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## On The Move

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Class of 2014 cadets assigned to 3rd Company are transported by Chinook to a drop zone prior to embarking on a mission to isolate and capture a high-value target from a nearby village. This was their first mission on the last of a three-day field training exercise Sunday—the culminating event of Cadet Field Training.

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# Picatinny teams up with West Point

By Audra Calloway  
The Picatinny Voice

Picatinny Arsenal in New Jersey and the U.S. Military Academy have formed a closer relationship to enhance mutual research capabilities.

The Program Executive Office for Ammunition, and the Armament Research, Development and Engineering Center at Picatinny signed a memorandum of agreement with the academy to promote the Army's efforts in research, development and acquisition.

The agreement establishes a sabbatical fellowship program for USMA faculty at PEO Ammunition and continues an existing research faculty fellowship with ARDEC.

It was signed by the PEO for Ammunition, Brig. Gen. Jonathan Maddux; ARDEC Director Gerardo Melendez, Ph.D.; and West Point Dean of the Academic Board Brig. Gen. Timothy Trainor.

Through the fellowship, members of the faculty have the opportunity to work at nearby Picatinny for up to a year as they support programs at ARDEC and PEO Ammunition.

"If you look at all the departmental disciplines that are at West Point and look at the different programs Picatinny has, there's a lot of interesting, matching synergy," Paul Manz, PEO Ammunition's chief scientist and the program coordinator for the agreement, explained. "West Point has a cadre of faculty, both military and civilian, who have advanced education, (have) lots of knowledge and are looking for interesting topics to apply their knowledge to. Picatinny has lots of programs that are relevant, interesting and make a difference in ensuring Soldiers come home to their families."

In addition to the research the West Point faculty will conduct at Picatinny, Manz hopes the fellowships can serve as an incubator for additional ideas that could help benefit the Army.

"Once the faculty members are finished with the fellowship and return to West Point, they might say 'Gee, there were things that came up that I didn't have time to address during my sabbatical, but would be great topics for my cadets to work on,'" Manz said.

West Point leadership agrees on the value of the fellowships.

"At first we only had MOAs that allowed us to send cadets down to Picatinny," Col. John Graham, the academy's Associate Dean for Research, said. "Then we coordinated the fellowship program, so instead of teaching four sections, our

faculty might teach two sections at West Point and then spend the rest of their time at Picatinny. Now we're freeing faculty for up to a year to work with Picatinny."

Graham, whose job is to encourage research opportunities for cadets and faculty, said the fellowships and sabbaticals benefit West Point by making the professors experts in relevant subjects, as well as making them more informed teachers.

"The idea of a sabbatical is that every seventh year in the world of academia, we try to free our Ph.D.'s up to regain credibility and connection in their field. The idea that academia is an ivory tower is somewhat true—our staff is located on a post with limited access to others in the field, while the field is changing," Graham said. "Picatinny offers a really unique opportunity, because the faculty won't disconnect from the force during their sabbaticals. Their time away is spent pursuing endeavors that are critical to the academy and the Army."

## Fellowships

Christopher Conley, Ph.D., an associate professor in the Department of Civil and Mechanical Engineering at West Point, participated in a yearlong research fellowship with ARDEC from June 2008 through July 2009.

As a civil engineering professor, Conley was interested in furthering research in infrastructure systems. During his sabbatical with ARDEC's Energetics, Warhead and Manufacturing Directorate, he focused on improving the resistance of ultra-high performance concretes to penetration from improvised explosive devices.

He also worked with ARDEC staff from the Counter Terrorism Technology Team, the Operational Simulation and Analysis Branch, and the America's Army Picatinny Group on the development of realistic Entry Control Point models, simulation algorithms and visualization capabilities to evaluate the effectiveness of ECP technologies.

Combining ARDEC and Army Research Laboratory support, he formed a research team of faculty and cadets at West Point who experimented with a variety of methods to pre-stress and confine ultra-high performance concrete to develop a material that would be more resistant to effects of IEDs.

Conley said his fellowship with ARDEC gave him new perspectives to incorporate into his teaching, and also provided insight into the research, development and acquisition process.

"Some of the things you think make the greatest sense and should be easy, aren't easy. So I gained a real appreciation for the process of taking a concept, developing it into something a Soldier can use and putting it in Soldiers' hands. That was an



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eye-opener. It takes a lot of energy to do that," Conley said.

Even though Picatinny specializes in the research, development and life-cycle management of weapons systems, the West Point fellowship is open to faculty members of all departments, not just science and engineering professors.

A member of the history department at West Point will be the first faculty member to participate in a sabbatical with PEO Ammunition.

Col. Ty Seidule, head of military history, will lead a team of eight to 10 historians as they work with PEO Ammunition's Project Manager Combat Ammunition Systems office to research the history and impact of artillery transformations in warfare.

"We're looking at this to try to determine how artillery affected warfare in the past," Seidule said. "And while we can't predict the future, we can gain insight on the various ways artillery could be used today and possibly how it could

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# Martin becomes 73rd Commandant of Corps

Story and photo by  
Kathy Eastwood  
Staff Writer

West Point cadets have a new commandant at the helm as Brig. Gen. Theodore Martin took command as the 73rd Commandant of the United States Corps of Cadets July 15.

He replaced newly promoted Maj. Gen. William Rapp at a change of command ceremony at Eisenhower Hall.

Martin began his military career as a new cadet July 2, 1979.

During his time as a cadet, he was captain of the Army swim team in 1982-83.

In 1983, Martin was commissioned as a 2nd lieutenant in the Armor branch.

During the ceremony, Superintendent of West Point, Lt. Gen. David Huntoon Jr., spoke to the audience about the incoming and outgoing commandants.

“Cadets have and will be well

served by these two senior leaders of character,” Huntoon said.

Martin’s command experience includes Commander, C Company, 2nd Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division, Federal Republic of Germany; Commander, 1st Squadron, 10th U.S. Cavalry Regiment, also known as Buffalo Soldiers, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas; and Operation Iraqi Freedom in Iraq.

Martin’s most recent assignment was as the 45th Chief of Armor and Commandant, Armor School, Fort Benning, Ga.

“The welcome I received now, July 2011, contrasts greatly with the reception I received July 2, 1979 reporting to the cadet with the red sash,” Martin said. “The world is a dangerous place and the future has teeth. The threat is real and growing. Victory, like every other war since 1775 won’t be found in a test tube or laboratory, it will be found in the hearts and minds of men and women of character.”

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be used in the future by looking at evidence in the past.”

### Cadets

In addition to collaborating with West Point faculty, Picatinny also regularly interacts with cadets.

They visit Picatinny four times a year to tour the research facilities and learn about its mission. They also regularly team up with Picatinny engineers for summer research projects called Advanced Individual Academic Development projects.

For one proposed project, Manz said cadets studying kinesiology—the study of motion—will be researching gun crew members to determine what happens to their bodies over time when they lift and move ammunition that is significantly heavier.

They are researching this because the Army is replacing many 105mm M119 cannons in its Infantry Brigade Combat Teams with 155mm M777 assets, which have correspondingly heavier ammunition compared to their 105mm counterparts.

Much like the faculty sabbaticals, cadet research projects benefit the Army and enhance the cadet’s educational experience.

“We’re an academic institution. The top reason we get engaged in research is that we know we’re getting a better product at graduation,” Graham said. “That means our cadets at graduation are more creative thinkers, able to take on ambiguous problems and solve them.”

In the past, Graham said that instead of real military issues, cadets were given drill problems. For instance, they were provided a list of hypothetical materials and asked to build a bridge.

“For the original way of doing things, the students could put in a finite amount of work and then be done. What we’re finding since working with Picatinny is that this hands-on experience is inspirational,” Graham said. “Our senior leaders and professors get the students fired up to work extra hard for the project. (The product’s) going to be employed and somebody is going to use this project.”



Lt. Gen. David Huntoon Jr., West Point Superintendent, hands the colors to incoming commandant of Corps of Cadets, Brig. Gen. Theodore Martin July 15. Martin becomes the 73rd commandant. Martin was the former commandant and 45th Chief of Armor, U.S. Army Armor School at Fort Benning, Ga.

# History made, first USMAPS Reception Day at West Point

Story and photos by Kathy Eastwood  
Staff Writer

History has always been a part of West Point since the Revolutionary War days and Monday marked another history-making event with the entrance of the first class of cadet candidates to enter the U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School at West Point. USMAPS began in 1946 when Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, then superintendent of West Point, established the prep school at Stewart Army Air Field in Newburgh.

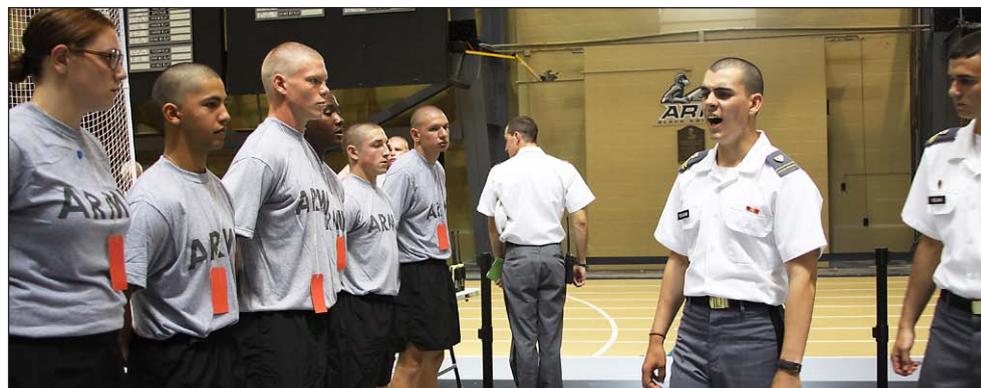
The prep school was moved to Fort Belvoir, Va., in 1957 where there was space for modern classrooms and competitive athletics. Another move to Fort Monmouth, N.J., made it the home of the prep school in 1975 until the base was closed due to the Base

Realignment and Closure in 2005.

The new home of the prep school will house 246 new cadet candidates entering the 65th class to prepare them for entrance into West Point.

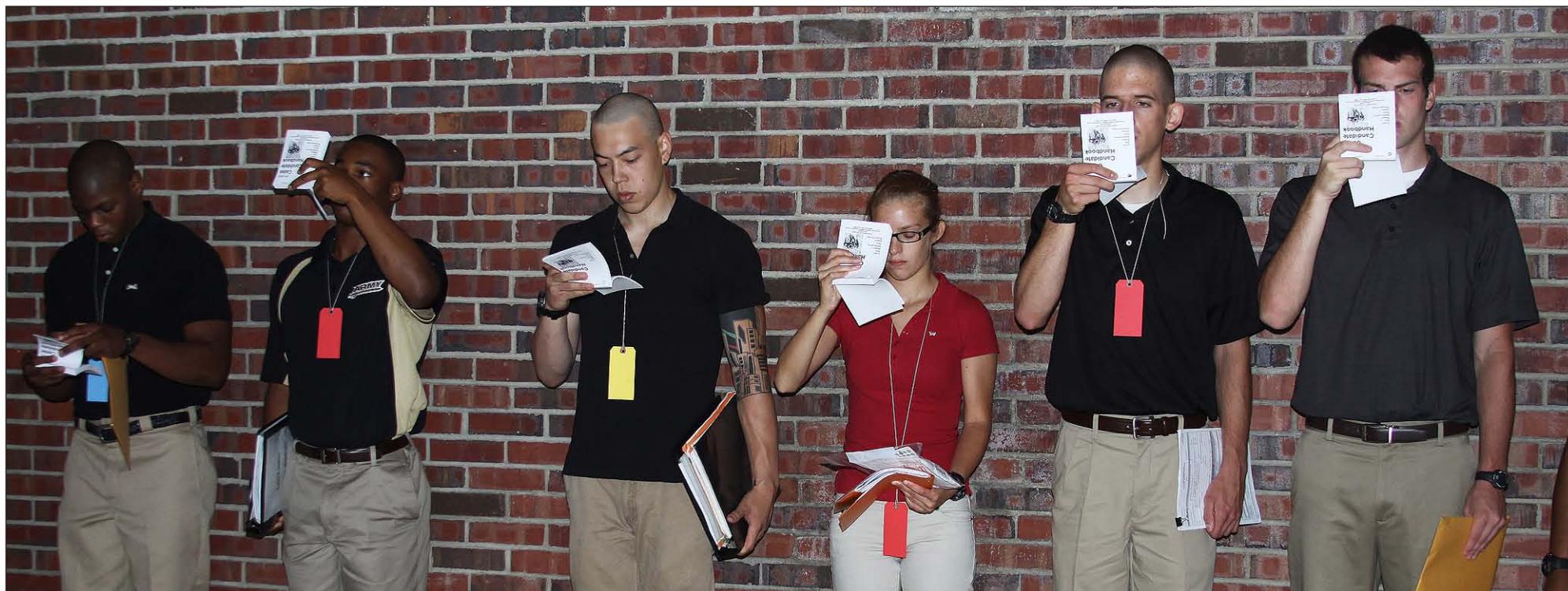
But the first class will face many challenges along the way due to the current construction on the facility grounds.

“Most of the USMAPS is still under construction,” Deputy Commandant of USMAPS, Col. Michael Rounds, said. “We will bus them to classes in Cullum and Jefferson Halls. The cadet candidates will be bused to classes in the morning, bused to USMAPS for lunch and again bused to classes. USMAPS barracks and dining room is completed and there are physical education areas. The total completion should be in January 2012.”



Cadet candidates from the U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School are shown the steps of standing at attention, at ease and saluting by West Point cadets at Gillis Field House Monday during the Prep School's Reception Day.

Rounds said the new building at West Point is configured as the building was at Fort Monmouth to accommodate more than 200 new cadet candidates yearly.



Cadet candidates from the U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School read the knowledge book outside Eisenhower Hall Monday, where they gathered to attend a briefing at the theater, pick up some of their clothing, get hair cuts and then traveled to Gillis Field House for marching, saluting and other military training.



A cadet candidate from the U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School receives a hair cut from Angel Chang during the USMAPS Reception Day Monday.

# West Point community gathers to make annual fair a success

Story and photo by Kathy Eastwood  
Staff Writer

The annual West Point Community Fair sponsored by the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation and Army Community Service at Eisenhower Hall was, by all accounts, a great success.

Roughly 715 people attended July 12 along with 95 vendors who staffed booths brimming with information and small gifts such as pens, notepads, tote bags and cookies.

The annual event offers information to new community members but also welcomes those already settled into life at West Point. Many participants enjoy meeting new people and gaining information about new programs or business opportunities.

Attendees received useful information about various club memberships, local restaurants, religious groups and children groups and services.

Parents were able to register their children into Boy or Girl Scouts or learn more about the Child Development Center or Child, Youth and School Services.

Local restaurants, along with Grant Hall and the West Point Club, offered participants tasty morsels of their specialties—a very popular attraction with long lines provoking conversation and handshakes.

Vender Erin Kidd, a new community member, from Houston, provided information about the home business “Willow House Design.”

“I wanted to participate (as a vendor) because I want to meet people,” Kidd said. “I just moved here so when it was time to move, I decided to give this (home business) a try.”

Sports clubs such as Nancy Patrick of Volkssport

staffed booths in hopes to generate some interest into the walking club.

“We are hoping to recruit new members,” Patrick said. “This is a fun and interesting walking club and it helps with learning a little of the history of the area you’re walking because you must pass 25 churches, 25 rivers and so on to earn patches. It’s a great way to get outdoors, meet people, have fun and get a little exercise.”

Of course, passing 25 churches and such doesn’t need to be done at the same time nor can you pass the same church 25 times, for example.

Pvt. 1st Class Jason (Ted) Jones, from Mobile, Ala., is a veterinary clinic food inspector. New to the Army, West Point is his first duty station and he took the opportunity to inquire about the Girl Scouts for his daughter.

“We have been here for about a year,” Jones said. “The community fair event is really resourceful. Since we are southerners, we’re not used to the winters here so we didn’t go out much last year.”

Maj. Heather Jackson and husband Lt. Col. John Jackson, both instructors in the Math Department, are returning to West Point and remembered attending their first community fair.

“We had to be in uniform the last time we were here and went to the community fair,” Jackson said. “I asked about it this time and some said yes, we had to be in uniform and others said no. And there was a speech from the garrison commander last time.”

The Jacksons and their daughter Bryn stopped to talk with another newcomer family, the Clarks, with their daughter Piper.

The Clarks came from Fort Belvoir, Va., and were very impressed with the fair.

“I didn’t know it was going to be this big,” Sarah Clark said.



Sarah Clark (standing) and daughter Piper (in stroller) talk to Maj. Heather Jackson, Math Department assistant professor, and daughter Bryn at the annual Community Fair July 12. Jackson said this is her family’s second time at West Point.

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# Visitation Day offers respite

Story and photo by Mike Strasser  
Assistant Editor

The New Cadet Visitation Day, traditionally called the Ice Cream Social, provided refuge and respite from training and the watchful eyes of the cadet cadre. New cadets were welcomed into the homes of the West Point community Sunday to partake of home-cooked meals, friendly conversation and much needed communication with friends and family.

New cadets also got to trade Cadet Basic Training stories with each other and meet new cadets from other companies. At one home, the new cadets even began discussing what Army branch they want to serve under.

A former Military Intelligence specialist hasn't had to write a letter since basic training ... until now. Throughout CBT, the postal service is their only means of communicating with the outside world. They've heard about all the CBT photos populating the social media site but can't access them unless someone mails them copies. Sometimes cadre will inform them about current events, but most have no idea about such hot topics as the Casey Anthony trial or how the latest "Harry Potter" movie became the biggest summer blockbuster.

The social provided a few hours of access to information which didn't come from the New Cadet Handbook or is related to Beast Barracks.

"This is a great time to unwind and get to know the people around you," he said. "We can branch out and talk to cadets from other platoons for the first time."

One new cadet, whose father is a Class of 1984 graduate, talked about trying out for the new Women's Boxing Team at West Point. She said her uncle was a former professional boxer and coach.

"He taught me all the basics," she said.

At the home of the Overstreets, Maj. Randy Overstreet, a Company A tactical officer, and his wife Christina, the Volunteer Corps coordinator, offered internet, phones and a pasta dinner followed by brownie sundaes.

"This is our third time doing this and it's always an enjoyable experience," said the Class of 2000 graduate, who is also the Company D TAC for CBT.

Debra Dalton, the West Point Parents Communications Liaison, said she received tremendous feedback from families of Class of 2015 cadets expressing their gratitude for the staff and faculty who provided such generous hospitality.



New cadets on the Army Women's Soccer Team pause from calling home and emailing friends and family during the Ice Cream Social Sunday to watch the FIFA Women's World Cup at the home of Lt. Col. Lynn Byers, the team's head officer representative. Japan won after Team USA missed three of four penalty kicks in the final. The new cadets continue Beast Barracks with a new cadre and three weeks of field training activities to include land navigation, marksmanship, group live fire exercises and rappelling.

## BEAST Report — Change of Detail

Story and photos by Mike Strasser  
Assistant Editor

On Sunday, a change of detail ceremony was held in front of Washington Hall as the first detail of Cadet Basic Training cadre was relieved of duty and a new crop of upperclass cadets took the mantle of leadership.

The 265 members of the cadet cadre are led by Class of 2012 Cadet Colby Brunette, the regimental commander, and will see the new cadets through the remaining three weeks of Beast Barracks. Prior to the New Cadet Visitation Day, cadre became acquainted with their new cadets.

Class of 2012 Cadet Sam Wharton, took command of 1st Platoon in Company F. Wharton said an intense two-week Leader Training Program provided all the preparation they needed to ease the transition between the two cadres without any detriment to the training.

"LTP trained us hard; it was a very rigorous schedule," Wharton said. "I have great confidence in myself and the platoon's chain of command that we can handle whatever comes at us."

Whereas the first half of Beast Barracks was situated within the confines of West Point, the remainder of the training will find new cadets in a field environment learning marksmanship on the ranges, rappelling, conducting land navigation training and—for the first time at CBT—a live-fire exercise.

"Beast detail has become more (field)

training intensive," Wharton said.

The difference now, he said, is that the stress new cadets will experience will come from the intensity of training rather than creating stressful situations. Squad leaders emphasized to the new cadets that as the training becomes more challenging, they must keep safety foremost in their minds.

For that reason, Class of 2013 Cadet Stephen Sollenberger will bring a relaxed but focused squad into the field as the squad leader for 3rd Platoon's 1st Squad in Company C.

"You could yell and make it more stressful on them, but it doesn't make sense to add that pressure," Sollenberger said. "It's all outcome-based training—where they need to meet certain standards. It's naturally stressful. As long as they're doing the right things."

Having experienced the six-week Cadet Field Training last summer, Sollenberger said making an impact on the new class of cadets this year will be a rewarding experience.

At the end of the day, Wharton said their job is to oversee that new cadets become proficient in the outcomes-based training.

"Can they move with their weapons safely and engage targets effectively, can they rappel properly without hurting themselves ... do they know their knowledge and are (they) prepared for the academic year. These are the things that determine how successful this detail has done their jobs," Wharton said.



(Left) Company A performed a change of detail ceremony Sunday as the first cadet cadre departed for much-deserved leave while the new cadre (below) spent time with their new cadets prior to the Ice Cream Social. This was an opportunity to establish their command style and articulate their expectations on the new cadets as they continue Beast Barracks.



# West Point QB displays diverse talent with USACE

Story and photo by Rachel Goodspeed  
USACE

A gifted football player aiming for a career in engineering sounds like another Everett Kischer in the making.

“Am I good? I’ll leave that for everyone else to decide.”

Like the Iowa State Hall of Famer and former B-29 flight engineer, Class of 2012 Cadet Max Jenkins will enter his final year at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point with his sights set on a career in engineering.

“I always had an interest in engineering—not only in the technical, but also the business side of things. I’m trying to get involved in as many things as possible,” Jenkins said, who is majoring in Engineering Management. “I had no idea what I wanted to do. I wanted to be a professional ball player, but once that ran its course I knew I had to choose a career. I’m looking at the long term. No matter what happens down the road, I have an engineering degree.”

That “go get ‘em” attitude led him to participate in the academy’s Advanced Individual Academic Development program, a program that flew Jenkins to Germany to intern with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Europe District.

From June 19-July 8, Jenkins worked alongside USACE program and project managers to gain real-world experience in engineering and construction, both in the office and out on construction sites.

“This has given me a lot of experience in the (construction) process and nature of the organization—dealing with the program manager to the project manager to engineering in general,” he said. “I’m also able to grasp the big picture and some of the technical terms that you don’t really learn in school.”

The development program allows students to apply what they have learned in the classroom in the real world as well as provide them with unfamiliar corporate knowledge.

“I’ve learned so much in the past three weeks that you can’t learn in a classroom,” he said. “MATOCs, JOCs, Task Orders—it’s like a whole other language to me. I had no idea how significant a role that contracting played.”

In addition to learning the paperwork that comes with project management, Jenkins also spent time in the field with engineers and construction representatives on various projects, including the U.S. Army Europe Mission Control Center and Wiesbaden Army Airfield family housing construction sites. The goal was to show him as much of the Corps’ European program as possible, said Matt Ludwig, chief of the district’s Programs Branch.

“Overall, his visit was excellent and a very valuable experience for him. We gave him a broad overview of what the Corps of Engineers is doing here and in Africa,” he said. “We took him through project management to program management to contracting to construction. We introduced him to different people and the things you go through in a foreign country to get a project completed.”

The internship also provided another unique experience to Jenkins, originally from Houston and a graduate of Langham Creek High School.

“It’s my first time out of the States so I took advantage of my weekends,” he said. “I went to Paris, Dusseldorf, Frankfurt ... there are a lot of things on my list I can check off and many more to look forward to.”

With his tour of Europe at an end, Jenkins heads back to West Point to begin football camp and his final year at the military academy. In November, he will receive his branch assignment, based on his input, plus his class standing, with graduation and commissioning slated for May 2012.



Class of 2012 Cadet Max Jenkins (center) takes a tour of the U.S. Army Europe Mission Command Center construction site at the Wiesbaden Army Airfield in Germany with members of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Europe District.

# Tough Enough



## Field Training Exercise Sequence

On Night Zero of the FTX, cadets conducted a platoon movement to a patrol base. Day One launched when the squads executed seven missions followed by another night movement into seven more squad missions on the following day. The night of Day Two saw the platoons move again to a PZ where they were airlifted on Day 3 to an urban operations objective.

Three days of constant activity with little rest or food, the culminating event for Cadet Field Training was a field training exercise that some said was comparable to a mock deployment, a three-day Ranger School or, simply put, an exercise in building toughness. Pictured above, cadets assigned to 1st Company, 1st Platoon raid a village after being transported by Chinook.

## Field Training Exercise tests cadets' capabilities under duress

Story and photos by Mike Strasser  
Assistant Editor

*"Washington's dead."*

The attack on the platoon was sudden and unexpected. The mission was going to be a routine call for fire, but took an unexpected turn when an enemy combatant breached the security perimeter. It wasn't until he turned his victim's weapon on the rest of the platoon that they retaliated. After calling for a casualty evacuation, they continued on with the next mission...one platoon member short.

Some called it a three-day Ranger School. Others compared it to a mock deployment. Simply put, it was an exercise in building toughness for more than 1,500 West Point and ROTC cadets, Naval Academy midshipmen and international cadets finishing off the four-week Cadet Field Training with the culminating FTX.

Class of 2012 Cadet Charles Phelps, the CFT regimental

commander, said in previous years the culminating event for CFT was the Introduction to Patrolling lane and last year it was a squad situational exercise.

"There wasn't a continuous intelligence picture being developed or situations that were driving the action," he said. "This year we've built up the CFT model so that companies are deploying into a nation that has an insurgency and each mission builds upon itself. The intelligence they gather or haven't gathered will either help or hurt them in the final urban operations mission at the completion of the FTX."

Ultimately, Phelps said they wanted to design a tough physical and mental challenge where cadets have to perform everything they've trained on this summer through a free-flowing deployment narrative.

"This was the priority that was set for all of CFT. The No. 1 outcome was that they were mentally and physically challenged at every training site," Phelps said.

Cadets lived out of their assault packs and fasted on three

field rations (MREs) for the duration of the exercise.

Fighting fatigue and hunger became an additional challenge to the constant activity on this FTX as they deployed on multiple missions each day.

"It's funny because there's a lot more things that annoy you when you're tired," Class of 2014 Cadet Matt Smith, 1st Squad, 4th Platoon, 1st Company, said. "You start getting frustrated easily. All of a sudden that tree branch hits you in the face and you're cursing out a branch."

Moments like that can make a cadet pause and embrace a life lesson.

"You stop and think 'As a lieutenant am I going to curse out a tree when I'm tired?' I feel this training has made me feel more like a Soldier than I've ever had before. This makes me want to be in the Army more than just being a student. I can't wait to get into the field again with a real platoon."

If he had to describe the feeling of being on the move, Smith said the FTX was like being a pack mule constantly

on the move for three days.

"I really felt like a pack mule out there," Smith said. "Everywhere we went, we were walking on constant missions, living out of our assault packs. This was truly the first time I've ever had to ration food and make the best decisions on when to eat and how much. I had a lot of tough times, but I enjoyed the experience."

Class of 2014 Cadet Alec Carrier, 1st Squad, 1st Platoon, 1st Company, said he learned a lot about himself and his colleagues during the FTX.

"When you're put in those stressful situations it's where your true character is revealed," Carrier said. "The toughest part of FTX was the constant movement, especially at night. It was hard to keep track where you were or how far you've gone. The ambiguity gets in your mind and beats you down."

Last year the yearlings made that transition from civilian to cadet and began to experience

what life as a Soldier will be through their Cadet Basic Training.

Plebes no more, the yearlings now were able to bond more as a class in the field during CFT.

"More or less, this training brings the entire class together, but during Beast we were pretty much isolated and confined to our squads," Carrier said.

Carrier said the training has gotten him motivated to take on the responsibility of leading a plebe this semester.

"If there was one thing I learned from this FTX was to always keep a positive mindset, no matter how hungry or tired we were, we got to do some really cool things," he said. "This is what we'll be doing in the Army, and it's why we're here."

**(Editor's Note:** See next week's *Pointer View* for more CFT coverage, results from today's awards ceremony and photos from Friday's Run Back.)



## NIGHT ATTACK

It was 2 a.m. July 16 when the opposition force crept stealthily toward the patrol base of a 5th Company platoon.

"It was dead quiet and there was no wind at all," one OPFOR member said. "We moved in painfully slow."

It began with a grenade simulation tossed into the camp and escalated from there. "There was only a few of us out there, so we had to spread out," the OPFOR member said. "They reacted pretty well. It got loud once they got the 240 (M240 Machine Gun) going."

For most of the day, lane walkers trail the cadets throughout the FTX to observe how they conduct themselves through missions and to evaluate them during an after action review. Oftentimes, when the lane walkers depart at night, cadets will think the exercise is paused and no further action can be expected.

"The FTX is supposed to be as realistic as possible, so we'll do a night attack to break that notion that it's over," one member of the OPFOR said. "We've given them fair warning though and told them to make sure they're always pulling security."

The night attacks test the yearlings ability to maintain situational awareness at all hours, fighting fatigue and battling complacency. These random occurrences also benefit the squad leaders, platoon leaders and the chain of command.

"It shows how they're policing their troops—checking to see if they're awake and have water and ammo; see if they're enforcing the standards and passing information," the OPFOR member said.



(Left) A squad executes room-clearing tactics in the village as they search for members of the Diablo Leadership Council. The mission proved to be a success for 1st Company on Sunday morning. They successfully isolated and captured a high-value target in the village. One squad member sustained a gunshot to the leg (above), but was evacuated out of the village without adversely affecting the operation. While exfiltrating from the village, they were ambushed from the woodline by insurgents, prompting an assault team to weed out the opposition while squads provided covering fire. This was the final day of the Field Training Exercise for the company. More photos of the FTX and Cadet Field Training are available on the Public Affairs Flickr page at [www.flickr.com/photos/west\\_point/sets/72157626882368249/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/west_point/sets/72157626882368249/).

## CFT Branch Day



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Several Army branches were represented at Branch Day Monday during Cadet Field Training at Camp Buckner. Class of 2012 Cadet Haley Johnson, the CFT Regimental S-3, said this was an opportunity for yearlings to receive briefings from active-duty Soldiers and see the equipment they use in their field.

"This is where they can learn about the branches they otherwise wouldn't be exposed to," she said. "They can begin formulating an idea of what they will branch and maybe what they want to do for Cadet Troop Leader Training."

The Class of 2012 was the last class to spend a week of their CFT at the Armor School at Fort Knox, Ky., which served as its orientation to combat arms.

"This is a great chance for yearlings to get their hands on the equipment from a wide variety of branches," Class of 2012 Cadet Charles Phelps, the CFT regimental

commander, said. "Having cadets get on an M3 Bradley or a Stryker, seeing the different mortar systems and air defense systems ... it exposes them to things not necessarily accessible at West Point during the academic year."

Among the participants represented on Branch Day were Military Police, Air Defense Artillery, Signal Corps, Ordnance, Transportation and Chemical Corps.

Class of 2014 Cadet Alec Carrier, 1st Squad, 1st Platoon, 1st Company, said they received some hands-on training during CFT with the combat engineers from Fort Drum, N.Y., and at the Field Artillery site. The culminating field training exercise was largely an infantry-intensive operation.

"Branch Day gives us an opportunity to talk to officers who have been in our shoes and learn about their career paths and the equipment they work with," Carrier said. "It's a great time getting to ask a lot of questions."

## CFT Task Force



(Above) During Fire Support Training, cadets work as teams firing an M119 (105mm) gun as well as properly using various mortars. The cadets will conduct a Grid Call for Fire and adjust onto target.

TOMMY GILLIGAN/WEST POINT PUBLIC AFFAIRS



"I think the two most popular sites for CFT are the engineer and fire support sites," Class of 2012 Cadet Charles Phelps, CFT regimental commander, said. "Part of that is due to the fact they get to fire cannons, drop mortars and blow up doors. But really what it boils down to is that entire day they are interacting with Soldiers."

Artillery specialists from Fort Riley, Kan., combat engineer and fire support from Fort Drum, N.Y., and a contingent from Fort Hood, Texas, provided instruction and expertise throughout CFT. Along with the training, Phelps said cadets benefited from simply interacting with enlisted Soldiers to learn more about their career fields and what they expect from their commanding officers.

(Left) Staff Sgt. Ariel Martinez, Alpha Company, 2BSTB (2nd BCT), 10th Mountain Division, makes a strong case for going Engineer Corps to the cadets during Cadet Field Training. The combat engineers from Fort Drum, N.Y., provided instruction on the different types of breaching equipment and techniques that are the tools of the trade for combat engineers. They also had the opportunity to set up a Bangalore wire breach.

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## CFT: Hidalgo Challenge



The Hidalgo Challenge tested cadets on land navigation, fire support, Soldier First Responder and urban operations during Cadet Field Training. The Challenge, and the task force of cadet cadre were both named in honor of 1st Lt. Daren Hidalgo, a Class of 2009 graduate, who was assigned to 3rd Squadron, 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment. Hidalgo deployed to Afghanistan and was killed in February from wounds suffered when insurgents attacked his unit using an improvised explosive device.

MIKE STRASSER/PV



## The Goeke Challenge

# Honoring a fallen West Pointer

Story and photos by Mike Strasser  
Assistant Editor

It has been a Cadet Basic Training tradition to test new cadets midway through with a skills competition, named in honor of a West Point graduate. The challenge held throughout West Point July 15 honored the service and sacrifice of 1st Lt. Christopher Goeke.

Right from the start of CBT, new cadets were introduced to the story of this Class of 2008 graduate who was killed in action nearly a year to the day of this challenge. Goeke had deployed to Afghanistan last July with the 1st Battalion, 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment from Fort Bragg, N.C. He was killed when insurgents attacked his unit with rifle, rocket propelled grenade and small arms fire.

"We're focusing on remembering him because he emulated everything a cadet hopes to be," Class of 2012 Cadet Angela Smith, the regimental commander for the first CBT detail, said.

The Goeke Challenge included strength and endurance tests throughout West Point, whether it was sprinting 193 steps to the press box at Michie Stadium, rowing across Lusk Reservoir on a Zodiac, or negotiating obstacles at Hayes Gymnasium. They were also tested on land navigation, Soldier First Responder training and response to a chemical attack among the many challenges.

Class of 2012 Cadet Brian Meese, the Cadet Basic Training Regimental S-3 during the first detail, navigated the entire course twice in two days and was certain it would be demanding but fun for the new cadets. The concept was not about any one squad winning the challenge, Meese said, but about fostering teamwork and building a sense of camaraderie among the new cadets by completing the challenge together.

"It's going to be demanding on all of them, and so they have to work well together as a team to get through it," Meese said.

The entire cadet cadre worked to create the challenge, with representatives from each company devising, coordinating and executing their lanes.

"We wanted to test them on all the skills we've trained the new cadets on, but with the emphasis on teamwork and building their confidence," Meese said. "We want them to understand the value of a team at West Point and in the Army."



Right from the start of Cadet Basic Training, new cadets were issued wristbands bearing the name of 1st Lt. Christopher Goeke and learned about the Class of 2008 graduate.



New cadets performed a series of carries, pushups and other tests of strength and endurance at Buffalo Soldier Field during the Goeke Challenge. Each squad also totaled a combined number of 508 flutter kicks in honor of 1st Lt. Christopher Goeke.

## Young athletes train at West Point Day Camp



(Above) Ethan Rabb, 10, executes a flip at the West Point Gymnastic Club Day Camp. (Right) Hope Sloanhoffer, a gymnastics counselor, helps Allison Hanus, 9, on the bars at the Lou Gross Gymnastics Center July 15 during the West Point Gymnastic Club's Gymnastics Day Camp. Children interested or experienced in gymnastics sharpened their skills as gymnasts.

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# FMWR Blurbs

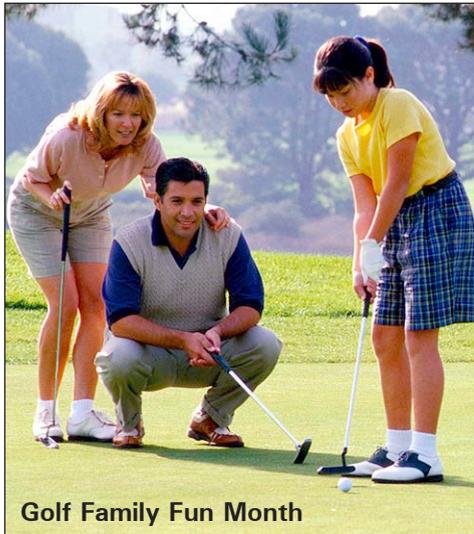
## Pottery Painting at Arts and Crafts

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

An Adult class will be held from 5:30-7:30 p.m. today.

A children's classes with parents are from 10 a.m.-noon Saturday.

For registration and fee information, call 938-4812 or register online at [westpointmwr.com](http://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.

There is a family fun afternoon special event Friday filled with children activities.

For more information, call 938-2435.

## Home Decor Painting at Arts and Crafts

Design your own wooden name plate.

An adult class will be held from 5:30-7:30 p.m. July 28.

A children's class with parents is from 10 a.m.-noon July 30.

For registration and fee information, call 938-4812 or register online at [westpointmwr.com](http://westpointmwr.com).

## 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.

## 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.

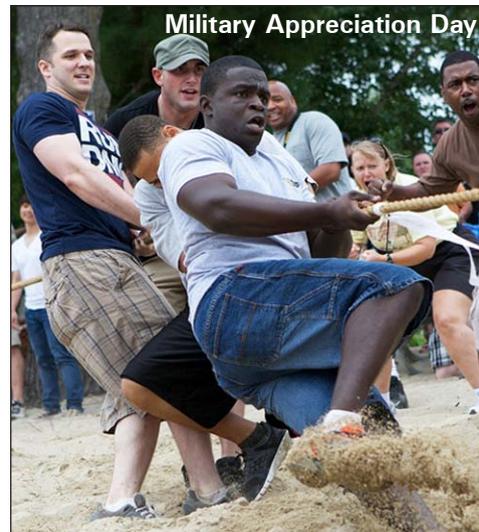
For more information, call 938-3727.

## 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 Services Bldg. 500.

Interested teens can contact Marion DeClemente at 938-8889 or email [marion.declemente@usma.edu](mailto:marion.declemente@usma.edu).



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](http://westpointmwr.com).

## 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.

## 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.

## 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](http://www.westpointmwr.com) or call 938-5158/8623.

## 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](http://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](http://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

## CYSS Youth Travel Soccer Program

West Point Youth Sports offers a youth travel soccer program for eligible participants.

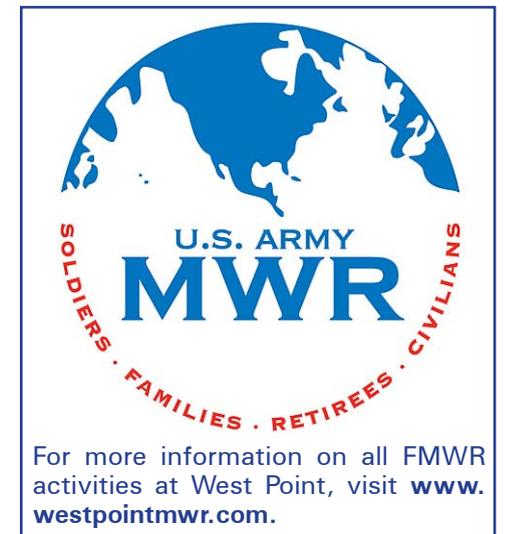
Travel soccer promotes and fosters a higher level of competition for youth players and provides a venue for them to refine and use skills against local teams in the Hudson Valley. Thorough skill evaluations will be administered before final team selection.

The youth travel soccer program is available for the following age groups: Girls U10, Girls U12, Boys U12 and Girls U14.

All participants must have a current CYSS membership and a physical that remains current for the duration of the season.

Registration began July 5 for military families and today for civilian families and concludes for everyone July 28.

For more information, call 938-3550/8896.



For more information on all FMWR activities at West Point, visit [www.westpointmwr.com](http://www.westpointmwr.com).

# What's Happening

## 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. tonight 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. Sunday. 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.

## 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—West Point Elementary School playground;
- Aug. 3—Biddle Loop playground.

For more information, call 446-5920 or email [twc8454465920@earthlink.net](mailto:twc8454465920@earthlink.net).

## 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 Tuesday with Hulen Willis at 938-8876.

## 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](mailto:Thomas.Gorman@usma.edu).

## 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.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:oliviawilliamsturner@yahoo.com) or 845-859-4955 or Debbie Gerber at [bsmomo6@gmail.com](mailto: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

### Monday Night Mixed Bowling League needs bowlers

The Monday Night Mixed Bowling League, a social league with a focus on fun, needs at least seven new bowlers to fill out its 10 teams.

You can sign up alone or with a partner as teams and individuals are needed. Teams comprise of four persons—two men and two women.

It is an adult, handicap league, so experience isn't required.

If you don't think you can commit to every week, but are interested in bowling sometimes, substitutes are also needed.

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

For more information, contact the League secretary, Paul Merritt, at 938-6239 or [Paul.Merritt@usma.edu](mailto:Paul.Merritt@usma.edu).

### Junior Black Knights Youth Football Equipment Day

The Junior Black Knights Youth Football League will have equipment day Monday at Fickens Field.

The schedule for teams to receive equipment will be worked around the weekly skills camp that JBK has been having every Monday through the summer.

The equipment pick up is as follows:

- Mighty Mites—4:30 p.m., then practice afterward;
- Division 1—5:15 p.m., then practice afterward;
- Division 2—6 p.m., then practice afterward;
- Division 3—Skills camp practice at 5 p.m., then equipment issue at 6:30 p.m.

Parents are reminded that only players who have a valid 2011 dated physical, or medical consent form, will be given equipment. JBK will also be accepting registration on Monday for any children who wish to sign up for football.

Please direct any questions to Ben Liotta at 845-558-5406, or visit [www.jrblackknights.com](http://www.jrblackknights.com).

There is also a need for volunteers to coach cheerleading. If you are able to help in anyway, contact Linda Green at 845-446-5615 or [JBKCheerleading@yahoo.com](mailto:JBKCheerleading@yahoo.com).

# Save at the pump Mon.-Wed.

By Alvaro Portilla  
Army & Air Force Exchange Service Public Affairs

In 1895, the War Department issued General Order 46 directing commanders to establish an Exchange at every post. Since then, Exchange associates have faithfully served alongside the servicemembers of the United States during peace and times of war.

Whether at West Point or Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan, they live the Exchange's motto, "We Go Where You Go."

Exactly 116 years later, the West Point Exchange is

marking the occasion offering 16-cents off per gallon of gas Monday-Wednesday when patrons use their Military Star® Card or Military Star® Rewards Card.

The 16-cent a gallon discount is above and beyond the everyday five-cent a gallon savings Military Star® cardholders enjoy when filling up at the Shopette Express.

The promotion is just the latest example of how the Exchange "pumps up" the discount even more during holidays and other special occasions.

"It is our way of saying thanks," the Exchange's General Manager Jonathan Bright said. "If it were not for the warfighters of the United States military, the Exchange would not be where it is today."

To apply for the Military Star® Card and Military Star® Rewards Card, log onto [www.shopmyexchange.com](http://www.shopmyexchange.com) and click the link to Exchange Credit Program or visit the customer service department at the West Point Exchange.

## Feds Feed Families continues

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

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

Collection boxes are located throughout West Point at:

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

For more information about the campaign, go to [www.fedsfeedfamilies.gov/](http://www.fedsfeedfamilies.gov/).

For answers to other questions, contact Christina Overstreet, Army Community Service, at 938-3655 or [christina.overstreet@usma.edu](mailto:christina.overstreet@usma.edu).

## 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.

See SUDOKU SOLUTION, Page 2  
Difficulty: Very Hard

## Keller Corner

### Additional School and Sports Physicals Available

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

This dedicated clinic is a mass school physical day and you can expect lines at the various stations. We are making every effort on this day to have your child see their Primary Care Manager. Additional individual appointments will continue to be offered through September.

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

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

### TRICARE and the New Baby

Newborns will be covered under TRICARE Prime, for the

first 60 days, as long as one other family member is enrolled in TRICARE Prime.

In order for your child to have continuous Prime coverage, a completed TRICARE Prime enrollment form must be received by Health Net Federal Services no later than 60 days after birth. If the child is not enrolled in Prime within 60 days of birth, the coverage will revert to TRICARE Standard/Extra on the 61st day.

If the enrollment is received after the 60th day, the child's enrollment effective date will follow the 20th of the following month.

DEERS registration determines TRICARE eligibility and does not enroll your child in TRICARE Prime.

Once you have registered your child in DEERS and you wish to continue TRICARE Prime coverage, you may visit the local TRICARE Service Center in Highland Falls to submit your TRICARE Prime enrollment application where it will be date stamped.

Newborns not enrolled in DEERS within the first 365 days of birth will lose all TRICARE eligibility on the 366th day.

The TRICARE Service Center is located at 273 Main Street, Highland Falls. Walk-in hours of operation are 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

## Command Channel 8/23

### July 21-28

(Broadcast times)

**Army Newswatch**

**Today, Friday and Monday through July 28**  
8:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

**The Point**

**Today, Friday and Monday through July 28**  
8 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 6 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.

• **National Night Out:** The National Night Out takes place from 3-6 p.m. Aug. 2 at the PX Parking Lot (H Lot).

The 28th annual NNO is a night of family fun while it brings Americans together to promote awareness, safety and neighborhood unity.

The NNO is of vital importance in police-community partnerships and citizen involvement in the fight to build a safer community.

There will be booths set up and prizes to win.

## NOW SHOWING

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

**Friday—Pirates of the Caribbean:**

**On Stranger Tides, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**

**Saturday—Kung Fu Panda 2, PG, 7:30 p.m.**

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

**July 30—Thor, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**

THE THEATER SCHEDULE ALSO CAN BE FOUND

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# Math, ODIA I take regular season titles

## Staff & Faculty Softball

### Playoffs as of Tuesday (three-game series)

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

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

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

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

### Final regular season records

#### NORTH DIVISION

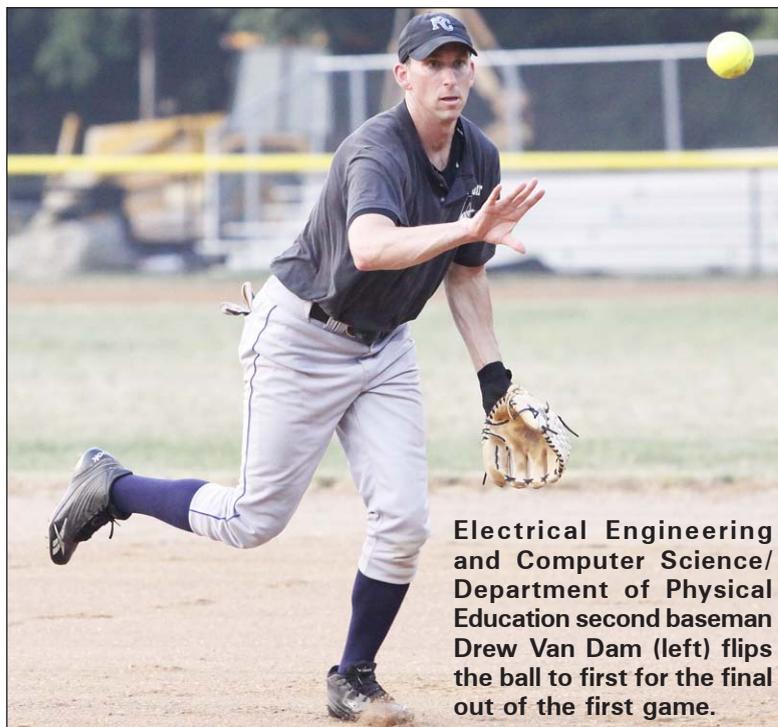
##### TEAMS

|                    |         |
|--------------------|---------|
| 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. EECS/DPE        | 14 - 6 |
| 3. BTD/BS&L        | 13 - 7 |
| 4. SYST. ENG.      | 9 - 11 |
| 5. CHEM./PHYS.     | 9 - 11 |
| 6. SOC. SCI./HIST. | 8 - 12 |
| 7. DMI             | 6 - 14 |



Electrical Engineering and Computer Science/Department of Physical Education second baseman Drew Van Dam (left) flips the ball to first for the final out of the first game.



EECS/DPE left fielder Devon Callahan hit a grand slam home run to give EECS/DPE a 9-5 lead in the fourth inning over the Department of Military Instruction Monday at the H Lot FMWR Softball Complex. EECS/DPE defeated DMI two games to none in the best-of-three series by the scores of 17-6 and 14-2 in the South Division quarterfinals.



Office of the Directorate of Intercollegiate Athletics 2 right-center fielder Rob Goldstein singles in a run to give his team a 7-0 lead in the second inning of Game 2 over Keller Army Community Hospital Monday at the H Lot FMWR Softball Complex. ODIA 2 swept KACH two games to none in the best-of-three series by the scores of 14-4 and 13-3 in the North Division quarterfinals.