

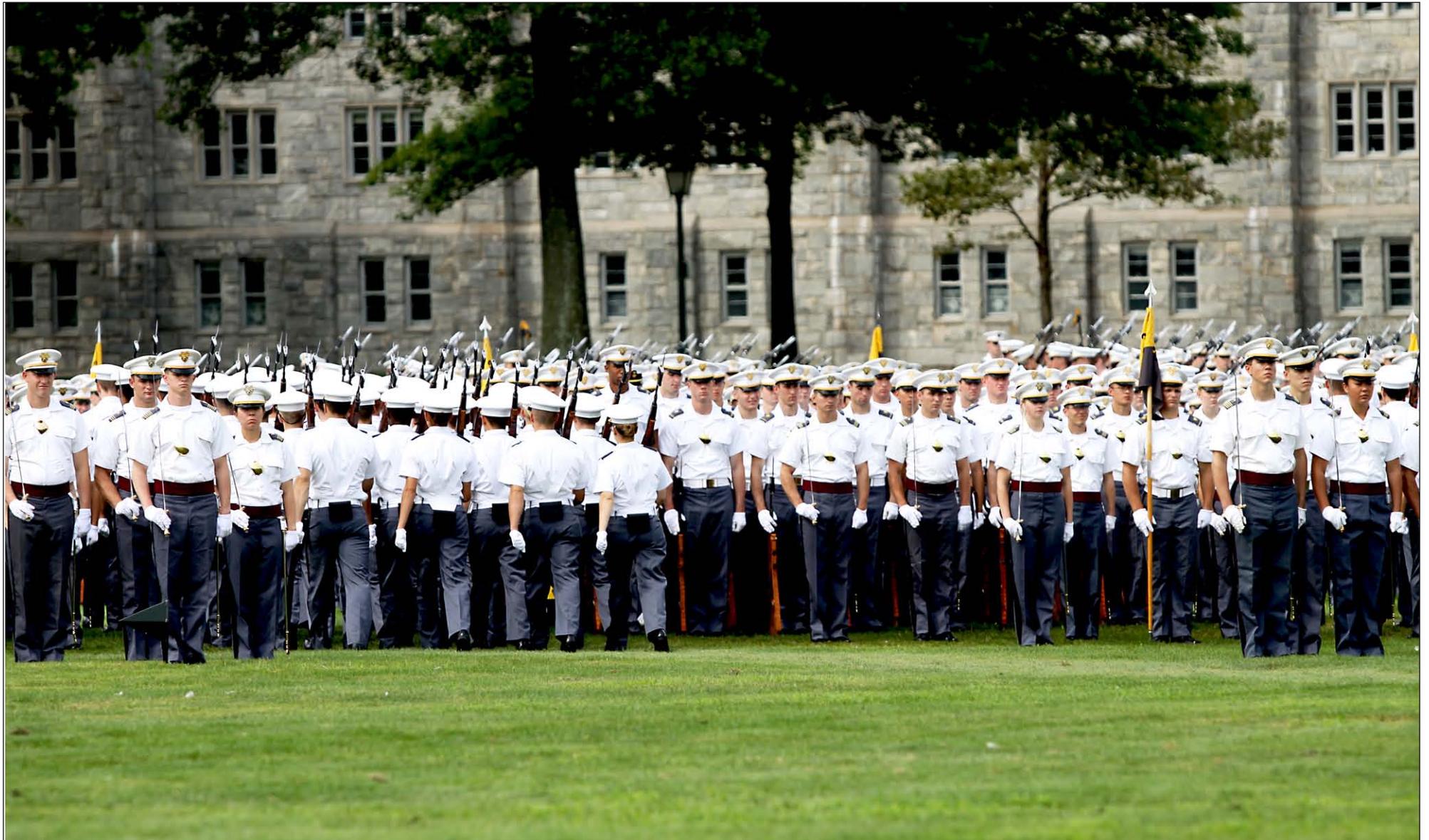
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2015 accepted into the Corps



The Class of 2015 was officially welcomed into the Corps of Cadets at the Acceptance Day Parade Aug. 13. New cadets (above, with rifles at right shoulder arms) march into their companies to the applause of friends and family in the stands. Members of the Class of 2015 with their chain of command march during a pass-in-review (left). The reviewing party consisted of Brig. Gen. Timothy Trainor, dean of the academic board; Brig. Gen. Ted Martin, commandant; retired Maj. Gen. Clair Gill, Class of 1965; retired Col. Thomas Kullman, Class of '64; retired Maj. Gen. William Boice, Class of '63; retired Lt. Col. Elliot Fishburne, Class of '62; Jodie Glore, Class of '69 and Association of Graduates chairman; and Lt. Gen. David H. Huntoon Jr., West Point superintendent, during the Acceptance Day Parade.

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August is Antiterrorism Month, so stay vigilant

By Matthew Cassidy
Directorate of Plans, Training,
Mobilization and Security

August is Antiterrorism Awareness Month across the Army. This month, the Army will promote the antiterrorism program, which is designed to instill and sustain Army-wide heightened awareness and vigilance to protect personnel, information, property and facilities in all locations against terrorism.

August is an appropriate month as it leads into September, with the 10th anniversary of 9/11 and it is also National Preparedness Month.

The Installation Antiterrorism and Force Protection Office kicked off this initiative by partnering with Balfour Beatty Communities during the National Night Out Aug. 2.

Other events scheduled throughout August include two Antiterrorism Level I briefings—one beginning at 9:30 a.m. and an evening session at 6 p.m. Wednesday, both at Arnold Auditorium. These important and informative briefings are open to the entire community—Soldiers, civilians and family members.

In addition, be sure to watch the West Point Command Channel throughout August for short videos on a wide-range of antiterrorism educational and informative messages.

Also, the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security plans to release a series of informational flyers, posters and programs to focus on terrorism awareness while at the same time reminding everyone that complacency is the enemy while awareness and vigilance are allies in our fight against terrorism.

Throughout the month, we will implement various post-wide Random Antiterrorism Measures (see Page 3) to ensure our security posture remains unpredictable and formidable in our fight against the war on terrorism.

Antiterrorism Awareness Month is also an excellent opportunity to re-educate the

community about the iWATCH initiative that was started last year.

iWATCH ARMY is a nationwide modern version of the neighborhood watch program focused on the threat of terrorist activity. iWATCH West Point is designed to heighten public awareness to the indicators of terrorist activity and to encourage reporting of suspicious behavior or activity to Military Police or local law enforcement agencies for investigation.

iWATCH is a community program to help your neighborhood stay safe from terrorist activities. Essentially, iWATCH empowers Soldiers, family members, civilian employees and retirees with protecting places where they live, work or play.

It is an antiterrorism awareness program that Soldiers, family members and the civilian workforce throughout our communities, both on and off installations, should all be familiar with to promote and enhance reporting suspicious activity or behavior. If it doesn't look right, then it probably isn't. The program has two elements: "passive" and "active." The passive element is an individual's situational awareness of his or her surroundings. The active element involves individuals taking action to report suspicious behavior or activities to law enforcement for more investigation.

"Members of the community are extremely important to the overall safety and security of the installation," Joe Senger, former USAG West Point force protection officer, said. "In my mind, they are the 'sensors on the battlefield' to borrow a phrase often used to describe the value of the individual in helping to protect the community as a whole.

"Each individual can help put a piece together to develop a picture and to assist us on law enforcement and force protection matters," he added.

The next question is—what can you do? For starters, if you suspect someone or something is suspicious, report it immediately



to the Military Police at 938-3333.

Looking for more information?

General Awareness Tips

- Maintain situational awareness of your surroundings at all times. Pay particular attention to activity happening around you to identify anything unusual.

If necessary, leave the area and report suspicious activity or behavior to local authorities.

- Protect your personal information. Do not reveal details of your life to anyone you don't know.

- Do not discuss personal information or military missions in public, on the telephone or on the Internet. Take extra precaution with social media networks—avoid posting or providing personal information.

Criminals and terrorists are known to use these forums for open source information and this medium does not provide "secure" communications.

Individual Awareness at Home

- Basic security begins at home. Make sure your door and window locks and exterior lighting function properly.

Children should keep doors and windows

locked when home alone.

- Participate in a neighborhood watch program to establish a shared responsibility for the safety and security of your community.

- Be prepared for an emergency that may require your family to shelter-in-place or relocate on short notice. Make a family emergency plan and ensure all family members understand what to do in each of these scenarios.

Individual Awareness at Work

- Know the emergency evacuation procedures for the work place.

- Know the bomb threat procedures and how to report threats to law enforcement authorities.

- Understand what to do in an "active-shooter" threat.

You provide extra eyes and ears for anything out of the ordinary by doing this. The entire West Point community will effectively support and implement a sustained vigilance against terrorist and criminal threats.

For more information on antiterrorism awareness, contact the West Point AT/FP Office at 938-3650. And last, but, definitely not least, if you see something, say something.

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

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Personal property claims available to all cadets

Submitted by the USMA Claims Office

Under the Personnel Claims Act, cadets may be eligible for reimbursement of personal property losses to their service in the U.S. Army.

The PCA is not an insurance policy for individual property—it is a payment statute intended to lessen the hardships of military life.

Claims may be paid only if certain conditions have been met, including proper security precautions, an attempt to salvage any damaged items and timely reporting of any loss or damage.

Failure to meet any of the required conditions can result in denial of a claim.

Upon returning to the academy and to the barracks during reorganization week, cadets should be aware that leaving items unsecured or unattended may result in theft.

Every individual has an obligation to take reasonable and prudent care in protecting their property. For example, high-value items should be secured in accordance with the USCC Physical Security Policy Memo 27-02.

All property should be clearly labeled with name, company and class to identify the property.

If property is held in government storage such as a trunk room or other government storage facility and it incurs water damage or some other type of damage, proper steps should be taken to attempt to dry, repair and salvage the items.

These items should not be disposed of unless there is a health hazard such as mold or mildew.

If disposal is necessary, pictures must be taken of the damage and the local claims office contacted before disposal. The claims office will provide appropriate claim forms and any additional guidance.

Filing a claim requires proof that any loss or damage was properly reported in a timely manner.

Report any missing or damaged property through the chain of command as soon as possible. For missing property, check the area where it was left to see if the item might have been moved.

Also, check with the cadet internal communication system to determine if the property was found.

For additional information, contact the USMA Claims Office at 938-2016 or claims@usma.edu.

Post shuttle changes

Submitted by the Directorate of Logistics

Why is West Point modifying the post shuttle schedules?

Low ridership combined with higher fuel prices, rising maintenance costs and a shrinking budget have made continuous shuttle bus service throughout West Point cost prohibitive.

On average, West Point shuttle bus ridership is only 26 passengers per hour on weekdays and 11 per hour on weekends. With two shuttle buses running continuously, costing \$57 per hour each (\$114/hour for both), the average cost for an individual rider—most of whom travel less than a mile—is \$4.38 for a total of \$435,000 per year for the limited ridership with service every half hour at all stops.

Therefore, the West Point Transportation Motor Pool must modify the frequency and hours, both on weekdays and on weekends/holidays.

Starting Sept. 12, the post shuttle schedule will provide service at each bus stop once every hour instead of once every half hour between 6:15 a.m.-4:45 p.m. weekdays. On weekends, service will run every half hour from 12:10-3:50 p.m. (a reduction of three hours).

Updated shuttle schedules will be posted at each bus stop and on Public Folders at “All Public Folders/USMA Community Announcements/USMA News Bulletins.”

If you have questions or need more information, call the Transportation Motor Pool Chief at 938-2808.

Mass Transit Fringe Benefit Program

Did you know there is a way, depending on where you live, that allows you to take public transportation—at no cost to you—to and from work at West Point?

The Mass Transit Fringe Benefit Program is available to all West Point military and civilian government employees and is designed to relieve the expense of traveling to and from your place of work by allowing you to receive a U.S. Department of Transportation “Transerve” debit card at no cost.

This program covers rail service into area stations and bus service from Newburgh through New Windsor and Cornwall to various stops throughout West Point.

Buses arrive on the installation at 7:30 a.m. and depart at 3:57 and 4:27 p.m. daily back to Newburgh.

Details on bus stop locations both at West Point and along the bus route are available from Rosanne Chess, West Point MTFB program manager.

To apply for this no cost program and receive the DOT Transerve Debit Card, contact Chess at the West Point Transportation Motor Pool at 938-2873 or via email at rosanne.chess@us.army.mil; or the alternate manager, Diana Guevara, at 938-2259 or via email at diana.guevara@us.army.mil.

Free comic book available at Post Exchange

Submitted by the Army and Air Force Exchange Service Public Affairs

On the heels of its 116th anniversary, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service is once again joining forces with Marvel Comics to distribute free, military-exclusive comic books at Exchanges around the world, including here at West Point.

The 11th issue in the Exchange/Marvel series, titled “The First Avenger,” revolves around kidnapped civilians who transform into super-strong creatures and attack small European villages. Captain America traces the unwitting bad guys to a remote castle in Symkaria where he finds a mad scientist in the midst of creating an army of “electric soldiers.”

Expected to arrive at the West Point Exchange in August, the free comic book will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

“While we may work with costume-wearing heroes every

day, it is a true honor to help create a comic book for the real life heroes of the U.S. Armed Forces,” the comic’s editor Bill Roseman said. “All of us involved salute the troops, thank them for their sacrifices every day that grant us the freedoms we enjoy, and hope they are entertained by the action-packed adventures of the one and only, shield-slinging Super-Soldier known as Captain America.”

West Point Random Antiterrorism Measures Program

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

Random Antiterrorism Measures are an integral component of West Point’s Antiterrorism Program.

The measures DPTMS designs and then provides West Point leaders and supervisors to implement consistently change the look of the installation’s force protection posture, and support the Department of Defense-wide program to defeat terrorist surveillance attempts.

RAMs make it difficult for terrorists to accurately predict the actions of their intended targets.

The aspects of this program are simple, yet they can provide greater security and safety to our community beyond any other program. An example of a RAM DPTMS may direct is randomly inspect commercial deliveries and advise family members to check home deliveries.

This measure illustrates the necessity to involve every member of the community. However, key players in the effectiveness of this program are the nearly 160 building commandants and their leaders who are equally responsible to implement and communicate the designated measures throughout their organization, directorate or staff section.

For more information on West Point RAMs, contact the DPTMS AT/FP Office at 938-3650. Remember, see something, hear something, say something.

Meet the Comm

Former Armor Comm is hands-on with cadet leadership training

Story and photo by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

In the commandant's office is a photo of his father, Lt. Col. Ephraim Martin, who dropped out of high school to join the Navy during World War II, despite the fact that he was the only son.

"Dad wanted to join the Navy and even though my grandmother wouldn't sign the agreement to allow him to go—because he was the only son and needed permission—my grandfather wrote on that paper to let him go. I still have that paper," said Brig. Gen. Theodore D. Martin, the 73rd Commandant of Cadets.

Martin, a Class of 1983 graduate, assumed command on July 15, having just served as the 45th Chief of Armor and commandant of the Army Armor School at its new location at Fort Benning, Ga. He credits his father for giving him the opportunity to attend West Point.

"Eventually, my dad decided to go to the University of Maine and joined the Army," Martin said. "He also fought in Korea and Vietnam and retired as a lieutenant colonel. He became 100 percent disabled—the category for my West Point appointment. That was all due to my dad."

Martin is not the only academy graduate in his family.

"I'm just one of four Martin boys that are West Point graduates," he said. "One of my brothers is a 1975 graduate, another is a 1980 graduate and the other is a 1985 graduate, but my mom is the real hero."

The Martin family's interest in the military is not just a modern phenomenon. His family has traced an ancestor back to the Revolutionary War through friends who were members of the Sons of the American Revolution, a fraternal organization for men who can trace direct lineage to an ancestor who fought in the Revolutionary War.

"My dad showed me a lineage that goes back to the Revolutionary War," he said. "I saw a photocopy of pay records for Pvt. Daniel Martin who served at Valley Forge."

The appointment as commandant is the first time Martin has been back to West Point since his graduation, which reunites him with fellow '83 classmate Brig. Gen. Timothy Trainor, dean of the academic board.

Martin said that often there are struggles with other officers in this kind of situation

over such things as resources.

"That won't happen with the dean—we work close together and we have a handshake," he said.

As a cadet, Martin was the captain of the 1982-83 Army swimming team and was commissioned as a Armor second lieutenant. Martin is the first Armor commandant to come back here since the 56th Commandant of Cadets, Walter F. Ulmer (1975-1977).

Martin's command experience includes commander, Company C, 2nd Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division, Federal Republic of Germany and commander, 1st Squadron, 10th U.S. Cavalry Regiment (Buffalo Soldiers), 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas, which deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in Iraq. Later, he became as the G3 for the 4th Infantry Division and Task Force Iron Horse, also in Iraq.

Martin received the Order of Saint George (armor), the Order of Saint Barbara (artillery) and the Order of Saint Maurice Primicerius (infantry)—top honors given through nominations to those who made significant contributions to their respective branches.

"I am a combined Army officer," Martin said. "Nobody does anything alone."

Martin also held a variety of staff and leadership assignments including the Combined Arms Command-Training, Fort Leavenworth, Kan. and the Joint Improvised Explosive Device-Defeat Task Force as the Iraq Field Team Leader in Baghdad.

He sees his role as commandant as a hands-on leader.

"With the role of a leader in cadet leadership development, the TAC officers have large roles as coach-teachers and mentors. Most have recent and relevant combat experience. As a commandant, I'm selfish in taking care of the Corps of Cadets," he said. "Look who has come out of West Point—Dwight Eisenhower and Omar Bradley. I need to provide (that type) of inspiring leadership and that will be tough. I want to develop (the cadets) to the max possible."

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Brig. Gen. Ted Martin comes from a military family going back to the Revolutionary War. His father (pictured on the wall) is an Army and Navy veteran who served during World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. Martin has three brothers who graduated from West Point. Martin enjoys a 'hands on' approach to leading cadets into becoming leaders of character. He also communicates with parents and cadets on his Facebook page where he posts photos regularly.

First Captain to Corps: Embrace the Warrior Ethos

By Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor

On the evening of Aug. 11, the newly appointed first captain, Class of 2012 Cadet Charles Phelps, addressed the Corps of Cadets for the first time at the Cadet Mess. His speech included a passage from Steven Pressfield's book "The Warrior Ethos":

"The Warrior Ethos is taught. On the football field in Topeka, in the mountains of the Hindu Kush, on the lion-infested plains of Kenya and Tanzania. Courage is modeled for the youth by fathers and older brothers, by mentors and elders. It is inculcated, in almost all cultures, by a regimen of training and discipline. This discipline frequently culminates in an ordeal of initiation. The Spartan youth receives his shield, the paratrooper is awarded his wings, the Afghan boy is handed his AK-47."

From this, Phelps provided an outlook for the Corps of Cadets as they began a new academic year.

"I would add that the warrior ethos is also taught in Michie Stadium, on the hills of Camp Buckner and within the granite halls of West Point," Phelps said. "The coming days, months and years is our ordeal of initiation. Our society depends on the 1 percent of us who have embraced the warrior ethos as a way of life. Our nation's future depends on our development here at West Point."

Similar to his experience serving as the Cadet Field Training regimental commander, Phelps wants to emphasize leader development in all things this academic year. The lessons learned during CFT provided a good template for how he wants the new brigade and regimental chains of command to operate.

"Working with such a large command structure like we did at CFT, I learned the importance of effective communication ... being brief and taking as little of your commanders' time as possible," Phelps said. "That

meant being clear and concise with issuing guidance and instruction, and then giving them the leeway to execute toward their interpretation. Leadership by example was also a huge factor."

As a command team, their vision was honed during the Cadet Leadership Development Conference, a weekend of team building and planning for the new cadet command and staff.

"All the brigade staff and regimental staff and command teams come together and then we decide through different exercises, designed by the Center for Enhanced Performance, what our vision and what our goals are going to be," Phelps said.

The key words coming out of that conference, Phelps said, were pride, camaraderie and discipline.

"If there's a mission worth executing, then it's worth putting 100 percent effort into accomplishing that mission," Phelps said. "Whether that's a chemistry test, instructing a PME class or conducting a football review. We will try to engender a spirit that conveys our pride in being here at West Point.

"I believe that other than our degree and the commission we receive, the most important thing we leave West Point with are the relationships we've built along the way. That's where camaraderie fits in ... with our classmates, our coaches, instructors, mentors and sponsors. I think the way we develop most as leaders is through our interactions with others."

Discipline in the regular Army is essential to building a well-trained fighting force. Phelps said maintaining proper discipline, even when it seems frivolous at times, is just as important while at the academy as it will be after graduation.

"We're trying to enforce a habit of holding each other accountable and holding ourselves accountable," Phelps said. The exercises also revealed how the cadets

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First Captain Charles Phelps was the regimental commander for Cadet Field Training this summer. Phelps graduated from Culver Military Academy, Ind., in 2008 where he earned a top position as regimental commander.
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function as a team both in a normal operating environment and through difficult times.

“There’s a lot of discussion about what is important to us as a group and then we run through some team-building activities to demonstrate essentially how the sum is greater than the different parts of how our staff functions,” he said. “The real cohesion of this chain of command will come in the next couple of weeks as we begin to contribute to the accomplishment of whatever mission that we’ve been tasked or decide to take on,” Phelps said.

One of those missions is the implementation of functional fitness areas in North and Central Areas and Legion Square, as a public reminder of the importance of physical fitness in the Army. It may also prove most useful to Sandhurst training teams and as a way to alleviate congestion in Arvin Cadet Development Center.

Phelps also indicated a renewed focus on recycling this semester. Last spring saw the introduction of an energy and environmental officer in the Corps of Cadets and a successful entry in the

annual collegiate competition called Recyclemania. Phelps said a leadership position in the brigade and regimental staffs will help keep this focus on energy conservation and recycling.

A yearlong campaign with company incentives will encourage cadets to keep recycling in the forefront of their regular duties.

There are other initiatives being planned for the Corps, even one that may put the academy in the world record book. Ultimately, this is the time for the Class of 2012 to leave behind some lasting legacy; an opportunity not just to leave West Point after graduation, but leave something behind for the betterment of the academy. “Sow an act, reap a habit. Sow a habit, reap a character. Sow a character, reap a destiny” is a century old saying which Phelps finds permeating cadet life at West Point.

“I believe it transcends everything we do here as cadets and, when I think about destiny, it’s about how you will be remembered personally, as a brigade staff and as a class,” Phelps said. “Now is our time to lead. That’s extremely motivating to me.”



New chain of command

The 2012 Academic Year Chain of Command, led by First Captain Charles Phelps (back row, center), attended the Cadet Leadership Development Conference Aug. 5-6. During the conference, cadets participated in team-building exercises led by the Center for Enhanced Performance and received guidance from the commandant and brigade tactical officer. The two-day conference is designed to equip the newly-elected leaders with the tools necessary to create winning teams and prepare them for the challenge of leading the Corps of Cadets.

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Corps of Cadets' top NCO not ready to take a knee

One last stop for CSM Burnett to impact future Army leaders at West Point

Story and photo by Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor

By the time Army Football plays its historic rival Navy at FedEx Field in December, Command Sgt. Maj. Todd Burnett could have stowed away his boots, uniforms and PT gear for good and enjoyed the game from the comfort of his home.

Instead of retiring, Burnett wanted nothing more than to be a part of that action.

And he has, as the new Corps of Cadets command sergeant major and senior enlisted advisor to the commandant.

"This is a place where you can mold and impact our future Army," Burnett said. "I pulled my retirement and competed for this job. That's how important I feel the mission is here, and that's how thrilled I am to be here. Where else but here could I train with cadets every day; I've lifted weights with a Division I football team and played soccer with a Division I team. I think this is a great environment and I'm excited to be here."

A month into his arrival, Burnett said he has acclimated well to his new post. Not that he hasn't

had experience with PCS moves, transitions and deployments. Burnett enlisted in 1986 as a combat engineer and has served at Fort Campbell, Ky., Fort Bragg, N.C., Fort Bliss, Texas, and Fort Lewis, Wash.

He deployed to Iraq as the 20th Engineer Brigade CSM and before that as the 14th Engineer Battalion sergeant major.

Normally, Burnett said he would spend much more time at a new duty station observing and evaluating, but here, it was more suitable for him to get a hands-on perspective.

"With a major training event like CBT going on, all I did was engulf myself in it," Burnett said. "I just jumped right in and saw what the cadets were doing, did PT with them every day of CBT since I've been here. I just wanted a better understanding of how we're ramping them up to be better future lieutenants."

At the same time, Burnett was meeting the tactical officers and NCOs of the Brigade Tactical Department.

Some face time with this group allowed him to present his leadership philosophy.

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Command Sgt. Maj. Todd Burnett, senior enlisted advisor to the commandant, arrived at West Point in July and made a beeline to the field for Cadet Basic Training at Camp Buckner.

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“To put it as simply as I can, my philosophy is about maximizing Soldiers’ time to make sure they’re getting quality training; and that you have done everything you’re asking your Soldiers to do, which goes back to my No. 1 principle of leading from the front,” he said.

Burnett said when new lieutenants depart West Point and meet their platoon sergeants for the first time, they should want their NCOs to be just like their TACs.

“Every NCO they come in contact with here should be the epitome of the NCO Corps,” Burnett said.

The Corps of Cadets runs itself, Burnett said, and the challenge for the NCOs is to step back and allow cadets to take charge while providing mentorship and guidance when needed.

“My three words here have been ‘coach, teach and mentor’ and we want to make sure we’re doing that and highlighting the different leadership styles. Every position I’ve been in, my commanders have expected me to have some input into the tactical, be the standard bearer and be the senior trainer in the organization. That’s what we’re supposed to do.”

Burnett said there’s a great opportunity at West Point for the Brigade Tactical Department to demonstrate how officers and NCOs work together.

“They can show cadets the relationships they will have with NCOs later on.” Burnett said. “I view TAC NCOs and TAC officers like first sergeants and company commanders, and they’re a company command team. Cadets will see those relationships and bonds; in some cases, they will see good and, in some cases, they will see bad.”

His last mission was one that has risen to the forefront since operations began in Iraq and Afghanistan—the defeat of the roadside bomb, or IEDs. The Joint IED Defeat Organization was relatively unknown among many enlisted Soldiers, so Burnett’s first assignment there was to promote their mission and explain what they do. Later, his focus shifted to training.

“JIEDDO has three lines of operation: attack the network, defeat the device and train the force,” Burnett said. “So we had a real unique mission within the Department of

Defense. We made the training resemble exactly what we were seeing in every theater of operation, and we did that through simulations and from getting feedback from our teams in Iraq and Afghanistan.”

It’s not generally headline news, but Burnett said every month there’s 400-600 IEDs detonated outside of Iraq and Afghanistan. Burnett himself has been involved in nearly 40 IED attacks.

“At least once a quarter, if not every other month I was in Iraq and Afghanistan riding patrols looking at technologies and tactics, techniques and procedures,” Burnett said. “I’ve been in my share, both when I was deployed and while at JIEDDO.”

After nearly three years at JIEDDO and almost a decade serving in support of the Global War on Terror, Burnett brings this specific skill set to West Point.

“I’m going to make sure we’re doing realistic training and giving them realistic leadership opportunities to get them ready for when they become lieutenants,” Burnett said. “Make no mistake about it, they are going into the field of battle and they’ll go to combat. The IED is not going away. It’s a weapon of strategic influence and the enemy knows it. They’ll be somewhere for the rest of our lifetime.”

New York voters have time to register for Sept. 13 special election

Submitted by West Point G1 Office

On Sept. 13, New York will hold a special election for the 9th Congressional District to fill the seat vacated by Representative Anthony D. Weiner.

The 9th Congressional District includes parts of southern Brooklyn and south central Queens. In Queens, the 9th District includes Maspeth, Fresh Meadows, Glendale, Howard Beach, Kew Gardens, Kew Gardens Hills, Middle Village, Forest Hills, Ozone Park, Ridgewood, Rego Park, Rockaway Beach and Woodhaven. In Brooklyn, the 9th District includes Flatlands, Gerritsen Beach, Marine Park, Midwood, Mill Basin and Sheepshead Bay.

If you are not already registered to vote, you may do so by submitting a Federal Post Card Application. Your FPCA must be received by your local New York Board of Elections Office by Friday. Visit www.FVAP.gov to get started. Alternately you may obtain an FPCA from your unit or installation voting assistance officer and at U.S. embassies and consulates worldwide, but you must follow the New York instructions given at FVAP.gov. Indicate on the FPCA how you would like to receive your absentee ballot—by mail, email or fax. You will not receive a ballot automatically, even if you voted in the 2010 general election.

If you are already registered to vote, the deadline for submitting an FPCA to request a ballot is Sept. 6.

To find out the status of your registration, you can refer to New York’s voter registration verification website at <https://voterlookup.elections.state.ny.us/voteresearch.aspx>. To determine the status of your absentee ballot request, contact your local election office.

If you choose to email your FPCA, you should send the form to the email address listed here for the correct county office where you reside in the 9th Congressional District. If you choose to fax your FPCA,

fax the form to the fax number listed below for the correct county office where you reside.

You may also use the DOD Electronic Transmission Service to fax your FPCA toll-free. To use the Electronic Transmission Service, use the cover sheet available in the Voting Assistance Guide, or at FVAP.gov, and fax to (703)-693-5527, DSN 223-5527, or toll-free from the U.S., Canada, Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands to 1-800-368-8683. International toll-free numbers can be found at FVAP.gov. Voter Alert Telephone (703) 588-1584 and Email vote@fvap.gov. Submit your FPCA to the District 9 election office in which you reside.

The Board of Elections in the City of New York Brooklyn Office address is 345 Adams Street, 4th Floor, Brooklyn, NY 11201. The telephone number is (718) 797-8800, fax number is (718) 246-7324/718-246-5958. Email contacts are rmadden@boe.nyc.ny.us or ljacobs@boe.nyc.ny.us.

Board of Elections in the City of New York Queens Office address is 126-06 Queens Boulevard, Kew Gardens, NY 11415. The telephone number is (718) 730-6730, fax number is (718) 459-2473. Email contacts are amartinez@boe.nyc.ny.us or amione@boe.nyc.ny.us.

Your voted ballot must be postmarked by Sept. 12, 2011, and must be received by Sept. 26 to be counted. You must return your voted ballot and signed affidavit by regular mail, or you can send it via a licensed motor carrier such as Federal Express, UPS or DSL.

If voters are concerned about not receiving their ballot in time to vote, they may use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB, SF-186).

The FWAB instructions are available at www.FVAP.gov. The FWAB is also available in embassies, consulates and military installations around the world. To check the status of your absentee ballot, visit www.secureballotusa.com/NY.

Game on: Sports physicals clear cadets for NCAA play

Story and photo by Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor

Midway through Reorganization Week, Mologne Cadet Health Clinic was the site for NCAA sports physicals Aug. 11 for more than 250 cadets ready to represent West Point on the fields of friendly strife.

Class of 2015 cadets comprised about 98 percent of those screenings, as well as those who are new to NCAA athletics or are returning to their sport after surgery.

Lt. Col. Steven Svoboda serves as head team physician for all Corps Squad sports and oversees this whole process—a long-standing tradition during Reorganization Week. While other universities may spread out physicals over a period of months and by individual appointments instead of groups, Svoboda said there are benefits to the way West Point does it.

“This way brings all the doctors to the cadets at one time and doesn’t impact their already tight schedule in any off-putting way,” he said.

NCAA regulations cite that all athletes must receive a physical administered by a qualified medical examiner prior to participating in any organized sport. For new cadets, the physical is practically a triple check, since they received medical clearance first through the admissions process then a second screening on Reception Day. Injuries may occur during the rigors of summer military training, and this allows medical personnel to revisit and update their medical records.

West Point personnel and cadets receive all of their medical and orthopaedic surgical care from Keller Army Community Hospital, which is the home of the John A. Feagin, Jr. Sports Medicine Fellowship.

To complete this volume of physicals in one day, the Keller orthopaedic surgeons with the Feagin Sports Medicine orthopaedic fellows enlisted the help of several fellows from the Primary Care Sports Medicine Fellowship Program from Fort Belvoir, Va.

Col. Kevin DeWeber, the Primary Care Sports Medicine Fellowship director from Fort Belvoir, said this has been an ongoing collaboration for about 15 years. The board-certified physicians are completing a yearlong fellowship in sports medicine, DeWeber said, and now get to put their training to work at West Point.

“This is a good practical application for them, although most of them have done a lot sports physicals in the past and are pretty good at it,” DeWeber said. “This is probably the first NCAA sports physical exposure they will get.”

DeWeber said the fellows also perform physicals each year at Georgetown University, American University and the U.S. Naval Academy, among others.

Members of the Army Track and Field, Cross Country and Women’s Volleyball teams were among the first to arrive at the clinic where the process began with initial inprocessing, height and weight measurements and blood pressure screenings.

“The physician may listen to someone’s heart for a murmur or something that may have been missed at a previous physical exam process,” Svoboda said. “They may have a cadet do a squat or some movement that could help diagnose a murmur. Typically, you’re trying to find that one in a thousand that has a latent developmental process that, given the right conditions, may be bad for them to be playing sports in extreme heat or other adverse conditions.”

Robby Vought, ODIA athletic trainer, said cadets also receive an orthopedic screening, which is a basic head-to-toe musculoskeletal examination.

“That’ll make sure all their bones and joints check out, see if there are any complications

from old injuries or if they’ve had any problems from prior surgeries,” Vought said. “This is also the time to find any new injuries, most likely from cadets coming out of Beast (Barracks).”

Navy Ensign Robert Putko, a medical student from the Uniformed Services University in Bethesda, Md., is on a month long elective with the Orthopaedic Service at Keller and assisted in the conduct of the orthopaedic screening by having cadets perform basic hand, arm and leg movements.

“We can test the major muscles and nerves of the body in a broad sense and if we see any red flags or weaknesses, then we’ll perform a more focused exam on that,” he said.

Members of the Army Football Team received their physicals weeks earlier because of their training schedule, with nearly 80 new cadets medically cleared at Michie Stadium by the Primary Care Sports Medicine Office at Keller.

“With the combination of two world-class sports medicine fellowship programs in orthopaedic surgery and primary care, we are able to provide the best support possible to our cadet athletes and help sow the seeds that ‘will bear the fruits victory’ called for by Gen. Douglas MacArthur,” Svoboda said.



It was sports physical day at Mologne Cadet Health Clinic Aug. 11 for more than 250 cadets ready to compete in NCAA sports this year. Assisting in the process were several physicians from the Primary Care Sports Medicine Fellowship Program from Fort Belvoir, Va.

Cadets compete in annual West Point Triathlon

Story and photo by Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor

The bike he could handle with ease, but it was the swimming that slowed him down.

Class of 2012 Cadet Brenden Siekman, a member of the West Point Cycling Team, joined hundreds of athletes Sunday at the 22nd annual West Point Triathlon in and around Camp Buckner.

"I was OK with my performance. I was hoping to run and bike a little faster, but the swim wore me out," Siekman said, who finished with a time of 1:18:02.

Just ahead of him was Class of 2012 Cadet Roxanne Wegman (1:16:06), who is starting her second year on the Triathlon Team.

Wegman said having her family and teammates there to watch her first sprint distance triathlon and first race as a firstie meant a lot to her.

"I love that the event is right here on West Point. My parents and friends were able to come down and watch a triathlon for the first time. They were really excited to meet the team and the officer representatives," Wegman said. "I feel even more blessed to be on a team with such incredible potential and drive. It's an exciting atmosphere to be a part of. West Point Tri is like a family and I think this year may be one of our best yet."

Wegman, 2nd Regiment's Morale, Wellness and Recreation officer, said the event is the team's single fundraising event for the year and enables them to train, travel and compete in nationals and other elite races.

"We have several World Championship qualifiers in Olympic Distance and Half Ironman every year," Wegman said. "A successful West Point Triathlon gives us the means to send our hard-working qualifiers to represent West Point and the United States at

these elite events."

Wegman also joined her teammates Aug. 13 to work the ToughKids Triathlon, which hosted a field of 165 competitors—triple the size of previous races.

"I was very pleased with my performance at the West Point Triathlon, but I was even more thrilled with the effort that everyone on the team put into preparing the race course and race site," she said. "It was a lot

of work and a lot of extra time commitment for everyone on the team. Given how busy Reorganization Week already is, it's a real testament to the drive and dedication of the team and our officer representatives that we were able to hold such a successful event."

Lt. Col. Brian Bailey, the course director, said the success of this event relies heavily on the efforts of cadet clubs.

"The West Point Triathlon brings together several of the competitive club sports teams," he said. "We couldn't do this without the assistance of Nordic and Alpine (skiing), who assisted with the bike course and directing the parking; the Marathon team, who set up the run course; and the Crew Team, who set up the swim course and provided boats for safety. The Cycling Team worked the bike course and the members of the Women's Boxing Team are lifesavers, remaining after everyone had left to clear the transition area and clean up."

Not even the early morning drizzle, which turned into a heavy downpour, could diminish Wegman's competitive spirit.

"I love racing in the rain," Wegman, an Albany native, said. "I don't think the rain really affected my time—I love racing with a little bit of adversity. I can't think of a better way to start off the season and my final year at the academy."

Among the 462 finishers, Class of 2014 Cadet Daniel Heckman recorded the best time among the cadets, with a time of 1:10:00.

Cadet Results

Daniel Heckman	1:10:00
Andrew Webster	1:12:43
Roxanne Wegman	1:16:06
Brenden Siekman	1:18:02
Kelly Kingma	1:18:03
Patrick Doumont	1:22:23
Christian Jansson	1:28:41
Lauren French	1:47:36



More than 450 athletes braved the heavy downpour Sunday to compete in the 22nd annual West Point Triathlon at Camp Buckner.

Bailey said one of the biggest draws of the West Point Triathlon is getting to see cadets in action.

"The competitors like to see that lineup of national championship contenders at the front of the pack. But in addition, having the competitive sports teams in their team uniforms, volunteering and running an event as challenging as a triathlon demonstrates the leadership development of the young men and women," Bailey said. "The fact that the volunteer teams, who know little about triathlon as a sport, not to mention the execution of a race event, are responsible to return from duties during Reorg Week, and deliver a product of this magnitude, speaks volumes to the quality of individuals here at West Point."

The event also gave coaches a chance to see new talent.

"The quality of athlete that attends West Point Triathlon is astounding," Bailey continued. "Our top individual finished the course in 1 hour and 6 minutes, in a torrential downpour. That is on par with finish times in ideal conditions. Sandra Overly, sister to Cadet Hunter Overly (Class of 2015), looked strong on the bike and powered up the hills without slowing down. Cadet Roxanne Wegman smashed the bike leg and zipped around the turns with ease and speed, showing excellent bike handling. Look for her to have an impressive season. Cadet Daniel Heckman, 20 pounds leaner at the start of the season, was at the top of the pack coming in from off season. He will make significant gains this year."

(Editor's Note: For an extended version of this story, visit www.pointerview.com; see more photos at www.flickr.com/photos/west_point/)

FMWR Blurbs

Mongolian Barbecue at the Club

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

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 Friday.

Water Wars 5K

The FMWR Fitness Center presents the Water Wars 5K Saturday. 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

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.

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's Crandall Pool.

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

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.

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 self-registration policy

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.

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.

NEW INFO

Newcomer's Orientation and Welcome
ACS is hosting a Newcomer's Orientation

and Welcome brief from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday at ACS, Bldg. 622.

These briefs are designed to familiarize newly arrived Soldiers, civilians and their families with all that West Point has to offer.

For more information, call 938-3487.

Who Wants to be a Millionaire with LTS

Join Leisure Travel Services for a live taping of "Who Wants to be a Millionaire" at ABC-TV Studios in New York City Aug. 31.

Leave West Point at noon and return at 6 p.m. Must be 18 years old or older.

For more information, call 938-3601.

Fees for transportation apply.

What Makes You Tick Workshop

Ever wonder why you make certain decisions or why your child/spouse/boyfriend/girlfriend is so different from you?

The Myers Briggs Type Indicator Workshop scheduled at the ACS Family Symposium Sept. 9, will help you to better understand these differences.

To register for this workshop, go to westpointmwr.com.

Sign up for one of the two MBTI sessions (morning or afternoon).

Each session will be limited to 25 participants.

For more information, call 938-0631.

Art EDGE! for school-age children

Art EDGE! is offering classes to design ballerinas, planes or trains for children in grades 1-5 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Fridays from Sept. 9-30.

Classes are held at Lee CDC (behind Subway Sandwich Shop).

Enroll at CYSS Parent Central or call 938-4458/0939.

Patriot Brunch

Join the West Point Club for a patriot-themed brunch with all your favorite items.

The brunch will be held from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sept. 11 in the Pierce Dining Room.

Discounts will be available for families of deployed Soldiers and club members.

For more information, call 938-5120.

Soldier Show

The U.S. Army Soldier Show returns to West Point with a live 90-minute performance at 7 p.m. Sept. 18 at Eisenhower Hall.

Don't miss this memorable night of music, dance and celebration.

Admission is free.

For more information, call 938-6497.

Fit EDGE! Volleyball

Fit EDGE! Volleyball consists of six classes and is open to youth in grades 6-12.

The free classes take place on Mondays at the Youth Center (500 Washington Road) starting Sept. 19 through Oct. 31.

Enroll at CYSS Parent Central or call 938-4458/0939.

What's Happening

Gospel Children's Church

West Point Gospel Service Children's Church is hosting a "Meet & Greet" and new/re-registration gathering Sunday, 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.

Military Council of Catholic Women faith study

The Military Council of Catholic Women is hosting a faith study kickoff at 9 a.m. Tuesday at the Post Chapel basement. Childcare is provided.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

U.S. Army Garrison prayer luncheon

The USAG is hosting a prayer luncheon at 11:30 a.m. today at the West Point Club's Hudson Room. Come and listen to scripture reading, music and hear guest speaker and Medal of Honor recipient Gary Beikirch's inspiring story.

For more information, call 938-2710 or email *shmuelfelzenberg@usma.edu*.

3-D Archery Shoot

A 3-D Archery Shoot will take place from 8 a.m.-noon Saturday at the Ranger Wall in J3 Area. The event, sponsored by the West Point Hunt Club, offers a 3-D archery course that has 14 different targets, each with their own shooting lane.

The targets are foam replicas of different animals that include deer, bears, wild boars, javelinas, turkeys, bobcats and raccoons.

This archery event is open to the West Point community. For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Luke MacDonald

at 718-710-9074. Other upcoming 3-D Archery Shoots on West Point are Aug. 27, Sept. 24 and Oct. 8.

Warrior Transition Unit cigar event

The Warrior Transition Unit is having a cigar event from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday at Round Pond. This annual event benefits the local Warrior Transition Unit and Family Readiness Group at West Point.

The award winning barbecue team "Muzzle Brake Outfitters" will supply the barbecue chicken, pulled pork, ribs and brisket plus other tasty treats.

Each guest will receive a goodie bag and there will be plenty of items being raffled off at the event.

For more information, call 938-2505.

James I. O'Neill High School Orientation

There will be an incoming freshmen and new students orientation 9 a.m.-1:15 p.m. Wednesday at the James I. O'Neill High School. There will be a presentation, building tour, luncheon and various activities. Learn what O'Neill High School has to offer.

For more information, call the assistant principal at 845-446-4914 or email *rhaberman@hffmcsd.org*.

West Point Cub Scout sign up

Pack 23 will have their August Pack meeting and sign-up at 6 p.m. Aug. 26 in the West Point Elementary School multi-purpose room. Call 446-3851 for more information.

Protestant Women of the Chapel open house

Protestant Women of the Chapel would like to invite all women for the kickoff of the new year for a time of worship, fellowship and Bible study from 9-11 a.m. Sept. 7 at the Post Chapel.

Childcare is provided. We look forward to meeting you.

The evening study kickoff is 7-9 p.m. Sept. 8 at the post chapel basement. Childcare is not provided for the evening kickoff.

For more information, contact *ascgriffin@gmail.com*.

Sunday Mornings at Thayer Hall

USMA Prep schoolers, cadets, faculty, civilians, family members and retirees are all welcome to join this semester's inspiring classes sponsored by the Protestant Chapels.

The classes include Church Outside the Church Building with Tony Burgess, Marriage Built to Last-DVD series with Billy and Revita Page, Study the Book of Acts with David Hampton, Spiritual Body-Pump Strengthening—your Daily Christian Life with Mark Fairbrother, the Prodigal God with Marty Conkling and Walking in the Footsteps of Christ with Mark Stoneburner.

Shawn Hatch and Dwain Gregory teach cadet-specific classes on discipleship and Bible study.

For all youths, grades Pre-K-high school, the cadet Sunday School teachers will be teaching lessons. Classes start 9-10 a.m. Sept. 11.

Nursery is provided. To register, contact the Director of Religious Education Protestant Chapels Eric Bryan at 845-608-0547 or email *eric.bryan@usma.edu*.

No Sabbath Worship Services

There will be no Sabbath Worship services conducted Friday evening at the West Point Jewish Chapel due to a Plebe Retreat for the cadets in Milford, Pa.

If you need referral information for another local synagogue or temple in the greater West Point area, call the chapel at 938-2710.

A word from Survivor Outreach Services ...

My name is Sandy McLean and I am a retired Army chaplain now working as the Survivor Outreach Services coordinator for the West Point area.

Survivor Outreach Services is a program created by the Department of Defense to help survivors of servicemembers who died in the line of duty, whether in a war zone or not.

The program also extends to those who are survivors of retirees who have passed away.

The SOS Program is designed to help survivors continue their connection with the military for as long as they desire to do so and, at the same time, deal with life issues.

The program offers services to help survivors

with those issues arising out of the death of a loved one. Some of the coordinated services offered are grief counseling, financial management, benefits counseling and survivor support groups, but what the program provides is dependent upon the needs of the survivor.

If you or someone you know is a survivor, you should contact the SOS coordinator near you and see how SOS can serve your needs.

There is or soon will be an SOS coordinator at every military installation so reach out and get connected.

Contact me via email at Sandy.s.mclean@us.army.mil or call 845-938-0233 (office) or 404-395-8764 (cell).

"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 fish bowl);
- 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.

NOW SHOWING

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

Friday—Monte Carlo, PG, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday—Cars 2, G, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday—Super 8, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.

Aug. 26—Super 8, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

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

Command Channel 8/23

Aug. 18-25

(Broadcast times)

Army Newswatch

Today, Friday and Monday through Aug. 25
8:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

The Point

Today, Friday and Monday through Aug. 25
8 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Antiterrorism Awareness videos

8 mins. total after each Army Newswatch

Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

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

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See SUDOKU SOLUTION, Page 2
Difficulty: Hard

Keller Corner

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 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.

KACH outpatient clinic closures

All outpatient clinics, laboratory, pharmacy and radiology will be closed Sept. 2 (training holiday) and Sept. 5 (Labor Day).

The emergency room will remain open.

Integrated Disability Evaluation System

The Integrated Disability Evaluation System helps the Department of Defense determine whether wounded, ill or injured servicemembers are able to continue to serve.

IDES quickly returns those who are ready back to service. For those who are not, the IDES process determines the disability ratings they will receive from DOD and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

DOD and the VA have joined together to create IDES to integrate processes DOD and the VA formerly executed separately.

This new, streamlined system improves America's delivery of disability services and benefits to servicemembers, veterans and their families.

For more information on the IDES, visit www.WarriorCare.mil or email the IDES Support Team at IDES@osd.mil.

Life Works at Balfour Beatty Communities

• **Bowling Social for high school students**—High school students can join Balfour Beatty Communities for two free games of bowling.

Show your friends how you bowl from 5-6:30 p.m. Aug. 25. BBC will provide two free games of bowling, shoes and pizza. Call Jodi Gellman at 446-6407 to register by Friday.

• **Bal-4 Playground Safety Coloring Contest**—Simply color the coloring page, be creative and submit your entry no later than Aug. 29. Winners will be chosen by age groups and prizes awarded.

• **S'mores day**—You're invited to 126 Washington Road from 3-4:30 p.m. Aug. 30 to indulge in making S'mores from graham crackers, chocolate and marshmallows.

Leadership, talent on defense to quell losses

Q & A Spotlighting ... Steven Erzinger

Story and photo by Eric S. Bartelt
Managing Editor

(Editor's note: This is the first in a series of Q&A articles leading up to the first game of the Army football season against Northern Illinois Sept. 3. This week's Q&A interview is with senior linebacker Steven Erzinger, who talks about the Army defense.)

Army's double-eagle flex defense under head coach Rich Ellerson is known for its ability to adjust to its personnel's skills and strengths. This year will be no exception as that notion will be put to an extreme test early. The Black Knights lost six starters on defense that included their leading tackler and emotional leader Stephen Anderson, the school's all-time leading sacks leader Josh McNary and three-year starter at nose tackle Mike Gann.

The only difference this time around, unlike the recent past, is Army may have the talent to replace those players immediately. Two of the key areas on defense will be replacing Anderson and McNary in terms of not only talent, but leadership.

Junior defensive end Jarrett Mackey moves from the "bandit" end position to the "quick" position that McNary occupied the past two seasons under Ellerson. Mackey finished last season second on the team in sacks with four and chances are his sack total will rise dramatically.

From a leadership standpoint, senior linebacker Steven Erzinger will have a lot on his plate to hold up the legacy that Anderson brought to the team as Army had its first winning season and bowl game in 14 years last year.

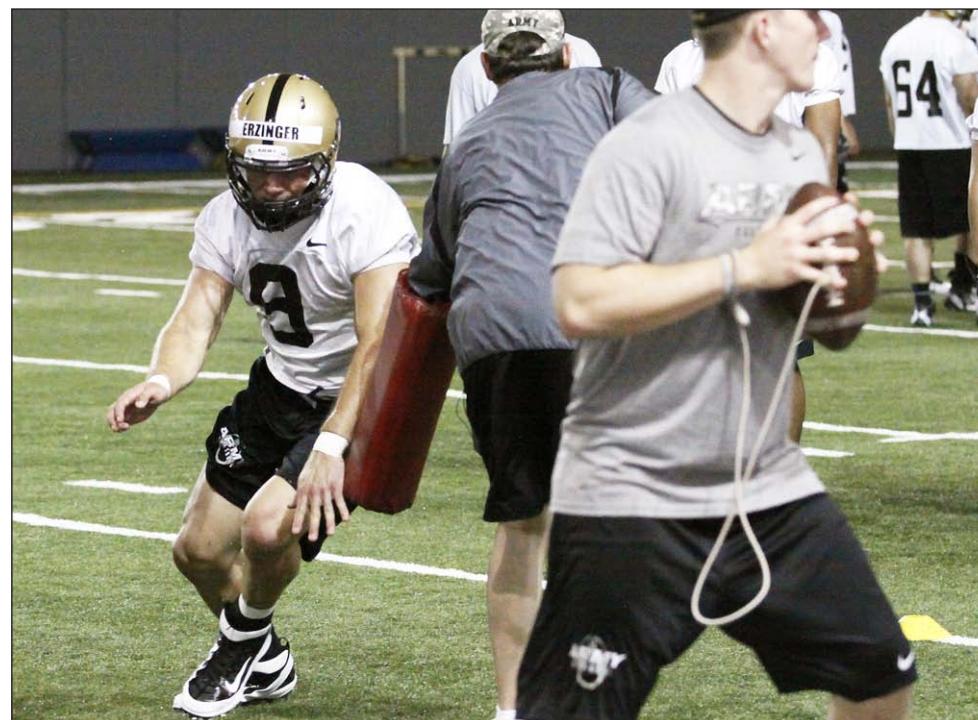
Erzinger was also Army's second leading tackler (76) behind Anderson, but the way the season unfolds will depend not just solely on his talent but what he brings to the field in focusing the team to win the moment.

Erzinger spoke to the *Pointer View* about what lies ahead and what it meant to be chosen team captain by last year's senior class.

PV: The team's mindset heading into this season ... after achieving a bowl victory last year, how did it help create a different culture/atmosphere during the offseason workouts and spring practice?

SE: "I think it's about becoming a more mature team. Last year, we were a really good team as far as what we needed to accomplish (in terms of wins and winning a bowl game). But, some of the games that came down to the wire, it was always about 'are we poised enough or mature enough to know how to win or to be a winning team.' We ended up doing that, but I think this year it's more ingrained in the back of our minds that we can do that and that's the expectation."

PV: When you add the key losses of six starters on defense, how important is August for the team to get this new group



to gel and be ready for a tough September schedule?

SE: "It's all on the older guys to make sure they know what (the new guys) are doing and communicating, and making sure everybody knows what they're doing at every snap. With the younger guys, really what we want them to do is just fly around and make some plays. They don't have to be right all the time, although, eventually, you expect that, but they need to be on point as best they can. But, really, they just need to fly to the ball because that's what our defense is about—it's about swarming, it's about attacking and we need it."

PV: The importance of your role and the other veterans in leading this team?

SE: "It's good any time you have some guys who have leadership skills on the field—myself, Jarrett Mackey, a couple of the corners, Antuan Aaron and Josh Jackson—they'll all be key guys coming back. It's about making sure the players aren't getting lost in the jumble between snaps, especially on the field, on game day. One of the most important things is communication and, if you have some veteran guys who can calm the younger guys down and make sure they understand what's going on and not rushing too much, that will definitely help."

PV: Talk about Jarrett Mackey and him replacing McNary at the "quick" position and thoughts about his talents to succeed at the position?

SE: "Jarrett Mackey is an outstanding athlete and strong, physical player. The reason he didn't play the quick position originally is because Josh McNary was there and Josh was an animal and did great things there. Jarrett Mackey is an excellent guy for the job. We would like to have them both on the field, but Jarrett will do an excellent job stepping

up into that spot."

PV: The team has a tough schedule to start the season facing three bowl participants from 2010, thoughts about that gauntlet of a September?

SE: "It's going to be exciting. I think it's going to be a true test to see how we're coming out of camp. Any time you get an opportunity to play good teams, it makes you better. You only get better by playing a better opponent. It's definitely going to be a challenge for us, but we're excited to have that challenge because no one wants to play a weak schedule."

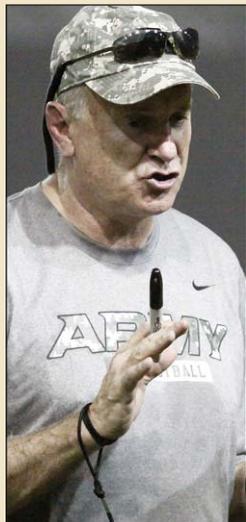
PV: Last year the team got a winning record and a bowl victory, so as a team, what is next on your list of goals?

SE: "The next steps for us are to again get back to a bowl game, have another winning season and also get the (Commander-in-Chief's trophy). That's been a down thing ... obviously, we play at Army and we're at the service academy, so it's huge to get that. Unfortunately, we haven't been on the winning part of that in recent years, but that's definitely a high target on our list."

PV: Having the "C" on your jersey and being selected after last season as a legacy captain by the graduating seniors ... talk about them recognizing that leadership in you?

SE: "I'm only one person and I can't do it all, so I rely heavily on my senior classmates to help me out with that and we're all helping to step up and make sure this is a fun and exciting season. It was awesome (to be chosen) and it was sort of a humbling moment. It's something you always have in the back of your mind, but having been recognized by (last year's seniors) is just awesome and I couldn't be more grateful for the opportunity."

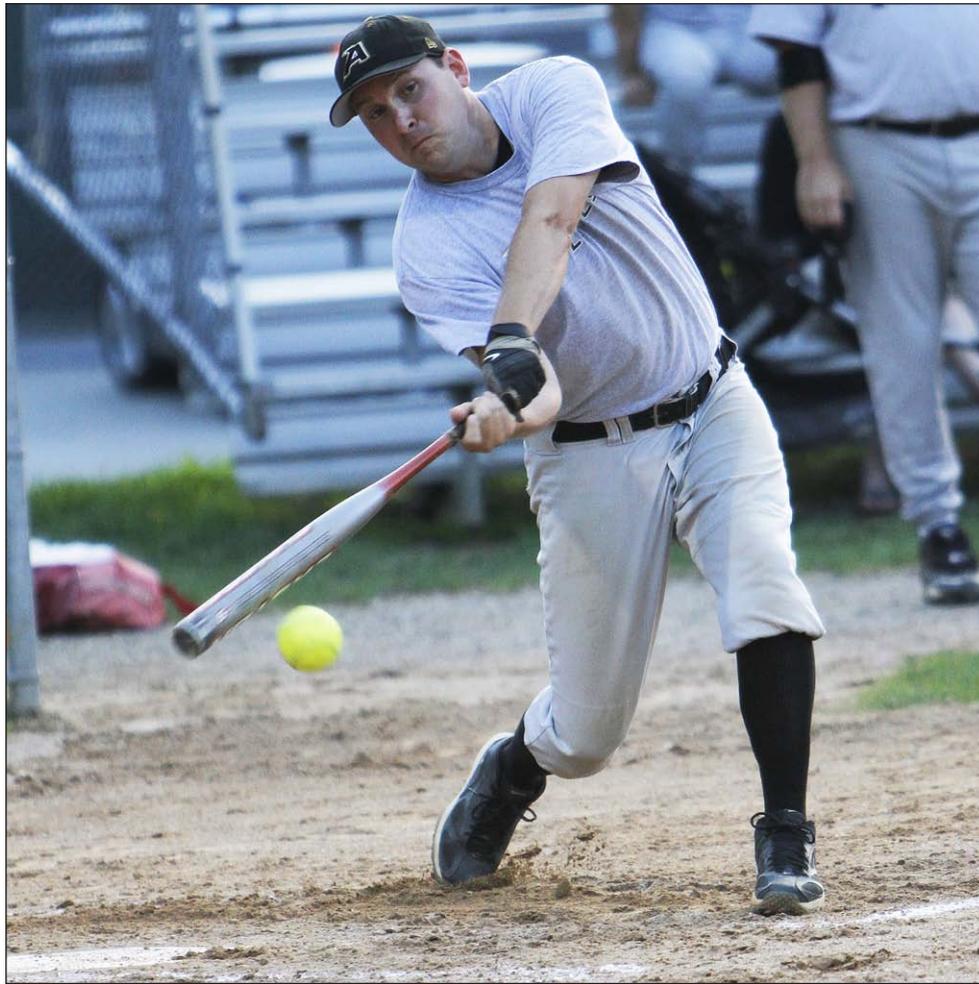
Q&A A coach's perspective ... Rich Ellerson



PV: There are six new guys starting on defense, but with someone like Steven Erzinger, how much of a calming influence will he be on the field in terms of experience and leadership?

RE: "He has tremendous leadership and was recognized by the last graduating class as they looked over their shoulders and tried to choose a leader to carry on their legacy and they choose Steve Erzinger—and that speaks volumes. He is one of those key guys. We don't have a lot of starters back on defense, but I think the ones we do have are strategically placed. I talked about (defensive end) Jarrett Mackey, Antuan Aaron on the back end (secondary) and Steve Erzinger in the second row (linebackers) ... we've got some experienced guys in key positions who understand how a football game goes and understand our defense as well as anybody who has ever played it. Obviously, we are going to lean on that experience and that leadership and that will be pivotal to our success."

ODIA I sweeps Math, takes post title



The Office of the Directorate of Intercollegiate Athletics I's shortstop Kenny Hall got two hits, a single and double, in the first inning of Game One of the post softball championship series Aug. 10. ODIA I swept Math with 14-2 and 19-9 victories to win its second straight post title.

PHOTOS BY MIKE STRASSER/PV

Pointer View staff reports

The Office of the Directorate of Intercollegiate Athletics I team took the Math team out of the equation for a post softball championship as ODIA I earned a sweep of the best-of-three game post championship series Aug. 10 at the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation H Lot Softball Complex.

ODIA I achieved back-to-back post softball championship titles, a first since the Directorate of Public Works won in 2004 and 2005, by defeating the South Division champion Math 14-2 and 19-9.

The North Division champion ODIA I (24-4) wasted no time by taking a stranglehold early in Game One by scoring 11 runs in the top of the first inning. Right fielder Marco Spisso started the game with a walk and then ODIA I proceeded to get 10 hits and reached base on two errors to gain great momentum. Shortstop Kenny Hall knocked the only extra base hit of the inning with an RBI double and scored the final run of the first to give ODIA I an 11-0 lead.

From that point, pitcher Jason Heiar held Math (23-3) in check until the fourth inning when they broke through for a couple of runs to make the score 14-2 after ODIA I scored three runs in the top half of the fourth inning. Heiar would give up one base hit in the bottom of the fifth, but he would get the final two outs to give ODIA I a 10-run rule victory in five innings to take Game One.

In Game Two, Math jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning, but ODIA I

would strike back with four runs in the bottom of the first inning, highlighted by back-to-back RBI triples from left-center fielder Matt Biehle and first baseman Eric Bartelt. Both teams exchanged two runs in the second inning to make the score 6-3 before Math had its best output of the evening, scoring four runs in the third.

With one out and a runner at second base, Math first baseman Steven Horton got a single that started a six consecutive hit barrage that ended with pitcher Donald Outing's RBI single to give his team the 7-6 lead.

A key moment in the inning came during Math's scoring streak when ODIA I right-center fielder Jimmy Belladone threw out a runner at the plate for the second out of the inning.

Over the next couple of innings, ODIA I would take back the lead and build a 10-8 advantage courtesy of two triples from Heiar and Hall. ODIA I then went on a hitting string that produced five runs in the fifth inning and then another four to close out the game in the sixth inning.

After the first two runners got on base in the sixth, Heiar knocked an RBI double and then RBI singles by catcher Blake Reid and extra hitter Shaun Weyer to bring the game to the brink of the 10-run rule.

After a walk to pinch hitter Sean Morrow, left fielder Ron Kontura finished the game out with an RBI single and the final score of 19-9.

The series win was ODIA I's second straight post title after defeating the Department of Physical Education/Electrical Engineering and Computer Science in three games last year.



ODIA I's left-center fielder Matt Biehle ran home with the fourth run of his team's 11-run first inning in Game One.



ODIA I's pitcher Jason Heiar got caught in a pickle between third base and home plate, but eluded the squeeze and was safe back at third after the play ended. He would come home to give ODIA I a 13-0 in Game One of its sweep over Math in the post softball championship Aug. 10.