



Preparing for live fire

Class of 2014 cadets visited Range 11 July 1 to enhance their proficiency on the M4 Carbine as they prepare for upcoming live-fire exercises during Cadet Field Training. From proper breathing techniques to a smooth trigger pull, cadets rehearsed the fundamentals of rifle marksmanship. PHOTO BY TOMMY GILLIGAN/WEST POINT PAO

Emergency preparedness exercise to test West Point's readiness

By Christopher G. Hennen, Ph.D.
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Mobilization and Security

Although West Point has served as an impregnable citadel of Army values for more than 200 years, it is not similarly invincible from the acts of a determined adversary.

As members of this community, we all must be prepared—through education and action—to respond rapidly and capably to a full range of potential natural and manmade hazards. Readiness is our most potent defense

against any threat. The question is—“Are You Ready?”

West Point authorities are committed to ensuring the health, safety and welfare of lives, the protection of property and the sustainment of essential operations should an incident occur.

Normal day-to-day procedures usually are not sufficient for assessing effective emergency preparedness and response, as extraordinary emergency measures must be implemented quickly if loss of life, property, utilities and operations are to be kept to a

minimum. A full-scale exercise provides a way to put theory to the test in a real-time, real-world environment and gain the in-depth learning that only a special experience can provide.

After almost six months of planning, a multi-day, multi-phased, community-wide exercise will occur Monday through July 21, incorporating elements of antiterrorism, chemical detection and decontamination, mass casualty and mass care.

The week of antiterrorism drills, events, measures and exercises will enable West

Point leaders and managers, emergency first-responders and caregivers, host and tenant organizations, off-post mutual aid partners and volunteers throughout the community to participate in an assessment of emergency preparedness procedures and capabilities in realistic settings.

“This year’s emergency preparedness exercise will be a great test of our capabilities. Each aspect of our weeklong activities is designed to look at the gaps that may exist in our readiness and response strategies and

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Enhancing the quality of life of caregivers

By Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch
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Management

The Exceptional Family Member Program is standardizing and streamlining the process for delivering respite care to eligible families in need of support this month. The EFMP is a mandatory enrollment program that works with other military and civilian agencies to provide comprehensive, coordinated community support; housing; and educational, medical and personnel services to families with special needs.

It is focused on helping these families find the support and care needed to ensure all members can thrive. Respite care is one way EFMP helps to provide support for all family members—in this case, the caregivers. Caring for a family member with special needs, especially severe chronic medical conditions, is an around-the-clock job.

There may be no end to a caregiver's love, but everyone who shoulders such responsibilities needs a break to rest and recharge. EFMP respite care provides that break. Qualifying families are eligible for up to 40 hours of respite care a month for each certified family member.

In an effort to enhance service delivery to EFMP-enrolled families, IMCOM has revised EFMP respite care policies and procedures. It includes changes in eligibility criteria and the Family Services Needs Matrix and online training for EFMP managers and physicians.

An EFMP respite care panel will be established at each garrison to review and recommend approval or disapproval of all respite care submissions to the garrison commander, who is the decision authority. Garrison EFMP managers are available to provide more detailed information to families currently receiving respite care.

Soldiers or family members who have questions about it or other EFMP-related services can also visit the EFMP webpage at Army OneSource—www.myarmyonesource.com.

West Point's Exceptional Family Member Program coordinator is Josephine Toohey. She can be reached at 938-5655 or via email at Josephine.Toohy@usma.edu.

This revision is part of the Army EFMP Strategic Action Plan to improve services and support for families with special needs. Also, at the beginning of this fiscal year, EFMP added 43 Systems Navigators, or non-clinical case managers, at 26 garrisons stateside and overseas to connect families with required systems of care.

The focus on enhancing the effectiveness of EFMP could

not be more important or timely.

Important, because the EFMP is one way the Army keeps key promises it made in the Army Family Covenant: providing access to high-quality medical care, educational opportunities and family programs that foster an environment in which families can thrive.

Timely, because while the Army's commitment remains as strong as when the covenant was signed in 2007, we are operating in a different fiscal reality in 2011.

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to eliminate them," Joe Colombo, Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security's Chief of Plans and Operations, said. "Emergency readiness at West Point must be a team effort. Preparedness and partnership are two volumes of the same book."

Exercise participants will respond to an imminent threat followed by a simulated "attack." On Monday and Tuesday, Random Antiterrorism Measures for the month of July and the installation's mass notification and warning systems will be assessed.

The West Point vehicular barrier/obstacle plan, intended to thwart a vehicle-borne explosive device on the installation, will be in place between 5 p.m. Tuesday and 4:30 p.m. Wednesday. The imposition of parking and traffic restrictions will be reduced by additional shuttle service to affected areas.

Primary parking for all personnel affected by the barrier plan will be Buffalo Soldier Field and K Lot. The number of shuttle buses in service will be increased in addition to the normal and express shuttles.

Handicapped parking in the Central Area will be in Doubleday Parking Lot and a designated vehicle will drop-off and/or pick-up those needing assistance at their respective work place.

On July 21, the exercise will continue with a simulated freight train derailment at North Dock. During this simulated incident, Keller Army Community Hospital will exercise its response and care of mass casualties both at the scene and at the hospital. To extend the value but not the duration of this exercise, the West Point Alternate Emergency Operations Center and Family Assistance Center will be exercised using the same scenario on Wednesday afternoon.

While the exercise scenario, extent of damage and level

Just as any Soldier or family member asks "Is it worth it?" before opening their wallet, we are doing the same, making sure we are using resources as efficiently as possible to provide quality services to families.

Army life poses challenges for any family, but especially for families with special needs. It is part of our job, our commitment, to make sure we are delivering the right services in the right way to support the health and well-being of all family members.

of threat are based on a hypothetical situation and are not intended as a forecast of future terrorist-related events, they do reflect the current threat to the United States.

This exercise—the most comprehensive undertaken here this year—is part of West Point's continuing commitment to obtaining valuable insights to guide our future preparedness and response efforts.

At the final planning meeting, Colombo counseled those in attendance, "The safety and security of the West Point community is our most sacred duty."

For additional information about this year's exercise, contact Colombo at 938-2516 or Joe.colombo@usma.edu or Hennen at 938-7092 or Christopher.hennen@usma.edu.



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Cadets join unit in testing new equipment

By Lt. Col. Sam Amber
Physics and Nuclear Engineering
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Representatives from West Point's Departments of Physics and Nuclear Engineering, Systems Engineering and Military Instruction attended the Army's groundbreaking Network Integration Evaluation from June 27-29 at Fort Bliss, Texas and White Sands Missile Range, N.M.

Lt. Cols. Sam Amber (Physics), Libby Schott, Steven Henderson (SE) and Maj. Jim Beaulieu (DMI) participated in demonstrations of advanced radio networks, aerial platforms and a variety of innovative battlefield technologies intended for fielding to Brigade Combat Teams in the next five years.

They also met with cadets participating in Cadet Troop Leader Training with 2nd Brigade, 1st Armored Division—the unit selected for testing this new equipment.

The Fort Bliss-based Brigade Modernization Command hosted the event and plans to integrate West Point faculty and cadets into their brigade modernization research efforts.

These future cadet research opportunities include solving systems engineering problems associated with managing massive amounts of data resulting from simultaneously testing the integration of multiple systems across an entire BCT—such as this NIE event.

Likewise, cadets can support the training aspect of the NIE by helping to develop massive, multi-player online gaming systems intended for squad and platoon maneuvers.

The Army will repeat NIE testing at the BCT level every fall and spring at Fort Bliss and White Sands, thereby providing opportunities for iterative cadet research cycles.



Class of 2013 Cadet Claire Betterbed (left) works with a Shadow UAV and its Soldier operator.

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West Point to implement vehicular barrier plan

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

As a critical element of the community-wide emergency preparedness exercise Monday-July 21, the West Point Vehicular Barrier Plan will be implemented from 5 p.m. Tuesday until 4:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The objectives of this activity are to assess critical infrastructure protection measures and costs, including their impact on installation operations.

During this period, there will be no parking at the following locations:

- Thayer Roof;
- Williams Road;
- Moat area;
- Mahan Hall (in the tunnel and adjacent lot);
- Lincoln Hall (front and back);
- Thayer Extension (from the corner of Thayer Road to the Grant Hall turnaround);
- Cullum Road behind Cullum Hall;
- Derussy Road;
- Cullum Road from Thayer Hall to Lincoln Hall;
- Spellman Hall (inside Access Control Point adjacent

to the building's west side);

- Doubleday Lot (handicapped parking only).

After 5 p.m. Tuesday, DPTMS, DPW and DES personnel will emplace barriers throughout the Central Area.

To avoid being blocked in during this period, vehicles must be moved from the affected areas by 5 p.m. Tuesday. Any vehicle left in these areas without a DOD decal and a Central Area parking pass will be towed at the owner's expense.

In addition to the Central Area barriers, all primary gathering facilities are required to exercise their own barrier plans. Primary gathering buildings are defined by DOD as "inhabited buildings routinely occupied by 50 or more DOD personnel."

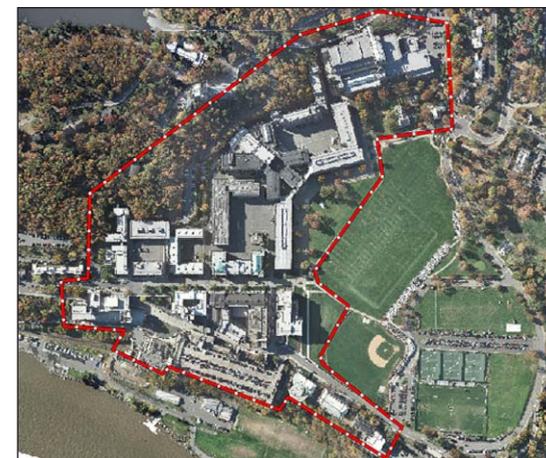
An additional shuttle will be in service between 6:30 and 8:30 a.m., and 3:30 and 6 p.m. in addition to the normal and express shuttles.

Handicap parking will be in Doubleday Lot with a designated vehicle to drop off those personnel in the vicinity of their workplaces, which will operate during the same hours.

As part of the exercise, one of the West Point gates will implement additional security measures, necessitating gate closure for an extended period of time and resulting in travel delays.

In designing the annual force protection exercise, West Point officials have made every effort to balance the need for assessing emergency preparedness and providing for your safety with minimizing the inconvenience to our community.

Direct your questions to Matt Cassidy, West Point Antiterrorism Officer, DPTMS, at 938-3650.



Prosthesis helps Medal of Honor hero stay in Army

By C. Todd Lopez
Army News Service

“There was a little bit of a meat skirt, for lack of better words, hanging around the edges. It was oozing. I could see the radius and ulna bone sticking up maybe about half an inch.”

Sgt. 1st Class Leroy Petry, who had the Medal of Honor placed around his neck Tuesday by the president of the United States, recounted the moment after his hand was taken from him by a grenade during a May 26, 2008, combat operation in Afghanistan.

“It was vivid—where I could see the black marks from where the burns were. And a little bit of the dirt and the smell of explosives. I sat up and I grabbed it. And it’s a little strange,” Petry said. “But this is what was in my mind: ‘Why isn’t this thing spraying off into the wind like in Hollywood?’”

After that, the seasoned Army Ranger—who was at the time on his seventh deployment in support of combat operations both in Iraq and Afghanistan—had to take charge of his own situation, and of the young Soldiers whom he led.

Combat Actions

At the time of his actions in Afghanistan, Petry was assigned to Company D, 2nd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment out of Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash. Petry’s actions came as part of a rare daylight raid to capture a high-value target.

“It’s a little out of the norm,” Petry said, of conducting such a mission with the sun over their head. “It’s never a good thing. We don’t like to because our odds are a little lower. But just like any other mission, we said we’re going to go out there and do what we do. Execute the mission.”

Petry’s Ranger unit, he said, runs roughly 400 missions during a four-month deployment.

“You can see two missions in one night,” he said. “That’s how busy the ops tempo is. We go out and come back in and then—hey, wait, there’s something else, go back out. OK. Drive on.”

During his last mission, Petry was to locate himself with the platoon headquarters in the target building once it was secured. There, he was to serve as the senior noncommissioned officer at the site for the remainder of the operation.

But things quickly got dangerous for Petry and his team. Insurgents opened fire on Petry and his men.

Petry had fellow Ranger Pvt. 1st Class Lucas Robinson at his side. The two were to clear the outer courtyard of the target building. It was there the two first saw the enemy.

“I remember seeing the guy out of my peripheral vision,” Petry said. “Two guys with AKs at their hip, just spraying. And one happened to strike me right in the thighs. I didn’t know I was hit in both thighs, but it hit my left thigh.”

Robinson was also hit, Petry said. “He was struck right in his ribcage on his left side and he continued along and followed behind me.”

While wounded and under enemy fire, Petry led Robinson to the cover of a chicken coop in the courtyard. The enemy continued to deliver fire at the two Soldiers.

Petry reported contact was made with the enemy, and as a result, team member Sgt. Daniel Higgins moved to the outer courtyard. As Higgins moved toward the chicken coop to meet with the two wounded Soldiers, Petry threw a thermobaric grenade toward the enemy. That explosion caused a lull in enemy fire.

As Higgins evaluated the wounds of both Petry and Robinson, an insurgent threw a grenade over the chicken coop. The grenade landed about 10 meters from the three Rangers, knocked them to the ground, and wounded Higgins and Robinson.



Then-Staff Sgt. Leroy Petry re-enlists with the Rangers during a ceremony in May 2010 at Fort Lewis, Wash. U.S. ARMY PHOTO

With three Soldiers taking cover in the coop, an insurgent threw another grenade. This time, the grenade landed just a few feet from the three Soldiers—much closer than the earlier grenade.

“It was almost instinct—off training,” Petry said of his response to the situation. “It was probably going to kill all three of us. I had time to visually see the hand grenade. And I figure it’s got about a four-and-half second fuse, depending on how long it has been in the elements and the weather and everything and how long the pin has been pulled. I figure if you have time to see it you have time to kick it, throw it, just get it out there.”

That’s when Petry picked up the grenade and threw it away from him and his buddies. As it turns out, he did have the time to save all three of their lives—but not time to save his hand.

The grenade exploded as he threw it—destroying his throwing arm.

“I actually didn’t think it was going to go off,” Petry said. “I didn’t really feel much pain. I didn’t know it had gone off and taken my hand until I sat back up and saw it was completely amputated at the wrist.”

Petry put a tourniquet on his now severed arm, to prevent further blood loss. That was something he said he knew how to do as a result of good Army training. Then he had to focus on those around him.

“The younger guys next to me were kind of still in shock and awe,” Petry said, and he tasked himself do what it is that makes Americans marvel at their Soldiers. “Maintaining control, maintaining awareness, trying to remain calm—so they stay calm.”

He radioed for help—but the fighting wasn’t over. Staff Sgt. James Roberts engaged the enemy and was able to suppress their fire. But another insurgent began firing, and fatally wounded Spc. Christopher Gathercole. Higgins and

Robinson returned fire and killed the enemy.

Moments later, Sgt. 1st Class Jerod Staidle, the platoon sergeant, and Spc. Gary Depriest, the platoon medic, arrived in the outer courtyard. After directing Depriest to treat Gathercole, Staidle moved to Petry’s position. Staidle and Higgins then assisted Petry as he moved to the casualty collection point.

Within a week, he’d be back in the United States.

A Hand in Recovery

While passing through hospitals back to the United States, doctors had operated to remove damaged or dead tissue from Petry’s arm, in part, to prevent infection. But when he arrived stateside his wound was still open, the bone was still exposed and it was wrapped with gauze.

“The initial surgery when he came in was to basically take away what damaged tissue was left, and close his skin,” Col. James Ficke, an orthopedic surgeon, said. “He had enough skin, but no functioning hand ... by the time he got to us. When he looked at his hand at the time of his wound, when he put the tourniquet on, he had tissue—skin and broken bones. But no fingers or anything.”

Ficke is Petry’s doctor, and also serves as the current chairman of the Department of Orthopedics and Rehabilitation at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio. He also became a friend to Petry.

“We met when he was evacuated back to Brooke AMC,” Ficke said. “I was on call when he came in to the hospital. He was brought in with a group of patients who were injured in Afghanistan.”

While it was by chance that Petry landed in Ficke’s hospital while he was on duty, the doctor admits he kind of knew Petry was coming. Ficke and Petry’s commander had

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served together in Iraq.

“He emailed me and said to look out for him,” Ficke said. “I knew that Sergeant Petry was going to be one of the guys who I was going to have a relationship with for a long time.”

Petry was in his late 20s at the time he was wounded and Ficke said it was devastating for a young man—in the prime of his life—to suffer such a catastrophic wound.

“This is a guy who was a very active guy, a Ranger,” Ficke said. “He had just come back from Afghanistan—evacuated out. But a week before that, in the prime of health, fighting over there with his buddies.”

From the beginning though, Ficke said Petry was gunning to get back to the fight.

“He wanted to stay in the Army, very much,” he said. “He wanted to deploy again, he wanted to restore his life as much as he could. We talked a lot about what was possible and what we could help him with.”

Petry said he drew inspiration from those around him in the hospital—from fellow Soldiers with severe burns and “phenomenal attitudes,” to those with injuries similar to his own.

“The first person that came and visited me in the hospital was a female,” Petry said. “She was a double-amputee above the elbow. She had the greatest attitude. She was hanging out with the guys, having a great time. To see that kind of reaction, I thought I have nothing to complain about.”

Ficke said that he was able to close Petry’s wound over his wrist, so the Ranger had an available functioning wrist that could provide rotation. Ideally, a prosthetic hand would fit over that and he would use his own wrist to rotate the hand. But his own wrist was not as capable as it could have been, Ficke said.

“Sometimes his own ability to turn that wrist would not be as good as some of the prosthesis,” Ficke said. “He and I and the prosthetist, all kind of talked and decided to have a shorter forearm and take away that wrist so that he could have a prosthesis that would do that with motors.”

Removing a living part of his body to replace it with a more capable mechanical equivalent might be a tough choice—but Petry said he’s pleased with the results.

“It’s a great hand,” Petry said. “It’s got a couple of sensors built in underneath the casting right above the skin. What’ll happen is, every muscle contraction you make will send signals up to the hand. Each finger, when it meets resistance, will stop. So you got more dexterity to grab round shapes and stuff like that and this particular hand is able to have a couple of other modes, where you can pinch and grasp.”

Petry’s prosthetist built it to slide over Petry’s forearm so the hand can attach, and also placed sensors to pick up electrical signals from his muscles. After working with a therapist, Petry’s robotic hand moves with the very signals he used to use to control his own hand.

“Occupational therapy was great,” he said. The therapist had Petry practice doing exercises, manipulating small objects so he could learn dexterity in his new hand.

“I used it everywhere,” he said. “Actually, I got myself into trouble with recovery—I wore the arm too long and didn’t let my limb get used to it and so I swelled up and I couldn’t

wear it for a couple days.”

Now Petry is pretty adept with his new robotic hand—and is using it back home with his family, and as he moves throughout the Army meeting new people who are interested in his story.

“I could shake people’s hands today. I’m meeting people all the time. It feels great to actually shake their hands with my right hand,” he said. “I’m fortunate they have this type of medical technology. I thought I was going to end up with a set of hooks—and I got those as well. But when they handed me a prosthetic hand that functions pretty darn close to a real thing, I was ecstatic.”

Petry was injured in May 2008, and didn’t actually make it home permanently until April 2009—a span of more than 10 months.

“When I actually got back it was great, I got back on Easter,” he said. “I got to have fun with the kids. It was special.”

It was two things, Petry said, that he thought about as he healed—and that drove him to push through the therapy so he could get back to the people he wanted to be around.

“My family, and my second family—the 2nd Ranger Battalion,” he said. “I used to joke with my wife. I used to tell her, hey, I got my Alpha and Bravo team leaders at work. And you’re my Charlie team leader. We’re all one big happy family. I really wanted to get back and see the guys. I really miss the unit, the camaraderie, the high spirit. And to keep doing what I can for the Army.”

Coming Home to Normal

Petry’s got more than himself and his fellow Rangers to concern himself with. Like a lot of Soldiers, he’s got a wife and kids that worry about him while he battles for freedom in Afghanistan.

Petry and his wife Ashley have four children: Brittany, Austin, Reagan and Landon.

Ashley first heard about her husband’s wounds when some Soldiers came to their front door—a day her mother

was visiting to help with the kids.

“It was Memorial Day morning and the kids were out of school,” she said. “We’d slept in late and my mom was in town—she comes in often when he deploys. I was still in pajamas. The doorbell rang—and we’ve always been briefed as spouses if they come to your door what they would be dressed in and how many would be there if there was a casualty.”

She said she knew by the way the Soldiers were dressed—and how many of them there were—that Petry had not been killed. But she knew something was wrong.

“I looked through the peep hole and you see the tan berets and the uniform—my heart just sank,” she said. “I just remember being numb. And after that morning I always was very sad and would cry when I’d see things on TV when other families lost their family members overseas, but now I have that feeling.”

Less than a week later, Ashley and the kids could meet up with Petry—the first time they’d seen him since he’d deployed.

“I think the acceptance came when we were actually able to bring the kids to Texas and they could see him,” Ashley said.

Initially concerned about their youngest, Ashley said she didn’t know what to expect when the boy would see his dad for the first time without an arm.

“But he ran straight to him. And from day one, he’s had a nickname for it—that’s Nubby. He calls it Nubby,” she said. The boy refers to his dad’s shortened forearm—his stump—by a nickname.

“Even when I’m gone on the road, I’ll call late at night and tell him goodnight,” Petry said. “He’ll say tell Nubby goodnight for me.”

Both Petry and his wife say he’s made some changes at home—but has otherwise adjusted to life with his new mechanical hand. Ashley, initially concerned Petry would need assistance with everyday tasks, said he has turned down offers of help. Instead, he’s become skilled doing all the things other Soldiers do for themselves—but with one

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History lessons

The Department of History sponsored its annual Military History summer seminar with the 124th New York State volunteer's Civil War re-enactment at the River Courts June 23. The re-enactment is part of the Department of History's teaching event with college professors, instructors and graduate students who are or will be teaching military history. The group participated in various history seminars relating to the Civil War and toured historic sites such as Gettysburg and Saratoga.

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mechanical hand.

"From the day I went to the hospital, he was doing everything himself," she said. "That included such things as shaving and cutting his fingernails. He didn't want help. At home we don't see him as injured. He sometimes forgets he has the prosthetic."

Petry even shakes hands with new people using his prosthetic—something others might be uncomfortable with, but something he said he is proud of.

On a March trip to Washington, D.C., he got to use his new hand to greet Army leaders. Despite some adjustments which Petry said do in fact require him to ask his family for help, and which he said means he gets more interaction with his kids—he has actually learned to do some things with his prosthetic that he didn't do before.

"I picked up golf with my golf (arm) attachment," he said.

Proud Ranger

Petry's been a Ranger since after basic training. And he wasn't the first in his family to do so.

"My cousin was actually serving in the 2nd Ranger Battalion when I was finishing up high school, debating on when or what I was going to do," he said. "He explained a lot to me what the regiment did, and that was a sell for me."

Petry said after being sold on the Rangers by his cousin, he had made up his mind to follow in his footsteps.

After completion of One Station Unit Training, the Basic Airborne Course and the Ranger Assessment and Selection Program—all at Fort Benning, Ga.—Petry got assigned to 2nd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment.

Today, Petry holds his unit, and his Ranger team members in high esteem.

"They're my Ranger brothers," he said. "They're great guys, all of them. And they are definitely guys you'd want to be at the front lines with. I'm glad they were there that day with me."

Petry said he has honored his fellow fallen Rangers—the ones he calls real heroes—by keeping their names as close to him as possible.

"I've got all the names of the 2/75 Rangers we've lost on my prosthetic arm," he said. "As much as I like to say remember the fallen heroes, those are the true heroes, who sacrificed it all. I didn't sacrifice anything more than anyone else who is out there."

Soldiering On

Despite his injuries, Petry recently re-upped in the Army for eight more years, which will take him to a full 20 years

of service.

Petry is the ninth servicemember to have been named a recipient of the Medal of Honor for actions in Afghanistan or Iraq.

Of prior recipients, all but Staff Sgt. Salvatore Giunta were awarded the honor posthumously.

Included among those recipients are Spc. Ross A. McGinnis, Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith, Petty Officer 2nd Class Michael A. Monsoor and Marine Corps Cpl. Jason L. Dunham, all for actions in Iraq.

Staff Sgt. Salvatore Giunta, Staff Sgt. Robert Miller, Sgt. 1st Class Jared C. Monti and Navy Lt. Michael P. Murphy were awarded the Medal of Honor for actions in Afghanistan.

Petry currently serves as a liaison officer for the United States Special Operations Command Care Coalition-Northwest Region, and provides oversight to wounded warriors, ill and injured servicemembers and their families.

He enlisted in the United States Army from his hometown of Santa Fe, N.M., in September 1999.

Petry has served as a grenadier, squad automatic rifleman, fire team leader, squad leader, operations sergeant and weapons squad leader.

He has deployed eight times in support of the War on Terror, with two tours to Iraq and six tours to Afghanistan.

West Point SAMC looking for new blood

Story and photo by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

The West Point or Black Knights Sgt. Audie Murphy Club is relatively new and smaller than at most installations due to the smaller number of noncommissioned officers. Sgt. 1st Class Karen Moody, Keller Army Community Hospital medical/surgical unit NCOIC and the Black Knights SAMC president, hopes to change that by recruiting NCOs into the elite club.

“It’s very difficult to become a member,” Moody said. “It is a lifelong commitment and a member must pass a difficult board examination. We are part of the Army-wide SAMC club, but it’s still a private club—we receive no funding from the Army so part of our job is to fund raise and work for the community. Members are recommended by their command or by another SAMC member.”

Moody said the club is involved in the community National Neighbors Night Out hosted by Balfour Beatty Communities where

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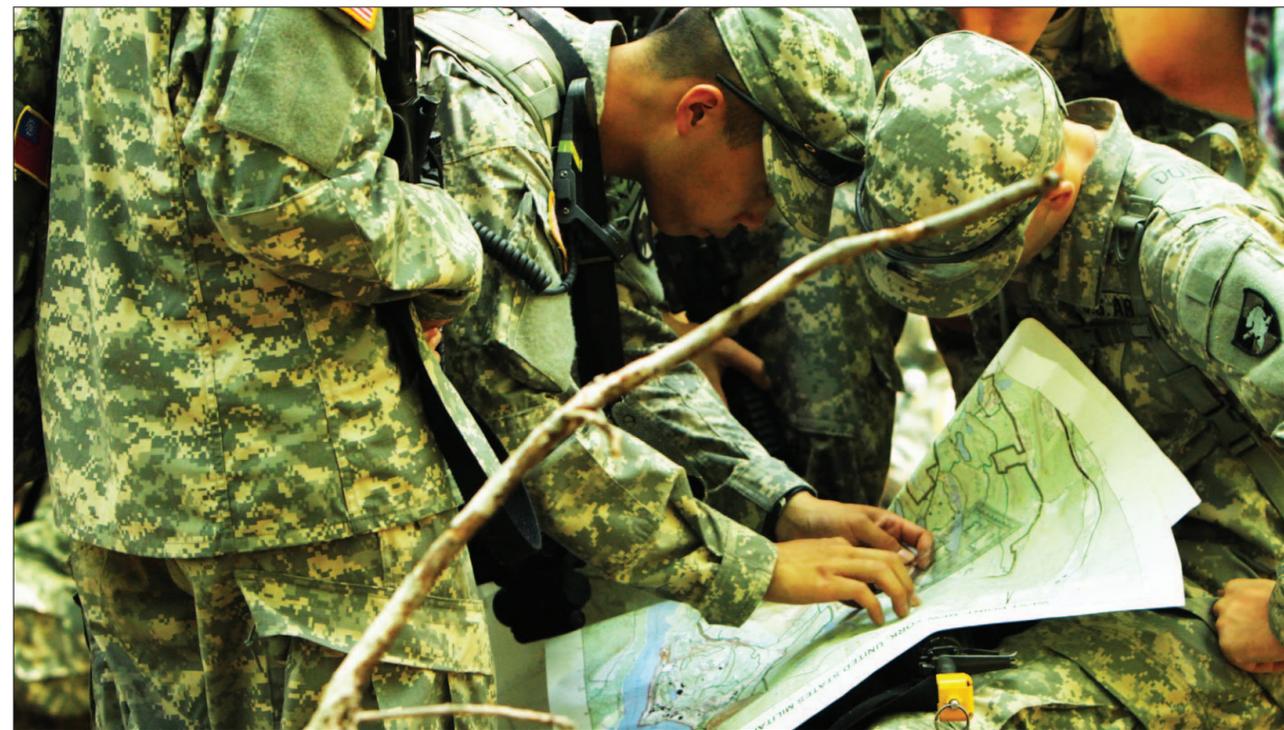


Sgt. 1st Class Karen Moody speaks with Sgt. Chad Carlson and 1st Sgt. Dwayne Key about the West Point Sgt. Audie Murphy Club. Carlson is hoping to become a member of SAMC and Key is not a member, but helps out as much as he can with fundraising efforts. The West Point SAMC is a private club and is not funded by the Army.

Cadet Basic Training

Soldier First Responder training

PHOTOS BY TOMMY GILLIGAN/WEST POINT PAO



Class of 2015 cadets, assigned to Alpha Company of Cadet Basic Training, participate in the final day of their four-day Soldier First Responder training July 7 at Camp Buckner. This initial training for new cadets teaches them how to account for, maintain and safeguard equipment while being challenged during tactical scenarios (far left) to assess and maintain life (left). The training is designed to develop the new class to become proficient with tactical communications, search grid coordinates on a map (above) and find resolutions to issues they encounter during the exercise.

CYSS Hired! Program prepares teens for workplace

Story and photo by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

These are tough economic times with jobs becoming harder and harder to come by, especially for teens who may want a summer job. To better prepare teens for jobs after high school or while attending college to help pay tuition, West Point Child, Youth and School Services of the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation instituted the Hired! Program. The Hired! Program allows teens to work during the summer, be paid and receive training about finding a job, resumé writing, correct dress for job interviews and researching a variety of job requirements.

High school teens ages 15-18 prepare for the workplace by becoming apprentices through actual paid working positions and education.

"Workforce preparation provides youth with opportunities to explore career choices, identify interests and set goals related to the work place," Marion DeClemente, workforce preparation specialist with the Hired! Program, said. "The Hired! Program offers youths registered with Parent Central meaningful, professionally-managed career-exploration opportunities and valuable paid work experience and training to better equip each participant with the skills needed for a highly competitive job market."

Teens will need to successfully complete the six workforce preparation trainings and work 15 hours a week for 12 consecutive weeks to receive a \$500 stipend from Kansas State University.

Apprentice terms consist of four, 12-week terms repeated on an annual basis. Eligible youths can participate in a maximum of two

terms per year for three consecutive years. Apprentices are expected to work 15 hours in a seven-day period while also participating in the Hired! Workforce Preparation and Secondary Education Exploration Workshops. The workshops are provided by the Hired! Program coordinator or the Hired! FMWR Placement site.

The site for the workshops is at Bldg. 500 Washington Road at the Youth Center. Workshops are held once a month from 3:30-5:30 p.m. The next workshop is Aug. 5.

There were 21 youths at the July 7 workshop with a few who are working apprentices.

"I'm working as a maintenance worker at the Five Star Inn," Michael Buckley said. "I do just about anything that needs to be done such as painting, laundry and fixing light switches. I like it. It's my first official job."

Maya Washington is an apprentice at Youth Services and prepared a PowerPoint presentation on Guidelines for Working Teens for the workshop.

"Any task we give her, she completes," DeClemente said. "She helps teens who were going on trips, made phone calls and filing."

DeClemente said Washington is learning a lot about public speaking by her presentation and about what it takes to create a presentation using computer software.

Genevieve Stafford works at the Balfour Beatty Communities office, which keeps her busy.

"I help plan for events, manage the website and social media sites such as Facebook," Stafford said. "I like it, but I was worried about working with children, not the children part, but about interacting with them. Balfour Beatty does many events for children.



Army Community Service staff member Amy Weyhrauch (standing) talks to teens involved in the Hired! Program about job possibilities and had them log on to the Bureau of Labor Statistics to look at various jobs, job outlook for the future and compensation paid at various jobs at the Youth Services Building July 7. Teens involved in the Hired! Program receive a \$500 stipend from Kansas State University. A few of the teens have jobs on post working at such places as the Five Star Inn and Balfour Beatty Communities.

I also learned about what goes on in the background that goes into planning events."

To be eligible for the program, youths must be between 15-18 years of age, participate in six workforce-preparation and secondary-education trainings, receive a grade point average of 2.0 or higher and all must have a current Child, Youth and School Services membership and current shot record on file at Youth Services.

Apprentices are eligible for cash awards

thorough CYSS and Kansas State University upon completion of a Hired! 12-week program.

The first and second term program is a cash award of \$500 each term. Third and fourth term awards are \$625 each term and the fifth and sixth term awards are \$750 each term.

For more information on the Hired! Program, contact DeClemente at *Marion.DeClemente@usma.edu* or call at 938-8889.

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they will host a raffle and help setup and tear down vendors' tables and tents. They also visit veterans at veterans hospitals such as the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Veterans Hospital in Montrose, N.Y., and work with the Army Community Service on Soldiers issues.

The SAMC began at Fort Hood, Texas, in 1986 and expanded from there to become Army-wide, including the Reserves and National Guard in 1994.

The SAMC is a private Army organization for NCOs whose leadership achievements and performance merit special recognition. To earn membership, Soldiers must "Exemplify leadership characterized by personal concern for the needs, training, development and welfare of Soldiers and concern for Families of Soldiers," according to FORSCOM Reg. 600-8. Soldiers are recommended for membership by their NCO chain-of-command.

"We have monthly meetings on every first Wednesday of the month at the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation conference room in the garrison building," Moody said. "The meetings are study sessions for the boards and (brainstorming) ideas for fund-raising. The board exams are twice a year in May and December."

Moody said the board exams would be at West Point for

the first time in December.

The West Point Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony Mahoney, an honorary member of SAMC, will choose other sergeants major to sit on the board.

Sgt. Chad Carlson, Traffic NCOIC of the Military Police, came to the meeting July 6 to get more information on becoming a member of the SAMC.

"It's something of a goal for me to strive for," Carlson said. "(I like) the idea of the club being about taking care of Soldiers."

Audie Murphy went from private to receiving a "battlefield commission" of first lieutenant after 30 months of combat. A battlefield commission happens when an enlisted Soldier is promoted to officer for outstanding leadership on the field of battle.

Murphy is the highest decorated Soldier in American history, earning every medal for valor including the Medal of Honor. Murphy had just five years of school and was orphaned at the age of 16 when he tried to enlist during World War II in the Marines and Paratroopers. Murphy was refused because he was too small at 5 feet 5 inches and weighing 110 pounds.

He managed to enlist in the Army after his 18th birthday. After Murphy was discharged, he relocated from Texas to

Hollywood, Calif., where he became an actor, producer, poet and writer of country and western music.

SAMC members strive to live up to their namesake and the SAMC motto: "You lead from the front."

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.

Support or More Information

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

24/7 Victim Advocacy

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

FMWR Blurbs

Home Decor Painting at Arts and Crafts

Design your own wooden name plate. Adult classes will be held from 5:30-7:30 p.m. today and July 28.

Kids classes with parents are from 10 a.m.-noon Saturday and July 30.

For registration and fee information, call 938-4812 or register online at westpointmwr.com.

Emergency Response Exercise

Volunteers are needed to role play during a planned emergency response exercise simulation of a crisis situation.

A diverse group of people is being sought to include all ages, with children and/or pets.

Currently, there are enough people signed up for Wednesday.

However, from 7:30 a.m.-noon July 21, there are still 20 participants needed to role play from cue cards. This may involve some physical outdoor activity and make-up/cosmetics.

Additional details will be provided prior to the event and on site.

For more information, contact christina.overstreet@usma.edu or call 938-3655.

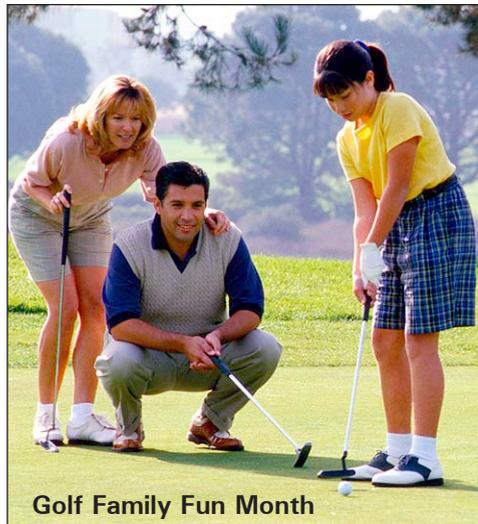
Pottery Painting at Arts and Crafts

Design your own ceramic frame, beach plates, beach bowls and flip flops.

Adult classes will be held from 5:30-7:30 p.m. July 21.

Kids classes with parents are from 10 a.m.-noon July 23.

For registration and fee information, call 938-4812 or register online at westpointmwr.com.



Golf Family Fun Month

July is Golf Family Fun Month

When children bring a paying adult, they can play golf for free on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 4 p.m. to close.

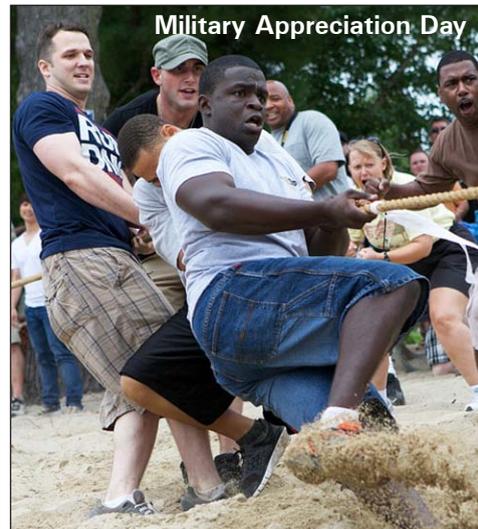
There will be kid-friendly tees on the front nine. There is a Saturday Special when kids bring an adult to the range, pay for a token and receive a free fountain drink for them and their adult. July 22 is a family fun afternoon special event filled with children activities.

For more information, call 938-2435.

CYSS fall sports program registration

Child, Youth and School Services fall sports registration is ongoing for military Family members and begins Aug. 1 for civilians.

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



Military Appreciation Day

West Point Military Appreciation Day

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

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

Unit teams are now forming for the Commanders Cup Competition.

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

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

Hired! Program

Teens ages 15-18 who are interested in the Hired! Program need to be registered at Parent Central and meet the Hired! requirements to be eligible.

A Hired! Workshop is a prerequisite to the program and is offered for free from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Aug. 4 at the Youth Service Bldg. 500.

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

Delafield and Round Ponds open

The Delafield Pond and Round Pond swim areas are now open for the summer season.

Swim punch cards can be purchased at the FMWR Fitness Center, Delafield Pond and Round Pond through the summer.

For hours of operation, visit www.westpointmwr.com or call 938-5158/8623.

Life EDGE! PGA sponsors "First Tee"

The CYSS Life EDGE! is offering PGA sponsored "First Tee" golf classes every Tuesday or Thursday afternoon beginning Tuesday through Aug. 11.

It is free for children ages 7 and older with

a CYSS membership. Classes will be held at the West Point Golf Course. Enroll at Parent Central (Bldg 140).

For more information, call 938-4458/0939.

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.

American Red Cross

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

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

Call toll free at 877-272-7337.

Youth Services summer events

Check out the West Point Youth Services website and see what is going on this summer for West Point teens.

Opportunities available include:

- Field trips;
- Various workshops;
- Volunteer work;
- Paid internships.

Hang out at the newly renovated Youth Center. Check out Youth Services on the web at westpointmwr.com.

West Point volunteer opportunities

Do you want to get involved at West Point?

The perfect volunteer opportunity is waiting for you.

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

Fitness Center locker room closure

The FMWR Fitness Center renovations of its locker rooms is ongoing.

The women's locker room is currently under construction, so the entire room will be closed.

Morgan Farm Kenneling Services

Morgan Farm is now taking reservations for your summer kenneling needs.

For more information, call 938-3926.

West Point Auto Shop

The West Point Auto Shop offers a wide range of services for your vehicle to

include New York State Vehicle Inspection, transmission flushes, headlight restoration, air conditioning service, oil changes and much more.

Call 938-2074 to schedule your appointment today.

NEW INFO



Poker Run 5K

Poker Run 5K

The Poker Run 5K kicks off at 8:15 a.m. Saturday. Pre-register at the FMWR Fitness Center the week before or the day of the race.

This race will start and end at the Fitness Center. Awards will be given for the best poker hand for adult and child. Pick a card up at each station and try for a winning hand.

Cost of entry is one FMWR Fitness Center Group Fitness Coupon. Cadets can run for free but must register for the race.

For more information, call 938-6490.

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

The new policy will go into effect Aug. 1 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.

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 as well from the various ACS programs to include AFTB, ID Theft and a School Transition workshop for parents.

For more information, call 938-4621/2519.

What's Happening

West Point Gymnastics Club

The West Point Gymnastics Club is offering a gymnastics day camp Monday-July 22.

For more information, go to the website www.westpointgymnasticsclub.com or call Carmine Giglio at 938-2880.

PWOC Summer Playground Group

The Protestant Women of the Chapel is having a Summer Playground Group that meets weekly.

The group meets every Wednesday from 9:30-11 a.m. Dates and locations are:

- Wednesday—Lee Road playground;
- July 27—West Point Elementary School playground;
- Aug. 3—Biddle Loop playground.

For more information, call 446-5920 or email twc8454465920@earthlink.net.

Commandant's Community Luncheon, Award Ceremony and Change of Command

There will be a Commandant's Community Luncheon beginning at 11:30 a.m. today at Eisenhower Hall.

Tickets will be sold at the Directorate of Cadet Activities Catering Office in Eisenhower Hall from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. There is a discount for advanced ticket purchases.

An award ceremony is planned at 8:30 a.m. Friday at the east end of the Eisenhower Hall Ballroom.

The Change of Command ceremony will be at 9 a.m. Friday in Crest Hall following the award ceremony.

These events are open to the entire West Point community.

PWOC Summer Bible Study

The Protestant Women of the Chapel is having a Summer Bible Study called "Prodigal God," from 7-8:30 p.m. through July 21 at the Post Chapel basement.

Child care will not be provided for this summer study.

Celebrating Knox's birthday

Celebrate Gen. Henry Knox's birthday, the Continental Army's Chief of Artillery, by experiencing the preparations of the move from New Windsor to Yorktown, Va., with costumed historians firing cannons and interacting with visitors as if it were 1781 from 7-9 p.m. July 24. Admission is free.

Knox's headquarters is at 289 Forge Hill Road in Vails Gate at the intersection of Route 94 and Forge Hill Road.

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

IETD Training Program

The Information Education and Technology Division is offering a free computer classes program that include Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, "What's on my Computer" and a typing skills lab through July 29 in Room 414, fourth floor, Jefferson Hall. Courses are open to cadets and computer users from any USMA activity.

For more information, call Thomas Gorman at 938-1186 or send an email to Thomas.Gorman@usma.edu.

Motorcycle Safety Courses

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

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

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

Sergeant Audie Murphy Club monthly meeting

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

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

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

Historic Fort Putnam is open for 2011 Season

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

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

Volunteers needed

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

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

Contract child care providers needed

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

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

Highland Falls Farmers Market

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

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

Elementary or Middle School supply kits still available

The Parent-Teacher Organization ordered extra school supply kits, so there is still time to order the kit for your children.

No running from store to store searching for that one last thing on the list of school supplies.

A complete kit is available for ordering via email or order forms can be picked up and returned to the schools' administration offices.

Contact either Olivia Turner at oliviawilliamsturner@yahoo.com or 845-859-4955 or Debbie Gerber at bsmomo6@gmail.com or 845-977-6965 to place an order.

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 September.

NEW INFO

Volkssport Club

Volkssport Club of West Point invites everyone to join its morning walk of fitness, fun and friendship at 8 a.m. Saturday in Rhinebeck, N.Y.

A pre-walk breakfast will be at Bread Alone Bakery, 45 E. Market Street at 8 a.m.

Please RSVP to the club website at www.ava.org/clubs/WestPoint, if you plan to come for breakfast.

Register for the walk at 9:30 a.m. at Delamater Inn, 101 Garden Street. Water and restrooms are available.

There are 10K and 5K trails, rated #1 (easy) on streets and sidewalks of the historic village of Rhinebeck.

This walk qualifies for several AVA special programs listed on the club web page.

For more information, call Joan Kimmel at 845-462-6845.

U.S. Army Garrison—West Point Headquarters and Headquarters Company Change of Command

The U.S. Army Garrison—West Point will host the HHC USAG—West Point Change of Command Ceremony of outgoing commander Capt. Matthew D. Pride and incoming commander Capt. Marc C. Vielledent at 10 a.m. July 29 in Crest Hall at Eisenhower Hall.

RSVP no later than July 26 with Hulen Willis at 938-8876.

Army Education Center Open House

The Army Education Center is offering an open house for its undergraduate and graduate programs from 3-6 p.m. Aug. 2 at 683 Buckner Loop (next to Subway).

West Point Schools

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

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

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

Feds Feed Families campaign

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.

West Point Band
Music Under the Stars
Jazz Knights
 "Play it Again"
 Sunday, July 17, 7:30 p.m.
 Trophy Point Amphitheatre
 West Point, NY



Free & Open to the Public
 845-938-2617
www.westpointband.com

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.

Collection boxes will be placed throughout West Point (see list below).

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

Collection boxes are located throughout West Point at:

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

The most needed items include:

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

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

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

Command Channel 8/23

July 14-21

(Broadcast times)

Army Newswatch

Today, Friday and Monday through July 21
 8:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

The Point

Today, Friday and Monday through July 21
 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Anti-Terrorism NBC Awareness Video

Today 7:30 p.m., Friday noon and 7:30 p.m.

Life Works at Balfour Beatty Communities

• **Yard of the Month:** BBC will be judging homes in every neighborhood on neatness, presentation, effort and, most of all, curb appeal. A front lawn is chosen each month to receive the coveted Yard of the Month sign. The winner also receives a \$25 Home Depot gift card.

• **Home Depot Kids Workshop:** Children ages 3-12 can join the workshop from 10-11:30 a.m. July 21 at 126 Washington Road. BBC provides the supplies for the children to make a project of their own.

Space is limited, so call Jody Gellman at 446-6407 by Monday to reserve a spot.

NOW SHOWING

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

Friday—The Conspirator, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

**Saturday—Pirates of the Caribbean:
On Stranger Tides, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**

**July 22—Pirates of the Caribbean:
On Stranger Tides, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**

July 23—Kung Fu Panda 2, PG, 7:30 p.m.

July 29—Kung Fu Panda 2, PG, 7:30 p.m.

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

Keller Corner

Do you have your TRICARE Prime Card?

If you're enrolled in TRICARE Prime, you are required to present your TRICARE Prime card along with your military ID card when you receive civilian health care.

Getting a replacement is as easy as calling Health Net at 877-874-2273.

Check your wallet and make that call if you can't find your TRICARE Prime Card.

Patient Advocate

The Patient Advocate's primary goal is to assist you in exercising your rights as a patient.

She is also available to act as your advocate and provide a specific channel through which you can seek solutions to problems, concerns and unmet needs.

The Patient Advocate's office is located on the first floor next to the pharmacy waiting area.

If you would like to contact or schedule an appointment with the Patient Advocate, call Linda DiSalvo at 938-5874.

Suicide Prevention is everyone's business

To find a Behavioral Health provider, call:

- North Region: 877-747-9579;
- West Region: 866-651-4970;
- South Region: 877-298-3514;

24-hour crisis/suicide assistance line:

- North Region: 800-273-Talk (8255);
- West Region: 866-284-3743;
- South Region: 904-254-2313.

• VA and National suicide prevention life line: 800-273-8255.

• Military One Source suicide prevention life line: 800-342-9647.

Let Us Know How We Are Doing ... Don't forget to fill out the Army Provider Level Satisfaction Survey when you receive it in the mail.

We value your opinion.

Have a Weiner

Community enjoys hot dogs on National Hot Dog Day



(From left to right) Madison Coish, Macee and Hunter Wall enjoyed hot dogs and drinks July 5 on National Hot Dog Day hosted by Balfour Beatty Communities. Community members helped themselves to chips and hot dogs fresh off the grill.

KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

American Red Cross gives military families easier access to emergency commo

Submitted by American Red Cross

As part of an ongoing effort to better serve the military community, the American Red Cross moved to a single telephone number for its emergency communication services.

As of June 13, all military members and their families can use one number—877-272-7337 (U.S. Toll Free) to send an urgent message to a servicemember.

The change means that all military members and their families can use this single number to initiate an emergency communication, regardless of where they live. In the past, community-based military or families living outside an installation needed to remember the phone number for their local Red Cross chapters for emergency communications, while those living on a military installation used the 877-272-7337 number.

“An emergency situation can be a very stressful time for a military family, and having just one common telephone number to remember can make a difficult situation a little easier,” Sherri Brown, senior vice president for Service to the Armed Forces, said. “U.S. military personnel and their Families can remain confident that the Red Cross will be there to keep them connected when there is a crisis at home.”

A call to 877-272-7337 allows Red Cross emergency

communications services to put military personnel in touch with their families following the death or serious illness of an immediate family member, the birth of a servicemember’s child or grandchild or when a family faces other emergencies.

Additional Red Cross services such as case management and emergency financial assistance also are available. For those stationed overseas, the three options for calling will remain the same—calling 877-272-7337 direct, accessing the number through a military operator, or calling the local Red Cross station.

“The Red Cross has always been there for us,” Robert L. Gordon III, deputy assistant secretary of defense for military community and family policy, said. “It’s critically important to our men and women serving away from home that their families know whom to call in the event of an emergency. The Red Cross is now making it even easier to make that call.”

The Red Cross Service to the Armed Forces program provides assistance to more than two million servicemembers and many of the nation’s 24 million veterans.

The Red Cross provides emergency communications linking servicemembers with their families during times of crisis; comfort and care in military and veterans medical facilities; access to financial assistance in partnership with the military aid societies; information and referral and assistance

to veterans.

For more information, visit www.redcross.org.

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: Hard

Army fullback gaining national attention

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Army fullback Jared Hassin's 2010 success has not gone unnoticed as he prepares to start his junior season at West Point. Hassin has been named to the preseason watch lists for both the Maxwell Award, which honors the nation's top player, and the College Football Performance Awards Running Back Trophy, which is given to the country's top running back.

Hassin led the nation's eighth-ranked rushing offense in 2010 with 1,013 yards. He became only the second Army sophomore ever to crack the 1,000-yard mark, and the first since West Point all-time leading rusher Mike Mayweather.

Hassin tied the Army record with four consecutive 100-yard rushing games during his sophomore season, including a career best 154-yard effort versus VMI. He ranked second on the squad with nine rushing touchdowns.

The Delafield, Wis., native is the only service academy player to be listed on either watch list.

He is one of 12 players from BCS non-automatic qualifying schools on the 66-member Maxwell Award candidate list, and one of nine non-AQ players on the 38-person CFPA watch list.

The Black Knights open the 2011 season



Junior fullback Jared Hassin is on the preseason watch list for two major College Football awards after an impressive sophomore season in 2010 where he gained 1,013 yards rushing.

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Sept. 3 at Northern Illinois. Army plays its first home game Sept. 10 versus San Diego

State. Season and individual game tickets are on sale now at the Army Athletics Box Office,

by calling 1-877-TIX-ARMY, or purchasing online through www.goarmysports.com.

Staff & Faculty Softball

Standings as of Tuesday

NORTH DIVISION

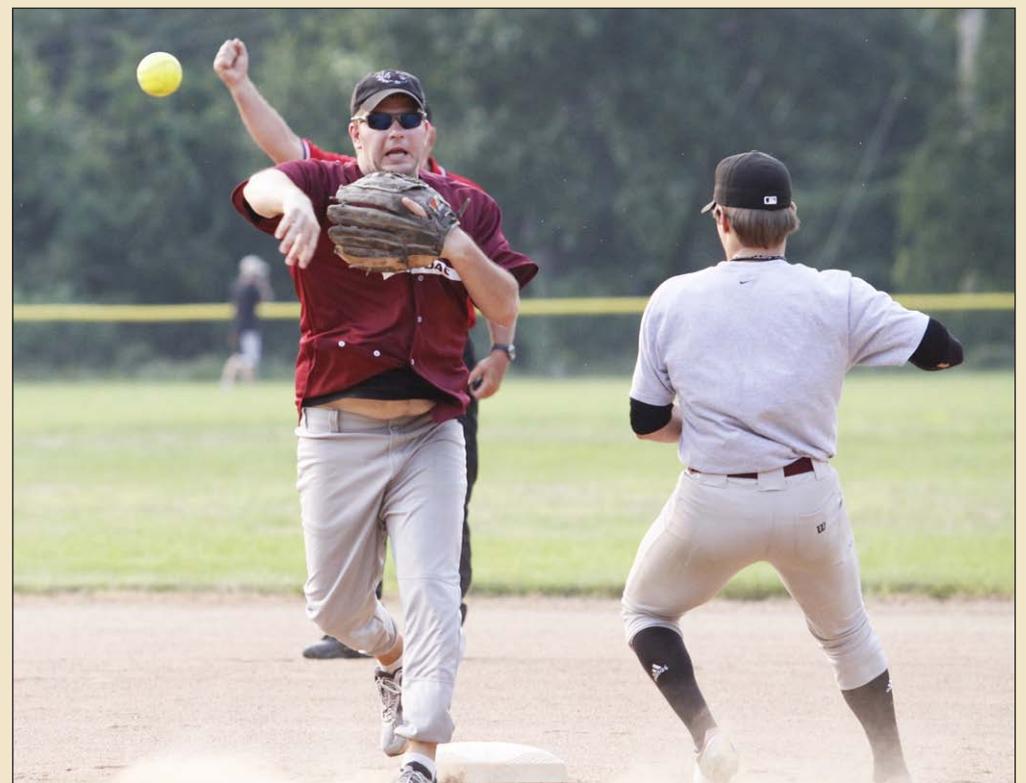
TEAMS

1. ODIA 1	18 - 3
2. STEWART MARINES	16 - 5
3. ODIA 2	13 - 8
4. MEDDAC	10 - 11
5. MPs	10 - 11
6. KACH	4 - 17
7. WTU	3 - 18
8. BAND	2 - 19

SOUTH DIVISION

TEAMS

1. MATH	19 - 1
2. BTD/BS&L	13 - 6
3. EECS/DPE	12 - 6
4. SYST. ENG.	9 - 11
5. CHEM./PHYS.	9 - 11
6. SOC. SCI./HIST.	8 - 12
7. DMI	6 - 13



MEDDAC shortstop Glenn Simpson (above) turns a double play during his team's 13-4 loss to the Office of the Directorate of Intercollegiate Athletics I team Monday at the FMWR H Lot Softball Complex. ODIA 2 left-center fielder Brad Brown hits a home run during ODIA 2's 13-0 victory over Keller Army Community Hospital's team Monday.

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