

West Point tradition continues with Class of 2012



The tradition of class rings is believed to have started at the U.S. Military Academy when members of the Class of 1835 designed their own rings. Another tradition began with the Class of 2002, which was the first time gold from the West Point Association of Graduates Ring Memorial Program from donated rings was included in the gold of the class ring. At the Ring Melt in March, 29 class rings were added, bringing the program total to 220 rings. The gold melted from the donated rings, and gold from the previous 10 melts, has been incorporated into the gold used to forge the class rings of 2012. The ring ceremony was held Aug. 19 at the Trophy Point Amphitheater as hundreds of family members and guests of the Class of 2012 celebrated the West Point tradition. Pictured left, Class of 2012 Cadet Ilanit Guadalupe shows off her ring to her family and classmates. See pages 8-9 for stories and photos.

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'Pointer View' to publish 9/11 retrospective

Staff Reports

As the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks approaches, the *Pointer View* staff is preparing to mark the occasion with a retrospective in the Sept. 8 issue.

In preparation, we are asking members of the West Point community to share their stories with us.

We would be honored to tell your stories about 9/11, whether you were a cadet, faculty or military member here at West Point, or serving near or at the Pentagon or World Trade Center on that day. If you are a current cadet or military member who chose to serve because of 9/11 and have a story to tell, please let us know.

We will publish short vignettes submitted by individuals or honor any requests for our staff reporters to conduct interviews if the date, time and location are provided. The deadline for any digital submissions is Sept. 2. Requests for interviews must be

For questions, story submissions or to schedule an interview, contact Eric S. Bartelt at 938-2015 or email at eric.bartelt@usma.edu. Deadline for story submissions is Sept. 2. Requests for interviews will be honored no later than Monday and can be scheduled between now and Sept. 2.

made by Monday and will be conducted through Sept. 2.

If we receive more content than we can publish in the *Pointer View*, additional pages will be created in a special online edition and will be available on the *Pointer View* website, www.pointerinterview.com.

If you have photos from that time period to share,

please provide us a photo caption with the high resolution image. Anyone interested in contributing should contact the managing editor, Eric Bartelt, at eric.bartelt@usma.edu or call 938-2015.

Pictured right is a rendering of the potential 9/11 retrospective cover of the *Pointer View*. The West Point community is welcome to submit photos for this issue, to be published Sept. 8.

POINTER VIEW GRAPHIC



Regimental commander holds West Point close to his heart

By Class of 2012 Cadet
Joseph Amoroso
First Regiment commander

My earliest memory of West Point is from when I was about five years old. Almost every Saturday in the fall, my parents would pile us all in the car, take the 40-minute drive down to West Point and spend the day walking around the campus or watching an Army football game.

I used to think the motivation for these trips was just to get the kids out of the house or to entertain my brother's love of football. However, as I got older, I realized that West Point was more than just a Saturday getaway for my parents. It was a part of my family.

I like to tell some people that I am a "legacy" student at West Point and usually the next logical question is to ask when my father or mother graduated from the academy. The "legacy" that I am proud to carry on each day while I am here at West Point did not start with a relative graduate. In fact, my siblings and I are the first generation of my family to attain four-year college degrees. My brother graduated from West Point in 2005, but before Michael's years here, the academy was not an alma mater to others in my family—it was their livelihood.

My great grandfather Gerardo Amoroso came to the United States from Italy in 1914. He was a 21-year-old mason who was looking for work so that he could afford to bring his wife, Margherita, over from Naples to join him.

When he arrived to New York, he found work in Newburgh and then eventually in Highland Falls where he was hired by West Point to work on the construction of US Route 9W and Scott Barracks. His work at West Point allowed him to bring over my great grandmother and provide for his children. For my first two years here at the academy, I lived in Scott Barracks with Company G-4. I could not go a day without thinking of my great grandfather and what he would say if he knew that his great grandson would someday live in the building he worked so hard to construct.

When they were of age, my grandfather,

Romualdo, and his sister, Deletta, decided to join their father and work at West Point. First, my grandfather got a job in a supply warehouse that stored merchandise for the cadet store and then he found himself working in the uniform factory.

My great aunt Deletta worked at the post commissary and eventually rose to the position of director with one of the highest civilian pay grades on post. Because West Point had been so generous in the past, my parents followed suit and began their careers here. My father got a job working on grounds maintenance and pest control and my mother was a secretary in USCC and the office of the commandant.

My parents left their jobs at USMA, but continued to keep West Point and all that it did for my family in high regard. My decision to attend the academy, like that of my brother's, was not forced upon us by our parents, but was rooted in the long tradition that my relatives carried on. They respected West Point for all that it stood for and all that it offered. My grandfather always spoke highly of the institution and shortly before he passed away, when he heard of Michael's desire to attend USMA, he would say "never let 'em see you sweat."

It's these words and the "legacy" that my family has developed that got Michael through the rigors of West Point and they continue to do the same for me every day.

Today, we all say that three generations of the Amoroso family entered through the back door of West Point; my brother and I are the first to enter through the front door. When I exit the front door in May of this year, I'll be walking out with the memory of my family, their determination and their dream.

(Editor's note: Amoroso just enjoyed one of the biggest weekends of a cadet's time at the academy—Ring Weekend. He felt compelled to share his story about how much West Point has shaped not only his life, but his family's as well. He is currently the 1st Regiment commander and served as the SGR commander-in-charge of the Corps of Cadets during the summer detail. He is a member of the Philosophy Forum Club and the S-5 for the Speech Team. As a Political Science major with Thesis, he has earned a 3.3 grade point average and excels in all pillars.)

Message from the DoDEA New York, Virginia, Puerto Rico Superintendent

Welcome to school year 2011-12 and the West Point Schools. A new school year is always an exciting time for students, parents and our staff. We look forward to working with you to provide excellent opportunities for all our students to be successful.

You will appreciate knowing that we implemented new curricular materials in language arts during the previous school year and we are implementing new curricular materials in mathematics and social studies this year.

While the materials have changed, our curricular standards and expectations remain the same. Our teachers will continue to receive professional development on the use of the new materials to assist them in providing the most effective and contemporary instruction for their students.

Our commitment to continuous improvement will be evident as you enter each of our schools. You will notice displays of data and information regarding student achievement and our focused efforts to improve in identified areas. Each school's plan is unique and focused on student achievement data related to their programs and practices. Please take time to become familiar with this information and, where possible, support our goal of continuous school improvement.

Throughout DoDEA, we are exploring STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) related activities which logically relate to our curriculum and meaningfully engage students in real-world projects that inspire and motivate.

You will hear more about this through school newsletters and by visiting our school and district websites. Our end goal is to increase interest in STEM related careers—a national priority.

As parents you are a crucial ingredient in the education of your children. We look forward to meeting you and partnering to meet the needs of your children. I want to provide a hearty thank you in advance for your collaboration and commitment to our combined goal. Have a great year!

Michael A. Gould
District Superintendent, DoDEA New York, Virginia and Puerto Rico



Welcome back!
A Military Policeman ensures that children and parents cross safely to reach the West Point Elementary and Middle Schools on the first day of school Aug. 18.

KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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

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Exploring extracurriculars at Club Night

Story and photo by Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor

Do you like climbing great heights? There's a club for that. How about speaking foreign languages or debating?

Eisenhower Hall became the hub of cadet activities Aug. 15 during the annual Club Night, where hundreds of cadets from the Class of 2015 gathered to select what clubs they want to pursue this academic year.

Some clubs travel the world, others claim national championships two and three years in a row. There are some barely a year old and others that have been around for a century. With so many to choose from, many cadets arrived at Club Night having already researched the different clubs.

"Club Night was a nice break because we were able to get out of the cadet area and be informal with upperclassmen and simply see what goes on outside of what we see day-to-day as students," Class of 2015 Cadet Todd McLaughlin said.

Having just completed his first day of class, McLaughlin decided to sign up for the Orienteering Team, with tryouts scheduled for the next three days.

"I went to their meet at the last mass athletics during Beast and decided I'll at least see the tryouts through," McLaughlin said. "They are looking for team compatibility and mental skills from what I can tell."

McLaughlin was also interested in a management position on the Men's Crew Team and said a member of the (West Point Cadet Sports Parachute) Jump Team made an encouraging pitch for their club.

Booths lined both floors of Crest Hall as club members enticed new recruits with the merits of their athletic, academic, cultural or spiritual activity. There are roughly 120 clubs sponsored by the Directorate of Cadet Activities. Natashia Grable from the DCA Business Office said the Drill Team and Chess Club are perhaps the oldest of all cadet activities, but other popular ones like the Debate Team and Model UN have been around for some time and are competitive on the national collegiate level.

The Scoutmasters Club recently celebrated its 50th anniversary, while the Women's Boxing Team is working to improve its standing from hobby club status to a competitive club.

Some cadets, like Class of 2012 Cadet Sam Wharton, have been able to support more than one club at West Point. This year, he's the president of the West Point Cadet Catholic Choir, a member of the Eisenhower Hall cadet staff and has worked as a photographer on the annual cadet yearbook, "The Howitzer," since his plebe year.

Class of 2012 Cadet Lisa Warner was a high school basketball player, but began playing lacrosse at West Point and is now

co-captain of the team.

"A lot of the skills transferred over from playing basketball but I had a firstie who took me under her wing and she worked with me a lot on catching and throwing," Warner said.

Her older siblings played lacrosse in high school so Warner always found the sport interesting. Her brother, a West Point graduate, had friends on the lacrosse team and she met some of the female players at his graduation.

"Coming in as a plebe you don't know what to expect, so it can be nerve-wracking," Warner said. "Never having played before I didn't know if I'd be good enough but I had a good attitude, I'm athletic and was able to pick up the skills quickly where they could mold me into what they needed me to be on the team."

Warner said recruiting for a winning and competitive team makes it an easier job, but the difficulty will come when they have to cut cadets from the roster after four days of tryouts.

"We're definitely looking for athleticism in the girls, but one of the key priorities is having a good attitude," Warner said. "West Point is hard enough, and there's a lot of stressors so lacrosse should be an outlet—it's supposed to be fun."

It was not out of the ordinary on Club Night to see cadets dressed in western attire to promote the Equestrian Team or someone suspended from the balcony from the Climbing Team. The Powerlifting Team needed no props, but they brought a scale to weigh plebes.

Class of 2012 Cadet Tyler Wright said the 22-cadet roster fosters a strong family environment. He joined the team four years earlier weighing 160 pounds and squatting 300 pounds. Today he's bulked up 20 pounds and hopes to squat 600 pounds this year.

"If you want to challenge yourself to lift more than you've ever lifted before, to become as mentally strong as you've ever been, then you'll come to the Powerlifting Team," Wright pitched to plebes. "The thing about our sport is you have to learn to be comfortable being uncomfortable. There's going to be a lot of weight on your back and you're going to be hurting, but there's a big emphasis on safety in what we do."

Class of 2012 Cadet Ben Poth was recruiting for six new members for the Pistol Team, the 2011 National Champions. With three consecutive championships to its credit, it would seem daunting for a plebe to join such a competitive team. Poth said the team looks for potential in new members more than experience.

"I didn't have prior experience myself," Poth said. "It's more about being approachable and having a willingness to learn. Our coach's philosophy is that it takes time to develop a shooter. So we like to mentor cadets the first



Hundreds of cadets from the Class of 2015 had the opportunity to explore and sign up for different military, academic, athletic, cultural and spiritual activities at West Point during Club Night Aug. 15 at Eisenhower Hall.

two years as they develop."

The Spirit Band took center stage inside the theater during Club Night to provide musical entertainment as they recruited new musicians. Nearly one-third of the band is composed of plebes, and Class of 2012 Cadet Mike Kohne, the Spirit Band president, said Club Night offers the new class a chance to see and hear the band while deciding if they want to join.

"The good part about West Point is that cadets are pretty multi-talented," Kohne said. "There's an amazing amount of them who come here as All-State musicians while being that varsity football player they were in high school. So it's surprisingly easy to find people here who are pretty good musicians."

So much, in fact, that it can be competitive—especially in the drum section, Kohne said. The band is authorized 90 full-time members, but those who don't make the cut are encouraged to keep playing.

Kohne said if they bring their instrument to a football game, they could still join in the fun.

We've got approximately 50 people who have consistently shown up to practice in the last couple of weeks, so we're looking for another 40 or so," he said. "We expect to get at least 100 to sign up tonight. Depending on the section, tryouts will follow.

"The drum line is always a competitive section, because they're really, really good," Kohne added. "For the other sections, we're looking for cadets who know their instruments and want to have fun while working hard. If we have too many for one section, we'll have to narrow it down on a case-by-case basis."

After Club Night ended, Kohne collected all the signatures and sent out emails to inform potential members about practice dates and location.

"We'll basically throw them into the mix during band practice," Kohne said. "They'll learn all the basic songs like the 'Alma Mater' and we'll see what they know, what they don't know and what we need to teach them."

The Spirit Band travels often during the year, working every Army Football game both home and away, spirit rallies and other sports events like basketball and hockey.

Last semester they provided music for the Sandhurst Competition at Camp Buckner and even supported a cross-country meet.

"Basically, if there's something going on, we'll be there," Kohne said. "We supported Acceptance Day and March Back, and we'll be supporting events all the way through Special Olympics which is just before the last week of school. We're a yearlong party everywhere we go."

Garrison Prayer Luncheon focuses on life vision

Story and photo by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

The Garrison Prayer Luncheon at West Point is an essential part of garrison commander Col. Michael Tarsa's multi-faceted religious support program for Soldiers, staff, civilian employees and their family members within West Point's garrison community.

"This event, in its current implemented form, is fairly new and was initiated under the current garrison command team who directed its approximate semi-annual occurrence," Maj. Shmuel Felzenberg, Installation Jewish Chaplain, said. "A quality speaker, good food, fellowship and a spiritually motivating and reflective environment provides a fitting chance for both the individuals in attendance and organizational groups as a whole to take yet one more step forward toward achieving the spiritual fitness the garrison commander intends them to strive for in accordance with their respective faith, beliefs and background."

In his opening remarks, Tarsa spoke about the three-part make-up of a well-balanced person to include spiritual, mental and physical fitness.

The prayer luncheon was held Aug. 18 at the West Point Club with guest speaker Gary Beikirch, a Medal of Honor recipient, speaking to the audience about the life-changing spiritual experience he had after his service in Vietnam.

At the time, Beikirch was a sergeant who served with the 3rd, 5th and 10th Special Forces groups as both a medical and light weapons specialist. Nearly a year after his deployment to Vietnam, a huge force of more than three regiments of North Vietnamese troops attacked his camp April 1, 1970, resulting in a high number of casualties.

Beikirch suffered multiple wounds in combat, yet managed to rescue numerous American Soldiers as well as Vietnamese and Montagnard (indigenous people from the central highlands of Vietnam) civilians and military personnel.

"I hated myself after Vietnam," Beikirch said. "I lived in a cave in New Hampshire for two years. I hated myself that much. Getting shot three times in one day was not part of my plan, but it was the beginning of a vision."



Pictured above are Col. Michael Tarsa, Gary Beikirch and Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Barth Edison at the Garrison Prayer Luncheon Aug. 18 at the West Point Club. Beikirch is a Medal of Honor recipient and was guest speaker at the luncheon. He told his inspiring and moving story about how he survived and what he learned about himself in retrospect after being shot three times in one day while saving his fellow Soldiers in Vietnam on April 1, 1970.

Beikirch related the experience he had in the hospital, going in and out of consciousness, paralyzed from the waist down, and fighting against death.

"I had a crisis of confidence," he said. "Whatever was my guiding idea of life was gone and things I thought were absolute and unchanging were no longer felt. One time when I woke up, I saw a chaplain standing by the next bed praying with a young dying Soldier. He turned and asked me if I would like to pray. I told him I didn't know how to pray. He simply said, 'That's OK, God knows how to listen.' My prayer was simple. I said I didn't know if he was real and didn't know if he was here, but I'm scared and I needed him.

"Suddenly, something happened," he explained. "I didn't suddenly get up and walk; there was no miraculous healing, but a very real peace—a comfort, a 'knowing' that there was someone outside of myself greater than my pain, greater than death."

Beikirch said he spent the next two years exploring the presence of God, studying different philosophies, different religions and searching for a way that would lead him back to the peace he felt in that hospital room.

Beikirch is now an ordained minister through the United Baptist Fellowship. He also holds a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology/Psychology from the University of New Hampshire and a Master of Science in Educational Counseling from the State University of New York at Brockport.

Beikirch is also a middle school counselor at the Greece Arcadia Middle School in Rochester, N.Y., and has been in that position for more than 20 years.

Sponsorship Program

Dear Members of the West Point Community:

Thank you to everyone who hosted our new cadets on July 17, during New Cadet Visitation Day. The level of support from the West Point community was phenomenal during an especially busy time of the year.

As you know, New Cadet Quarters Visitation Day was an important milestone for our new cadets. They have just completed their Cadet Basic Training, Acceptance Day and are now fully integrated into the Corps of Cadets and the Army Family. Thanks to your kindness and generosity, our new cadets had a well-deserved break from the rigors of Beast Barracks. I know that you afforded them the opportunity to relax and see what our Army Family is all about.

From the response of the new cadets, you not only warmly welcomed them into your homes, but you fed them to their hearts' content.

All of you are an important part of the new cadet journey to full cadetship and eventual commissioning as a lieutenant in the U.S. Army. Now that Quarters Visitation Day is over, we enter into the second phase of cadet development with Army Families on West Point, which is the initiation of the Fourth Class Sponsorship Program.

The Fourth Class Sponsorship Program

is intended to offer staff, faculty and other qualified individuals the opportunity to mentor fourth class cadets on a more permanent basis during their time at West Point. I ask that you consider the tremendous positive influence you and your family can have in our young cadets' development.

Sign up begins immediately through AMS, and all information can be found on the web site at <https://apps.usma.edu/ams/main.cfm>. If you are unable to access this website, please contact the following people for assistance:

- Carlton Smith, USCC Operations Assistant (carlton.smith@usma.edu), 845-938-8609;

- KACH personnel should contact Ms. Darlene Ruscelli (darlene.ruscelli@us.army.mil) at 845-938-6775;

- Garrison personnel should contact Ms. Monica Orecchio (monica.orecchio@us.army.mil) at 845-938-2519.

Thank you again for your outstanding support during the New Cadet Quarters Visitation Day, and I look forward to even greater success of the Fourth Class Sponsorship Program with your continued assistance.

Sincerely,
Theodore D. Martin
Brigadier General, US Army
Commandant of Cadets

NIGHT FLIGHT

2nd Aviation Detachment trains for night missions

Story by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

The 2nd Aviation Detachment located at Stewart Air Base in New Windsor conducted training in night vision flying Aug. 15 with the UH-72A Lakota helicopters, which are equipped with night vision goggle-compatible cockpits.

The detachment supports West Point by transporting distinguished visitors hosted by West Point senior leadership, provides support to the cadet parachute team and assists cadets in academic instruction in both airplanes and helicopters.

“The night vision goggle training allows the 2nd Avn. Det. to be more relevant,” Chief Warrant Officer 5 John Nailor, 2nd Avn. Det. commander, said. “Every Lakota pilot who comes out of the Army is qualified to fly with NVGs and goes through retraining.”

Nailor said night vision training allows the 2nd Avn. Det. to fly VIPs at night when necessary, such as to or from Washington D.C.

“In these economic times with budget concerns, we need to do more with less,” Nailor said. “In addition to transporting VIPs, we can help to locate cadets who get lost in field training.”

In February, two West Point cadets attempting to rappel Storm King Mountain became stranded and needed rescue off an 18 inch-wide ledge. There were no first responders with night vision training in the vicinity who could help in what ended up to be a lengthy and dangerous rescue attempt involving several local firemen, ambulances and police



The 2nd Aviation Detachment conducted night vision flying on Aug. 15 in a UH-72A Lakota helicopter, which is equipped with a night vision goggle-compatible cockpit.

TOMMY GILLIGAN/WEST POINT PUBLIC AFFAIRS

officers. Although the New York State Police Aviation Unit shares a building with the 2nd Avn. Det. and is trained in night vision, they did not have current hoist training that could assist in the rescue, although they were able to locate the cadets using night vision goggles.

The cadets were eventually rescued by a New York City Police rescue helicopter.

“The proposal for night vision training began with Lt. Gen. David Huntoon Jr., the Superintendent of West Point, after that incident. This will allow us to locate those needing help and communicate to first responders as to their location,” Nailor explained.

Although the 2nd Avn. Det. is not in the rescue business, primarily because they do not have a hoist, the 2nd Avn. Det. will be able to aid in rescue attempts.

Flying a helicopter with NVGs distorts vision somewhat, and pilots need to learn a different way of seeing, which is the reason for the training.

“You don’t have peripheral vision capability, no color except green, distance perception is distorted and there’s a limited field of vision,” Nailor said. “It’s like looking at an old computer that had green screens. Pilots need training to be able to compensate for the limited vision such as in taking off, landing and flying low.”

SHARP Response Team

24/7 Sexual Assault Response Coordinators

- Shelley Ariosto, Garrison: 914-382-8041;
- Maj. Missy Rosol, USCC: 845-401-3476;
- Lt. Col. Linda Emerson, Diversity Officer: 845-590-1249.

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- 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.

Battle begins Saturday at Constitution Island

Story and photo submitted by
Constitution Island Association

The Constitution Island Association in collaboration with the Hudson Valley Institute at Marist College, the 5th New York Regiment, the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area and U.S. Army Garrison-West Point will present Re-enactment Day Saturday.

The West Point community and the general public are invited to Constitution Island from 10 a.m. until mid-afternoon to observe more than 100 uniformed troops representing the American Revolution and the Civil War in an array of activities.

The event will feature non-stop activities including tactical weapon demonstrations, inspections, formations, musket firings, artillery demonstrations, camp life and drills.

The day will feature Gen. George Washington's efforts to defend Fort Constitution and Fortress West Point over the course of the American Revolution.

Once again, Civil War units will be present to acknowledge the Hudson River Valley's contribution to the Union as part



Come to Constitution Island Saturday between 10 a.m. until mid-afternoon to see Civil War activities.

of the Sesquicentennial of the bloodiest of American Wars.

"Constitution Island has played a critical role in the history of the Hudson River Valley, first as a challenge for sailors such as Henry Hudson, then as Fort Constitution in the American Revolution, as a literary center for the Warner Sisters and as

a neighbor to the West Point Foundry in the Civil War," Ret. Col. Jim Johnson, Military Historian of the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area and Executive Director of the Hudson River Valley Institute at Marist College, said.

Re-enactment Weekend will highlight its American Revolutionary history and the Hudson River Valley's contributions to the Union cause as a part of the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War. Participation by cadets from the United States Corps of Cadets will add another dimension to the day. Cadets will be able to observe the activities of the re-enactors and enjoy the beauty of Constitution Island and its American Revolutionary fortifications.

Roddy MacLeod, Constitution Island manager, is particularly excited about the inclusion of West Point cadets.

"Constitution Island is a significant part of their heritage and has witnessed many examples of leadership that can make a difference in their future military careers," he said.

Continuous bus transportation will be provided to the island from the southern end of the Metro North Parking lot in Cold Spring. Ample free parking is available in the Metro North lot.

Boats will depart West Point's South Dock at 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m. and depart the island for South Dock on the hour until 4 p.m.

The Q-Boat will provide 30-minute river tours off Constitution Island from 10:10-10:40 a.m., 11:10-11:40 a.m., 12:10-12:40 p.m., 1:10-1:40 p.m. and 2:10-2:40 p.m. Photo identification is required.

The Association requests a \$10 donation per adult and \$5 per senior (over 65) or child.



Schedule of Events

Saturday

10 a.m.—Site open to public; 18th and 19th century soldiers' camp and military activities all day

10:30 a.m.—American Revolutionary and Civil War Cannon Demonstration (Marine Battery and Point)

11 a.m.—Formation, Inspection and Drill

11:30 a.m.—American Revolution and Civil War Infantry and Artillery Drill and Firing Demonstration

Noon—Lunch break

1 p.m.—Formation, Inspection and American Revolutionary Tactical Weapons Demonstration

2 p.m.—Civil War Tactical Artillery and Infantry Weapons Demonstration

2:30 p.m.—American Revolutionary and Civil War Cannon Demonstration (Marine Battery and Point)

3 p.m.—Soldiers and their Ladies of New York

4:30 p.m.—Retreat

Revolutionary War Fortifications tours every hour

Sunday

On Sunday, the site will be open to USMA staff, faculty, cadets and families of DOD personnel.

Access will be available from the South Dock and Harborcraft will provide continuous access throughout the day.



The West Point Military Police attended the FBI's Officer Survival School from Aug. 15-17. The school was taught by the FBI's New York Office, Firearms and Defensive Tactics Training Unit, West Point. The course covered topics on officer survival, tactical shooting for law enforcement, defensive tactics, handcuffing and low light tactics. The course was instructed by Special Agents Tim Latterner and Jude Tarasca.

COURTESY PHOTO



5K fun

A couple of runners and a four-legged friend come down the home stretch of the Water Wars 5K Aug. 20. The men's 5K winner was Martin Tyce with a time of 19 minutes, 43 seconds. The women's winner was Kathleen Nance with a time of 23 minutes, 32 seconds.

APRIL ANDERSON/DFMWR



Another West Point Ring Ceremony is in the history books as members of the Class of 2012 donned their rings in a ceremony Aug. 19 at Trophy Point.

'Class of 2012, you may don your rings'

Story and photos by Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor

With storm clouds hovering over the Class of 2012 Ring Ceremony Aug. 19, Chaplain Edson Wood was approached more than once to put in a good word for a pleasant event. Each time, he would reply jovially, "I'm in sales, not management."

Perhaps his invocation was enough to delay the rain just long enough for hundreds of families and guests to gather around Trophy Point Amphitheater to watch the firsties don their class rings for the first time.

"We recognize that each West Point ring tells the story of the wearer's deepest sense of achievement, of the eternal values of the academy and the bond of unity which binds each graduate and West Point until the end of time," Wood said during the invocation.

The class ring, a tradition believed to have started at the U.S. Military Academy, and its ceremony has come to define the senior class, much like the Affirmation Ceremony does for the junior class. Class of 2012 Cadet Isaac Dudley, the Ring and Crest Committee chairman, addressed his colleagues and invited guests during the ceremony.

"The moment you place the ring on your finger should be a moment you remember forever," Dudley said. "It not only solidifies your place in the Long Gray Line, but it also allows you to grip hands with those members who have come before you."

The ring itself is symbolic of the class about to join the Long Gray Line. Beginning with the Class of 2002, it has become a West Point tradition to melt down the donated rings of graduates and combine the gold into the rings of future classes.

"It connects us to all the old grads and it is something that West Pointers for over 100 years have and will have in common with one another," Class of 2012 Cadet Stephen Lask said. "It represents our journey together and all the hardships we have faced as a team."

The ring ceremony, Class of 2012 Cadet Sam Wharton said, probably ranks second in terms of significance to a West Point cadet after Acceptance Day when they join the Corps of Cadets.

"The ring ceremony holds a very special place in the heart of every West Point cadet and officer as a sign of that relationship and their achievements here," Wharton said.

Class of 2012 Cadet Kyle Zimmerman said the Ring Ceremony is a celebration of what the



class has achieved until this point, but the days ahead, like Branch Night and Post Night, will represent their futures. Lask called it a rite of passage.

"(It's) one that represents the culmination of our journey here toward becoming an officer. It reminds us that we can see the light at the end of the tunnel and we are so close to accomplishing our goals and starting our lives," Lask said.

It recognizes not only their accomplishments but also responsibilities.

"I know that each time I look down at my ring, I think of my accomplishments but also the enormous responsibility that it symbolizes," Class of 2012 Cadet Joseph Amoroso, 1st Regiment commander, said. "It is a pinnacle event for our class especially, because the weight of our motto "For more than ourselves" is like the constant weight of our rings that we will carry for the rest of our lives in service to the nation."

John Carroll arrived hours early to get prime seating for the ceremony, and took a moment to search among the markers on the empty field for his son's company.

"This is a milestone for them, having gotten through three years of West Point," Carroll said. "The ring has always been a big symbol of West Point leadership and today shows that they've earned that mark."

His son, Class of 2012 Cadet John "Beau" Carroll, is the Company C commander in 1st Regiment—a position he worked hard to earn, Carroll said.

"He's got a lot on his plate now with that responsibility. He's trying to do a good job with that while maintaining his academics," Carroll said. "There's going to be a little bit more stress this year than he had before, but he can handle it. That's what comes with leadership."

Cadets have the option of customizing their rings—everything from size, stone selection and color. Carroll said his son took a conservative approach to his design.

"Some may go for a lot of flash, but John wanted more of a conservative style which is more like his personality," he said. "He's been looking forward to finally getting it."

Amoroso personalized his ring with a poignant quote.

"I had a portion of a quote by William Penn inscribed on the inside of the ring: 'Let me do it now.' It means that I have one life to live, one shot at doing good things for others," Amoroso said. "The ring will always remind me to do the best I can for others now, because I might not get the chance later."

Class Ring DECONSTRUCTED



Cadets choose their ring several months before the actual ring ceremony. During cow year, the class ring and crest committee is responsible for facilitating the process between cadets and the ordering of the rings. Cadets decide on everything from size, metal color (yellow gold, white gold, Celestrum—typical for a battle ring), the metal karats and finish (dark, medium or light). Cadets have plenty of stone options, to include the cluster settings around the central stone. Some cadets will add pieces of rings from other family members or mentors to their class ring. The stone from an older ring can be removed and placed into a new graduate's ring. This main stone can also have a diamond set in the center. Essentially, the rings are customized for each cadet and there are very few standard seen practiced, save the use of symbol black onyx and gold to represent the school colors.

Cadets can also order souvenir items made to resemble their class ring such as pendants, tie tacs, cuff links and lapel pins. All these items of jewelry bear the same ring markings to include the class crest, motto and class year.



From left are the rings of Dennis Michie, Class of 1892; Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Class of 1903; and Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Class of 1915.

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More Ring History

The tradition of class rings at American colleges and universities is believed to have originated at West Point when members of the class of 1835 designed their own rings, which were purchased at private expense and made to individual order. In 1836, no ring was adopted, but in the following year the custom was taken up again and has been consistently observed ever since. Because most officers rode in the 1800s, many of the rings showed wear from the rubbing action of the reins. In 1881, the rings began to show some uniformity of design. Prior to 1897, the stone was an engraved seal or signet with the class motto, although occasionally personal initials were also used.

In 1897, there was a change from an engraved seal to a purely ornamental stone. After 1898, the academy motto "Duty, Honor, Country" was the only motto to be placed on the ring. By 1917, it had become customary to place a class crest on one side of the ring and the academy crest on the other; a standard die design was instituted for each class, so that individual preference was limited to the stone, which is selected by the owner. Inside the Jefferson Hall library, the rings of deceased graduates are displayed in a special wall case. The rings of three of the academy's most famous graduates are featured in the center:

- General of the Army Douglas MacArthur (USMA 1903)
- General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower (USMA 1915)
- General of the Army Omar N. Bradley (USMA 1915)

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The Chase is On

Story and photo by Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor

It's a rare opportunity when the plebes can wreak havoc on the firsties, but it is a West Point tradition that follows the Ring Ceremony.

The Class of 2012 has just donned their rings and, with a huge crowd of families, friends and special guests waiting to congratulate them and share a festive weekend together ... they just have to get past the plebes.

Talk to some yearlings who were part of the action last year following the ring ceremony and they can tell you ... firsties will do anything not to have their Ring Weekend interrupted. Prior to the Ring Ceremony at Trophy Point Aug. 19, one Class of 2014 cadet recalled how a firstie used a rope to climb out of the barrack's window to avoid the plebe onslaught. Others will use family members as human shields against them. Whatever the tactics, the result is inevitable—an endless recitations of what is called the "Ring Poop":

"Oh my god, sir/ma'am! What a beautiful ring! What a crass mass of brass and glass! What a bold mold of rolled gold! What a cool jewel you got from your school! See how it sparkles and shines? It must have cost you a fortune! May I touch it, may I touch it please, sir/ma'am?"

Sure, it could be frustrating being assaulted every other step taken, but the commander of 1st Regiment, Class of 2012 Cadet Joseph Amoroso, took the tradition in stride.

"Yeah, that stuff never changes," he said. "It's a good opportunity for the fourth class cadets to take up some of our leave time. I was proud of my ring, so I allowed them to gawk."

Some former graduates say that plebes will dirty up their hands so as to leave a more permanent mark when they grasp at the firsties. Others say that plebes were not allowed to physically grab at them—only block their passage to the barracks. No matter the tradition, protocol or policy ... it's a memorable experience for both parties.

"I tried to avoid it like anyone, but as hundreds of firsties before me, you can only jump over so many walls before they get you," Class of 2012 Cadet Stephen Lask said. "Although I have to admit it was an amazing feeling being on the other end of it this time."

A photo album of this event is available at www.flickr.com/photos/west_point/sets/72157627368617173/. You can also see the action unfold courtesy of photos and video from the USMA Association of Graduates at www.westpointaog.org.



Class of 2012 Cadet John Stahmer employs evasive movements while the plebes lock in on their target following the ring ceremony Aug. 19.

Pistol Team represents USA

Submitted by the
West Point Pistol Team

On Aug. 14, the first members of the West Point Pistol Team embarked to Shenzhen, China, to participate in the 2011 Summer Universiades (also known as the World University Games). The Universiade is an international sporting and cultural festival sponsored by the International University Sports Federation.

The event is staged every two years in a different city and is second in importance only to the Olympic Games. More than 150 countries participated in 24 different sports including swimming, basketball and gymnastics.

After winning two consecutive national championships, the West Point Pistol Team was approached last year by BTI Events, a company contracted out by the Olympic selecting committee, to represent Team USA in the 2011 Games.

The team went on to validate its qualification by winning a third consecutive national title.

Under the coaching of retired Lt. Col. E. Duston Saunders, the team participated in six different shooting events—Free, Rapid Fire, Standard, Open Air, Women’s Air and Women’s Sport Pistol. Rapid Fire Pistol is not shot during the regular U.S. collegiate season, so this was the first time that the West Point Pistol Team shot this event.

The USA team was led by five recent graduates, 2nd Lts. Kelley Jhong, Raymond Carlson, Adam Schinder, Luis Rivas and Paul Baker. As the team captain for last season and this China trip, Jhong competed in the Women’s Air and Sport Pistol events. She received 2nd Team All-America honors in Air Pistol and Honorable

Mention in Sport Pistol this past season. Carlson participated in the Free and Rapid Fire Pistol events. He is also an Honorable Mention All-American for Standard Pistol.

Schinder shot both the Free and Rapid Fire Pistol matches. Schinder is a 1st Team All-American in Free Pistol and 2nd Team All-American in Air Pistol. As another member of the Free and Rapid Fire Pistol team, Rivas is a 1st Team All-American in Standard Pistol and 2nd Team All-American in Free Pistol.

Baker played a key role as the assistant OIC for the team and facilitated coordination with BTI events in order to ensure that the team met all administrative and travel requirements.

Class of 2012 Cadets Benjamin Poth, Jake Shelton, Leilah Johnson and Frankie Barrera provided senior cadet leadership to the team.

As the newly appointed team captain for this upcoming collegiate season, Poth shot in the Air Pistol and Standard Pistol matches. In the past season, Poth was selected as the 1st Team All-American in Air, Free and Standard Pistol.

He also came in second nationwide in the individual aggregate, which consists of a combined score of all three events during the national championships.

Shelton participated in the Air and Standard Pistol matches. He was 1st Team All-American in Air and Free Pistol and 2nd Team All-American in Standard Pistol. Johnson served as the second member of the Women’s Air Team.

As the team manager, Barrera provided crucial organizational assistance to the team that included being in charge of all the equipment,

guns and ammo.

Class of 2013 Cadets Stephen Halsmer, Heather Deppe, Michael Cheney and Victoria Joye establish a strong foundation for the team. Having received Honorable Mention All-America honors in Air Pistol this past season, Halsmer was the third member to participate in the Men’s Air Pistol event.

As the sole member on the team to have participated in an international shooting competition, Deppe brought experience and talented shooting skills to the team. This past season, Deppe received 1st Team All-American in Air, Standard and Sport Pistol.

Cheney shot the Standard Pistol events. Joye participated in the Women’s Sport Pistol event.

Saunders has provided mentorship and guidance to the team for the last 19 years. He has received the National Rifle Association Coach of the Year Award in 2000 and 2011 as well as Outstanding Service to the Collegiate Shooting Sports Award in 2004.

Additionally, he received the Mike Krzyzewski Teaching Character Through Sport Award in 2011.

As a 1972 West Point graduate and former Infantry officer, Saunders has been the foundation of the team.

His single-handed effort to develop this team has produced shooters who are prepared to compete against the top shooters in the world.

After more than a year’s hard work in preparation and countless hours of training this summer, the team represented the best of U.S. collegiate pistol shooting, as Team USA, in the 2011 Summer Universiade.

For more information on the 2011 Universiade and to see results from the games, visit www.wugusa.com/summer-games/.

Researchers gain synergy with West Point pact

By Mark Sanchez
Picatinny Arsenal

PICATINNY ARSENAL, N.J.—At the United States Military Academy, Class of 2013 Cadet James Raab, a chemistry major, has wanted a rounded and varied education.

“I study in the classroom. I read the books. I do the labs, but I don’t actually see what a real chemist does, or how the Army uses chemistry,” he said.

Meanwhile, at Picatinny Arsenal, N.J., Jesse Sabatini, a research chemist in the Pyrotechnics Technology and Prototyping Division, saw the advantage of having a Soldier presence in his division to offer advice and input on the use of pyrotechnics in a combat setting.

Additionally, he wanted Picatinny to establish a stronger relationship with West Point personnel.

“Anything that’s going to bring the collaboration of ARDEC as a whole closer to the academy is great,” he said. The pyrotechnics division is part of the Armament Research, Development and Engineering Center, or ARDEC.

Both their wishes came true. From July 18 to Aug. 6, Raab and academy professor Col. Ronald Hann spent three weeks at Picatinny’s Pyrotechnic Department as part of the Academic Individual Advanced Development, or AIAD, program.

Under the program, cadets observe and perform scientific research in federal and private sector laboratories.

“This is really our first run in the AIAD,” Hann, an assistant professor in the Department of Chemistry and Life Sciences, said.

“Doctor Sabatini and I have been talking about this for a long time,” Hann added. “We spent about two years trying to figure out what would be a good approach to doing a program like this.”

The two years of discussion culminated with three weeks of study and collaboration. Each party said the program proved mutually beneficial, as each learned from the other.

Perhaps most importantly, the three main prototype formulations analyzed—the M195 green light emitting parachute, the M159 white light emitting cluster and the M127 A1 white light emitting parachute—all passed the initial tests.

The initial success of the program has encouraged Sabatini to support continued collaboration in the future and expand the involvement of other academic departments and other centers at ARDEC.

“I work in pyrotechnics, so obviously I would like to have a cadet or two a year come here,” Sabatini said. “But, if the experience this year will result in having chemical engineers and other cadets go into the propellant side, the explosive side or the acquisition side, that’s great.”

FMWR Blurbs

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. Friday. 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 Saturday 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.

Wee Ones Play Group

The Wee Ones Play Group final summer play date is 10:15-11:30 a.m. Monday.

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.

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 Wednesday.

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

For more information, call 938-3601.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

NEW INFO

Christmas in August cancelled

The Christmas in August event scheduled from noon-5 p.m. Sunday at the West Point Club has been cancelled.

There is currently no make-up date for this event.

Black & Gold Awards Ceremony

Community members are invited to attend the 4th Quarter Black and Gold Volunteer Award Ceremony at 10 a.m. Sept. 1 at ACS, Bldg. 622.

A number of outstanding volunteers from the West Point community will be presented with awards for their volunteer service and the Volunteer of the Quarter will be announced.

For more information, email Christina Overstreet at christina.overstreet@usma.edu.

Art EDGE! for Middle School & Teens

Paint a wooden plaque, "Home is Where the Army Sends Us," and design your initial/monogram plaque during an Art EDGE! program.

Free to grades 6-12 at the Youth Center, from 3-4:30 p.m. every Wednesday from Sept. 7-28.

Enroll at Parent Central, Lee CDC (behind Subway Sandwich Shop), Bldg. 140, or call 938-4458/0939.

Class size is limited.

Fall ceramic classes

The West Point Arts & Crafts Shop is offering Family and Adult ceramic fall and Halloween painting classes from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Sept. 8 and 22.

Registration for these classes is required. For more information, call 938-4812.

Inaugural ACS Family Symposium

The inaugural ACS Family Symposium takes place from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. 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.

A coupon workshop is available during the symposium where you can discover ways to shop smarter, explore coupon websites and save money.

Volunteer organizations on and around West Point will have information tables where potential volunteers can learn about various opportunities.

Volunteering benefits our community, provides valuable work experience, opportunities for networking and skill-building.

Organizations scheduled to be present include Puppies Behind Bars, Habitat for Humanity, Big Brothers Big Sisters, CYSS, ACS and several more. The Volunteer Fair will run from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

The ACS Family Symposium includes various other classes and workshops throughout the day.

To register for the ACS Family Symposium, visit www.westpointmwr.com or call 938-4621/2519 or stop by ACS, Bldg. 622.

For more information, call 938-4621/2519.

CYSS Day for Kids

CYSS and the Boys & Girls Club of America are hosting a Day for Kids from 4-7 p.m. Sept. 16 at Lee Area CDC.

Lots of fun events are scheduled, including a special guest appearance by Sesame Street's Grover.

This event is free and open to the entire West Point community.

For more information, call 938-3727.

Make a Difference Day

West Point's inaugural Make a Difference Day is scheduled Nov. 4. Inspired by National Make a Difference Day, FMWR encourages community members to volunteer their time and work together to positively impact our community.

FMWR is currently seeking ideas for projects.

These projects should involve a number of volunteers and, ideally, result in some kind of "visible" impact (clearing trash, painting, landscaping/gardening, repairing, constructing/building, coordinated activity for Families of deployed Soldiers.)

Contact Christina Overstreet at christina.overstreet@usma.edu by Sept. 15.

What's Happening

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 today.

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. Friday 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.

West Point Cub Scout sign up

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

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. Saturday.

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.

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 Sept. 24 and Oct. 8.

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.

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.

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

Local hazard and intermediate driver training

Local Hazard driver training for all newly-assigned Soldiers to West Point is available from 8-8:30 a.m. Friday at the Army Educational Center. Training will consist of a briefing on the local driving hazards that may be encountered while at West Point.

Intermediate driver training is for all newly-assigned Soldiers who are less than 26 years of age.

Intermediate driver training reinforces the initial traffic safety-training course. Other personnel may be required to attend the training as deemed necessary by the local command.

Class time for the intermediate course is 9 a.m.-noon Friday. Both courses take place in a classroom setting. Register for the training at <https://apps.imcom.army.mil/airs/>.

For more information, call Sandy Ammirato at 938-3717.

2011 Staff and Faculty Flag Football sign ups

The Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation is conducting the 2011 Staff and Faculty Flag Football league.

The league is open to all USMA departments and units. The Stewart Marines and the Stewart Air National Guard unit are also invited to participate.

Departments and units may combine personnel from other departments and units to form a team.

The season begins Sept. 7 with exhibition scrimmages. The regular season schedule starts Sept. 12 at Shea Stadium.

Teams wishing to enter or for further information, contact Jim McGuinness at 938-3066 or email to jim.mcguinness@usma.edu. The deadline for team entries is Friday.

Blast from the Past at New Windsor Cantonment

At 2 p.m. Sept. 24, Continental Army soldiers from the seventh Massachusetts Regiment will perform a military drill in front of the Temple Building at the New Windsor Cantonment.

Revolutionary War-era soldiers perform a military demonstration and fire a cannon. A gallery tour will follow the demonstration.

From 3:30-4:30 p.m., tour the nearby 1754 Ellison House, Knox's Headquarters.

The New Windsor Cantonment State Historic Site is co-located with the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor on Route 300, 374 Temple Hill Road, in New Windsor, just three miles south of the intersection of I-87 and I-84.

Knox's Headquarters is located at 289 Forge Hill Road in Vails Gate.

For more information, call (845) 561-1765, ext. 22.

DUSA looking for a part-time bookkeeper

A part-time bookkeeper is needed for the Daughters of the United States Army gift shop located in the West Point Museum.

For more information, email wpdusapresident@gmail.com or mail a resumé to:

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

Life Works at Balfour Beatty Communities

- **Backpack raffle**—Balfour Beatty Communities will be raffling off backpacks filled with school supplies for children in first-eighth grade. Stop by the Community Management office, 132 Bartlett Loop, and fill out a "Back to School" raffle ticket. Several winners will be contacted by Sept. 2.

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

Community pulls together to clean up Kosciuszko's Garden

Submitted by the Army Volunteer Corps

Thanks to the hard work of more than two dozen volunteers, Kosciuszko's Garden is looking significantly improved these days.

On Aug. 11, volunteers labored for hours by pulling weeds, clearing overgrowth, mulching, sweeping and planting flowers.

The transformation was significant and was immediately noticed by community members who frequent the garden or walk through it on their way to and from work or class.

The volunteer effort was led by the West Point volunteer coordinator after the Garden became considerably overgrown

and in need of attention.

Volunteers hailed from the West Point community and beyond. Among them were members of the Class of 2015 in their last days as new cadets, their family members, Girl Scouts and other youth volunteers and family members of the West Point staff and faculty.

The volunteer project was overseen by several Garrison staff members from the Directorate of Public Works and the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

Kosciuszko's Garden is one of the oldest, continuously existing gardens in the United States.

It is named for Gen. Thaddeus Kosciuszko who, during his time at West Point in the late 1770s, built the garden with

his own hands.

While much has changed since then, the view of the Hudson River and the splendor of the Garden continue to make an impression on those who visit.

The Garden is located on a cliffside behind Cullum Hall and can be accessed by walking down the steps on the right side of the West Point Club.

As Kosciuszko intended it to be, the Garden is an ideal place for "rest and repose."

Col. Michael J. Tarsa, garrison commander, and Dr. Betsey Blakeslee, West Point resident and volunteer, as well as staff members from DPW have been instrumental in the Garden's recent transformation and restoration.

Volunteers and staff will continue to ensure that the Garden is tended to regularly.

If you are interested in being involved in this project as a volunteer, contact the West Point volunteer coordinator, Christina Overstreet, at christina.overstreet@usma.edu.

"Feds Feed Families" continues until Wednesday

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 Wednesday.

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—Super 8, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday—Larry Crowne, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday—Bad Teacher, R, 9:30 p.m.

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

Command Channel 8/23

Aug. 25-Sept. 1

(Broadcast times)

Army Newswatch

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

The Point

Today, Friday and Monday through Sept. 1
8 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Antiterrorism Awareness videos

8 mins. total after each Army Newswatch

Keller Corner

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.

Free developmental/hearing screenings

Not all children develop the same way, some need extra help. If you have concerns with your child's communication skills, motor skills, self-help skills, learning, behavior, and/or social interactions, join us at our free developmental/hearing screenings.

The screenings will be conducted at the CDC in conjunction with Audiology, EDIS and West Point Schools for children from birth to 5 years old.

It will be held from 8:45 a.m.-2 p.m. Sept. 14. It is by appointment only.

To schedule an appointment, call 938-2698/6868.

Retroactive coverage closing for TRICARE Young Adult

The opportunity to purchase retroactive TRICARE Young

Adult (TYA) coverage expires Sept. 30. Retroactive TYA provides coverage for young adults back to Jan. 1, or the day they became eligible if that was after Jan. 1.

TYA allows eligible adult children to purchase TRICARE coverage after their eligibility for "regular" TRICARE coverage ends at age 21 or 23, if enrolled in a full course of study at an approved institution of higher learning.

As of July 31, almost 6,600 young adults have purchased TYA, which currently offers TRICARE Standard coverage for \$186 a month. To qualify for TYA, uniformed services dependents must be under 26, unmarried and not eligible for their own employer-sponsored health care coverage.

Those interested in purchasing retroactive TYA coverage must ensure their application form is received by the regional or overseas health care contractor by Sept. 30. All premiums—both retroactive and the initial three-month payment—must be submitted with the application.

Be assured that young adults will still be entitled to purchase TYA after Sept. 30, but coverage will not be retroactive.

Complete information and application forms are available at www.tricare.mil/tya.

Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

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

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Difficulty: Medium

Molacek notches late goal over Appalachian State

By Mady Salvani
Army Athletic Communications

Sophomore midfielder/forward Joey Molacek's penalty kick in the final minute of play lifted Army to a hard-fought 1-0 win over Appalachian State Sunday at Ted Mackorell Soccer Complex in Boone, N.C.

The win was the first of the season for the Black Knights, who turned in a strong showing in a loss to No. 12 Duke Aug. 19, as they closed out their season-opening weekend sojourn to North Carolina with a 1-1 mark.

"It is tough coming off of playing a top 20 team," Army head coach Stefanie Golan said following Sunday's win. "You have to dig deep and battle and find a way to keep believing."

"Having to rebound today after playing a team of Duke's caliber took a tremendous amount of both physical and mental exertion," she added. "To come away with that hard fought win against Appalachian State in its season opener says a lot about our group of players."

Senior goalkeeper Monica Lee made three of her five saves in the first half en route to posting her first shutout of the season and career eighth. The tri-captain made her final two stops less than a minute apart late in the game and three minutes prior to Molacek's winning tally.

With the game scoreless heading into the final minute of play, senior forward Errin Helbling was fouled inside the box in drawing the whistle from the officials.

Molacek was given the nod to take the penalty kick, Army's first of the season, and capitalized at 88:14.

"Joey stepped up and was able to bury the ball as we got out of Boone with a win," Golan said. "The team is learning how to win, and winning is not always pretty, but we'll take it."

"We are excited about this weekend, testing ourselves right away against a top



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20 program," she added. "A majority of our team has not seen this level before. We did not play a team of this caliber last year. We

made adjustments against Duke at halftime and were able to turn in a strong second-half performance against a very good team."

The Black Knights make their home debut at 7 p.m. Friday against Central Connecticut State.

Men's soccer knocks off Albany 2-0 in exhibition

By Christian Anderson
Army Athletic Communications

The Army men's soccer team capped its exhibition schedule Aug. 20 by shutting out Albany, 2-0, at Clinton Field. Junior midfielder Josh Koepppe and freshman midfielder Kyle Golonski scored goals for the Black Knights, who officially open their 2011 campaign Friday versus Marist.

Koepppe opened the scoring early in the first half as he converted a pass from freshman David Rouleau.

Golonski capped the scoring nearly 10 minutes into the second half when he took a feed from fellow freshman Devin Perlee and scored from 16 yards out.

Freshman John Marinelli received the

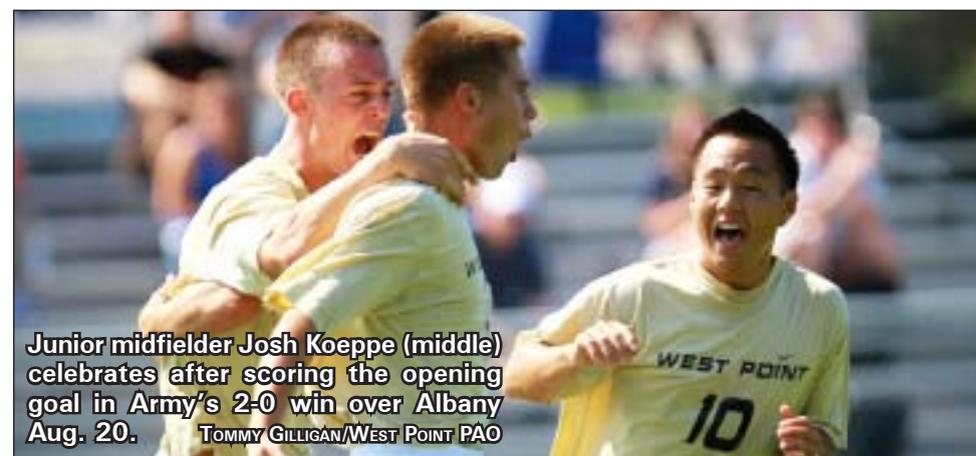
starting nod in goal for the Black Knights, and the first-year keeper kept Albany off the scoreboard for 70 minutes. Junior Michal Fiuk played the final 20 minutes and preserved the shutout.

Army head coach Russell Payne was pleased with the way his young team performed against a talented Albany squad.

"We put forth a much better defensive effort today versus Albany than we did against Monmouth (Aug. 17)," Payne, who is in his second season as the head coach of the Black Knights, said. "We did a better job of dictating play today, and we were able to capitalize on our offensive opportunities."

Army and Marist will lift the lid on the 2011 season at 5 p.m. Friday at Clinton Field.

"Our eyes are firmly set on Marist as we



Junior midfielder Josh Koepppe (middle) celebrates after scoring the opening goal in Army's 2-0 win over Albany Aug. 20.

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prepare for Friday's season opener," Payne said. "Our focus this week is to continue to

work toward our potential, and to be fully prepared for a very talented Marist team."

Steelman's healthy, ready to lead offensive charge

Spotlighting ... Trent Steelman

Story and photo by Eric S. Bartelt
Managing Editor

This will be an intriguing season for the Army Black Knights offense. On one hand, there will be plenty of experience returning to the lineup at the skill positions, including juniors quarterback Trent Steelman and fullback Jared Hassin. While on the other hand, the team only returns one starting offensive lineman, junior left guard Frank Allen.

Army may go through some growing pains because of the offensive line's starting inexperience, although potential starters at left tackle, senior Brad Kelly, and right guard, senior Joe Bailey, have played in several games over the years. However, the offense will still function at its best through two of its more talented players, Steelman and Hassin.

Hassin is coming off a big year, his first eligible season after transferring from Air Force, where he gained 1,013 yards and became only the second Army running back ever to gain 1,000 yards in his sophomore season (Mike Mayweather, 1, 051 yards in 1988 was first).

Steelman is going into his third year as starter and has thrown 1,632 career yards passing for 10 touchdowns while rushing for 1,427 yards and 16 touchdowns. He has started in all 25 career games he's played, which gives him a unique perspective at the college level.

The *Pointer View* sat down with Steelman to talk about the confidence gained from winning a bowl game to growing as a leader on the offense.

PV: What's the team's mindset heading into the season having achieved a bowl victory ... how did that help create a different culture/atmosphere during the offseason workouts?

TS: "It's something that really drove us to not be satisfied. I think that's the biggest fear coming off the bowl victory, which is being able to get that out of your mind and know it's over. It's a new team and a new season, and all that does (the bowl win) is put a bigger target on our backs.

"I think we've done a good job of handling everything that has come our way from last season with the media and all the praise, but I think we know what we have to do in order to be successful this season and we're going to go after it.

"It was a huge confidence boost (getting the bowl win), but, at the same time, we have to get past the phase of being complacent with where we're at. We have the potential to be a great team and we know that. The progress we've made throughout spring ball and the offseason shows that we're not willing to accept anything less than great."

PV: What did last year's senior class and this year's group do to help create a winning atmosphere?

TS: "There have been many good seniors, a lot of good leaders who have come through this program and have done their part in helping us turn it around. The senior class we have this year is no different. It's a good, strong group of guys who know what they have to do and know how they have to lead this team to victory. They're willing to do anything that it takes for better success for



Junior quarterback Trent Steelman prepares for the 2011 season during an August practice drill where he hands the ball to freshman quarterback Angel Santiago Jr. Steelman has started every game of his college career and has racked up 1,632 yards passing, 1,427 yards rushing and 26 touchdowns total passing and rushing.

our team."

PV: You missed spring practice due to your shoulder. How is your health?

TS: "I'm feeling really good. I'm probably back to 100 percent and it's the best I've felt since I've been here. The training staff and the doctors did an excellent job of developing a program, pushing me along the way and getting me back to where I need to be."

PV: The biggest change on offense is having four new starting offensive linemen, so what are your thoughts about this group and how important it is for them to adapt quickly?

TS: "I was very satisfied with their success and progress during spring ball. This could be one of the best offensive lines we've had here in awhile or since I've been here, at least ... it's a group of guys who have gotten their fair share of reps throughout their time here. They're very close and tightly bonded, we all have good relationships and that's only going to help build our success as an offense."

PV: Talk about your growth as a player. Where do you feel your progression is at as you enter your third season?

TS: "My biggest thing is becoming a better leader and a better teammate. Coming in as a freshman, you really don't know what to expect, but over time (my teammates and coaches) have brought my leadership capabilities a long way and they've helped me out tremendously in becoming the player that I am today. Without them, it wouldn't have been possible to accomplish any of this. I have got to be able to do anything I can to help this team win this season and I'm willing to accept that role."

PV: Quarterback is a natural leadership position, but now that you're

an upperclassmen, talk about putting that all together and leading the team from the front.

TS: "A lot of it comes from experience. Being put into a lot of scenarios and situations in games and off the field, I learned a lot of things along the way and about myself. I learned how to take command of the huddle, take control of situations that need to be taken control of and just doing my part. My dad and coaches have preached along the way about trying not to play outside myself, trying not to be a hero and be who I am and who I'm going to be, and if I do that it all takes care of itself."

PV: With a tough schedule to start the season, you talked about not wanting to get complacent but the schedule will not lead you to be complacent ... talk about the schedule ahead.

TS: "The entire schedule is tough, but for us coming into a schedule like this we just have to take it one game at a time, one play at a time and just move from there. We know what we have in front of us and the difficulty the schedule presents, but we're not going to shy away from anything. We're going to work hard and work that much better to become what we want to be."

PV: As a team and individual, what's next on your list of goals?

TS: "The biggest goal we have as a team is to be able to bring the (Commander-in-Chief's trophy) back to this program and back to this campus. I think with the team we have this year, we have the capability of doing a lot of things that Army teams haven't done in the past. We really can't look past any team and must take it one day at a time. It's also important to grow as a person and player each and every day."

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

PV: Talk about Trent Steelman's progression as a quarterback and what do you envision from him in terms of not only his play, but his leadership on the field as an upperclassmen?

RE: "We can expect to see some significant growth. The idea that we've got a junior who has 25 college football starts under his belt is remarkable, anywhere, much less at West Point. He's going to be so comfortable with our system, things will slow down for him even more. Physically, he's as mature and healthy as he's going to get. With 25 starts under his belt, we have yet to see the finish product of what Trent Steelman can be.

"He's not a one man show, but he stands in front of the huddle. The ball is going to go through his hands and that puts him in a default leadership position ... but he's much more than that. He's recognized by his teammates as being one of the guys. They recognize how competitive he is and how hard he works, and what he brings to the football team. I'm encouraged by (his leadership abilities). I'm excited to see it and I like his chances (to lead this team)."