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We're Back!

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Cadet Field Training concluded July 22 with the Run Back as more than 1,200 Class of 2014 cadets, CFT cadre, staff and faculty made the trek from Camp Buckner to West Point. See Pages 8-9 for CFT story, photos and results from the awards ceremony.

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“Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” repeal certified

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON—Based on recommendations from military leaders, President Barack Obama has certified to Congress that the U.S. armed forces are prepared for repeal of the “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” law.

There is a 60-day waiting period before the repeal goes into effect, so the law will officially come off the books Sept. 20, 2011. After that date, gay servicemembers can be open about their sexual orientation.

The president signed the certification and delivered it to Congress July 22.

Congress passed the repeal law in December.

The legislation gave the military time to prepare the force and said repeal would happen only after the president, the defense secretary and the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff certified the force as ready for repeal.

The Defense Department chartered a repeal implementation team to coordinate the necessary changes to policy and regulations and to provide education and training to servicemembers.

The team worked to ensure the smoothest

possible transition for the U.S. military to accommodate and implement this important and necessary change, Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta said.

“Today, as a result of strong leadership and proactive education throughout the force, we can take the next step in this process,” the secretary said. “The president, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and I have certified that the implementation of repeal of Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell is consistent with the standards of military readiness, military effectiveness, unit cohesion and recruiting and retention of the armed forces.”

Panetta said he believes the repeal is essential to the effectiveness of the all-volunteer force.

“All men and women who serve this nation in uniform—no matter their race, color, creed, religion or sexual orientation—do so with great dignity, bravery and dedication,” he said in a written statement on certification.

Panetta pledged to support a military free from personal, social or institutional barriers that prevent servicemembers from rising to the highest level of responsibility that their talents and capabilities warrant.

“They put their lives on the line for America, and that’s what really matters,”

he said. “Thanks to the professionalism and leadership of the U.S. military, we are closer to achieving the goal that is at the foundation of America—equality and dignity for all.”

The services put together training courses for the force and more than 1.9 million servicemembers have now received that training. DOD and service officials also looked at regulatory and legal changes that repeal entailed.

“I am comfortable that we have used the findings of the Comprehensive Review Working Group to mitigate areas of concern, and that we have developed the policy and regulations necessary for implementation—consistent with standards of military readiness, military effectiveness, unit cohesion and recruiting and retention,” Navy Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said in a written statement.

Certification is not the end of the road. The department, the services and the combatant commands must work “to train the remainder of the joint force, to monitor our performance as we do so, and to adjust policy where and when needed,” Mullen said.

The “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” law went into effect in 1993. It allowed gay and lesbian personnel to serve in the military as long

as they were not open about their sexual orientation.

On Feb. 2, 2010, Mullen testified to that Senate Armed Services Committee that he believed it was time to repeal the law.

“It is my personal belief that allowing gays and lesbians to serve openly would be the right thing to do,” Mullen told the senators.

“No matter how I look at the issue, I cannot escape being troubled by the fact that we have in place a policy which forces young men and women to lie about who they are in order to defend their fellow citizens. For me, personally, it comes down to integrity—theirs as individuals and ours as an institution,” he added.

Mullen said he believes Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines can handle the changes.

“My confidence in our ability to accomplish this work rests primarily on the fact that our people are capable, well-led and thoroughly professional,” he said in his written statement. “I have never served with finer men and women. They will, I am certain, carry out repeal and continue to serve this country with the same high standards and dignity that have defined the U.S. military throughout our history.”

Local Eagle Scout project needs your support

By Austin Orecchio
West Point Boy Scout Troop 23

The Holy Innocents Church playground has been used by the children of Highland Falls since 1994, but, lately, it has seen better days.

The playground, resting outside the Holy Innocents Church on Main Street, Highland Falls, was purchased through donations and has survived wear and tear largely due to outside help.

The rough Hudson Valley winters and the rain run-off from Storm King Mountain have worn the playground to a point where it demands a retouch.

I’ve been working on a project to turn the playground’s weathered wood into the bright and colorful jungle gym it once was. The project entails the removal of old fencing, reinstallation of new fencing, removal and replacement of mulch and a full paint job on the playground as well as an addition of four new gates for easy access.

This project is no ordinary project though—it’s an Eagle Project. An Eagle Project is the Boy Scouts final test for true leadership and planning. I’ve planned this project on my own, from the fundraising to its execution, and had it approved before a rigid Board of Advisors.

It’s slated to be finished by the end of the summer.

I’ve been relying on church donations, car washes, outside organizations and individual donations to raise money for the project. So

remember, keep your eyes peeled around town for signs with information on the latest car wash.

For more information about the project, contact me at orecchioa@hotmail.com or call (845) 729-5647.

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(Left) Two West Point emergency responders escort a simulated casualty through a hasty decontamination station at North Dock during the annual Emergency Preparedness Exercise July 21. (Above) Community members gathered at the Family Assistance Center inside the Army Community Service building July 20 to receive assistance and information related to the incident.

Mock incident tests West Point readiness

Story and photos by Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor

At times it seemed almost too real. West Point community members cried out for help as fire and emergency personnel moved purposefully to neutralize a hazardous material spill. Toxic chemicals gushed and flames erupted as first responders donned protective gear and moved casualties to safety.

Thankfully, it wasn't real. But during the emergency preparedness exercise July 21—amidst the smoke, fire and water hoses blasting the North Dock area—Acting Fire Chief Thomas Acacia allowed himself to crack a brief smile.

"I actually smiled during the exercise when I saw a woman and her infant come through our decontamination corridor," Acacia admitted. "It's not very often you will see an incident commander smile during a real event or an exercise, but when I saw the baby, a vision of my daughter flashed into my mind. It really solidified for me the importance of our jobs and why we chose this profession."

That smile may never have transpired if he wasn't already pleased by what he saw.

"I was extremely impressed with our response, tactical decisions and mitigation activities," Acacia said. "Since this was a training event, I had several key positions at the top of the Incident Management Team filled by personnel who were performing at a level which exceeds their current positions. I was extremely impressed with their decisions and the strategies they employed. The depth of knowledge and experience throughout the ranks of the Fire Department was showcased yesterday and I am extremely proud of all my guys and the professionalism they demonstrated."

The exercise conducted from July 18-21, dubbed Dragon-Slayer 2011, demonstrated many examples of professionalism for West Point and the local, county and state agencies participating.

These agencies included ambulances from Tuxedo, Warwick, Woodbury, Cornwall, Town of Newburgh, Mobile Life and Orange County EMS; fire support from Picatinny Arsenal, N.J., with Hazmat; and police support from the New York State Police. Mutual-aid partners in Highland Falls, Fort Montgomery and Cornwall-on-Hudson provided

Exercise, Exercise, Exercise ...

Dragon-Slayer 2011 was a multi-event full-scale emergency preparedness exercise conducted the week of July 18-21 to evaluate aspects of West Point's force protection posture. The exercise consisted of:

- Intelligence indications and warning messages to provide decision-makers a basis for assessing and acting on potential threats that could affect the safety and security of lives and facilities at West Point;
- Community awareness and preparedness programs to inform and engage the West Point community;
- Implementation of Random Antiterrorism Measures to arouse the attention and support of the community in implementing aspects of the installation's force protection program;
- Implementation of the Barrier Plan to assess critical infrastructure protection measures and costs, including their impact on installation operations;
- A simulated emergency event—with response and consequence management activities occurring over a two-day period—to evaluate the installation's capability to manage a notional train derailment that results in a release of hazardous materials and mass casualties.

back up support.

"West Point's success is attributed in part to the outstanding support these agencies give us," Acacia said. "As for the fire department, we continually train with different agencies to include federal assets and our neighbors from Orange County, as well as the surrounding counties, to collectively hone our skills. Every agency has their strengths and weaknesses, and through joint venture training events such as this exercise, we all learn from each other so the end state yields a more prepared first responder team."

Christopher Hennen, West Point's plans officer, said coordination and communication are essential elements of an effective, efficient emergency response.

"Operators will insist that communications reliability and redundancy are among the most troubling aspects of emergency management," Hennen said. "Yet there's no simple solution or 'silver bullet' to solve the communications



problems that plague responders. Radios and cell phones are temperamental creatures; they malfunction at the most inopportune times. That said, the importance West Point emergency response professionals place on multi-agency, multi-jurisdictional training and interoperability have enabled them to respond quickly, capably and cooperatively to a range of natural and man-made hazards. That was demonstrated yesterday."

Hennen said there was much to be pleased with but still more work needs to be done. The After Action Report and Improvement Plan will shape the development of the subsequent emergency training and exercise plan, while the installation's Emergency Management Working Group will track progress on the resolution of all substantive exercise deficiencies.

"This should result in a more informed, more capable and more confident team of responders," Hennen said.

USMAPS dining facility open to West Point Soldiers

Priority remains on cadet candidates, but starting Aug. 8, DFAC will include service to active duty

Submitted by West Point Directorate of Logistics

The newly-constructed U.S. Army Garrison West Point Dining Facility at the U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School opened its doors for its first meal July 7.

The DFAC doors will soon open to West Point Soldiers as well and will provide Army-style dining with reasonable meal rates.

Current operations will focus exclusively on the USMAPS cadet candidates, the U.S. Corps of Cadets leadership cadre who are leading the cadet candidates through summer training and the USMAPS staff members, both military and civilian.

Plans approved and in place provide for opening DFAC use to all other authorized customers, focused on West Point Soldiers, starting with breakfast Aug. 8.

The first hour of each meal period is reserved exclusively for the total USMAPS population to ensure they get properly fed so they can meet their demanding academic, athletic and developmental schedules.

Meals for all other users are slated for 7-8 a.m. for breakfast, noon-1 p.m. for lunch, and 6:15-7 p.m. for dinner on weekdays.

All members seeking to use the facility are asked to abide by these hours to avoid potential conflict with USMAPS scheduling. Weekend hours are 7-8:30 a.m. for breakfast,

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. for lunch, and 5:30-7 p.m. for dinner for all customers, including USMAPS.

All single Soldiers issued a "meal card" by their unit will simply sign a headcount sheet, provide their card to the headcount person and then proceed to the serving line without charge as they are in the category of subsistence in kind.

All other customers, without exception, will sign the headcount sheet and pay the standard Department of Defense meal rate.

This rate is published annually by DOD and applies to all services, all appropriated fund dining facilities and all patrons who are not meal card holders.

Current rates are \$2.30 for breakfast and \$4.25 for lunch or dinner.

Such an option for Soldiers has not been available since the closure of the former "Jungle" DFAC several years ago. The "Jungle" closure generated an annual taxpayer savings of approximately \$750,000 per year. It also removed any on-post dining possibility for the small number of remaining single Soldiers who were placed on a separate rations allowance.

Col. Tyge Rugenstein, the USMAPS commandant, was accorded the historical honor of being the first to sign the headcount sheet and pay the standard DOD meal rate as the first customer for the very first meal in



The dining facility on the campus of the U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School opened for business July 7 for cadet candidates, USMAPS staff and the West Point cadet cadre leading summer training. West Point Soldiers will be able to dine at the new facility beginning Aug. 8.

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the facility. Rugenstein has been a key driver in the design and construction of the facility over several years.

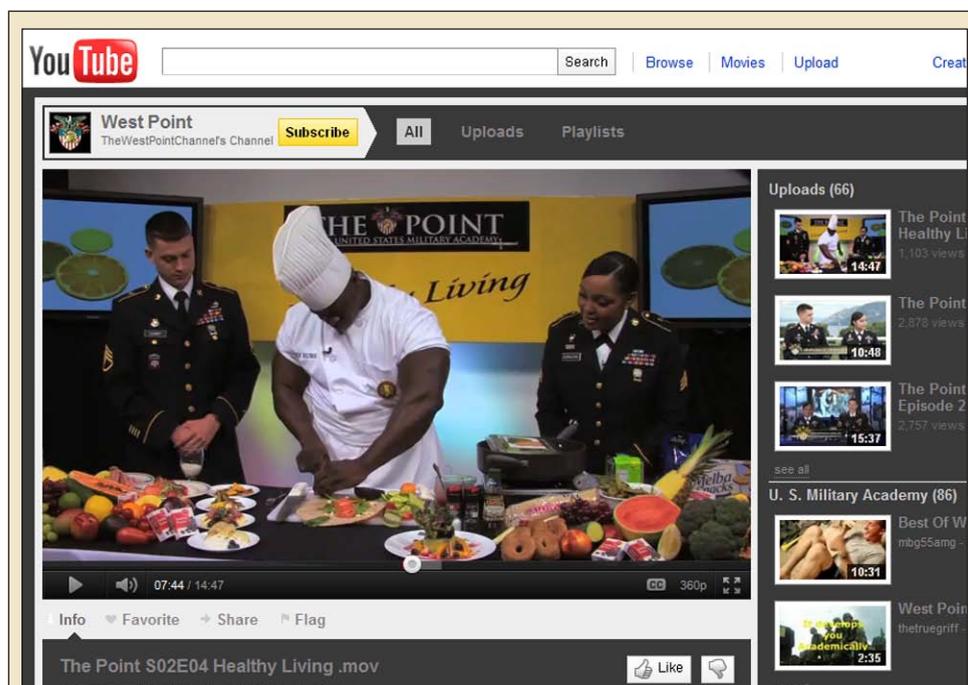
George Witenko, the Directorate of Logistics' installation food service advisor, has spent several years participating in the design, construction, operational planning, contracting and devising food supply and material processes and said he was very satisfied with the initial results.

The new DFAC is expected to become the cadet candidates' personal "kitchen" in short order as they progress through the nearly one-year course in anticipation of being accepted as new cadets in the Corps of

Cadets as their goal.

Col. Mike Tarsa, West Point Garrison commander, said that the USAG facility has also been made available to service other West Point Soldiers, including those from the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, the Military Police Company and Warrior Transition Unit.

The newly published USAG West Point Policy Number 27, USAG DFAC Operating Policy, signed by Tarsa June 24 makes clear the priority of effort goes to USMAPS, but equally establishes full consideration in feeding operations afforded to all the other Soldiers based at the academy.



"The Point" features Army culinarian

Anchors Sgt. Alexandria Corneiro and Staff Sgt. Matthew Leary explore healthy foods with special guest Sgt. 1st Class Andre Rush. Rush is the former senior enlisted aide to the superintendent and has earned several awards throughout his Army career while competing at the annual Culinary Arts Competition for military chefs.

"The Point" is a regular program produced by the West Point Public Affairs Office. Episodes are available online at www.youtube.com/user/TheWestPointChannel.

CSF-PREP provides mental strength training for West Point Garrison

Submitted by U.S. Army Garrison West Point

The Comprehensive Soldier Fitness-Performance and Resilience Enhancement Program conducted a resilience training session July 11 for 480 West Point garrison employees.

The employees attended a two-hour session on energy management with an introduction to goal setting. Led by local CSF-PREP Performance Enhancement Specialists Dr. Todd Ryska, Dr. Greta Raaen and Megan Helf, the training marked the first session in a quarterly effort to work with the USAG workforce.

The purpose of the training was to provide the garrison workforce with healthy coping mechanisms to help them perform at their best when it matters most.

“We wanted the garrison employees to realize that this training does not only pertain to their lives at work, but can carry over into their personal lives as well,” Helf said. “CSF-PREP teaches skills that are transferrable across many areas and time periods in one’s life.”

CSF-PREP education and training is rooted in sport and performance psychology and applies tactics and

techniques from more than half a century of scientific research and best practices.

CSF-PREP trainers operationalize the material and training for the military to take Soldiers’ performance to the next level. Trainers work with Soldiers, family members and Department of the Army civilians in groups and one-on-one to assist them in setting goals, building confidence, focusing their attention, managing their energy and integrating imagery into their lives.

The CSF-PREP tailors its delivery to meet the needs of a wide spectrum of Army organizations and populations.

Currently, there are 11 CSF-PREP sites across the Army with approximately 100 staff members. All trainers hold a master’s or doctoral degree in the areas of performance and sport psychology.

“There are normal stressors that come with every aspect of an individual’s life,” Helf said. “Not all stress is bad, but the key is having the skills to thrive, not just survive, in times of adversity. Learning the skills and practicing them with frequency, intensity and time will increase mental fitness and strength.”

—In Memoriam—



IMAGE TAKEN FROM FACEBOOK PROFILE

New Cadet Jacob Bower died July 21 while participating in a land navigation exercise in the vicinity of Camp Buckner. Bower, 18, of Fairmont, W.Va., was found unresponsive and immediate attempts to revive him at the scene were unsuccessful. The incident and cause of death are under investigation.

Bower, a member of the Class of 2015, completed the first part of Cadet Basic Training in good standing. He was a highly qualified applicant, a three-sport athlete, a member of the National Honor Society and had participated in West Virginia Boys State (a summer leadership program) while attending East Fairmont High School in Fairmont.

Visitation is scheduled today, 1-8 p.m., at Domico Funeral Home in Fairmont, W.Va. Funeral services will be held at East Fairmont High School at 11 a.m. Friday. Interment will be at the Bowers’ home immediately following the funeral.

“Jacob was a wonderful, promising young leader, and we will not forget him,” Lt. Gen. David H. Huntoon Jr., West Point superintendent, said.

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Enterprising experience for two cadets in Africa

Submitted by the Network Science Center

West Point's Network Science Center sponsored Class of 2012 Cadet Madelyne Serrano and Class of 2013 Cadet Nick Kern on a data collection trip to Ghana, Africa, in June.

The cadets were accompanied by Dan Evans, the Center's deputy director; Col. John Nelson, Department of English and Philosophy; and Maj. Tom Hanlon, Department of Geography and Environmental Engineering.

During their eight days in Accra, Ghana's capital city, the cadets studied how local entrepreneurs operate their small and medium enterprises in a frontier capital market. They spent time with five local entrepreneurs, interviewing them and observing how they responded to government, cultural and market variables.

They investigated the ways in which these entrepreneurs developed their business plans, sought funding for startup and maintenance costs and planned to broaden their existing customer base.

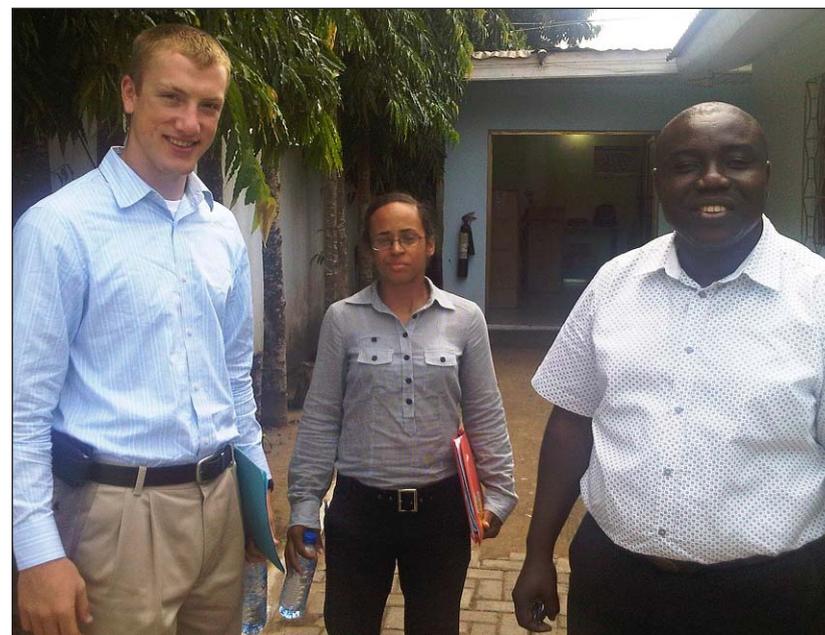
The enterprises visited by Serrano and Kern specialize in such varied areas as human resources, roadside billboards, network call centers, automated streamlining of existing business practices and architectural appliances. Serrano and Kern also

interviewed nearly 30 local Ghanaians about how their social connections—family, friends and acquaintances—enhance their access to the local economy and power structure. The Ghanaian data collection trip is part of a larger ongoing project sponsored by the Network Science Center that is developing network classification models of frontier capital markets.

"This trip really helped us uncover the networking required of a Ghanaian entrepreneur to succeed in a market full of cultural challenges," Kern, a native of Dayton, Ohio, said.

When the cadets weren't studying the burgeoning Ghanaian economy, they immersed themselves in the area's numerous historical and cultural sites, to include the famous Cape Coast Castle, the Kakum National Park, the W.E.B. Dubois Memorial Centre for Pan-African Culture, the Kwame Nkrumah Mausoleum and the bustling Makola Market. Serrano, a New York City native, particularly enjoyed her experiences bargaining with street vendors, deciphering the indigenous languages and partaking in the Ghanaian cuisine.

The weeklong trip provided these cadets a rewarding academic experience, a rich cultural immersion and a fascinating insight into the functioning of small and medium enterprises.



Class of 2013 Cadet Nick Kern and Class of 2012 Cadet Madelyne Serrano spent eight days in Ghana, Africa, studying entrepreneurship in a frontier capital market. The cadets returned to West Point with a better understanding of the Ghanaian economy as well as a broader cultural and historical understanding of the country. COURTESY PHOTO



Pictured above are Dr. Joshua Enslin, assistant professor of Portuguese; Lt. Col. Carlos Frederico Gomes Cinelli, Brazilian exchange officer; and nine Brazilian exchange cadets as they prepare to go to Camp Buckner for Cadet Field Training.

COURTESY PHOTO

Cadets explore as Brazil makes headlines

By Dr. Christine Giacalone
Department of Foreign Languages

Brazil has been in the media quite a bit lately. Recently the country elected its first female president. Weeks ago, the U.S. and Brazilian women's soccer teams played a match watched by millions; and all of the world anticipates the future World Cup and Olympic games that will take place there in a few years.

The whole world seems to have caught Brazil fever in preparation for the excitement and the same holds true here at West Point.

The Portuguese section of the Department of Foreign Languages has had an eventful summer thus far with regards to Brazil. The summer academic trip to Brazil, which has become somewhat of a tradition, again provided a way to live the language and culture for three weeks.

In late May, 10 cadets embarked on a journey throughout the five regions of Brazil, led by Maj. David Fagergren and Dr. Christopher Lewis.

"For the cadets, the highlights were definitely hunting for alligators, fishing piranhas and swimming with the dolphins in the Amazon, but they also enjoyed petting the ocelot in Manaus, visiting Iguacu Falls, sand boarding in Florianopolis and—of course—getting to know the beaches of Rio," Lewis said.

Foremost, while experiencing culture abroad, the cadets had several academic components to address on the trip. Recording their daily experiences in a journal, cadets wrote in Portuguese and a great improvement in their writing occurred from the beginning to the end of the trip.

Cadets also made formal presentations of gifts to officers and asked and answered questions during briefings in the target language. The academic trip culminated with a reflection paper submitted to their instructor.

In addition to the academic and cultural components of the trip, there were several opportunities to learn about the Brazilian military. In each of the six cities cadets visited, there was a military component. In Manaus, cadets became more familiar with the world famous jungle school there. Cadets also were greeted by the military police in Brasilia, the Light Infantry Battalion in Foz de Iguacu and the Infantry

Brigade in Florianopolis.

In Sao Paulo, cadets spent a few days with Brazilian ROTC cadets, also visiting the academy prep school. Before returning to the United States, they spent a day at AMAN, the Brazilian Military Academy, as well as the Brazilian Army Language School in Rio.

This summer, West Point welcomes Lt. Col. Carlos Frederico Gomes Cinelli, the new Brazilian exchange officer, who will spend two years at West Point. He is joined by his wife Maria Luiza and two children, Lucas and Lis. His wife has a doctorate in education and is going to be a visiting professor at the University of British Columbia in Canada.

Cinelli is an infantry officer who was born in Rio de Janeiro, has a background in military intelligence and attended the Infantry Captains Career Course in 2002. He also studied Law of Armed Conflicts, has participated in a U.N. Peacekeeping Mission to Angola and has been an instructor at the Army Command and General Staff College in Brazil, teaching Military Strategy and LOAC.

This summer also marks the reception of seven cadets from the National Military Academy at Agulhas Negras. Raphael Henrique Rocha Da Costa, Elisio Jatai Cavalcanti Mota Neto, Terence Farias Luz, Davi Democris, Virgilio Fontes Neto, Leandro Martins Parra and Gabriel Espindola Queiroz Pereira all spent time at Camp Buckner.

They participated in Cadet Field Training, will make cultural visits in New York and Washington, D.C., and will serve as a resource in the Portuguese classroom until the beginning of September.

DFL also welcomes Cadets Jackson Miguel Monteiro de Barros Machado and Clara Luz de Souza Santos from the Brazilian Military Institute in Rio de Janeiro.

These cadets arrived in late June for CFT and will participate in the first ever semester exchange of Brazilian cadets at West Point.

The cultural, military and academic exchange components of these exchanges will assist in fostering a greater understanding of each others' countries for a lifetime, and, of course, in the tradition of friendly competition between both countries, the Portuguese Language Club will host a soccer game for these cadets before they depart, engaging in some camaraderie on the playing field.

Constitution Island hosts Garden Day Saturday

Submitted by Constitution Island

What do the Army mules and gardening have in common?

Find out as West Point's Constitution Island and the Constitution Island Association celebrate Garden Day from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday. Stroll through the award winning Anna Warner Gardens and discuss gardening topics with local Hudson Valley experts.



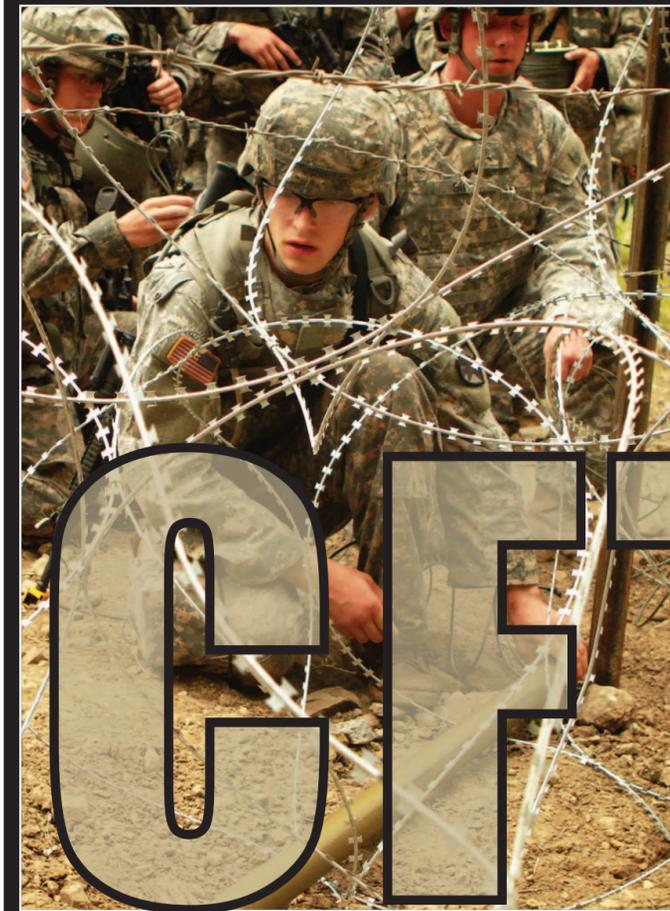
Guided history tours of the lower Revolutionary War batteries (easy to moderate walking) will be available all day or hike to the higher redoubts (moderate to difficult walking) escorted by West Point Department of History experts, who will discuss the significance of General George Washington's decision to fortify the Hudson River at Fort Constitution.

The Army mules will be on location for all to enjoy. They enjoy carrots, apples and mint candy and a supply will be handy for the children to share with the mules. (The mules are child friendly.)

Chalet on the Hudson will have food and drinks available. Boats will depart West Point South Dock every hour on the half hour starting at 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. (reservations not required).

Donations are welcome. Cadets are welcome.

For further information, call the Constitution Island Association at 446-8676.



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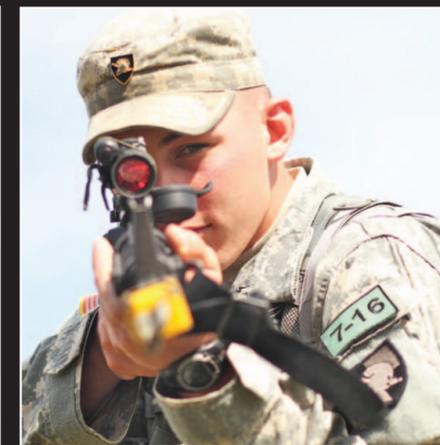
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Class of 2014 rises to challenge

By Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor

The promotion to yearling and the cadet rank of corporal did not come easy for the Class of 2014. By all accounts, this summer's Cadet Field Training proved to be one of the toughest ever. Perhaps Class of 2012 Cadet Charles Phelps, the CFT regimental commander, said it best when he addressed the new members of the cadet noncommissioned officer corps following the Run Back July 22.

"If you all remember that first day at Camp Buckner we met on the parade field out there and I said a couple of things. I said you would spend more nights in the field than any Buckner in the past decade; I said you would ruck march more miles than any Buckner in the past decade; and I said you would take part in training that has never been done before in CFT history. And all that is true," Phelps said.

Ask any cadet in the Class of 2014 coming out of Camp Buckner how they persevered through CFT and two words are indubitably mentioned: motivation and teamwork. Like the motivation Class of 2014 Cadet Scott Williams displayed while hanging from a wire 25 feet above Lake Popolopen, reciting this season's Army Football game schedule.

"That was all about motivation and being enthusiastic about the training," he said after taking the plunge at the Water Confidence Course.

Or when Class of 2014 Cadet Michael Janowski had just received the best Team Leader Medallion and the Simon B. Buckner Medal and Plaque during the CFT Awards Ceremony July 22. Rather than explain what he did during summer training to be recognized as a standout leader, Janowski acknowledged being part of a class of leaders.

"To me this is like accepting an award for all of us; showing all of our accomplishments," Janowski, 3rd Company, said. "This whole Class

of 2014 is incredible and I know we'll be great leaders."

Cadets had much to struggle with out in the field, but they never did it alone.

"There were some bad times ... but you get so close to those 10 people in your squad that no matter how bad it got you had those 10 friends to help you through," Janowski said. "So I didn't think it was a bad experience at all. I knew nobody coming into my squad, but now they're my best friends in the world."

He admitted that after rucking countless miles, spending nights on patrol or getting ambushed and moving from one training lane after another—marksmanship, combatives, live-fire urban operations, branch orientation, land navigation, the culminating field exercise and so on—the training takes a physical and mental toll on a person.

"It came down to staying motivated and being mentally tough through it all," Janowski said.

Squad members can offer support in many ways, but CFT also tests the individual's skills and fitness. How does a cadet get through a day starting with a 10K ruck march, followed by an uncompromising excursion through an obstacle course and then a four-hour block of combatives training? Class of 2012 Cadet Anthony Davila, 1st Company commander, said even when surrounded by a squad, sometimes it is all about personal fortitude.

"Teamwork is a big thing, and it's important to spot each other," Davila said. "But a lot of the training depends on individual fitness, mental toughness and confidence."

As 4th Platoon Leader in 7th Company, Class of 2012 Cadet Benjamin Johnson hoped his leadership style would instill confidence in the yearlings.

"Not everybody is going to go infantry or become a Ranger or Sapper,

but every single one of them will be a Soldier who knows how to properly fire a weapon, read a map, plan and conduct a raid ... that's what we teach at CFT," Johnson said. "We're just helping them find that confidence in their ability to be a Soldier and confidence in their ability to be a team leader."

Phelps said the cadet cadre gets as much as they give, if not more, from this summer training. Of the 250 upperclass cadets in the CFT cadre, 63 of them arrived to the Leader Training Program after completing their own summer training at Cadet Leader Development Training. More than nine consecutive weeks of field training proved the resiliency of these leaders, Phelps said.

"It starts to wear on leadership as time goes on, but we've seen the chain of command out here is extremely tough and willing to take on any challenge," the CFT commander said.

With the exception of the engineer and fire support training, which required the expertise of the active-duty task force to oversee, the cadet cadre took ownership of training the yearlings.

"It was completely planned, executed and resourced by the cadet chain of command," Phelps said. "The individual squad leader is the primary trainer for that squad and there's a huge amount of responsibility that comes with that."

Some would think cadets would be hard-pressed to admit their own training wasn't as difficult as what their colleagues experience. Phelps and others say it with pride.

"It really is like a badge of honor for us because we are the ones who designed and executed it that way," Phelps said. "CFT and summer training as a whole has progressed to being more difficult as a result of the philosophy of outcomes based training. Training in general is going to be more advanced than what was experienced before."

Johnson cited the live-fire operation as one of the new components of CFT and the long-distance land navigation course at Harriman State Park.

"We gave them 17 kilometers of points to go through and it wasn't self-correcting at all; they just had to get to the point and verify themselves if they were at the right spot," Johnson said. "It was really challenging, but they did it well. This kind of tough training will make them that much more confident in their abilities."

To put it simply, the mission of CFT is to put yearlings in the mindset to lead, according to the 7th Company's first sergeant, Class of 2013 Cadet Michael Gillin. Just as he had been elevated from leading one cadet last year to 192 this summer, the training empowers the rising yearlings to develop their own leadership skills.

"My big emphasis is to give them a reason for being here," Gillin said. "If we ask them to be team leaders, it's more than just giving them a title. It's a real job they must perform."

Class of 2014 Cadet Alec Carrier got a taste of peer leadership during urban operations with 1st Squad, 1st Platoon, 1st Company.

"It's hard because you're a member of the squad with them. But then you have to step up to that role of team leader and actually take charge when just the day before you were just another squad member. It can be challenging."

Plebes no more, the Class of 2014 spent their first year at West Point taking care of themselves. Having earned the yuk bar on their uniform, they must now extend that care to others.

"It wasn't that long ago when I was in the same situation the new cadets are in now," Carrier said. "Now there's a lot of thoughts running through my mind about how I can make their experience better. I think I have some great ideas about how to help my plebe and make this experience as beneficial as possible."

Cadet Field Training Awards

Best Team Leader Medallion:

Class of 2014 Cadets Dylan Doty, Brad Neaton, Michael Janowski, Andrew Ashton, Alexander Roy, Wil Brown, Jeffrey Lesmeister and Eric Bullock

Simon B. Buckner Medal and Plaque

Class of 2014 Cadet Michael Janowski

Best Squad Leader Medallion

Class of 2013 Cadets Aaron Lee, Billy Schmidt, Seth Merrigan, Everett Benson, John Buckley, Joshua Bounds, Zack Watts and Schuyler VanBuren

Sergeant Major's Award

Class of 2013 Cadet Michael Gillin

1st Lt. Daren Hidalgo Memorial Award

Class of 2012 Cadet Andrew Rodriguez

Commandant's Plaque

Class of 2012 Cadet Anthony Davila

Superintendent's Plaque

Class of 2014 Cadet Alexander Canacci

Sean Knott Memorial Award

Class of 2014 Cadet Kendrick Ladd

Best Recondo

Class of 2014 Cadets John Belanger and Elaine Gill

Recondo Platoon and Squad Awards

Class of 2012 Cadets Justin Volk and Andrew Borrebach

Best Recondo Company

1st Company

Fire Support

6th Company

Engineering

2nd Company

Land Navigation

1st Company

Sergeant Major Streamer

4th Company

New York National Guard Trophy

6th Company



The cadets assigned to 6th Company during Cadet Field Training earned the New York National Guard Trophy and the Fire Support Award at a ceremony July 21 at Camp Buckner.

MIKE STRASSER/PV

Cadet trio travels to Kenya for medical research activities

Story and photos submitted by
the Department of Chemistry and Life Science

For the past three years, the Department of Chemistry and Life Science has sponsored an Advanced Individual Academic Development summer opportunity for cadets wishing to gain a deeper understanding of sub-Saharan Africa.

This year, Class of 2012 Cadets Anna Stein, Luke Pittman and Salvatore Parascandola made the trip. All three are Life Science majors and aspire to be U.S. Army medical doctors.

The purpose of this educational trip was to expose the cadets to three weeks in Kenya and provide them with regional expertise, cultural awareness and a basic background in the Swahili language. All three of these activities were conducted within the overall framework of gaining a better understanding of U.S. Army medical research activities within Kenya.

The sponsoring unit in Kenya is the U.S. Army Medical Research Unit-Kenya. USAMRU-K is a special foreign activity of the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, Washington, D.C. The mission of USAMRU-K is to develop and test improved means for predicting, detecting, preventing and treating infectious disease threats to military and civilians in East Africa.

The trip began with the cadets and their faculty sponsor, Lance Richardson, staff microbiologist from C&LS, departing from Newark, N.J., for the long flight to Kenya. The time in Nairobi was brief, but in the three days there, the cadets visited the U.S. Embassy for their required briefings, visited the National Influenza Laboratory and the Viral Hemorrhagic Fever Laboratory.

They also managed to fit in a trip to the Giraffe Manor, a conservation park focused on educating the public about the importance of preserving the animals of Kenya, and visited the baby elephants at The Nairobi National Park. From Nairobi the trip

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Class of 2012 Cadets Salvatore Parascandola, Luke Pittman and Anna Stein visit Kisumu, Kenya, during their Advanced Individual Academic Development trip to the sub-Saharan Africa region in June. All three Life Science majors aspire to become U.S. Army medical doctors.

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moved to Kericho, located on the western edge of the southern Rift Valley.

This is the center of USAMRU-K's HIV research in Kenya, located in the center of Kenya's tea growing region. The clinical research center has state-of-the-art equipment and is staffed by exceptional Kenyan technicians and doctors working in the area of HIV research. The cadets were able to tour this facility and gained a better understanding of the requirements and standards required for conducting medical research in a clinical environment.

They visited the local Kericho District Hospital and saw the challenges faced by the Kenyan medical community after meeting many Kenyan health care professionals doing amazing things with limited resources.

While in Kericho, cadets also spent time working alongside Kenyan laboratory technicians learning microbiology techniques in the Microbiology Hub.

The cadets were able to get hands on training and experience performing many microbiological techniques that will help them when they are in their microbiology course during the fall semester.

From Kericho the trip moved two hours west to Kisumu on the shores of Lake Victoria. Kisumu is the center of USAMRU-K's malaria research.

It is also the headquarters for research into insect-borne diseases. The cadets were able to spend the first two days working with the entomology section. They learned how to trap and identify mosquitoes, the vector of malaria, and sand flies, the vectors of leishmaniasis. They also learned various laboratory techniques for the mounting and preserving of these organisms.

Time was also spent with the Kenyan technicians at the Malaria Drug Resistance laboratory and Center of Excellence for Malaria Diagnostics learning how to identify malaria parasites on blood smear slides.

They toured the Clinical Trial Center at Kombewe along with the Kombewa District Hospital. The Phase 3 clinical trials currently being conducted may possibly lead to the first vaccine for the prevention of malaria. This will hopefully save the lives of millions of children each year that would otherwise die of malaria.

There were also trips to the National Museum of Kenya in Nairobi and Kisumu, a trip to the Lake Nakuru National Park to see the wild animals and an ecology trip on Lake Victoria.



West Point cadets visit a microbiology laboratory in Kericho, located on the western edge of the southern Rift Valley in Kenya. The three Life Science majors spent nearly three weeks learning about U.S. Army medical research activities during the Advanced Individual Academic Development trip to the sub-Sahara Africa in June.

FMWR Blurbs

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 for military families and civilian families concludes today.

For more information, call 938-3550/8896.

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.

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

The new policy will go into effect Monday 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.

CYSS fall sports program registration

Child, Youth and School Services fall sports registration is ongoing for military family members and begins Monday for civilians.

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

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.

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 from the various ACS programs to include AFTB, ID Theft and a school transition workshop for parents.

For more information, call 938-4621/2519.

American Red Cross

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

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

Call toll free at 877-272-7337.

West Point volunteer opportunities

Do you want to get involved at West Point? The perfect volunteer opportunity is waiting for you.

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

NEW INFO

Two-Person golf team championship

Come out to the West Point Golf Course from 7-7:45 a.m. Saturday to register for an 8 a.m. tee time start.

This tournament is a two-day team total score, gross and net six-hole scramble, six-hole best ball, six-hole alternative shot per round held Saturday and Sunday.

For more information, call the Pro Shop

at 938-2435.

August hours of operation for FMWR Community Swim Program

The FMWR community noontime lap swim program for August will be held from noon-1:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday at the Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center.

During the weeks of Aug. 1 and 8, the program will be conducted in the Cadet Intramural Pool.

The program will then switch back to Crandall Pool starting Aug. 15.

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

CYSS auditions for the MCT production of "The Jungle Book"

The Missoula Children's Theater is coming to West Point CYSS. Auditions for the MCT production of "The Jungle Book" will be held from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Aug. 8 at the West Point Middle School Gymnasium.

There are roles available for students entering 1-12 grades.

There is no guarantee that everyone who auditions will be cast in the play.

For more information, call the Lee CDC at 938-8893.

Mongolian Barbecue at the West Point Club

The West Point Club invites you to a Mongolian Barbecue from 5-7 p.m. Aug. 19.

Choose from a selection of beef, turkey, pork, shrimp and fresh vegetables, sauces and spices. Also check out its Asian-themed beverages.

For more information, call 938-5120.

USAG Golf Scramble

Come out to the West Point Golf Course for a 1 p.m. shotgun start Aug. 25. This is a four-person team scramble tournament open to all garrison Soldiers and employees, as well as the West Point community.

USAG Soldiers and employees can have up to three guests on their team. Fee includes golf cart, prizes and an afternoon barbecue. Greens fees are not included.

Register from 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Aug. 25. To sign up, call the Pro Shop at 938-2435.

CYSS Summer Boat Ride

If you are entering 9th grade at O'Neill High School, join us for a Hudson River Boat Ride featuring dancing and games.

The boat ride is from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Aug. 26. Boarding begins at South Dock at 1 p.m.

A permission slip is required. The slip can be turned in at O'Neill's orientation or on the day of the boat ride.

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

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

For more information, call 938-8897.



Kids Bike Rodeo

Kids Bike Rodeo

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

Learn all aspects of bicycle safety and security. It is open to all West Point, Town of Highlands and DOD civilian children ages 5-12.

For more information, call 938-0249/4585.

Christmas in August

Celebrate Christmas in August at the West Point Club from noon-5 p.m. Aug. 28 in the Grand Ballroom.

Have your picture taken with Santa, purchase gifts from the many crafters present and then enjoy indoor skating at Tate Rink.

For more information, call 938-5120.

Hired! Program

Teens ages 15-18 who are interested in working and meet the Hired! Program requirements can earn \$500 for working 15 hours a week for 12 consecutive weeks.

Hired! Workshops are offered for free at Youth Services Bldg. 500 from 3-5:30 p.m.

ACS will be teaching workshops Sept. 1, Oct. 6, Nov. 3 and Dec. 1.

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

CYSS 4-H Program

The first meeting of the 4-H West Point Crusaders is scheduled from 3-4:30 p.m. Sept. 9 at the Youth Center, Bldg. 500.

Interested teens in grades 6-12 who are registered through Parent Central are welcome.

The 4-H program provides learning opportunities for young people to develop a sense of belonging, master a skill through experience, demonstrate independence and learn the meaning of community service and generosity.

Participants will work on projects and learn how to run business meetings.

For more information, call 938-8889.

Family Style Italian Dining

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

For more information, call 938-5120.

What's Happening

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. Friday 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 Friday 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.

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. Tuesday at 683 Buckner Loop (next to Subway).

PWOC Summer Playground Group

The Protestant Women of the Chapel is having its final Summer Playground Group from 9:30-11 a.m. Wednesday at Biddle Loop playground.

For more information, call 446-5920 or email twe8454465920@earthlink.net.

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.

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.

Monday Night Mixed Bowling League needs subs

The Monday Night Mixed Bowling League, a social league with a focus on fun, still needs substitutes.

If you don't think you can commit to every week, but are interested in bowling sometimes, being a sub is the way to go. Team members will contact you for specific nights and you bowl for free—you just have to pay your sanction fee.

Teams are comprised of four people—two men and two women. It is an adult, handicap league, so experience isn't required. The league meets from 6:30-9 p.m. Mondays throughout the academic year, starting Sept. 12.

For more information, contact the League secretary, Paul Merritt, at 938-6239 or Paul.Merritt@usma.edu.

Volunteers needed

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

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

Contract child care providers needed

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

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

Highland Falls Farmers Market

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

The market is located at the municipal parking lot across

the street from the West Point Museum and Sacred Heart Church.

Elementary or Middle School supply kits 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

Blood drive kickoff campaign meeting

There will be a kickoff campaign meeting from 2-3 p.m. Aug. 4 in the Army Education Center Bldg. 683, Training Room #10, in preparation for the upcoming Hudson Valley Blood Services Blood Drive Aug. 22-25.

It is requested that appointed key personnel from each activity attend this meeting.

Provide the names of those attending to Mary Mandia at 938-2583 (BLUD) or via email at mary.mandia@amedd.army.mil before Aug. 4.

Purple Heart Appreciation Day

The National Purple Heart Hall of Honor and the New Windsor Cantonment State Historic sites are honoring Purple Heart recipients on Purple Heart Appreciation Day from 1-4 p.m. Aug. 7.

The NPHHH is located at 374 Temple Hill Road (Route 300), New Windsor. A presentation on "Why We Are Here Today: The Significance Of Purple Heart Appreciation Day" will be shown at 1:30 p.m., followed by a cake cutting.

At 2 p.m., Song of the Valley Chorus, Sweet Adeline's International, will sing patriotic tunes, including an audience participation sing-along.

Throughout the afternoon, representatives of the Hudson Valley Veteran's Administration Health System and the Dutchess Veteran's Services Agency will provide outreach for veterans on site.

The New Windsor Cantonment staff will interpret the life of the Continental Soldier with demonstrations on blacksmithing, 18th century medicine and surgery, and musket firing. Admission is free.

For more information, call 561-1765.

Women's Day Equality Luncheon

The installation Equal Opportunity Office, the Margaret Corbin Forum and the William E. Simon Center for the Professional Military Ethic are hosting the Women's Equality Day Observance from 11:45 a.m.-1.30 p.m. Aug. 26 at the West Point Club's Grand Ballroom.

The theme this year is "Celebrating Women's Right to Vote."

For more information, contact Sgt. 1st Class Timothy Morgan at 938-8456.



3D glass stars

The 4-H West Point Crusaders completed 3D glass stars with the help of Arts and Craft mentor, Maggie Oakes. Two teens entered their project in the Orange County Fair this summer. Finn Gage (right) won a Blue Ribbon and Michaela Jones (left) was awarded a Purple Rosette. By earning the Purple Rosette, she advanced to the State Fair in Syracuse in August. Jones decided she would like to go forward with the judging. Upon completion, she would like to return the star to her mom to whom she originally bestowed it as a present.

COURTESY PHOTOS



“Feds Feed Families” continues until Aug. 31

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/.

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

Command Channel 8/23

July 28-Aug. 4

(Broadcast times)

Army Newswatch

Today, Friday and Monday through Aug. 4

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

The Point

Today, Friday and Monday through Aug. 4

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

Life Works at Balfour Beatty Communities

• **National Night Out:** The National Night Out takes place from 3-6 p.m. Tuesday 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.

Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

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

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: Easy

NOW SHOWING

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

Friday—Kung Fu Panda 2, PG, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday—Thor, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

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

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 children see their Primary Care Manager. Additional individual appointments will continue to be offered through September.

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

Don’t wait. Call 845-938-7992 or 800-552-2907 to request

an appointment for a school or sports physical.

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Childbirth preparation classes

Childbirth preparation classes are now held each month, four-week series, in the KACH 2nd floor classroom from 6-8 p.m. August classes will be held Aug. 9, 16, 23 and 30.

A breastfeeding class is scheduled Sept. 1. Call OBU at 938-3210 to register.

Fans can choose movie for community event ... **Michie Movie Night**

By Ryan Yanoshak
 Army Athletic Communications

The popular Michie Movie Night with the Army Football Team is back at West Point this August and it comes with a twist—you get to select the movie.

Michie Movie Night with the Army Football Team will be held Aug. 31 and provides fans their first chance to meet the 2011 Army football team, before enjoying a film on the huge videoboard.

Festivities get underway at 5 p.m. inside Gate 1 with interactive games, live music from local band Hudson Blue and popular radio station WPDH on site.

Members of the team and coaches will be available for autographs and photographs beginning at 6 p.m. and then fans will be invited onto the surface of Michie Stadium for the movie, which is set to begin at 6:45 p.m. on the mammoth 30-by-50-foot high definition videoboard.

Concession stands will be open, although no food or drink will be allowed on the field. The east stands will offer an alternative viewing spot.

For the first time, you, the fan, will have the choice of what movie is shown by voting on the official Army Athletics Facebook page. When you log on to Facebook, search Army Black Knights and then use the 'like' feature in the Michie Movie Night photo album to make your choice.

Voting is now open and runs through Aug. 5. The winning movie will be announced Aug. 8. Fans can choose among the movies "Despicable Me," "Megamind," "Toy Story 3," "Cars" or "Aladdin."

There is no rain date for the event and fans are reminded that those 16 and older must have identification to enter West Point.

For more information on Michie Movie Night with the Army Football Team, contact



The Army Black Knights will meet with its supporters and sign autographs during the Michie Movie Night Aug. 31 at Michie Stadium.

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Army opens its 122nd season of intercollegiate competition Sept. 3 at Northern

Illinois before welcoming San Diego State to Michie Stadium the following Saturday for a noon kickoff.

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

Fans can secure their seats online, call the Army Athletics Ticket Office at 1-877-TIX-ARMY or in-person by visiting the Army Box Office located in the lobby of the Holleder Center.

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.

July 18—(South Division playoffs) #2 seed EECS/DPE defeated #7 seed DMI two games to none.

July 18—(North Division playoffs) #3 seed ODIA 2 defeated #6 seed KACH two games to none.

July 20—(South Division playoffs) #2 seed EECS/DPE defeated #6 Social Sciences/History two games to none.

Tuesday—(North Division playoffs) #2 seed Stewart Marines versus #7 seed

Final regular season records

NORTH DIVISION

TEAMS	W - L
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	W - L
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

WTU. Games were postponed because of rain Tuesday.

Tuesday—(North Division playoffs) #4 seed MEDDAC versus #5 seed MPs. Games were postponed because of rain Tuesday.