H, his old cadet company, Monday during March Back at the Victor Constant Ski Slope. Since 2002, graduates from different classes have marched with the new cadets in a show of support during the end of the Cadet Basic Training event.

“I really don’t like marching,” Miller said. “But this is work with a purpose. It was great to march and interact with the cadets. I’ve met a few classmates and hope to meet some of my instructors. I’ve made lifelong friends here and still keep in touch with them and I can see that developing with the plebes.”

Miller said that although he could stay in the Army, he opted for a medical retirement to pursue higher education.

“The Army is great with Soldiers who want to continue serving,” he said. “If it is at all possible, they will make it

happen. I was involved in the Warrior Transition Unit here, but it wasn’t working out and this was when I still had my leg. I decided to receive a medical discharge and go on to further my education.”

Miller is pursuing a dual master’s degree in business administration and public policy at Harvard University.

“My major as a cadet was nuclear engineering, but I decided to go into the business field,” he said. “I’ve always been good at math. I hope I still am.”

With most of his wounds healing and the operations behind him, Miller said he has a positive outlook on life.

“My outlook on life was always positive,” he said. “I have a good future.”

Retired Brig. Gen. Rebecca ‘Becky’ Halstead enjoyed marching with her Class of 1981 classmate, retired Maj. Lisa Bond, who marched in support of her son in the Class of 2015. Halstead was the first female graduate of West Point to become a general officer and was a member of the second West Point class to graduate women.

“The first time I marched back with the cadets was in 1981,” Halstead said. “I thought it was great marching with cadets from many different backgrounds.”

Halstead and Bond stayed overnight at Camp Buckner and enjoyed the talent show the new cadets put on Sunday evening.

“We had a talent show 34 years ago, but it just wasn’t quite the same,” she said. “This show had a lot of cadet humor, great songs and the Lord of the Ring dance was hysterical.”

Halstead said she also keeps up with her classmates and Soldiers she has worked with over the years.

“I still keep up with friends—classmates and Soldiers—through Facebook,” she said. “I still get notes from Soldiers who sent me photos of their kids, which is really touching. I love to watch a Soldier (rise in rank) going from private to sergeant.”

(Editor’s Note: Check out the Cadet Basic Training album on our Flickr site to recap everything from R-Day to March Back. Acceptance Day photos will be posted early next week. Go to: http://www.flickr.com/photos/west_point/)

West Point appreciates its active duty force, families

By Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

Approximately 450 Soldiers and their family members were in attendance Aug. 4 for the West Point Military Appreciation Day event at Lake Frederick.

West Point's main mission is to train and educate leaders of character. However, it also is a duty station for more than 1,000 enlisted personnel and officers who go above and beyond to be a part of that process.

Every year, West Point hosts a Military Appreciation Day to allow military personnel to enjoy playing games, music, swimming and good food with their families.

Children received face paintings and sported temporary tattoos while taking a break from the popular swimming areas of Round and Delafield Ponds to splash around Lake Frederick.

During the event, there were many games played and the results from those activities are available to the right.

Basketball:

1. HHC
2. Summer Task Force
3. Vet Clinic

Volleyball:

1. Summer Task Force
2. MEDDAC
3. MPs

Tug-of-War:

1. MEDDAC
2. Summer Task Force
3. Vet Clinic

Cardboard Boat Regatta:

1. MEDDAC
2. MPs
3. HHC

Most Seaworthy: Vet Clinic

Best Titanic Impression: Vet Clinic

Commander's Cup:

1. MEDDAC
2. Summer Task Force
3. MPs



The Veterinary and Food Inspectors staff competes in a tug-of-war contest with MEDDAC at the Military Appreciation Day event at Lake Frederick Aug. 4. (Below) Members of the Military Police Company competed in the cardboard boat races at Lake Frederick. Many boats which entered the race were creatively designed, yet functional.

KATHY EASTWOOD/PV



Isabel Syers (above) and members of the West Point Hired! Program, supported the festivities Aug. 4. Military Appreciation Day, hosted by the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation is an annual event to celebrate and recognize the installation's military members and their families.

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West Point cadet plays big part in mission during internship at RTS

By Sheila Gideon
Managing Editor, Kwajalein Hourglass

What did you do this summer? “Oh, I was the mission test director at the Ronald Reagan Ballistic Missile Test Site,” is not the typical answer of any college student. It is, however, for Class of 2013 Cadet Austin McGahan, who spent one month of his summer as an intern at RTS.

The developmental internship at RTS is a program sponsored through the U.S. Space and Missile Defense Command. McGahan is the second cadet to intern for RTS and learned about the opportunity during the briefing given by last year’s intern.

While at RTS, McGahan was introduced to the RTS sensor suite and was exposed to real engineering issues. His ultimate goal was to prepare for the mission that occurred June 22.

“I would say the best part of the timing was that I was here for a mission,” McGahan said.

He acted as the test director for TRADEX during the Air Force mission Glory Trip 204. He was responsible for planning and executing all aspects of the TRADEX mission including mission planning, pre-mission briefings, radar automation scripting, pre-mission simulations, mission execution, post-mission data analysis and post-mission briefings. It was a chance for him to experience real-time technical difficulties associated with missions.

“I’ve been learning as much as I can about TRADEX radar, which involves a lot of time in the console room,” McGahan said.

He has taken a few trips to Roi-Namur to see the hardware and learn from his TRADEX mentor, Jim Burke of MIT/LL.

“I spent a lot of time just learning as much as I could from Jim Burke. A lot of it seemed just like physics lessons, teaching me how the radar works. I spent a good amount of time sitting in on different meetings, just trying to get an idea how the

administrative side of the range works.”

Randall Sliva, USAKA/RTS mentor for McGahan, was impressed with how far he progressed during his internship. To be a test director for a mission is “a very good accomplishment for a very short time,” Sliva said.

McGahan has yet to be exposed to radars at West Point, which is not uncommon for second-year students, according to Sliva.

“He really took in a lot of information during this past month. He went from the ‘deer in the headlights’ look at times, to (where) he was a very confident operator, director of the mission the other night. It was excellent progression of his learning. He came along very nicely,” Sliva said.

Col. Joseph Gaines also stepped in and provided some extra mentorship regarding his military future.

For McGahan, the best part of the internship was during mission day.

“There’s very small differences between the actual mission and simulations you run through, but you still get a lot more pumped up for it. You know that it’s a real thing flying through the sky during the mission,” McGahan said.

The most challenging part of this summer has been trying to learn as much as possible in such a short amount of time.

“(I’ve) been trying to learn way more than can fit into a month. I guess the most important thing to takeaway is that I’ve learned how much more complex and how many different factors go into just one mission,” McGahan said.

Overall, McGahan enjoyed his time out here.

“I’m amazed that (Kwajalein is) out here. The whole radar part of it is very unique. Also, the scuba diving and all the water activities are pretty awesome, too.”

After leaving the academy, McGahan hopes to branch into either aviation or air defense artillery. He is set to graduate in 2013.



Class of 2013 Cadet Austin McGahan was the summer intern for Reagan Test Site May 31-June 29. During his internship, he acted as the test director for TRADEX during a mission June 22.

PHOTO BY BY JIM BURKE

SHARP Response Team

24/7 Sexual Assault Response Coordinators

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

Support or More Information

- DoD SafeHelpline: 877-995-5247;
- www.safehelpline.org.

24/7 Victim Advocacy

- Dan Toohey, Installation: 914-382-8180;
- Lt. Col. Ed Supplee, Center for Personal Development: 845-591-7215;
- On-call Behavioral Health: 845-938-4004;
- Duty Chaplain: 845-401-8171.

Cadets immerse in expert field medical training

Story and photo by Spc. Mary Hogle
138th Public Affairs Detachment, N.Y. ANG

For four West Point cadets, completing their Cadet Troop Leadership Training has afforded them opportunities to see and learn from the best-of-the-best in the Army medical community.

The cadets have been working side-by-side and observing Soldiers of both the officer and the enlisted corps during the 2011 U.S. Army Europe Expert Field Medical Badge Standardization and Testing on the Grafenwoehr Training Area in Germany from Aug. 1 through Saturday.

“We are basically getting development from enlisted Soldiers, senior NCOs, majors and all the way up to Lt. Colonels,” Class of 2013 Cadet Jessica Williams said. “So our experience is a little bit different than others who are doing the same thing.”

In fact, the officers in charge of the cadets have made intentional efforts to provide them with as much variety in experience as possible.

“We actually had multiple senior leaders come and sit down with them,” 1st Lt. Carey D. Amos, commander, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 421st Multifunctional Medical Battalion, said. “They had more of a dialogue between them, kind of an open forum. They could ask any question they wanted of the senior leaders and get feedback from them.”

Seeing both sides of the military can benefit the cadets and prepare them for what they will encounter as active duty

officers after graduation.

“When you go through an officer candidate school, ROTC or West Point, if you don’t have prior military experience some folks have what is perhaps an unrealistic expectation of what you will do as an officer and what you won’t do as an officer,” Maj. James H. Hayes, executive officer of the 421st Multifunctional Medical Battalion, said. “Out here they get the opportunity to see how closely officers and NCOs work together.”

“I hoped to get training and to see the difference between a doctor in the Army and a medical service corps officer in the Army,” Williams said. “I have definitely gotten that. The battalion commander is a doctor and all of his field grade officers below him are medical service corps so I have gotten the full aspect of the medical service corps and the medical corps.”

Not only did the cadets observe and learn from leadership, they took their experience to the next level by actively engaging the kind of Soldiers who they will one day lead.

“I’ve seen and observed that the cadets have taken the opportunity to sit and talk with our junior enlisted Soldiers within the sections that they are going to and working with,” Hayes said. “Everybody in the Army comes in with a story and as an officer, you should understand that.”

“As future officers of the United States Army, they took this opportunity to visit and ask those questions and ask their opinions,” he added. “They’re learning by asking Soldiers now, when they’re not in charge.”



Class of 2013 Cadet Jessica Williams applies a tourniquet to a casualty during the validation phase of the 2011 U.S. Army Europe Expert Field Medical Badge event July 27.

Welcome back to school

Submitted by West Point Schools

Welcome back! The West Point Elementary and Middle Schools would like to extend a hearty welcome to the new and returning students and families who will be with us for the 2011-12 school year.

Please know that an experienced and dedicated staff of professionals eagerly await your children and is busy making preparations for a smooth opening of school.

This article contains important information regarding the opening of school and activities that occur prior to the opening of school. Please read all the information carefully.

Daily time schedules

- Middle School—Grades 5-8 from 7:38 a.m.-2:18 p.m.;
- Elementary School—Grades K-4 from 8:30 a.m.-2:50 p.m.;
- AM Pre-K—8:30-11 a.m. (Monday-Friday);
- PM Pre-K—12:20-2:50 p.m. (Monday-Friday).

“Early” release times

- Middle School—Dismissal at 11 a.m.;
- Elementary School—Dismissal at 11:30 a.m.;
- AM Pre-K—Dismissal at 11:30 a.m.;
- No PM Pre-K on early release days.

West Point Schools “new” parent orientation: There will be a brief orientation session for parents of new students entering the West Point Schools. The Elementary School held its meeting Wednesday. The Middle School meeting will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Middle School Auditorium, Bldg. 705.

Elementary School “Who will be my Teacher?”: The elementary school classroom assignments for SY 2011-12 will be posted at the school front doors at 4 p.m. Tuesday.

West Point Schools open house: The open house will be held Wednesday. The Middle School open house will be from 1-2 p.m. The Elementary School open house will be from 2:15-3:15 p.m.

Both meetings take place in the Middle School Auditorium, Bldg. 705. School supplies pre-ordered through the PTO will be available for pickup at the open house. Child-related community organizations will have representatives present during the open house.

School begins: Parents of students in Pre-K through fourth grade should have received an information letter from the principal dated Aug. 1.

Additional information for students in Pre-K and Kindergarten is noted separately in this article. Students in Grades 1-8 will report to school Aug. 18.

Kindergarten information

Kindergarten orientation:

Kindergarten parents are invited to attend a Kindergarten orientation with their student on the first day of school from 9-10 a.m. Aug. 18 (students will leave with parents at 10 a.m.).

This meeting will give parents an opportunity to become acquainted with the Kindergarten program, give the children a chance to meet their teacher and see the classroom.

Kindergarten screening: Kindergarten screenings will be conducted in the afternoon of Aug. 18 and all day Aug. 19 and 22.

Beginning Aug. 23, Kindergarten students will begin regular full day sessions.

Pre-Kindergarten information

Pre-K Screening/Home Visits: Screening/home visits for all Pre-Kindergarten students will take place from Aug. 18-25.

A letter containing the name of your child’s Pre-Kindergarten teacher and your assigned home visit time was sent home via mail Aug. 4. Please read the letter about Pre-K carefully as it contains very important information.

On Aug. 26, there will be a one-hour Pre-K orientation. Times are noted below:

- AM Session—9-10 a.m.;
- PM Session—noon-1 p.m.

On Aug. 29, regular morning and afternoon Pre-K sessions will begin.

Registration procedures

New students are encouraged to register for school as soon as possible after moving on post.

To formally enroll a child in a DoDEA school, the following documentation is required:

- DoDEA form 600 (signed by sponsor only);
- Sponsor’s PCS orders;
- Verification of date of birth such as the child’s birth certificate;
- Verification that the student is an eligible dependent

One of the following:

- 90/180 day housing letter (child listed as permanent resident);
- Copy of the 1st and 3rd page of lease agreement.

Immunization record

A physical exam must be completed within the last 12 months if the child will be participating in sports (not required for Elementary School).

Additional forms to be completed at registration:

- Internet Agreement;
- Race/Ethnicity and Home Language (Form 600A);
- Blanket Permission Form;
- Signed Request for Records;
- Health History Form;
- Guidance Counselor Information Letter.

Home School information

This information is intended solely for those parents who have chosen to home

school their children at West Point. West Point follows New York State laws on home schooling to the maximum extent practical. New York State Regulations of the Commissioner of Education Part 100.00 pursuant to sections 207.3204, 3210, 3212, and 3234 of the New York State Education Law (as amended by the section 100.10) are the guidelines to be followed at West Point.

It is a DoDEA policy neither to encourage nor discourage DOD sponsors from home schooling their minor dependents.

At West Point Schools, the sponsor will notify the school of their intent to home school their children by July 1 of each year or within 14 days following the commencement of home instruction.

Once the intent letter is received, the school will send the sponsor a packet containing a letter that explains the process, the home schooling policy statement based on New York State requirements and the Individual Home Instruction Plan form, which is to be filled out by the sponsor.

Once the IHIP is returned to the school, a letter will be mailed to the sponsor

acknowledging receipt.

New York State requires that quarterly progress reports be maintained while students are home schooled.

A dependent that is educated in a home school setting shall be permitted to use or receive auxiliary services of that school.

Auxiliary services includes use of academic resources, special education services, access to the library of the school, after-hours use of school facilities, and participation in music, sports and other extracurricular and interscholastic activities.

It is not unusual for students who are home schooled to participate in system-wide standardized testing given at the school or to enroll in advanced level classes such as Algebra I or foreign language.

Should you have a question regarding this requirement, contact the West Point School Principals at 938-2923 (Grades 5-8) or 938-2313 (Grades Pre K-4).

Medication guidelines and immunization requirements

If a child requires medication during the

See WELCOME, Page 8

BACK-TO-SCHOOL information: School Buses, parking and closing procedures

Submitted by West Point Schools

School Bus Information

Bus route schedules—Please review the bus route schedules on page 10. Note that all times listed are estimated times. Students are asked to be at their designated bus stop five minutes prior to the times stated on the schedule and buses will only stop at designated bus stops.

Bus route signs will be posted in the bus window. (Note: Separate buses run for WPES and WPMS.)

Late bus: There will be no after school late bus.

Child care: If your child needs special bus arrangements for child care purposes, please be sure to submit your request in writing through your child's teacher to Eileen Ellingsen, transportation coordinator, at Eileen.Ellingsen@am.dodea.edu. (Note: Students are not allowed to ride buses for play dates, girl scouts, boy scouts, etc.)

Before and After School Program: If your child needs transportation from/to the Before and After School Program, transportation is available through School Age Services. The points of contact are Tara Balfe or Natalie Kilmer. A permission slip must be on file to allow for the school to put your child/children on the bus after school. Be sure to complete the necessary permission slip with SAC and keep the school informed of any changes.

High School buses will be coordinated directly through the O'Neill High School Transportation Officer at 446-4738, ext. 225.

School parking

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

Handicapped parking is clearly marked and is located in the bus loop area. Only those vehicles with legal handicapped parking permits are allowed in this area. The "15-minute" parking spaces are to be used to deliver/pick up something or someone at school. Do not park in the band housing area, use the lower parking lot as mentioned above.

Kiss and Drop area: Please drop your child off at the designated area. It is imperative that all parents use this area to drop-off or pick-up their children. The USMA School Resource Officer will be notified when community members disregard the clearly posted Kiss and Drop procedure.

Meeting Special Education needs

West Point Schools provide a full continuum of special education and related services to meet the needs of students with developmental delays and disabilities.

All students receiving special education and related services at NY/VA DoDEA at the West Point Schools have met the guidelines for the Department of Defense Education Activity special education eligibility criteria.

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

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

School Closing information

On days when the West Point Schools are closed due to inclement weather, the One Call Now automated phone messaging system and the news media will be used to make appropriate announcements.

The decision to close the West Point Schools is made by WPS administration, in consultation with USMA, and is independent of other school districts (e.g., Highland Falls). School authorities in the surrounding communities may or may not close their schools. On days when weather is inclement, parents are urged to ensure that school will be in session prior to dropping their children off at school.

Do not call the school on these days.

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

Check the following additional sources on inclement weather days:

- Television Channel: Post Command Channel 23;
- Special Telephone Number: 938-7000;
- Radio Stations:
WGNY—1220 AM;

WHUD—100.7 FM;

WSPK—104.7 FM.

Important phone numbers:

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

School Lunch Menu for Aug. 18 and 19

• Aug. 18: Oven baked chicken nuggets or hot dog on bun, vegetable pasta salad, corn niblets, fresh fruit selection and milk variety;

• Aug. 19: Pizza-plain or vegetable or tuna salad wrap, seasoned brown rice, green beans, chilled fruit choice and milk variety.

To email the school: School administrators, teachers and staff at West Point Schools may be contacted via email using the following format: **FirstName.LastName@am.dodea.edu**.

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

School Board meetings: The first school board meeting will take place at 4:30 p.m. Aug. 31. The remaining meetings have been set aside for the first Wednesday of the month. Mark your calendars for the following dates: Oct. 5, Nov. 2, Dec. 7, Feb. 1, March 7, April 4, May 2 and June 6.

Meetings are open to the public and will take place in the Middle School Conference Room/Superintendent's Office, Bldg. 705. If you are interested in receiving a copy of the School Board Agenda prior to the meetings, send your email address to Eileen.Ellingsen@am.dodea.edu.

School Board members: Brian Champine (978-930-5155), Debbie Gerber (845-977-6965), Ginger Levine (907-854-0713), Erin Lunday (845-839-0511) and Joseph C. Shannon (845-446-1202).

WPS PTO Executive Board members: President-Erin Raymond, 1st Vice President-Carmen Keene, 2nd Vice President-Veronica Navarro, Secretary-Jen Waugh, Treasurer-Elaine Walsh and School Board Liaison-Laura Mayer.

Useful websites:

- DoDEA website: <http://www.dodea.edu>;
- DDESS website: <http://www.am.dodea.edu>;
- West Point Elementary School: http://www.am.dodea.edu/NY_VA/westpoint/elementary/;
- West Point Middle School: http://www.am.dodea.edu/NY_VA/westpoint/middle/

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school day, the parent/guardian must bring the medication to the school nurse in the original container from the physician/pharmacy and complete the proper authorization form (a hold harmless letter) with the school nurse. The school nurse administers all medication.

Students who enroll in DoDEA schools are required to meet immunization requirements. The immunization requirements for enrollment in DoDEA schools are determined by the military.

The guidelines for military dependent children follow the guidelines from the Center for Disease Control and are based upon recommendations from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. Consult your child's physician for information that is applicable for your child(ren).

Throughout the year, there may be time periods in which certain vaccines may not be available through the military.

Should this situation arise, please notify the school nurse and a waiver will be granted until the vaccine is available.

DoDEA students are required to meet an additional immunization requirement.

The DoDEA requirement is as follows:

- Required minimum immunizations include a second dose of the varicella vaccine;
- Students will need the 2nd dose of varicella after their 4th birthday to attend the Pre-K program.

There is a DoDEA Immunizations form for optional use (it is not a mandatory form) for parents to use to document their child(ren)'s immunization history.

If a parent chooses not to use the new immunization form, some other type of medical proof of immunization must be completed by a medical authority and provided to school officials at the time of initial registration.

For further information regarding DoDEA immunization requirements, contact your child(ren)'s school or Rhonda LaVenuta at the Office of Pupil Personnel Services at 703-630-7026.

School lunch information for 2011-12

Submitted by West Point Schools

West Point Schools announced a free and reduced price meal policy for all area school children. Local school officials have adopted the following family eligibility criteria to assist them in determining eligibility (table seen at the right).

Food Stamp/TANF/FDPIR households: Households which currently include children who receive Food Stamps or Aid to Dependent Children (ADC)/Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), or the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) must complete an application listing the child's name, a food stamp, TANF, or FDPIR number, and the signature of an adult household member, or provide a Direct Certification letter from the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance. Children in the household with the same case number may be included on the same application.

Separate applications are required for children in the same household with different case numbers. If the family does not list a food stamp, TANF, or FDPIR number for all children for whom they are applying, then the application must contain all the information as required for "other households" as described below.

Other households: Households with incomes the same or below the amount of money listed above for their family size may be eligible for and are urged to apply for free and/or reduced price meals. They may do so by filling in the application forms sent home with a letter to parents. Additional copies are available at the principal's office in each school. Applications may be submitted any time during the school year to the Child Nutrition Director.

The information provided on the application is confidential and used for determining eligibility. The names and eligibility status of participants may also be used for the allocation of funds to federal education programs such as Title I and National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), State

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS (2011 – 2012 School Year)							
FREE ELIGIBILITY SCALE Free Lunch				REDUCED PRICE ELIGIBILITY SCALE Reduced Price Lunch			
Household Size	Year	Month	Week	Household Size	Year	Month	Week
1	\$14,157	\$ 1,180	\$273	1	\$20,147	\$1,679	\$ 388
2	\$19,123	\$ 1,594	\$368	2	\$27,214	\$2,268	\$ 524
3	\$24,089	\$ 2,008	\$464	3	\$34,281	\$2,857	\$ 660
4	\$29,055	\$ 2,422	\$559	4	\$41,348	\$3,446	\$ 796
5	\$34,021	\$ 2,836	\$655	5	\$48,415	\$4,035	\$ 932
6	\$38,987	\$ 3,249	\$750	6	\$55,482	\$4,624	\$1,067
7	\$43,953	\$ 3,663	\$846	7	\$62,549	\$5,213	\$1,203
8	\$48,919	\$ 4,077	\$941	8	\$69,616	\$5,802	\$1,339
For each additional family member ADD	+ 4,966	+ 414	+ 96	For each additional family member ADD	+7,067	+ 589	+ 136

health or State education programs, provided the State agency or local education agency administers the programs, and for federal, State or local means-tested nutrition programs with eligibility standards comparable to the National School Lunch Program. Eligibility information may also be released to programs authorized under the National School Lunch (NSLA) or the Child Nutrition Act (CAN). The release of information to any program or entity not specifically authorized by the NSLA will require a written consent statement from the parent or guardian.

The school district does, however, have the right to verify at any time during the school year the information on the application. If a parent does not give the school this information, the child/children will no longer be able to receive free or reduced price meals.

Foster children may also be eligible for these benefits. An application for a foster child must contain the child's name, the child's personal use income and an adult signature.

Under the provisions of the policy, the designated official will review applications and determine eligibility. If a parent is dissatisfied with the ruling of the designated official, he/she may make a request either orally or in writing for a hearing to appeal the decision. The Superintendent, Dr. Bruce Jeter, has been designated as the Hearing Official. Hearing procedures are outlined in the policy. However, prior to initiating the hearing procedure, the parent or School Food Authority may request a conference to provide an opportunity for the parent and official to discuss the situation, present information and obtain an explanation of the data submitted in the application or the decisions rendered. The request for a conference shall not in any way prejudice or diminish the right to a fair hearing.

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

Nondiscrimination statement: This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly.

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

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

Information on the Lunch Program

Submitted by West Point Schools

The West Point School is a participant in the National School Lunch Program. The lunch program is regulated and subsidized by both the state and federal governments and meets the standards for nutrition set by the State Department of Education and the U.S.D.A.

The cafeteria offers three different entrées every day. The entrée choice is made each morning in the classroom and sent to the cafeteria.

A hot lunch includes entrée, vegetable, fruit and milk.

Call Georgi Nappo, Child Nutrition Director, at 938-3737 with questions or concerns.

Lunch program

- Daily Lunch (See Online Menu for Alternate Choices);
- A la carte milk (for Brown Baggers);
- A la carte snacks (See List Below).

Special request: If you plan on joining your child for lunch on any given day, please advise your child's teacher. Extra food preparation is required.

Cafeteria Costs

- Lunch: *Elementary (K-4) \$2.25 daily Middle (5-8) \$2.50 daily* (\$.25 Reduced or Free – must apply to qualify);
- A la carte milk: \$.40 (Low Fat Chocolate or White

available);

- A la carte snacks: Sherbert cup—\$.75, baked pretzel—\$.75, on premises baked cookies—\$.75, snack bags (baked and reduced fat)—\$.75, Nutri-Grain bar—\$.75, 4 oz. 100 percent juice cup—\$.40, 10 oz. 100 percent juice bottle \$1,

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bottled water—\$1, fresh fruit—\$.50.

A la carte snacks and juices will be automatically deducted from lunch account unless advised otherwise by parent. Prices and selections are subject to change.

Watch for our new delicious and nutritious items. The West Point School Lunch Program is "nut free."

Payment

West Point School Lunch Program is now computerized using the "Meals Plus" meal tracking system software. Your child is issued a 3 or 4 digit PIN number and enters that number into the key pad at the cash register.

His or her purchases are entered into the system at that point. You may continue to send a check to school payable to West Point Lunch Fund in any amount and it will be credited to your child's account.

You may also pay by credit card through the website at **LunchPrepay.com**. There is a \$5 fee to register your child and a 5 percent charge will be applied if you choose to deposit money into his/her account via your credit card. You may check lunch history and request a low balance email. The cafeteria no longer sends out low balance letters. Please call the program manager's office to obtain your child's 10 digit ID number.

You will need this number to register on **LunchPrepay.com**. Remember, unless you advise otherwise, your child will be able to charge A la carte snacks and juices to his/her lunch account with this computerized system. We can block the account from all snack purchases if you let us know.

Special dietary needs: If your child has special dietary needs due to medical reasons, please send in a note from the doctor stating the problem and listing exactly what the child may eat or drink. If a specific brand name is required, please state the name brands in the official request.

Charging: Lunches may be charged a maximum of three times. We highly recommend that you register on **Lunchprepay.com** so you can track your child's account history. If payment is not received by the fourth charge, the students will be given a cheese sandwich and milk. The cost for this service is \$1.40.

No charging will be permitted after April 30, 2012. No exceptions to this written policy will be allowed.

Free and reduced applications: Will be sent home with the students the first day of school. Complete and return them as soon as possible to Georgi Nappo, Program Director. You may request an application anytime during the school year. We encourage everyone to apply.



School buses will be back in action starting Aug. 18 as children in Grades 1-8 return to the West Point Elementary and Middle Schools for the 2011-12 School Year.

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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUS SCHEDULE

Bus routes are assigned by 'STREET.' Please be sure children ride the correct bus assigned to their 'STREET.'

Buses will follow routes as indicated below and the times listed are estimated. Be sure to have children at the bus stop at the time specified until a more firm time develops.

Once a firm time has been set, students must be at bus stops five minutes prior. Buses will stop only at the points indicated. Students will arrive at school between 8:25-8:30 a.m.

ROUTE 1: SPECIAL PICK-UPS

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

ROUTE 2:

(0810) Bus Stop #1 on Meigs Rd. - Stop Sign at Qtrs. 3400
(0812) Bus Stop #2 on Meigs Rd. - Between Qtrs. 3232 & 3234
(0814) Bus Stop #3 on Meigs Rd. - Stop Sign at Top
(0816) Webb Rd & Wyllys Rd - Bus Stop at Corner Webb & Wyllys

ROUTE 3:

(0815) Partridge and Schofield (Lusk Area)
(0816) Partridge and Stewart (Lusk Area)
(0819) Smith Pl. and Wilson Rd. (Svc. Rd. at Qtrs. 42A Wilson Rd.)
(0820) Wilson Road/Kinsley Hill Corner
(0820) Rear of Qtrs. 25A Thayer Rd. (Svc. Rd.)
(0822) Qtrs. 5 Thayer Rd.
(0824) Qtrs. 109 Washington Rd.
(0825) Qtrs. 118 A and B Washington Rd.

ROUTE 4:

(0813) Patterson Loop Bus Shelter (Rear)
(0815) Patterson Loop Bus Shelter (Front)
(0818) Bus Stop #1 - Corner E. Continental and Webb (Qtrs 3340)
(0820) Bus Stop #2 - Corner E. Continental and Wyllys (Qtrs 3538)

ROUTE 5:

(0813) Heath Loop Bus Shelter (Rear)
(0815) Heath Loop Bus Shelter (Front)
(0817) Radiere Loop Bus Shelter (Rear)
(0819) Radiere Loop Bus Shelter (Front)

MIDDLE SCHOOL BUS SCHEDULE

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

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

ROUTE 1: SPECIAL PICK-UPS

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

ROUTE 2:

(0717) Bus Stop #1 on Meigs Rd. - Stop Sign at Qtrs. 3400
(0718) Bus Stop #2 on Meigs Rd. - Between Qtrs. 3232 & 3234
(0719) Bus Stop #3 on Meigs Rd. - Stop Sign at Top
(0721) Corner of East Continental Rd. and Webb Rd (Qtrs 3340)
(0722) Corner Webb Rd & Wyllys Rd.
(0723) Corner of East Continental Rd. and Wyllys (Qtrs 3538)

ROUTE 3:

(0717) Partridge and Schofield (Lusk Area)
(0719) Partridge and Stewart (Lusk Area)
(0723) Smith Pl. and Wilson Rd. (Svc Rd @ Qtrs 42A Wilson Rd.)
(0725) Rear of Qtrs 25A Thayer Rd (Svc Rd.)
(0726) Qtrs 5 Thayer Rd.
(0728) Qtrs. 101 Jefferson Rd.
(0729) Qtrs. 109D Washington Rd.
(0730) Qtrs. 118 A and B Washington Rd.

ROUTE 4:

(0720) Patterson Loop Entrance - Bus Shelter
(0722) Heath Loop (Rear Bus Shelter)
(0723) Heath Loop (Front Bus Shelter)
(0724) Radiere Loop Entrance (Bus Shelter)

FMWR Blurbs

Moonlight Madness

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

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.

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.

At the beginning of August, the program will be conducted in the Cadet Intramural Pool.

The program will then switch back to Crandall Pool starting Monday.

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, fresh vegetables, sauces and spices. Also check out its Asian-themed beverages.

For more information, call 938-5120.

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.

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.

Parents interested in volunteering or needing more information, contact Youth Services at 938-8899/3727.

In the case of inclement weather, this will be moved to the Youth Center Gymnasium, Bldg. 500.

For more information, call 938-8897.



Kids Bike Rodeo

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

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.

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.

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 offering 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

NEW INFO



Dining at the Club

Family Style Italian Dining

Enjoy Family Style Italian Dining at the West Point Club from 6-10 p.m. Sept. 26. The event includes live music.

For more information, call 938-5120.

What's Happening

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. Sunday 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

NEW INFO

Annual Praise the Lord celebration

Praise and fellowship from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Friday at the West Point Post Chapel. Join for praise, fellowship and music.

The 12:30 p.m. Protestant Service will hold its annual Praise the Lord celebration from 10 a.m.-2 pm Sunday at the West Point Club main ballroom. Special guest musical evangelist is Tracy Richardson.

Enjoy good food, friends and fellowship.

For more information on both events, call Anthony Adams at 914-512-6234 or Andrienne Adams at 914-382-0707.

Pick up your Back-to-School Supply Kits

School supply kits that were pre-ordered from West Point Schools PTO can be picked up between noon-4:30 p.m. Wednesday at the West Point Elementary School's gymnasium.

For more information, call or email Olivia Williams-Turner at (845) 859-4955 or *oliviawilliamsturner@yahoo.com*.

Gospel Children's Church

West Point Gospel Service Children's Church is hosting a "Meet & Greet" and new/re-registration gathering Aug. 23, immediately following the 12:30 p.m. Gospel Service.

Location for this event is the Post Chapel, 799 Biddle Loop. Come prepared for refreshments and fun.

For more information, call the Post Chapel at 938-2003.

Higher Ground Ministry

West Point's Higher Ground Men's Ministry is hosting a Morning Breakfast Cruise and Bible Study from 7:45-9:30 a.m. Aug. 27. Boarding will start promptly at 7:45 a.m. at South Dock and the Superintendent's Boat will sail at 8 a.m.

This is a free event for the men of West Point and surrounding community.

RSVP is encouraged to ensure meal accommodations. Send number of guests to *michael.turner@usma.edu* to reserve your space today.

Hudson Valley Blood Drive

The Hudson Valley Blood Services in conjunction with Keller Army Community Hospital will have its annual blood drive from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Aug. 22-24 and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Aug. 25 in the Eisenhower Hall, 4th Floor Ballroom.

Platelet collections will be 12:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Aug. 22-24 and 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Aug. 25. There will also be a DOD bone marrow registration table located in the vicinity of the ballroom.

For whole blood appointments, call 938-2583 (BLUD). For platelet appointments, call 914-760-3177. For travel or medical eligibility questions, call 1-800-688-0900.

Life Works at Balfour Beatty Communities

• **Tween's Scavenger Hunt:** BBC will be divide participants into teams and send them on a wild goose chase. Meet at 126 Washington Road from 12:30-2 p.m. Tuesday.

Following the hunt, there will be a pizza party. Call Jodi Gellman at 446-6407 to register by Friday. Age group includes 8-12 year olds.

"Feds Feed Families" continues until Aug. 31

Submitted by Army Community Service

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.

This campaign is a government-wide effort led by the Chief Human Capital Officers Council, in partnership with the Office of Personnel Management, the Department of Defense and the U.S. Department of Agriculture to address severe shortages of non-perishable items at food banks throughout the country.

The goal is to collect two million pounds of food this summer. The drive ends Aug. 31.

West Point's goal is to collect 1,000 pounds of non-perishable goods for this effort. Federal employees and all community members are encouraged to contribute.

Donations will be delivered to the Food Bank of the Hudson Valley, which will distribute them to charitable agencies feeding the hungry in Orange, Ulster, Dutchess, Rockland, Sullivan and Putnam counties.

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.

West Point reduces post shuttle bus frequency starting Sept. 12

The West Point Transportation Motor Pool is modifying the frequency and hours of the post shuttle bus that runs continuously from 6:15 a.m.-4:45 p.m. Monday-Friday and 12:10-6:50 p.m. on weekends and holidays in an effort to meet reduced ridership demand and to conserve limited Army resources (fuel, driver wages and maintenance costs).

Beginning Sept. 12, the post shuttle will provide service at every on-post bus stop once every hour instead of once every half hour between the hours 6:15 a.m.-4:45 p.m.

On weekends, the post shuttle will provide service from 12:10-3:50 p.m. (a reduction of three hours).

Updated post shuttle schedules are posted at each bus stop and on public folders at "all public folders/USMA news bulletins," or call the Transportation Motor Pool chief at 938-2808.

NOW SHOWING

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

Friday—Cars 2, G, 7:30 p.m.

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

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

Command Channel 8/23

Aug. 11-18

(Broadcast times)

Army Newswatch

Today, Friday and Monday through Aug. 18

8:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

The Point

Today, Friday and Monday through Aug. 18

8 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Keller Corner

KACH outpatient clinic closures

All outpatient clinics, laboratory, pharmacy and radiology will be closed Aug. 30 (training holiday) and Sept. 5 (Labor Day).

The emergency room will remain open.

Additional School and Sports Physicals available

The Primary Care Department opened a dedicated clinic today 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.

Let us know how we are doing ... Don't forget to fill out the Army Provider Level Satisfaction Survey when you receive it in the mail. We value your opinion.

Families PCSing overseas

If you are active duty moving overseas with your family members, it is important that you contact the Exceptional Family Member Program immediately.

The EFMP office must screen all family members accompanying active duty on overseas assignments. Call 938-6881 for details and appointments. Delay in screening may contribute to delay in family members traveling with sponsors.

TRICARE Behavioral Health

Did you know ... If you are enrolled in TRICARE Prime (non-active duty), you may receive the first eight behavioral health care outpatient visits from a TRICARE network provider without a referral from your PCM or prior authorization from your regional contractor.

After the first eight visits (starting with the ninth visit), your behavioral health care provider must receive prior authorization from your regional contractor.

Behavioral health care providers include psychiatrists, clinical psychologists, certified psychiatric nurse specialists and clinical social workers.

For more health benefit information, contact the Health Benefit Advisors at 938-4838.

Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

See SUDOKU SOLUTION, Page 2

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

Difficulty: Easy

		3		1	7	8	5	
	6	4		9				
	7	5	2		6			
3			5					2
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Army offering unique browser theme application

By Ryan Yanoshak
Army Athletic Communications

The Army Athletic Association, in partnership with CBSSports.com College Network, is now offering an Army

Black Knights browser theme.

The browser theme is a unique application with its visual immersion of the browser and integrated content and functionality.

Army and CBSSports.com recently launched a re-designed goARMYsports.com and the browser theme is an extension of the partnership. The energy and team spirit is fully captured in the entire browser theme. Links to the athletics site are included as is breaking news delivered within the theme's sidebar. Fans will enjoy instant access to news, videos, tickets and much more.

The simple add-on works with your existing Firefox or Internet Explorer browser, so all the bookmarks and favorites remain the same, but adds a difference for the Internet experience.

The browser will keep fans up-to-the-minute and active with the athletic community with links to goARMYsports.com, Army merchandise, ITT Knight Vision, photos and much more.

By selecting the sidebar tab after you download the theme, current stories posted to goARMYsports.com will be on the side of your screen.



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GoARMYSPORTS SCREEN CAPTURE

To download your Army Black Knights browser theme today go to www.goarmysports.com/ot/army-download-2011.html.

Due to the weather, the best-of-three game post softball championship series was postponed until at least Wednesday, so coverage will appear in next week's *Pointer View*.

The post championship features South Division Champion Math (23-1, including playoffs) versus North Division Champion ODIA I (22-4, including playoffs).

The champions of the post softball playoffs since 2006 are ...

- 2010—ODIA over DPE/EECS (3 games).
- 2009—Systems Engineering over MEDDAC (3 games).
- 2008—DPW over Math (2 games).
- 2007—Stewart Marines over Math (2 games).
- 2006—ODIA over W.P. Security (2nd Tournament).
- 2006—BS&L over 1/1 (1st Tournament).

Army announces 2013 and 2014 schedules

First meeting at Stanford since 1976 highlights upcoming football slates

By Brian Gunning
Army Athletic Communications

Home-and-home series versus Stanford and Wake Forest, and games with Boston College at Michie Stadium and Yankee Stadium highlight Army's 2013 and 2014 football schedules that were announced by Director of Athletics Boo Corrigan Monday.

Army will play 11 games at West Point during those two seasons, including six in 2013 and five in 2014. In addition, the Black Knights will host Boston College as part of the "Army at Yankee Stadium Series" Nov. 8, 2014.

The 2013 slate features home games versus three teams from BCS automatic-qualifying conferences. The Black Knights will welcome Stanford (PAC-12), Wake Forest (ACC) and Boston College (ACC) to Michie Stadium. In addition, Army hosts Morgan State in the season opener, Eastern Michigan and Western Kentucky. The Morgan State contest is set for Aug. 31, marking only the second time the Black Knights have played in August.

The 2008 season opener versus Temple was played on Aug. 28. The 2013 opener is also the first time the Black Knights will open a campaign at Michie Stadium since the 2008 contest versus Temple.

The 2013 road slate is highlighted by a trip to service-academy rival Air Force and a Thanksgiving weekend visit to Hawai'i. It is the Black Knights' first trip to Honolulu since 2003. Army will also play at Ball State, Louisiana Tech and Temple.

The 2013 Army-Navy Game will be played Dec. 14 at Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia.

Army will play five games at West Point and the Boston College contest at Yankee Stadium during the 2014 season. The Black Knights begin the season by hosting Buffalo Sept. 6. The rest of the home schedule includes Ball State, Rice, Air Force and Fordham.

Army Football's 2013 and 2014 schedules

2013

Aug. 31	MORGAN STATE
Sept. 7	at Ball State
Sept. 14	STANFORD
Sept. 21	WAKE FOREST
Sept. 28	at Louisiana Tech
Oct. 5	BOSTON COLLEGE
Oct. 12	EASTERN MICHIGAN
Oct. 19	at Temple
Nov. 2	at Air Force
Nov. 9	WESTERN KENTUCKY
Nov. 30	at Hawai'i
Dec. 14	vs. Navy (Lincoln Financial Field)

2014

Sept. 6	BUFFALO
Sept. 13	at Stanford
Sept. 20	at Wake Forest
Sept. 27	at Yale
Oct. 4	BALL STATE
Oct. 11	RICE
Oct. 18	at Kent State
Nov. 1	AIR FORCE
Nov. 8	BOSTON COLLEGE (Yankee Stadium)
Nov. 15	at Western Kentucky
Nov. 22	FORDHAM
Dec. 13	vs. Navy (M&T Bank Stadium)

After the opener versus Buffalo, a challenging three-game road stretch awaits the Black Knights. Army will play at Stanford, Wake Forest and Yale to round out the September schedule.

The trip to Stanford will mark Army's first time in Palo Alto since 1976. Army is also slated to play at Kent State and Western Kentucky.

The regular-season finale versus Navy moves to Baltimore's M&T Bank Stadium Dec. 13, 2014.

"We are happy to once again be able to announce our future schedules so far in advance," Corrigan said. "Even with the challenges of scheduling as a Football Bowl Subdivision Independent, we have been able to put together schedules that are balanced, both competitively and geographically. We will be able to expose Army Football to all regions of the country,

as well as playing some terrific opponents at Michie Stadium."

As previously announced, Army has an agreement with the San Diego County Credit Union Poinsettia Bowl should the Black Knights be bowl eligible in 2013. The Army Athletic Association is working to finalize the Black Knights' postseason plans for the 2014 campaign.

The Black Knights begin their 2011 season Sept. 3 at Northern Illinois. Army makes its home debut the following week when it hosts San Diego State.

Single-game and season tickets for the 2011 season are now on sale.

Fans can secure tickets by going to www.goarmysports.com, calling the Army Athletics Ticket Office at 1-877-TIX-ARMY or by visiting the Army Box Office located in the lobby of the Holleder Center.

First week of practice in the books, Hassin breaks through on only carry

By Brian Gunning
Army Athletic Communications

Army was able to avoid the rain for most of the Aug. 6 practice, putting in a full two hour, 30-minute session on Howze Field and inside the Foley Athletic Center.

The workout was the Black Knights' sixth of the preseason, ending the first week of camp.

Aug. 6 camp notables:

- After cutting the first day in full pads short Aug. 5, the Black Knights went with their normal preseason practice routine Aug. 6.

After roughly an hour and a half in full pads, the team took a 20-minute break before finishing the final hour in helmets and shoulder pads.

- The team took Sunday off from practice. Monday's workout was a special teams session, and did not include the plebes who were taking part in the traditional March Back

from Camp Buckner that concludes Cadet Basic Training.

Head Coach Rich Ellerson once again participated in the March Back.

- During the "Army vs. Army" portion of Aug. 6's practice, junior fullback Jared Hassin broke loose for a 15-yard gain on his only snap.

Offensive coordinator Ian Shields' pulled the Black Knights' 1,000-yard rusher and had freshman Larry Dixon finish the rest of the period.

- The possession ended with senior quarterback Max Jenkins throwing a perfectly-executed back-shoulder throw to sophomore Jon Crucitti for a five-yard touchdown.

- Sophomore Shelby Jackson continued to work at offensive tackle. Jackson played center during his first season at West Point.

- Junior guard Frank Allen and senior guard Joe Bailey looked good during one-on-one pass blocking drills versus the Army defensive line.



Junior fullback Jared Hassin gained 15 yards on his only rush at the Aug. 6 practice to finish out week one.

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Both recorded multiple pancake blocks.

- The defensive line won its share of the one-on-one battles as well.

Several of the Black Knights' small, but speedy defensive linemen used their quickness to reach the simulated quarterback.