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Rolling through West Point

West Point Garrison Commander Col. Michael Tarsa (in orange vest with gray stripe) and his wife Linda rode through Washington Gate Sunday with Rolling Thunder, Chapter 3, New Windsor Unit for the 12th annual Veterans Ride. Rolling Thunder began the ride at the 2nd Aviation Detachment at Stewart Air Base, then were escorted by the Military Police and the Blue Knights, a fraternal organization of active and retired law enforcement officers, as they rode through West Point to a wreath-laying ceremony in Highland Falls. Rolling Thunder's major functions are to publicize POW-MIA issues, to educate the public on many American prisoners of war who were left behind after all previous wars and to help correct the past and protect future veterans from being left behind. To learn more about Rolling Thunder Inc., go to its website at www.rtnych3.com/home.html.

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Celebrating the Army's 236th birthday throughout West Point



Second Lt. Owen Meyer, Brig. Gen. Tim Trainor, Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony Mahoney and Spc. Joann Cassitty sing "The Army Goes Rolling Along" with Master Sgt. MaryKay Messenger (background with microphone) and the audience at the 236th Army Birthday Concert Sunday. PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. CHRISSY CLARK/WEST POINT BAND



The West Point Band performs at the 236th Army birthday streamer ceremony Sunday. PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. CHRISSY CLARK/WEST POINT BAND



The Stony Lonesome Child Development Center held a birthday party Tuesday to celebrate the Army's 236th birthday. Garrison Commander Col. Michael Tarsa read the "Army Story" to the children after they sang "Yankee Doodle Dandy" and "Grand Old Flag." KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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A photo taken from Storm King Mountain of the U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School shows the progress being made to the campus as it readies to shelter and feed more than 240 new cadet candidates next month. Construction is slated for completion in January 2012.

USMAPS nearly ready for incoming Class of 2012

Story and photo by Mike Strasser
Staff Writer

The first phase of construction for the new U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School is expected to be complete in time for the USMAPS Reception Day July 18. More than 240 new cadet candidates will form the first class to occupy the new facilities located inside Washington Gate.

The candidates will be able to sleep in the new barracks and eat in the dining facility while USMAPS staff and faculty will occupy office space in the state-of-the-art academic building. The soccer field and surrounding track should be completed, as well as the indoor athletic facility, referred to by many as “The Bubble,” due to its large dome structure. This facility will house much of the equipment that will be transferred when the larger athletic building is finished—to include the wrestling, weight and aerobic fitness rooms and lockers.

“All of that will temporarily be placed on the concrete floor inside the Bubble this first year. Then after it’s moved to the new facility, we’ll put turf down and use it as an indoor practice facility,” Lt. Col. Michael Rounds, USMAPS Deputy Commandant, said.

Like its predecessor at Fort Monmouth, N.J., Rounds said the indoor practice facility could also be used for battalion formations, physical fitness tests and in-processing for Cadet Candidate Basic Training. Likewise, the three-floor barracks, with two rooms separated by a shared bathroom, is an exact replica of the living space cadet candidates had formerly occupied.

“I was very happy with our current design for our barracks, so during the initial design process I put together a sketch for the architects,” Col. Tyge Rugenstein, USMAPS Commandant, said. “In the end, that’s what they were able to do. I think the contractors are doing a great job. I’ve seen an overhead picture of the campus area from March of last year and one taken this past March. In a one-year time frame the contractor has completed a remarkable amount of work.”

The USMAPS project, estimated at a cost of nearly \$104 million, is the result of the Fort Monmouth closing recommended by the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure

commission. Construction is under the purview of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-N.Y. District. EwingCole, the Philadelphia-based architecture and engineering firm, was lead for the initial design and developed the request for proposal, but Rugenstein has been entrenched in the process from the very beginning. Rugenstein was commissioned into the Engineer Corps after graduating from West Point in 1983 and said the USMAPS project is the largest he’s been involved with in his career.

“The new campus is going to be state-of-the-art, and we’ve designed it exactly to our mission,” Rugenstein said. “I think that’s very exciting. The challenge will be integrating USMAPS into an academy that’s been here for over 200 years.”

Rugenstein has taken weekly walkthroughs of the new campus and his many trips across state lines are to ensure the campus meets the needs of the cadet candidates, staff and faculty.

“It’s been rewarding for me to see this through from the ground up,” Rugenstein said. “And it’s equally exciting to watch it continue to come together as well as it has.”

The USMAPS staff—about 52 civilians and military serving as faculty, administrative staff, coaches and senior staff—will make the 100-mile trek from Fort Monmouth to West Point. Several have been serving in coordination and planning operations as an advanced party within Cullum Hall.

The Class of 2012 and parents arriving for Reception Day will not be greeted on the new campus due to the continuation of Phase II construction. Similar to West Point’s version of R-Day, the cadet candidates will be in-processed and begin their initial transformation from a civilian to military mind set starting at Eisenhower Hall and ending in a swearing-in ceremony at Shea Stadium.

However, upon return in October for Parents’ Weekend, visitors will be able to see the facilities only months away from being finished. The second phase of the project is scheduled for completion in January 2012, which includes the academic and athletic buildings, and the lacrosse and football fields. Until the campus is complete, cadet candidates will be bused to the cadet area for classes in Cullum, Lincoln and Jefferson Halls each day. Some may conduct athletic training on the installation—like using Crandall Pool—or return to USMAPS to use the training grounds that are operational.

This is the third move of USMAPS since it was established in June 1946 at Stewart Army Air Field in Newburgh, just north of West Point. The school relocated in 1957 to Fort Belvoir, Va., and then took root in its current form at Fort Monmouth in 1975. Ending its 36-year relationship with the New Jersey installation, Rugenstein cased the school’s colors in May at the graduation ceremony for the Class of 2011.

“We had a great relationship with Fort Monmouth and central Jersey,” Rugenstein said. “The cadet candidates did a lot of community service, and the community leaders knew the school very well. So obviously it’s going to be hard leaving that relationship behind. But we’ve got a beautiful campus here. We’ve designed it to exactly what we need it to be, and there will be opportunities for cadet candidates to be part of the academy here that they didn’t have (at Fort Monmouth). The synergy created by being at West Point will help us to improve all aspects of our program—academic, military and physical.”

While the graduating cadet candidates were well-aware of their place in history as the last USMAPS class (their motto was “Saving the Best for Last”) at Fort Monmouth, the incoming class will have some bragging rights of their own.

“They will know their place in history because this year will be a challenge for both the cadet candidates and the staff and faculty,” Rugenstein said. “They’ll be the class that had to bus to class, practice athletics on fields all over West Point and live at an active construction site, but, ultimately, they will have the bragging rights of being the first USMAPS class at West Point.”

In addition

- The groundbreaking ceremony for USMAPS was held Sept. 18, 2009.
- In his sixth year as commandant, Col. Tyge Rugenstein will have the honor of uncasing the colors for the new school as part of the oath ceremony on R-Day, July 18.
- Since the summer of 2005, members of the Corps of Cadets have served as cadet cadre during CCBT and about 80 rising juniors and seniors will again lead cadet candidates through their initial training.

Army uniform policy change in effect

Staff Reports

As of Tuesday, the Army Combat Uniform patrol cap was designated the primary headgear for all Soldiers as the duty uniform headgear. Soldiers who are authorized to wear the green, tan or maroon beret will continue to do so in accordance with Army Regulation 670-1.

According to a recent Army News Service article, the beret will remain as the standard for the Army service uniform and as an optional uniform item with the ACU—at the discretion of commanders.

Also effective Tuesday, Soldiers are allowed to sew on the U.S. Army tape, name tape and rank insignia as an option at their own expense.

Soldiers were not authorized to sew on the following: shoulder sleeve insignia-current organization; shoulder sleeve insignia-former wartime service; tabs or the U.S. flag.

The changes were made after Army Chief of Staff Gen. Martin E. Dempsey received input from Sergeant Major of the Army Raymond F. Chandler III, who had been tasked to gather opinions from Soldiers in the field, and are outlined in Army Directive 2011-11 dated June 13.



Recently announced changes to the Army Combat Uniform involve allowing Soldiers to sew on certain items to their uniform in lieu of using the provided Velcro.

PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY C. TODD LOPEZ

West Point DPTMS asks everyone to take security to heart

By the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security

Following the death of Osama bin Laden, West Point stepped up its security in April when the Department of Defense directed all installations to increase their Force Protection Conditions from Alpha to Bravo.

The FPCON system describes progressive levels of security to protect U.S. Army personnel, family members, civilian workers and government facilities. The FPCON system is the foundation for all force protection plans and orders here at West Point.

It has five different security levels, from Normal to Delta.

Normal signifies there is no predictable terrorist threat while Delta signifies an attack is either imminent or has already taken place.

FPCON Bravo indicates that there is somewhat of a predictable terrorist threat and that security measures, like random inspections of the interiors and exteriors of the buildings, must be implemented. The FPCON security measures apply to every military installation, even those located in foreign countries.

“What we want you to do is for anyone to report all suspicious activity,” Matthew Cassidy, DPTMS Antiterrorism officer, said. “Every individual is an intelligence collector and can identify suspicious activity... an important step to determine terrorist activity.”

What this means to community members and employees on West Point is that additional security steps will be implemented to better ensure the safety of individuals and facilities. Such things as keeping vehicles 82 feet away from high occupancy buildings and verifying the identity of each individual that comes into the building will help ensure there is no breach in safety.

Cassidy said FPCON Bravo may become a long term security posture. Keeping West Point at the current security condition and conducting random antiterrorism measures throughout the installation can deter a terrorist who might be planning an attack.

West Point cannot be an easy target, Cassidy said, and he urged everyone on the installation to stay vigilant and be wary of any suspicious packages received.

“Any suspicious packages and letters from people you didn’t expect to receive that shows indications of tampering are things you want to look for and stay away from,” Cassidy said.

Building commandants and leaders at all levels must proactively inspect their respective buildings and facilities to ensure proper security procedures are being followed.

Below are some of the current FPCON security measures that the installation is implementing and everyone’s assistance and awareness is needed to keep West Point secure.

1. Personnel will report the following to the West Point Military Police:
 - Suspicious personnel, particularly those carrying suitcases or other containers, or those observing, photographing or asking questions about military operations or security measures (suspicious personnel or activities must be reported by calling 938-3333);
 - Unidentified vehicles parked or operated in a suspicious manner;
 - Abandoned parcels or suitcases;
 - Any other activity considered suspicious.
2. Increased frequency of warnings to inform the West Point community of additional threat information as appropriate.
3. Inform Soldiers, civilian employees and Family members of the general threat situation to stop rumors and prevent unnecessary alarm.
4. Move automobiles and objects such as trash containers and crates a safe distance from potential targets (buildings).
5. Verify the identity of all personnel entering the installation by inspecting ID cards or granting access based on visual recognition.
6. Increase the frequency of random identity checks (inspection of ID cards, security badges and vehicle registration documents).

If you see something, say something!

The iWATCH program is a community awareness program created to educate the Army community about behaviors and activities that may have a connection to terrorism and criminal activity.

This Department of the Army mandated program is designed to be a partnership between the West Point community and the Directorate of Emergency Service.

The iWATCH program allows community members to report suspicious activities by calling the West Point Military Police Desk at 938-3333 or by filling out a suspicious activity report.

This site is not designed to report emergencies. For emergencies, dial 911.

For more information on iWATCH, antiterrorism and crime prevention training tips, call 938-2042/8859/3650

Cadets, Middies visit Horn of Africa

Story and photo by Mass Communication Specialist
2nd Class Timothy Wilson

Six West Point cadets and six midshipmen from the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, arrived at the Combined Joint Task Force—Horn of Africa May 26, to gain information and allow them to better understand the role of U.S. forces in the area.

During the course of one month, the students traveled around Djibouti, Ethiopia, Uganda and Tanzania and participated in key leader engagements, observed civilian and military operations and contributed to building partnerships in the region.

“It is as much of a cultural experience as it is a first-hand look of what’s happening here,” U.S. Naval Academy Midshipman 1st Class Vincent Debenedetti, from Tinley Park, Ill., said. “You can hear about anything in a classroom, but real learning comes from experience.”

Spending four days in Djibouti, the students first visited the French Marine 5th Legion, toured a civil affairs project in Ali Sabieh, met with the American ambassador to Djibouti and interacted with fellow students at a Djiboutian commando school.

“The idea is to understand the local population,” French Colonel Frederick Gauthier, commanding officer of the Marine 5th Legion, said.

The visit highlighted interaction between partner nations working together in a foreign environment.

Speaking to the students, Gauthier said that interacting with his counterparts and experiencing the local cultural is invaluable.

“When you are deployed on future operations, in order to succeed, you must understand this,” he said.

Class of 2012 Cadet Zach Hober, from Cape May, N.J., said becoming as familiar as possible with the environment and culture in which he is serving, whether in a combat role or humanitarian assistance, is mission essential.

“It is critical as future leaders to be aware and understand what is happening around you,” Hober said. “I will be able to teach my Soldiers around me how to more effectively accomplish the mission. We all will be able to bring this knowledge and share with our colleagues back home.”

Hober said he has been most impressed by the gracious nature of the Djiboutian people.

“They are genuinely interested in who we are,” he said. “I expect this to continue in the other countries that we visit. I am happy to be here and grateful for the resources that the U.S. devoted to this endeavor.”

In Ali Sabieh, the students visited the Ali Sabieh library, which was refurbished by a U.S. Army and Navy civil affairs team who were also responsible for starting the first-ever trash collection system in the village’s history.

“People are still using them,” Ahmed Wadaour, the regional council president of Ali Sabieh, said. “The team always does a wonderful job. For the cadets, I and the people of Ali Sabieh are thankful they came.”

The students are scheduled to return to the village in late



Special Forces cadets from the Arta Military Academy in Djibouti and West Point Class of 2012 Cadet Jake Darsey inspect a 155 mm Howitzer artillery emplacement at Arta Beach May 29. As part of a joint military operation, cadets and midshipmen from the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis visited the Horn of Africa and observed civilian and military operations and contributed to building partnerships in the region.

June to assist in trash collection and to play a game of soccer with the children from the library.

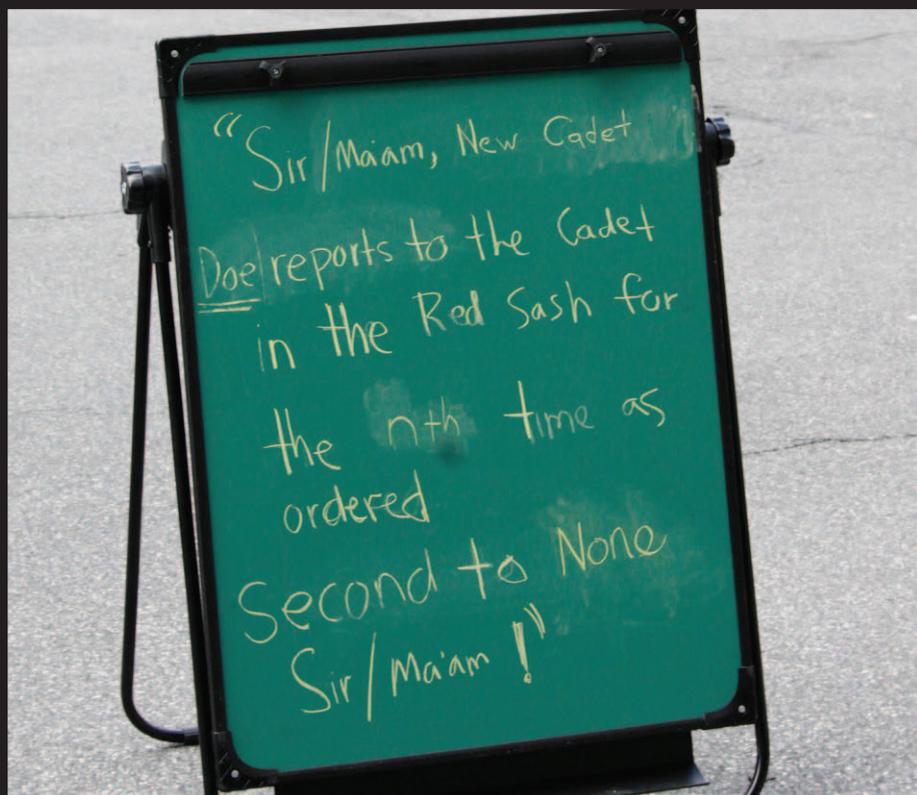
The students also met with American Ambassador to Djibouti, the Honorable James Swan. He expressed the importance of forming meaningful, strong relationships with CJTF-HOA partner nations.

“It is a very active operation here,” Swan said. “We spend a lot of time making sure our partnership with the Djiboutians is tight.”

CJTF-HOA personnel have worked closely with their African allies on a variety of civilian and military projects, including cultural exchanges, to strengthen and develop partner nation relationships since the organization was founded in 2002.

“In a broader scenario, cultural exchange is the foundation of trust crucial for multi-national coalition operations,” Moroccan Colonel Ne Mlahfi, director of training at the Djiboutian Tri-Service Military Academy, said.

First, can you memorize these lines verbatim?



Now can you recite it back to the cadet in the red sash?



If so, you can help West Point during the Reception Day rehearsal 10 a.m.-1 p.m. June 24 on the academy grounds.

Members of the community are invited to assist the Corps of Cadets in preparation for the incoming Class of 2015 by volunteering as a cadet candidate.

Participants will be given the opportunity to experience the initial transformation process from civilian to the military life of a new cadet.

Those interested may sign up online at www.dean.usma.edu/r-day_volunteers/logon.cfm or call 938-8686. Volunteers must be 12 and older, in good health and not be a candidate for the Class of 2015. Park in A Lot and take the shuttle to Eisenhower Hall to report no later than 9:45 a.m.

Dress in seasonal attire and bring one suitcase or duffel bag marked with your name. Feel free to bring a snack and bottle of water that can be carried in your bag.

Transportation back to A Lot will be available after the event.

Army launches new "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" repeal website

By Sharonda Pearson
Army News Service

In preparation of the repeal of the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy, the Army has launched a new website to provide servicemembers and their families the most up-to-date information about the change.

The website features current news articles, key facts, frequently asked questions and additional resources. It is just one of the many training resources the Army implemented to educate the force and minimize misconceptions about the repeal.

"It's a way for the Army to provide the latest and greatest information about the repeal to Soldiers, family members and the public," Lt. Col Timothy M. Beninato, public affairs advisor to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs and Army G-1, said.

Current policies remain in effect, and the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," or DADT, law will stay in place until 60 days after the president, secretary of defense and chairman of the joint

chiefs of staff certify that the repeal can be implemented "consistent with the standards of military readiness and effectiveness, unit cohesion, and military recruiting and retention."

Available resources include presentation slides with narration, scripts, frequently asked questions, vignettes, DoD policy guidance, implementation plans and service-specific material.

To improve the depth and breadth of feedback, the Army's DADT site contains a comment section where visitors can provide feedback or ask questions about the policy.

"Currently, the chain of command is the primary means for asking questions, which can significantly limit a non-military individual's ability to ask questions about the repeal," Beninato said.

Beninato said senior leaders felt it was essential to provide another forum where all interested parties would have the opportunity to ask questions and comment.

The DADT Repeal website can be viewed at www.army.mil/dadt.



Indoor, outdoor fun for kids of all ages

(Above left) Leo VanEtten, 16 months old, is really a superman when it comes to pushing a giant ball around in the gym during a Kindergym exercise for little ones June 1 at the Lee Road Child Development Center. Kindergym is a program for children 12 months to four years to play and improve their movement and coordination. (Above right) The West Point Elementary School playground is being revamped with the addition of new equipment and poured rubber matting for safety. The additions should be completed by early August. The Pre-K playground will also be renovated.

PHOTOS BY KATHY EASTWOOD/PV



Class of 2013 Cadet Sean Fitzgerald surveys the area while his platoon leader, Class of 2012 Cadet Alexandra Giraud, makes amicable conversation with the village elders to secure a meeting with the sheik.



(Left) The situation came close to hostile for one platoon as villagers made demands on the American forces. A friendly soccer game could only create so much diversion while the humanitarian aid shipment was securely stored. The locals were not pleased with the results and demanded food and water. (Above) Class of 2012 Cadet R.T. Rotte sits at the head of the table where villagers offer his team a meal during a mission at Al Dora Village.

SURVIVING CLDT

Story and photos by Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor

To say it was hot would've been a severe understatement. Nearing the end of the three-week summer military training, cadets conducted missions under an oppressive heat wave, sweat dripping off the linings of their helmets and T-shirts soaked under the added weight of vests and patrol gear.

Cadet Leadership Development Training can offer cadets realistic battlefield scenarios and an environment that somewhat reflects today's major areas of operation. However, it can't simulate the weather. With temperatures reaching the highest heat category on post, last week was as close as it gets.

Despite the heat, Class of 2012 Cadet Chris Bonner didn't mind pulling security in the village while his platoon leader conducted tedious talks with the sheik. Progress was slow, and crowds became anxious as they waited to see if the American forces would provide them with food. Baking in the sun, Bonner kept it all in perspective.

"Only two more missions left," he said. "But you can't get out of here quicker by doing it wrong."

Six companies—more than 700 cadets total from the Classes of 2012 and 2013—participated in CLDT, which ended June 11 with an awards presentation and barbecue.

"CLDT is meant to develop the leadership qualities, technical skills and decision-making abilities of all cadets that participate," Class of 2012 Cadet Alexander Pagoulatos, the CLDT battalion commander, said. "Through privation and stress—added intentionally as part of the training—cadets are forced to gather information and make hard decisions which require them to build on the moral-ethical foundations they have developed over the course of their time at the academy."

Leadership roles are rotated to give cadets opportunities to test their skills. The primary leadership positions were platoon leaders and platoon sergeants, and cadets also served other duties such as squad leaders, medics and forward observers. A cadet could join a quick response force during a military operation on urban terrain one day, and the next lead a platoon through an ambush and raid on opposing forces.

"But once you're given that top spot of platoon leader or sergeant, that's your time to really develop and use that leadership style you've gained over the past two or three years at West Point," Class of 2012 Cadet Alex Wood said. "Now you can put that into action and see if it actually works."

Cadets are evaluated by officers and NCOs who observe their leadership and communication skills throughout the scenarios. If a mission is poorly planned or executed then the trainers will reset the scenario for a second attempt.

"I had a pretty simple recon mission as a platoon leader, but in those 12 hours I learned more about myself than probably the past two years at the academy," Wood said.

At the academy, Wood explained, there is always a senior leader or instructor to offer guidance when needed. At CLDT, the trainers take a hands-off approach to allow cadets opportunities to succeed or fail on their own.

"You're in charge, there's no one to turn to and 40 people are relying on you to get them out alive," Wood said. "With that stress, pressure and those time and resource constraints, to have a successful mission is a huge confidence booster."

Wood also served as a platoon sergeant during a long foot patrol—a scenario called platoon attack. The objective was to clear a hill that was potentially a mortar site with enemy soldiers. Wood discovered this wasn't limited to just getting troops up the hill. The organizational and logistical requirements of the job involved everything from making sure trash is deposited to ensuring each radio functioned properly.

"But then suddenly you become exposed to simulated artillery fire, and then it becomes a question of whether you can now lead and make decisions under stress," Wood, who served last summer as a squad leader during Cadet Basic Training, said. "It's not even about making the right decisions, because if you're going to make mistakes, make them here and now when you can learn from them."

When Class of 2012 Cadet Alexandra Giraud served as a platoon leader at the MOUT site, she found herself conversing with native Arabic speakers through an interpreter. Dozens of contractors throughout the training sites provided this authentic backdrop to the missions. Giraud said bridging the language barrier was a challenge.

"Our mission here was to secure the village and provide humanitarian aid because their water supply was cut off," Giraud said. "We brought in food, water, medical and school supplies. I spoke with the sheik about how we could help them, but we were asking questions to gain intelligence on possible enemy attacks."

With the humanitarian aid delivered and peaceful relations maintained, Giraud said it was a successful mission. One of their objectives was to photograph village members for future identification purposes.

"That was the first time we've left the village without a mob behind us so I would say we had a good mission here," she said. "The language barrier was the biggest challenge, and I didn't understand the religious constraint would prevent us from getting pictures. I wasn't tracking on that."

Approximately 150 cadets from the Class of 2013 also participated as role players and the opposition force to supplement the contractors and active-duty task force. Also behind the scenes a staff was working within the CLDT tactical operations cell keeping tabs on all the maneuvers and sites, providing logistical support and ensuring lines of communication were running smoothly.

CLDT ended with an awards presentation and barbecue June 11 where awards were given to the cadets who performed the best in each platoon for all six companies and for the best cadet in each company. Best in CLDT and Best in Company C was awarded to Class of 2012 Cadet Joseph Bailey. Best in Company A was awarded to Class of 2012 Cadet Zachary Palmieri; Best in Company B went to Class of 2013 Cadet William Moffitt; Best in Company D was awarded to Class of 2012 Cadet Zachary Kennedy; Best in Company E went to Class of 2012 Cadet Jose Ramirez; and Best in Company F was awarded to Class of 2012 Bruce Compton. The Best in Company for the Opposition Force was awarded to Class of 2013 Cadet Michael Garman.

"(They) run the administrative side of the operation while their officer counterparts mold the training side," Pagoulatos said. "They work to bridge the gap between the officer world and the cadet world."

As a battalion commander, Pagoulatos was tasked with writing operation orders and planning staff duties in the TOC. He also kept a presence in the field and participated in as many missions with his fellow classmates as his job would allow.

"In the end, I learned how to build and manage a successful team, steer the movement of a regiment-sized battalion and relate to and receive feedback from individuals, regardless of rank," Pagoulatos said.

Class of 2013 Cadet Luke Hutchison went from being a leader of one last semester to being responsible for 120 cadets at a combat outpost during CLDT. As the company first sergeant, he made sure his troops had food, latrines, ammo and the right uniforms. Everything that went into and out of the area became his responsibility.

"That might have been the worst week of my life," Hutchison said. "Of course it was our first mission and with anything, you're adjusting to something new. So I had to learn how to run a tactical operations station during the day, and then at night I was responsible for the defense of the COP while the commanding officer ran patrols."

Then it became a matter of tracking where the attacks initiated, figuring out the appropriate response, recording casualties and ordering medical evacuations.

"One time we had two (cadets) who were captured and had to send out search parties for them. That was definitely a unique experience," Hutchison said.

Three weeks later, Hutchison found his stride and even took on the commanding officer role to plan a humanitarian aid mission.

"By far I've learned more in the past two weeks than the past two years," Hutchison said. "It's probably been the best training I've had so far."



Fun with Pottery

Spc. Frank Ruiz, from Keller Army Community Hospital, and his wife Eunice decorate margarita glasses and a chip bowl during a pottery class at the Arts & Craft Shop Friday.

PHOTOS BY MIKE STRASSER/PV



BBC Scholarship winners announced

(From left to right) Lorelyn Kilby, Marshall Robert and Patricia Suchan received the Balfour Beatty Community scholarships June 9 at the Balfour Beatty Office at 132 Bartlett Loop. Lorelyn is attending Georgia Tech in Atlanta, Marshall will attend Texas A&M and Patricia is going to High Point in North Carolina. BBC offers scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,500 which go directly to the college or university.

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USAG Golf Scramble

USAG Golf Scramble is a 1 p.m. shotgun start today at West Point Golf Course.

This is a four-person scramble tournament, open to all garrison Soldiers and employees.

Two team members must work for the garrison. The other two team members can be anyone.

Registration is ongoing now through 12:45 p.m. today. Registration fee includes cart, dinner and prizes. Green fees are not included in the registration fee.

For more information, call 938-2435.

Family Spaghetti Night

Enjoy an all you can eat spaghetti dinner from 5-8 p.m. tonight at the West Point Club.

Enjoy fine Italian dining in the club's Pierce Dining Room.

Children 5 years old and younger eat free.

To make a reservation, call 938-5120.

All Level Junior Clinic at WPGC

Let FMWR teach your child the fundamentals of golf.

Clinics will be held from 6-7 p.m. through Friday for ages 10-18 and Tuesday-June 24 for ages 5-9 at the West Point Golf Course.

There is a minimal fee per child.

For more information and to register, call 938-2435.

Flag Day 5K

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

This race will start and end at the Commissary. Awards will be given for the most patriotic attire for adult and child.

Cost of entry is one FMWR Fitness Center Group Fitness Coupon.

For more information, call 938-6490.

Father's Day Brunch

A Father's Day Brunch takes place from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday in the Pierce Dining Room at the West Point Club.

This will be a summer brunch with a barbecue flair.

To make a reservation, call 938-5120.

Post Library Summer Reading Program

A Midsummer Knight's Read will be held Monday through July 29 at the Post Library.

The reading program is open to all West Point community children ages 3-13. Registration runs June 6-17.

For more information, call 938-2974.

Daddy and Me free golf clinic

Parent and child can learn about the game of golf together.

The Daddy and Me Golf Clinic will be held from 2-3:30 p.m. June 25.

For more information and to register, call 938-2435.

Ballroom dancing

Ballroom dancing the afternoon away from noon-4 p.m. June 26 at the West Point Club's Grand Ballroom.

Enjoy a summer lunch buffet and cash bar.

For reservations, call 938-5120.

Community Recreational Swim Program's new time schedule

The Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation hosts a community recreational swim program at the Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center's Crandall Pool.

Through June 30, the swim program is from noon-1:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday.

There will be no swimming June 27 due to R-Day activities.

If you have any questions, call 938-2985.

Life EDGE! PGA sponsored "First Tee" golf classes

The CYSS Life EDGE! is offering PGA sponsored "First Tee" golf classes every Tuesday or Thursday afternoon from July 5 through Aug. 11. It is free to 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.

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.

Hired! Workshops are a prerequisite to the program and are offered for free from 3:30-5:30 p.m. July 7 and Aug. 4 at the Youth Service Bldg. 500.

Interested teens can contact Marion DeClemente at 845-938-8889 or email marion.declemente@usma.edu.

2011 West Point Community Fair

The West Point Community Fair will be held from 6-8 p.m. July 12 at Eisenhower Hall.

Join other new community members for the opportunity to meet with representatives from community agencies, organizations and local businesses.

For more information, call 938-3487.

Delafield Pond and Round Pond open for the season

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

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

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

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.

West Point 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.

Morgan Farm Kenneling Services

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

For more information, call 938-3926.

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. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

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 our email list, go to westpointmwr.com and click on the Army Community Service tab for Army Volunteer Corps or call 938-3655.

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

Customer Appreciation Day

Come celebrate with West Point Auto and Arts & Crafts shops from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. June 24.

Check out their new customer service areas and find out about the services they provide.

For more information, call 938-2074/4812.

Coping with Deployment Course

The Coping with Deployment Course is sponsored by the Red Cross and will be held from 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. June 25 at ACS Bldg. 622.

This course provides hands-on tools to help Families cope with deployments and teaches adults how to support children as a result of changes they may experience due to a deployment of a Family member.

Activities will be provided for children during the workshop. Bring a brown bag lunch for you and your child.

For more information or to register, call 938-5654/0232.

Emergency Response Exercise

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

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

From 12:30-3 p.m. July 20, participants are needed to role play from cue cards (non-physical, indoor). From 7:30 a.m.-noon July 21, participants are needed to role play from cue cards and may involve some physical outdoor activity and make-up/cosmetics.

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

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

DIRECTORATE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
West Point, NY

Sobriety Checkpoint



Friday and Saturday

What's Happening

Constitution Island Association's Seafood Barbecue

The Constitution Island Association is holding its 7th annual Seafood Barbecue on Constitution Island from 5-8:30 p.m. Saturday, rain or shine.

Mt. Kisco Sea Food will offer a raw bar filled with oysters, clams and mussels, followed by a buffet of boiled lobster, corn on the cob, salad, bread, fresh poached salmon and fried chicken.

Red and white wine, beer and soft drinks are included in the ticket price.

For more information, call 845-446-8676 or visit www.ConstitutionIsland.org.

Highland Falls Farmers Market

The Highland Falls Farmers Market opens from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday and will run through Oct. 30. It will be open every Sunday.

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

Children's Day Program at New Windsor Cantonment

The New Windsor Cantonment is holding a Children's Day Program from 1-4 p.m. Sunday. Activities include the two-by-two petting zoo and 18th century games, such as a military drill with wooden muskets and blind man's bluff. Admission is free.

The New Windsor Cantonment is located on Route 300 in the Town of New Windsor, four miles east of Stewart Airport.

For more information, call Michael McGurty at 561-1765, ext. 22.

Pets for Hudson Valley Patriots

The Hudson Valley SPCA is launching a new program—"Pets for Hudson Valley Patriots"—intended to provide local veterans with low cost pet adoptions and free and low cost veterinary care.

There will be a golf classic to launch the program Monday—discounted tickets are available to veterans—at the Falkirk Estate and Country Club in Central Valley, N.Y.

For more information or to buy tickets, visit the website <http://hvspca.org> or call 845-859-4647.

Garrison Awards ceremony

The West Point community is invited to attend the Garrison Awards ceremony at 3:30 p.m. June 23 at Crest Hall in Eisenhower Hall.

Unity in the Community

The theme for this year's July 4 weekend festivities in Highland Falls is "Unity in the Community."

Since West Point is part of this community, Highland Falls is inviting West Point Families to take part in some or all activities beginning 9 a.m.-4 p.m. June 26 with its annual Spring Street Fair on Main Street.

From 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m. July 1, join the community for a day of fun at Roe Park.

At 6 p.m. July 2, the annual family soap box derby, bed races and tricycle races for adults and the block party and carnival for kids takes place.

At 3 p.m. July 4, kick off the holiday with a parade starting at Thayer Gate and ending at the Hacienda Restaurant on Main Street.

Enjoy lots of activities at Roe Park, including DJ music ending with a fireworks display at 9:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Jill Lennon at 845-633-4460 or email her at hf4thofjuly@yahoo.com.

PWOC Summer Playground Group

The Protestant Women of the Chapel is having a Summer Playground Group that will be meeting weekly.

The Summer Playground Group meets every Wednesday from 9:30-11 a.m. The playground dates and locations are:

- June 29—Grey Ghost playground;
- July 6—Biddle Loop playground;
- July 13—New Brick playground;
- July 20—Lee Road playground;
- July 27—West Point Elementary School playground;
- Aug. 3—Biddle Loop playground.

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

New Cadet Visitation Day

The New Cadet Visitation Day, or ice cream social, is July 17. Sponsors can sign up now through July 13 to host new cadets.

The website address for potential sponsors to sign up is <https://www-internal.uscc.usma.edu/cfdocs/qtrs-visitation/logon.cfm>.

For more information, call Carlton Smith at 938-8609.

PWOC Summer Bible Study

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

Child care will not be provided for this summer study.

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.

Contract Childcare Providers needed

The West Point Post Chapel needs childcare 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.

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.

West Point Museum Exhibit

The West Point Museum is hosting "Touched with Fire," the Civil War sesquicentennial exhibition, which is the first of a continuing series of special exhibitions on the American Civil War at the Foyer Gallery located within the main entrance to the museum.

All the artifacts on display are from the extensive collections of the West Point Museum.

The museum is open from 10:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m. daily.

For more information, contact David Reel at 938-3590.

NEW INFO

West Point Band concert

The West Point Band's Jazz Knights will play music by some of America's most popular songwriters. The concert is free and open to the public at 7:30 p.m. June 26 in the Trophy Point Amphitheater.

The concert will feature the music of Cole Porter, Irving Berlin, George Gershwin, Jimmy VanHeusen and patriotic favorites.

The Jazz Knights will be joined by its vocalist Staff Sgt. Alexis Cole for several selections, including George Gershwin's "Summertime."

Please allow extra travel time for the 100 percent vehicle and photo ID inspection at Stony Lonesome and Thayer gates.

For concert information, cancellations and updates, call the Academy Band's 24-hour hotline at (845) 938-2617 or visit the band's website at www.westpointband.com.

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.

Cadet Summer Training closures

The following areas will be closed in support of Cadet Summer Training 2011:

- Stilwell Lake—6 a.m.-7 p.m. June 19-22, June 25-July 3 and July 5-13;
- Popolopen Lake—7 a.m.-7 p.m. June 16-17, June 22-23 and June 27-July 1;
- Mine Torne Road—7 a.m.- 7:30 p.m. June 19-22, June 25-July 3 and July 5-13.

West Point Gymnastics Club

The West Point Gymnastics Club is offering a gymnastics day camp July 11-15 and July 18-22.

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

DPW NOTES

Wildlife encounters on West Point

With the summer weather, community members have reported seeing more and more of West Point's wildlife population in the main post area.

While fascinating to look at, wildlife encounters with humans can be dangerous for both the human and the animal. West Point has an abundance of wildlife including multiple species of snakes (both venomous and non-venomous), bears, raccoons, opossums, skunks, bats, birds, deer, woodchuck, coyote and foxes to name just a few.

Some of the wildlife species at West Point are endangered and protected by law and all wildlife should be handled by trained professionals only, including unfamiliar dogs and cats.

Some general rules to ensure that an encounter with West Point's wildlife is both safe and enjoyable are provided from the Directorate of Public Works, Natural Resources Branch:

- Avoid close encounters with any wild animal. Most animals will avoid humans and contact with animals places you at risk for injury or disease. Do not approach, try to feed or capture any animal. View West Point's wildlife residents from a safe distance and teach children to do the same.

- Sick/injured wildlife represents the greatest threat as their helpless appearance encourages us to want to help them. Children are at particular risk if not made aware of the dangers of handling any unknown animal. Anyone encountering an animal acting strangely—aggressive, stumbling, disheveled, dirty, out during the day if nocturnal, lethargic or even friendly or unafraid—should immediately contact Natural Resources (938-7122 or 4050), Pest Control (938-7191) or the MPs (938-3333). If possible, monitor the animal from inside a building/vehicle. Do not approach the animal.

- Most animals are drawn by environmental conditions. Usually, this means food and shelter. Eliminate these, and the animal will not return. Keep garbage secured or take out the morning of the trash pick-up. Use ammonia in trash cans, keep dumpsters and collection sites closed and latched. Left over pet food and bird seed attract animals, especially bears. Keep barbecue grills clean and free of residual meats and grease.

Remain calm if you see a bear. Bears are generally cautious and do not trust people. Usually they will flee on their own. Bear attacks are extremely rare, but can happen.

During encounters:

- Do not approach the bear to get a better look. Give it plenty of space.

- Make yourself look big. Raise your arms. Stand together in a group. Always face the bear, but do not stare at its eyes. This frightens the bear and can be interpreted as a challenge.

- Back away slowly. Do not run. Sudden movement can provoke attack. Get something between you and it.

- Make noise. Shouts, hand clapping and whistles alerts the bear to your presence and will usually be all you need to scare the bear away.

- Call the MP Service Desk at 938-3333 and/or Natural Resources at 938-7122/4050.

- If possible, watch the bear from a safe place so that it can be located later.

Keep a safe distance and report any urgent concerns to the DPW Natural Resources Branch, DPW Pest Control, Balfour Beatty service desk or the MPs.

If you have questions, contact the Natural Resources Branch at 938-7122/4050.

Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

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

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: Medium

Command Channel 8/23

June 16-23

(Broadcast times)

Army Newswatch

Today, Friday and Monday through June 23
8:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

The Point

Today, Friday and Monday through June 23
8 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Life Works

at Balfour Beatty Communities

• **Father-Look-Alike contest:** Are you and your son or daughter mirror images? Do you have the same strong chin, the same blue eyes or wavy hair?

To enter the Father-Look-Alike contest, drop off entries at 132 Bartlett Loop or email jgellman@bbcgrp.com by today. All pictures will be displayed and entered into a contest. Prizes will be awarded.

NOW SHOWING

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

Friday—Rio, G, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday—Madea's Big Happy

Family, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

June 24—Soul Surfer, PG, 7:30 p.m.

THE THEATER SCHEDULE ALSO CAN BE FOUND

AT WWW.AAFES.COM.

SHARP

Response Team

24/7 Sexual Assault Response Coordinators

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

Support or More Information

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

24/7 Victim Advocacy

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

drink is one 12-ounce beer or wine cooler, one 5-ounce glass of wine or 1.5 ounces of 80-proof distilled spirits.

Don't drink if you need to drive or operate machinery more complicated than your TV remote.

Visit www.tricare.mil/alcoholawareness or www.thatguy.com for more information.

- Take advantage of appropriate disease screening

Screenings for prostate cancer, colon cancer and cardiovascular disease are all part of the TRICARE benefit.

Steer away from large portions and limit your intake of fatty foods and sweets.

- Maintain a healthy weight

Balance the calories eaten with calories burned off by exercising. To eliminate gradual weight gain, eat and drink fewer calories and increase physical activity as the years go by. You should aim for a body mass index (BMI) of less than 25, if possible.

- Get active

Brisk walking, mowing the lawn, swimming, softball, soccer and riding bikes are just a few examples of moderate physical activity. Begin slowly, adding a little more time to the activity each day.

- Don't smoke or use other forms of tobacco

If you smoke, quit. Smoking is the single largest modifiable risk factor for heart disease and many forms of cancer. For tips on how to quit, please visit www.tricare.mil/tobaccofree, www.ucanquit2.org or call the National Quit Line at 1-800-QUITNOW.

- If you choose to use alcohol, drink in moderation.

Limit drinks to no more than two per day. A standard

Keller Corner

School and Sports Physicals

Appointments are now available for school and sports physicals. Beat the summer rush and schedule your appointments now.

Call 938-7992 to schedule an appointment.

KACH outpatient clinics closure

All outpatient clinics, laboratory, pharmacy and radiology will be closed July 4 for Independence Day.

The emergency room will remain open.

Men's Health Week- June 15-21

Reducing health risks can have long lasting rewards. With Men's Health Week, it is a great time to do a self-assessment of your current lifestyle and health risks.

A healthy lifestyle plan addressing the following areas can help you live a longer, happier and healthier life:

- Eat right

Make healthy food choices and eat sensibly. Emphasize fruits, vegetables, whole grains, low-fat milk products, lean meats, poultry, fish, beans, eggs and nuts.



Shortstop Clint Moore, Class of 2011 graduate, was selected in the 31st round of the Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft June 8 by the San Diego Padres.

PHOTOS BY ERIC S. BARTELT/PV

Moore, McKague chosen in MLB Draft



First baseman/pitcher Kevin McKague was selected in the 50th round of the Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft June 8 by the Atlanta Braves.

**By Christian Anderson
Army Athletic Communications**

For the fourth time in the last five years, Army is represented in the Major League Baseball's First-Year Player Draft as shortstop Clint Moore and first baseman/pitcher Kevin McKague were both selected June 8.

Moore, who graduated last month as one of the most prolific offensive players in Patriot League history, was chosen with the 22nd pick of the 31st round (953rd overall) by the San Diego Padres.

McKague, who left West Point this spring to rehabilitate an injury and did not graduate from the academy, was selected with the 24th pick of the 50th round (1,525th overall) by the Atlanta Braves.

It marks the first time since 2008 that multiple Army players have been selected in the same draft.

Moore graduated as Army's all-time leader in home runs (35), doubles (51), RBI (184), runs scored (174), total bases (413), slugging percentage (.589) and multiple-RBI games (54), while his 233 career base hits rank second all-time at West Point.

He led the Black Knights this season with 11 home runs, 48 RBI, 90 total bases and a .536 slugging percentage, while his 11 doubles and 22 walks were second on the squad.

A product of Greensboro, N.C., Moore was the Patriot League Rookie of the Year in 2008 and earned all-star plaudits while playing in the Cape Cod League last summer.

Moore was a semifinalist for the Brooks Wallace Award, which is handed out each year to the nation's top shortstop, in 2009 and a quarterfinalist for the prestigious honor this spring. The five-time All-American was also a finalist for the AAU Sullivan Award, which is presented annually to the country's top amateur athlete, last year.

A native of Fayetteville, N.C., McKague appeared in 12 games this spring before an injury derailed his season.

The three-time All-Patriot League selection ranks second on Army's all-time saves list (22) after setting the single-season record with 13 saves last season. McKague also ranks among Army's all-time greats in home runs (19), doubles (39), RBI (138) and base hits (208).

Moore and McKague become the seventh and eighth Army players in the last five years selected in the Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft, joining Matt Fouch (Atlanta Braves), who was picked last year, Drew Clothier (Florida Marlins), Chris Simmons (Pittsburgh Pirates) and Cole White (Pittsburgh Pirates), who were all chosen in 2008, and Nick Hill (Seattle Mariners) and Milan Dinga (Los Angeles Angels), who were selected in 2007.

Additionally, Schuyler Williamson was selected in the 2005 First-Year Player Draft by the Detroit Tigers and Mike Scioletti was taken the 43rd round of the selection process by the Chicago White Sox in 1998. In all, 10 Black Knights have been chosen by professional teams in the draft.



Systems Engineering's Jed Richards contributed to his team's 13-5 win Monday over MEDDAC at the FMWR H Lot Softball Complex. PHOTOS BY MIKE STRASSER/PV

Staff & Faculty Softball

Standings as of Monday

NORTH DIVISION		SOUTH DIVISION	
TEAMS	W - L	TEAMS	W - L
1. ODIA 1	6 - 3	1. MATH	5 - 0
2. STEWART MARINES	6 - 3	2. EECS/DPE	7 - 1
3. ODIA 2	4 - 4	3. BTD/BS&L	6 - 2
4. MPs	2 - 5	4. SYST. ENG.	6 - 2
5. BAND	1 - 3	5. CHEM./PHYS.	3 - 4
6. MEDDAC	1 - 3	6. DMI	0 - 2
7. WTU	1 - 5	7. SOC. SCI./HIST.	0 - 5
8. KACH	0 - 6		



Military Police second baseman Staci Roseman hit a triple to drive in a run from first during the MPs 10-7 win over Keller Army Community Hospital Monday.

Sylve caps career in record-breaking style

By Pamela Flenke
Army Athletic Communications

Second Lt. Dmonick Sylve concluded his career in the Black and Gold June 9 at the 2011 NCAA Track and Field Championships in Des Moines, Iowa, in All-America fashion.

Sylve placed 11th in the 110-meter hurdles national semifinal to earn second-team honors.

Sylve crossed the line in an Army-record 13.62 seconds, shaving .05 seconds off the previous standard which he set at last season's NCAA Championships.

Competing in his second consecutive national semifinal, he narrowly missed the qualifying cut for the finals after finishing third in his heat.

The field of 24 was broken into three heats of eight, with the top-two finishers per heat plus the two next-best times overall qualifying for the eight-man finals.

The Long Beach, Calif., native improved upon last year's performance in all facets—time, overall finish and finish within his heat.

He finished 21st overall and eighth in his heat in the 2010 semifinals, crossing the line in a then-Army record 13.67 seconds.

"It was a great cap to an unbelievable career at West Point," Army head coach Troy Engle said. "It's fitting for an athlete of Dom's caliber to have the final race of his career be his best race. He gave everything he had to make it to the NCAA Championships.

"His career will go down in the annals of Army track and field as one of the most successful that anyone has ever had. The rise from a walk-on to not only an NCAA qualifier, but an All-American is a testament to the type of kid he is—he's an athlete that's never accepted anything but the best from himself," Engle added. "His loss will probably be the single greatest loss to the team next year, not only for his athleticism but who he was as a team leader."

The top-eight finishers earn first-team All-America status, while finishers 9-16 are named to the second team.

Sylve is the first Black Knight to earn All-America recognition since Adam Burke (USMA '04) finished 11th in the javelin at the 2004 outdoor championships.

Sylve is the 19th All-American in Army men's track and field history. Army's 19 All-Americans have combined for 30 certificates, including five by Curt Alitz (USMA '78).



Second Lt. Dmonick Sylve placed 11th in the 110-meter hurdles to earn second-team All-America honors during the 2011 NCAA Track and Field Championships June 9 in Des Moines, Iowa.

ERIC S. BARTELT/PV