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Cadets run Tunnel to Towers

(Above photo) Cadets make their way to lower Manhattan through cheering New York City firefighters and cadets holding flags at the 10th annual Tunnel to Towers Run Sunday. Nearly 1,800 West Point cadets participated in the run and supported the event. The cadets volunteered to run alongside almost 30,000 other participants from the mouth of the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel to the grounds of the World Trade Center. This is the very same route that New York City Firefighter Stephen Siller (photo to right) took on 9/11 after hearing the radio dispatch that a plane had struck the Twin Towers. Siller had completed an overnight shift with Squad 1 in Brooklyn and was planning a day of golf with his brothers. Instead, he gathered more than 60 pounds of firefighting equipment and ran to join his brethren at Ground Zero. Siller, along with 342 other firefighters, made the ultimate sacrifice on and in the days following 9/11. See page 3 for story and photos.

TOP PHOTO BY CLASS OF 2012 CADET SAM WHARTON AND RIGHT PHOTO BY CLASS OF 2013 CADET MATT BUNKER



Gates to receive Thayer Award Oct. 6

By Eric S. Bartelt
Managing Editor

Dr. Robert M. Gates, former Secretary of Defense under Presidents George W. Bush and Barack Obama, will receive the Sylvanus Thayer Award in a ceremony hosted by the West Point Association of Graduates Oct. 6 at West Point.

The Corps of Cadets will conduct a review in his honor at 5 p.m., on the Plain before the private award presentation in Washington Hall. The review is open to the public.

Since 1958, the West Point AOG has presented this award to an outstanding citizen of the United States whose service and accomplishments in the national interest exemplify personal devotion to the ideals expressed in the West Point motto, "Duty, Honor, Country."

Some previous recipients of the award include Gen. Colin L. Powell; Walter Cronkite; Tom Brokaw; Bob Hope; Generals of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower, Douglas MacArthur and Omar Bradley; astronaut Neil

Armstrong; and former Presidents George H.W. Bush and Ronald Reagan.

Gates served as the 22nd Secretary of Defense from Dec. 18, 2006, through June 30, 2011.

Before becoming Secretary of Defense in 2006, Gates was the President of Texas A&M University. Prior to assuming the Texas A&M presidency in 2002, he served as Interim Dean of the George Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M from 1999-2001.

Gates had an extensive career with the Central Intelligence Agency beginning in 1966 that lasted nearly 27 years. During that period, he spent nearly nine years at the National Security Council, serving four presidents of both political parties. Ultimately, Gates served as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency from 1991-93.

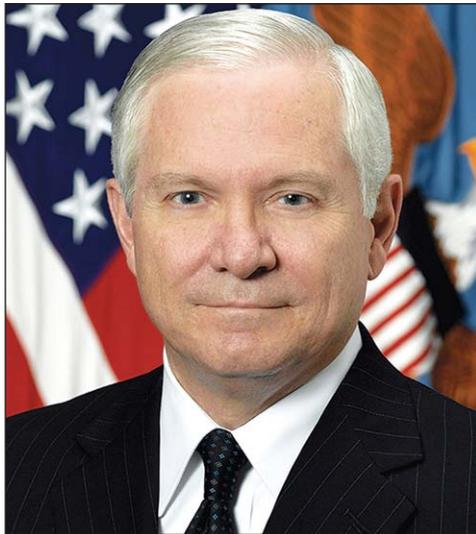
He is the only career officer in the CIA's history to rise from entry-level employee to director.

Gates has been awarded the Nation's

highest civilian award, the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

A native of Kansas, Gates received his bachelor's degree from the College of William and Mary, a master's degree in history from Indiana University and a doctorate in Russian and Soviet history from Georgetown University.

In 1967, he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force and served as an intelligence officer at Whiteman Air Force Base in Missouri.



Dr. Robert M. Gates. COURTESY PHOTO



All in the Bulldog Family

Cadet Company B-2 Bulldogs partnered with the West Point Schools Bulldogs in the name of community service, academic excellence and school spirit. Cadets Shalela Dowdy (2012), pictured in chair, Ashley Murray (2012), Hannah Stihel (2013), Katherine McCrum (2015) and Jonathan Kelly (2015) along with their company Bulldog mascot, Walter Woo (2015), spent time reading to the students of the West Point Elementary School to help kickoff the upcoming Book Fair.

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Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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Record number of cadets run Tunnel to Towers

Story by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

Many people can tell you what they were doing on that clear Tuesday morning when the first plane hit the first tower of the World Trade Center at 8:46 a.m. Sept. 11, 2001. Sixteen minutes later, a second plane hit the second tower. The total number of people killed in New York City was 2,819 including 343 firefighters.

It has been 10 years since that fateful day and ever since New York and other municipalities around the country honor the memory of Stephen Siller and other first responders.

Siller was an off-duty firefighter who just completed an overnight shift and was fighting the New York traffic to get home. He was stuck in the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel when he heard the news on his dispatch radio of planes hitting the World Trade Center.

He abandoned his truck, strapped 60 pounds of gear onto his back and ran from the tunnel to the burning Trade Center. He was last seen near Ground Zero at Liberty and West Streets.

Since that day, the Tunnel to Towers annual run from the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel to the end of the race route at Liberty and West Streets honors Siller and the 342 firefighters who lost their lives trying to save others.

Sunday marked the 10th anniversary of the Tunnel to Towers Run, which this year saw nearly 30,000 runners and walkers including 1,800 cadets and 80 runners from the United States Military Academy Preparatory School.

“We had a brigade-size element this year running,” Class of 2012 Cadet Max McDonnell, brigade planner who ran the race for the first time this year, said.

The cadets learn about the run through word of mouth around the planning stages in early August of every year.

“The cadets will run around talking to other cadets about the run or talk to cadets who have run before,” McDonnell said. “This event grows every year.”

Class of 2012 Cadet Noelle Kerr also helped in the planning of the cadet run and has run the Tunnel to Towers before.



Cadets toured the recently opened 9/11 Memorial at Ground Zero after finishing the Tunnel to Towers run Sunday.



Cadets kept their enthusiasm high to the very end of the Tunnel to Towers Run Sunday in New York City. About 1,800 cadets participated in the annual event, a record number representing the Corps of Cadets.

PHOTOS BY CLASS OF 2012 CADET MATT BUNKER

“I ran during my plebe year,” she said. “I wanted to see New York and couldn’t think of a better way to see it than to commemorate 9/11 with the Tunnel to Towers Run.”

The Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation, a charity organization that runs several programs including supporting burn centers and building homes for surviving quadriplegic servicemen returning from combat and provides scholarships to children who lost a parent, hosts the Tunnel to Towers Run.

It is a nationwide run with many municipalities around the country hosting 5K runs to honor those who have fallen in the line of duty.

Dignitaries at the run included comedian Dennis Miller, former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani, chairman of the Tunnel to Towers Run, and actor Gary Sinise and the Lt. Dan Band.

Racers ran with flags, firefighters ran in uniforms, friends

and family members held photos of lost FDNY members.

Nintey-two cadets held American flags along the streets while runners raced past them often slapping hands in a show of solidarity—and remembrance.

Cadet thoughts ... Participating in the run and seeing the 9/11 Memorial

By Staff Sgt. Matthew Leary
West Point Public Affairs

After the Tunnel to Towers Run, cadets spoke about the full encompassing experience they had Sunday, especially afterward with the emotional atmosphere surrounding the site of the 9/11 Memorial.

Class of 2014 Cadet Richard Dulce was inspired to see firemen running in full gear to honor their fallen comrades. It was all about people being “a part of something bigger than themselves.”

The Corps of Cadets went from ecstatic after the run to a somber feel as they walked through the memorial site.

“It was a huge part of why we joined up,” Dulce said. “I honestly think it was the most patriotic experience I’ve ever been a part of. It was surreal thinking about 10 years ago and what happened at that exact place.”

Class of 2012 Cadet Kirby Kastner viewed the names of every person who died at the World Trade Center, as she and all the cadets who participated in the run walked around to experience the site.

“(It was) really moving to think that those buildings were there just 10 short years ago,” Kastner said. “We were really grateful to see the memorial because a lot of people come to West Point because of what happened on 9/11.”

Letter to the Editor

My name is David Popowich and I am writing to you today because on Sunday, Sept. 25, 2011, I took my family down to the 9/11 Memorial and I observed more than a thousand West Point cadets participating in the memorial run at the Trade Center site.

After the run, the cadets were allowed to pass through the memorial and when they did I stood there with my wife and two small children and shook the hands of hundreds of them passing through the memorial.

I stated a simple “thank you” to each cadet. If any one of the cadets ever ask “why did a stranger who was crying, shake my hand and say thank you,” it’s because I can see each one of the cadets, all young men and women, volunteering to serve this country proudly. And I just hope a simple handshake and thank you from someone like me shows them that we think about them and care. I am a New York City Detective who was at the Trade Center site on Sept. 11, 2001.

Yearling spends weekends volunteering as EMT

Story by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

As if cadets don't have enough to do with academics, athletics and military training, Class of 2014 Cadet Kendrick Ladd enjoys doing a little bit more.

On most weekends, Ladd can be found volunteering with the Town of Highlands Ambulance Corps.

Ladd received his emergency medical training in Lander, Wyo., and became a certified emergency medical technician before entering West Point.

"Once I finished Beast, I went to volunteer at the Town of Highlands Ambulance Corps," Ladd, assigned to 4th Regiment, H Company, said.

Ladd is the first cadet to work with THAC, which takes a certain amount of dedication in order to meet the daily obligations at West Point.

"I usually work on weekends and use passes to spend it at THAC, but I need to be back on post by Taps at 1 a.m. until 5:20 a.m.," he explained. "Most of the time one of the EMTs here will give me a ride or another cadet will lend me their car, but sometimes it comes down to the wire. I almost had to hitchhike a couple of times."

Ladd said he works well with his tactical officer and noncommissioned tactical officers.

"My TAC officer, Capt. Melissa Steele, and TAC NCO, Sgt. 1st. Class Normand Paquin, help me a lot to be able to come to the ambulance corps," he said.

Paquin said Ladd does plenty on his own to balance all his commitments, while instilling a positive view of West Point cadets in the Highland Falls community.

"He's doing a great job of balancing the competing time demands of EMT duties and his academic, military and physical responsibilities as a cadet corporal at West Point," Paquin said. "His dedication to mission success not only in the classroom, but as a leader, has set a great example of what right looks like for his subordinates and superiors."

Ladd said he studies during down time when it's not busy.

"The weekends are the busiest time as far as 911 call volume goes," Ladd said. "I have responded to everything from car accidents, assaults, vehicle versus pedestrian and mass casualty incidents involving both civilian and Soldiers. At times though, it can either be feast or famine."

Mervin Livsey Jr. is another EMT working with Ladd and said he enjoys working with him.

"We admire Ladd for what he does here," Livsey said. "He comes and helps his community out."

Ladd said it's like a family, and he'll even attend his co-workers' childrens' softball games.

Ladd is hoping to start an EMT Club to provide training that is more relevant to cadets other than the first responder training.

"I think cadets need more field training than they get with the advanced medical training they currently receive, which is a PowerPoint presentation," he said. "There's nothing wrong with this training, but many people don't know if they can handle medical emergencies in the field until they actually do it."

Ladd said his EMT experiences goes along with his training as an officer.

"If you are an officer in Afghanistan, you have to make decisions and this is where the field experience as an EMT is necessary," Ladd said. "On the weekends, I might be called out to a car accident scene, which can be chaotic. Patients' lives are on the line and career police officers (and) firefighters may look at me and say 'What's the plan?'"

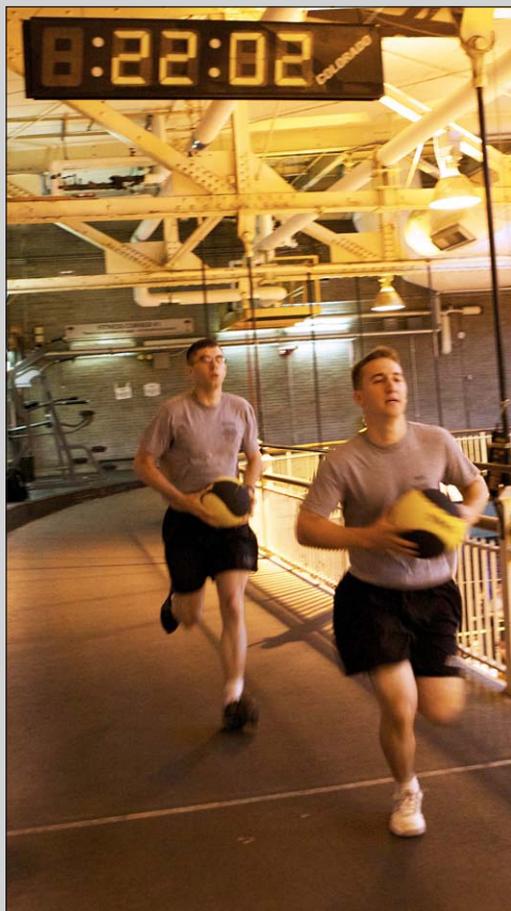
"Thinking effectively under pressure, making decisions that mean the difference between life and death and bearing the legal responsibility for every decision I make is helping to prepare me for those situations I will face as a lieutenant, where the lives in the balance are those of my men."



Just as a Soldier is required to do regular preventive maintenance, checks and services to a military vehicle, as a volunteer emergency medical technician Class of 2014 Cadet Kendrick Ladd helps keep the Town of Highlands ambulances in top form.

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Enduring the IOCT



More than 300 cadets took on the Indoor Obstacle Course Sept. 23 inside Hayes Gymnasium. The test consisted of 11 events performed sequentially to include a low crawl under a barrier, tire footwork, a two-handed vault, horizontal bar navigation, a hanging tire, a balance beam and an 8-foot horizontal wall and 20-foot horizontal ladder.

TOMMY GILLGAN/WEST POINT PAO

Hispanic Heritage event has attendees dancing in the aisles

Story and photos by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

Usually celebrated at an outdoor venue, the West Point annual Hispanic Heritage Month celebration was held at Robinson Auditorium Sept. 23 instead of Trophy Point due to persistent rain.

More than 200 cadets, staff and faculty and members of the West Point and Highland Falls community gathered to celebrate the annual observance, which lasts through Oct. 15.

The event was a success despite the rain with cadets and other attendees dancing in the aisles with the Cadet Combat Salsa Team, an offshoot of the Cadet Spanish Club, dancing to the music of Orquesta Sensacion. Participants also enjoyed sampling a variety of Colombian, Peruvian and Mexican food—always a favorite at the celebration.

Class of 2012 Cadet Pablo Rivera was the master of ceremonies and cadet-in-charge for the second year in a row.

“I’ve been involved in the Cadet Spanish Club since my plebe year,” Rivera said. “This event is part of our mission observance, like celebrating Black History Month or Asian Pacific Month. It’s important to get involved with the community (to celebrate diversity.)”

Rivera said the Hispanic Heritage Month observance is a demonstration of the presence and unity of Latin cultures such as Chile, Honduras and other Central and South American countries.

The Cadet Combat Salsa Team invited attendees to join them near the stage to dance, but they also went into the audience and selected partners to learn the salsa. It wasn’t long before

the aisle was crowded with dancers, some taking direction from team members and others simply enjoying the music.

There has been a long tradition of Hispanic cadets dating back to 1816 when international cadets from Chile arrived at West Point and again in 1889 when international cadets from Guatemala arrived.

As the event MC, Rivera reminded the audience of the contributions to West Point by Hispanics. Maj. Gen. Luis Estevez was the first Hispanic to graduate from West Point with the “Class of Generals” in 1915.

Estevez often tutored classmate Dwight Eisenhower and remained friends with the former president after graduation.

Estevez was also the founder of the Puerto Rican National Guard. Dr. Richard Morales Jr. was the first Puerto Rican selected as First Captain for the Class of 1976 and graduated as a Rhodes Scholar.

The West Point Equal Opportunity Office, Cadet Spanish Club and the Simon Center for the Professional Military Ethic hosted the event, which is celebrated annually to raise awareness of a variety of Hispanic cultures through music, dance and food.

The Hispanic Heritage Festival will be followed by Diversity Day, which occurs in October. Preparations are already under way for this event which promises to be both educational and fun.

It will be held in Thayer Hall on the 3rd Floor from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Oct. 11, and will showcase the diverse groups that make up the Corps of Cadets to include not just different nationalities and cultures, but also religions and cadet groups.



The annual West Point Hispanic Festival was celebrated at Robinson Auditorium Sept. 23 with performances from Orquesta Sensacion and a Salsa dance team. The event included food samplings from various Latin countries along with salsa lessons from the dance team. (Below, left) Attendees enjoyed a sampling of Spanish food inside Thayer Hall. The event was moved from Trophy Point due to rain. The observance is an annual event at West Point to celebrate diversity during Hispanic Heritage Month.



Cadets challenge themselves for gold standard

In pursuing the German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge, most cadets won't settle for less than the best

Story and photos by Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor

More than 900 cadets spent a portion of their day outside Gillis Field House Sept. 24 completing a series of events needed to earn the German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge.

Earning this badge requires a demonstration of proficiency in several military and athletic skills events. The cadets of 4th Regiment organized the daylong event to qualify participants in several of these, to include the 200-meter freestyle swim, shot put, long jump and 100-meter sprint. Inside the Tronsrue Marksmanship Center, the Combat Weapons Team conducted training and provided safety briefings before cadets had to engage three targets with five rounds at 25 meters.

The badge is awarded in gold, silver and bronze standards, depending on results from the pistol shoot and ruck march. All other events are recorded in the Go/No Go categories. For many cadets, going for the minimum time or distance qualification—wasn't good enough.

Class of 2012 Cadet Armando Peralta more than exceeded the minimum long jump distance, but returned to the back of the line. He heard the distance to beat, so far that morning, was only slightly better. He wanted another jump just to have the record, however long it would last. Along the way back, he coached other cadets struggling with the unfamiliar track event, encouraging them to “fight for every inch.”

“I like being the best and I like winning, and, being around all these guys, you want to set the example,” Peralta said.

He has experience in these events, having competed for the badge every year at West Point. Even with a year to complete all the requirements, Peralta has managed to complete all but the ruck march each time around, due to a rigorous training schedule with the West Point Cycling Team. He's determined to finish it all this semester.

“It's kind of a personal challenge right now,” Peralta said.

Class of 2012 Cadet Angela Smith, 4th



The pistol shoot—five rounds at a 25 meter target—was one of several events organized by 4th Regiment Sept. 24 for more than 900 cadets qualifying for the German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge.

Regiment commander, earned her badge two years earlier and sympathized with those cadets heaving the shot put and awkwardly finding their timing on the long jump.

There were plenty of first-time go's, but a fair share of repeats as well. Some cadets opted to throw the shot put underhand and backward, placing greater emphasis on leg strength.

Class of 2015 Cadet David Vinson was on his third attempt at the shot put and said finding the right technique was difficult.

“I see guys smaller than me doing it, so it's not just about raw strength,” he said. “You have to find that right balance where you use both your legs and upper body strength.”

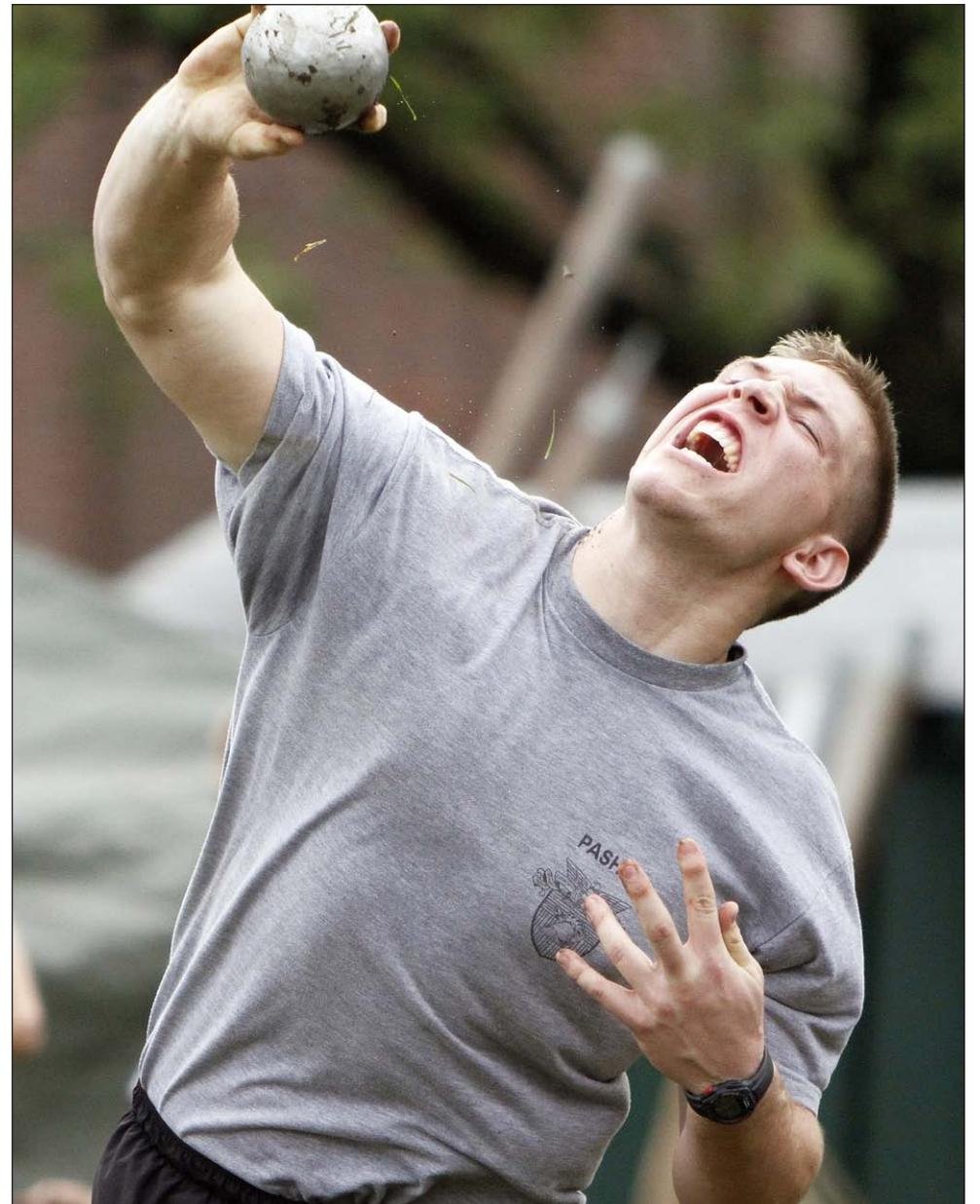
He recorded a decent long jump on his second try. Again, having no prior experience with this event, it took some time to get a pace count and execute a qualifying jump.

Like most cadets, Vinson didn't mind the extra effort. Having earned the gold in the pistol shoot earlier in the day, he wanted to exceed the standards.

“I wouldn't settle for less,” Vinson said.

Class of 2015 Cadet Steven Stringfield saw this as another goal he wanted to attain to remain competitive.

Without a history of track and field, many cadets found the long jump and shot put events challenging. However, the pistol shoot and running events returned them to more familiar tasks. Cadets have a year to qualify in all the requirements for the German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge. More photos are available at www.flickr.com/photos/west_point/.



Class of 2014 Cadet Steven Pashko, F-4, launches the shot put forward in an attempt for a qualifying distance Sept. 24 outside Gillis Field House. More than 900 cadets participated in several events toward qualifying for the German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge.

“It also increased my appreciation of the military now that I've learned more about this badge,” Stringfield said. “I have a lot of respect for those who've earned it.”

Class of 2012 Cadet Daniel Borchik, the 4th Regiment intelligence officer, said the GPB is a badge that can only be awarded under the oversight of a German officer.

With foreign exchange officers stationed at West Point, most cadets knew it would be easier to compete for the badge here rather than wait until their first duty station unless, of course, they get their first assignment in Germany.

“Typically, the GPB is not very difficult for cadets to earn ... but it does normally take a great deal of time to complete,” Borchik said. “Earning the GPB is an option given

to every single cadet (most years). However, time constraints or difficulty completing all events may prevent someone from earning it. It really comes down to whether or not a cadet wants to earn it.”

Overall, Borchik said hosting the one-day event worked out well for everyone involved. Other requirements may be organized on company levels, but a brigade ruck march is scheduled in November for cadets to meet that obligation.

Borchik credits 4th Regiment's H Company for providing most of the supporting elements to this event.

“It is remarkable for a single company to run a brigade-wide function,” Borchik said. “Much of the credit for the success of this massive event must go to Company H-4.”



Doing the Chicken Dance

Children of all ages learn the "Chicken Dance" at the Oktoberfest celebration Sept. 24 hosted by West Point Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation. The band "Alpine Squeeze" played polkas and German standards, while children also enjoyed face painting, Wiener Dog races and sand art. The festival began Sept. 23 and, despite the rain, had nearly 200 people attending Friday with another 600 on Saturday.

PHOTO BY KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

Cadet Activities Update

Judo Team: The West Point Judo Women competed last weekend at the 7th All Women's Judo Championships.

Six West Point Judo athletes traveled to Lodi, Ohio, and displayed an impressive performance of Judo skills by winning 20 out of the 23 matches they participated in. Cadets Larisa Tudor, Catherine Clarke-Pounder and Elizabeth Posey took first in their respective divisions. Cadet Heather Purkey took second place and Cadets Candence Webber and Katherine Donohoe earned third place. Tudor also competed in an open division where she took second place for a total of seven medals in this tournament.

Aviation Club: The Aviation Club attended the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association National Convention in Hartford, Conn., Sept. 24. The cadets had a chance to talk to experienced pilots, see some of the latest aviation technology and aircraft and attend educational pilot seminars.

Triathlon Team: The Triathlon team traveled to Buffalo Sept. 24, with two cadets competing in the age-group Olympic distance triathlon and another competing in the elite national championships. Cadet Brian Trainor placed third in his age group and Cadet Norris Overly placed first in his age group. Trainor and Overly placed fifth and sixth overall, respectively, out of 110 competitors.

Cadet Jessica Clay competed in the Elite National Championship Draft Legal race. In her first pro series race, Clay was the youngest competitor and held her own against the seasoned racers.

Marathon Team: The Marathon team made an outstanding showing at the Yonkers Half Marathon Sept. 18. The men finished in 10 of the top 20 positions and the ladies took the top three places of all female runners. Cadet Adam Irons placed first in his age group and joined Cadets Meg Ann Braun and Elaine Gill who each placed first in their respective age groups.

Electronics Experimenters Group: On Sept. 18, a total of 11 cadets from the Electronic Experimenters Club went to Queens, to observe the World Maker Faire at the New York Hall of Science. The cadets were able to talk with many hobbyists and inventors who were demonstrating their technology projects.

It was a great opportunity for the cadets to see other creative projects, ask questions and get inspired about the endeavors they are currently working on as members of the club.

Climbing Team: On Sept. 18, the West Point Climbing Team departed for the cliffs to climb, lead, follow, place gear and enjoy the sun after a long weekend of inspections and parading.

New members touched outdoor rocks for the first time at the Gunks (part of the Mohonk Preserve), while returning veterans had the opportunity to hone their traditional lead climbing skills, taking the sharp end of the rope and leading their partners up the cliff several hundred feet. Everyone learned new skills—including how to organize three different parties on the same belay ledge—and touched new routes, ascending multiple pitches.

The Air Force Academy cadet on the team learned the meaning of heights on a 160-foot pitch of classic Gunks climbing, while the Chilean exchange cadet took pictures perched on the airy heights above Belly Roll. The day provided not only the opportunity to develop individual climbing skills, but to build team cohesion. Everyone worked closely with their partners, relying upon and trusting them with their lives, while also sharing the thrill of having accomplished something challenging as a team.

Glee Club: Glee Club Cadets Peter Coppernoll, Michell Clark, Jonathan Curran, Katherine Fredieu, Briana O'Hearn and Holland Gibson, accompanied by Maj. Gregory Tomlin, officer-in-charge, performed at the Roosevelt Institute For Freedoms Awards Ceremony in Hyde Park Sept. 17, by invitation of Anna Eleanor Roosevelt, Board of Directors chair.

Combat Weapons Team competing, training the Corps of Cadets

By Class of 2012 Cadet Aaron Pool
Combat Weapons Team PAO

Taking on the new academic year with a vengeance, the Combat Weapons Team has been active these past few weeks both in competition and as a source of knowledge for the Corps of Cadets.

On Sept. 18, the team traveled to compete in the Long Island Practical Shooters Association's 2011 pistol championship. Cadets and coaches competed in the event and the organization's coach, Joe Seuk, won the Production Class in the event.

Other notable performances included sixth place by coach Gary Salman, a ninth place finish by Class of 2012 Cadet TJ Snukis and 16th place by Class of 2013 Cadet Bill Owens.

The competition consisted of nine challenging stages.

Each stage presented the shooters with a complex series of targets for them to engage and be scored based on accuracy and time.

On Sept. 24, the CWT supported the German Proficiency Badge pistol shoot at the Tronsrue Marksmanship Center.

Throughout the course of the day, more than 900 cadets received basic pistol instruction and safely executed the event.

In the five round pistol shoot, cadets had to engage three targets with five



The Combat Weapons Team is loaded up, in kit, and ready to compete this year.

COMBAT WEAPONS TEAM PHOTO

rounds at 25 meters to qualify for their badge.

"We enjoy helping to support the GPB shoot because it helps us become better instructors, and also uses our expertise to give something back to other cadets," Class of 2012 Cadet Josh Mathews said.

Helping to instruct and run events such as this are a great value to everyone involved.

The Corps of Cadets is offered a rare opportunity to shoot the M9 Berretta pistol

while at the academy and in the process learn a great deal about its operation and how to accurately engage targets.

The CWT is uniquely situated within the Corps to serve in this sort of training capacity as well. As training continues, the team will shift focus to future competitions such as the All-Army competition at Fort Benning, Ga., in the spring and the Joint Service Academy Combat Weapons Competition in April.

Cadets support Boy Scout Day

Story and photo by Class of 2012 Cadet Cale Hansen

This year's Boy Scout Day drew more than 3,000 Scouts and family members to West Point Sept. 17.

The day began with hundreds of Boy Scouts gathered on Daly Field to experience some of the many cadet clubs, to include the Mixed Martial Arts and Combat Weapons teams. West Point Admissions was also represented providing fliers, posters and information for those interested in possibly attending West Point.

Scouts attended the 3rd and 4th Regiment parade and were provided with a unique tour experience throughout the campus, conducted by cadets.



Scouts received guided tours from cadets during Boy Scout Day Sept. 17.

PHOTO BY CLASS OF 2012 CADET CALE HANSON

The day culminated with an Army home football game and the much-anticipated Army victory over Northwestern.

FMWR Blurbs

Celebrate "The Rocky Horror Picture Show"

Join the West Point Club for its celebration of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" from 7 p.m.-midnight tonight.

Watch the movie on the big screen in the Club's Grand Ballroom, play along with props, enter the costume contest for best character, dance and just have good-old fashioned fun.

Cash bar and bar menu are available all night.

For more information, call 938-5120.

Art EDGE! for school-age children

Art EDGE! is offering a class to design ballerinas, planes or trains for children in grades 1-5 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Friday at Lee CDC.

Enroll at CYSS Parent Central or call 938-4458/0939.

Free English Language Learner classes

Army Community Service is offering free language classes designed to build fundamental English skills and increase self-sufficiency and proficiency in non-native English.

ACS offers fun-filled creative classes in an interactive environment with you in mind.

The first session of classes are Tuesday, Oct. 11, 18 and 25 and then Nov. 1, 8, 15 and 22.

For more information or to sign up, contact Army Community Service at 938-3487 or Monica.Orecchio@usma.edu.

Art EDGE! for Middle School & Teens

Design a harvest pillow for your room during an Art EDGE! program.

The program is free to students in grades 6-12 at the Youth Center from 3:15-4:15 p.m. every Wednesday through Oct. 26.

Enroll at Parent Central, Lee CDC, Bldg. 140, or call 938-4458.

Hired! Program workshops

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 the Youth Services Bldg. 500 from 3-5:30 p.m.

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

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

Strong Spouses and Young Heroes Deployment Support Groups

New deployment support groups for spouses and children will be held from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Oct. 7, Nov. 4 and Dec. 2 by the ACS Mobilization and Deployment Program in Bldg. 622.

The Strong Spouses Journaling through Deployment group discovers how to record thoughts, special events and milestones while sharing your feelings about your deployment experience with others.

Meet new friends and learn about helpful resources.

The Young Heroes Learning about Deployment group helps children gain support and have fun while learning about life in Iraq and Afghanistan through deployment-related activities.

Military youth are taught and recognized as heroes through this support group.

For more information and to register, call 938-5654.

Hunter Safety Course

There will be two Hunter Safety Courses held from 6-10 p.m. Oct. 14 and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 15 at Bonneville Cabin, Round Pond.

For more information and to sign up, call 938-2503.

Mongolian Barbecue

Join the West Point Club from 5-8 p.m. Oct. 14 for a Mongolian Barbecue in the Pierce Dining Room.

It's your chance to create a culinary masterpiece.

It starts by making you the chef. Choose from a selection of beef, turkey, pork, shrimp and fresh vegetables, sauces and spices.

After your creation is complete, your food is weighed and then a club chef will assist you by stir-frying your masterpiece.

No reservations needed, open seating

only.

For more information, call 938-5120.

Monster Dash 5K

The FMWR Fitness Center presents the Monster Dash 5K Oct. 15.

Registration begins at 7 a.m. and the 5K starts at 8 a.m. The start and finish of the race will be at the AAFES parking lot (H-Lot).

Pre-registration begins at the FMWR Fitness Center two weeks prior to race day.

Race day registration will be at the start line. Cadets can run for free. Strollers and leashed dogs welcome.

For more information, call 938-6490 or go to westpointmwr.com.

Fit EDGE! Volleyball

Fit EDGE! Volleyball consists of six classes and is open to youth in grades 6-12.

The free classes take place on Mondays at the Youth Center (500 Washington Road) through Oct. 31.

Enroll at CYSS Parent Central or call 938-4458/0939.

Wee One Play Group hours of operation

The Wee Ones Play Group is 9:30-11 a.m. every Monday at the Lee Child Development Center.

For more information, call Shelley Ariosto at 938-3369.

FMWR community swim program September hours of operation

The community swim program September hours of operation are:

- Monday through Saturday—noon-1:30 p.m., taking place at the Cadet Intramural Pool;
- Monday and Wednesday—6:30-8:30 p.m., currently closed due to pool repair.

Check the information tape at 938-2985 for any changes to the schedule.

NEW INFO

Dinner at the West Point Club

The West Point Club is now serving dinner from 5:30-9 p.m. Wednesday through Friday in the Pierce Dining Room.

Bring the whole family to experience the club's all-new menu created by Chef Dan.

For more information, visit the club's web site at westpointmwr.com/club and check

out its new dinner menu.

Volunteers and Arts & Crafts materials needed

The Art EDGE! Program is an after-school activity for children in grades 1-12. Due to budget cutbacks, arts/crafts/hobbies supplies are sparse.

If you have pillow stuffing (batting), needles, thread, cloth material or buttons to donate, the program would be very interested in receiving them for future art projects.

If you have, or know someone with, a talent to share with children in grades 1-5 or grades 6-12 in an after-school environment, a couple of hours (one day a week for four weeks), the program would be very interested in having you.

For more information, call 938-0829.

USAG Golf Scramble

There is a U.S. Army Garrison Golf Scramble with a 1 p.m. shotgun start Oct. 13 at the West Point Golf Course.

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. Fees include golf cart, prizes and an afternoon barbecue. Green fees are not included. Register from 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Oct. 13.

To sign up, call the Pro Shop at 938-2435.

Walk a Mile

The ACS Family Advocacy Program is hosting a "Walk a Mile" in support of Domestic Violence Awareness month Oct. 14.

The walk starts and ends at the Thayer Statue on the Plain. Come along anytime between 11:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. to participate, rain or shine.

For more information, call 938-3369.

MST Center Open on early dismissal days

The West Point Middle School/Teen Center (MST Center) will open at 11 a.m. on scheduled West Point Middle School early dismissal days for those 6-8 grade students registered with CYSS. A small fee is applicable.

Check with WPMS for their early dismissal dates.

For more information, call 938-8525/3727.

What's Happening

High Holiday Worship information

Rosh Hashanah is the Jewish New Year, which begins the High Holiday season. There is a two-day holiday observance that began at sundown Wednesday and ends at nightfall Friday.

Yom Kippur is the Day of Atonement, the holiest day on the Jewish calendar, and is a one-day Fast Day observance starting at sundown on Oct. 7 and concludes at nightfall Oct. 8.

These two holidays together comprise the High Holidays, for which the West Point Jewish Chapel is offering the following worship/observance opportunities:

- Tonight—Rosh Hashanah Evening Worship services, 7 p.m.;
- Friday—Rosh Hashanah (2nd day) Worship services, 9:30 a.m.;
- Oct. 7—Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) Evening Worship services, 7 p.m.;
- Oct. 8—Yom Kippur Worship Services, 9:30 a.m.;
- Oct. 8—Yom Kippur Afternoon/Evening Worship services and break-the-fast meal, 5:30 p.m.

For more information, contact the Jewish Chapel Staff and/or Rabbi (Maj.) Shmuel Felzenberg at 938-2710.

The Jewish Chapel is located on-post at 750 Merritt Road.

10K Road Race (Police Chase) 2011

The 34th annual “Kelly Memorial” Police Chase 10K Road Race, 5K Run and Children’s Fun Run takes place Sunday at Thomas Bull Memorial Park, Picnic Pavilion in Montgomery. Registration is from 9:30-11 a.m.

For more information, go to www.rocklandroadrunners.org/pdfs/Policechase2011.pdf.

Diversity Day Observance

The Installation EO Office, the Department of Foreign Languages and the William E. Simon Center for the Professional Military Ethic will be hosting this year’s Diversity Day Observance at 6:30-8:30 p.m. Oct. 11 at Thayer Hall, third floor.

The theme is “Our diversity is our strength.” The observance is meant to celebrate the diversity within the Corps of Cadets and the West Point community.

There will be food samplings, artifacts, information and performances at the event.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Joe Willis at 938-7082 or Sgt. 1st Class Timothy Morgan at 938-8456.

October Motorcycle Safety Courses

The West Point Safety Office is offering Motorcycle Safety

Courses for staff and faculty who are active duty and reserve component military Oct. 19-20 and to cadets Oct. 20-23.

For more information, call the West Point Safety Office at 938-3717.

West Point Diving Club

The West Point Diving Club will be offering learn-to-dive lessons this fall at Crandall Pool in the Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center.

All ages and experience levels are welcome. The ability to swim is a prerequisite.

Lessons are offered from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday and from 11 a.m.-noon Saturday. There are also noon-1 p.m. and 1-2 p.m. Saturday lessons when available.

For more information, contact diving coach Ron Kontura at ron.kontura@usma.edu or 938-4207.

Bowling league needs a male and female bowler

The West Point Monday Night Mixed Bowling League needs a male and female bowler to complete two of its teams.

If you are interested in having a fun night of bowling, contact Paul Merritt, league secretary, at 938-6239.

Free Computer Training

The Information, Education and Technology Division is offering free computer courses. The courses include Microsoft Office 2007 software such as Outlook, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access and SharePoint 2010.

Other courses offered are Computer Hardware and Software Orientation and a Keyboard Typing Skills Lab. Courses are given in Jefferson Hall, fourth floor, Room 414 (IETD Classroom) through July 27, 2012.

Courses are open to cadets, USMAPS cadet candidates 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.

For course dates, go to the IETD Course Calendar at <http://usma-portal/dean/staff/ietd/training/Pages/default.aspx>.

NEW INFO

West Point Boxing Rumble

The West Point Boxing Rumble, formerly the Boxing Smoker, takes place at 6 p.m. Friday in the Central Area Quad between Bradley Barracks and Nininger Hall.

There will be a barbecue and a beer truck available for the event. The event is open to the West Point community.

Hudson Highlands Chamber of Commerce meeting

The next Hudson Highlands Chamber of Commerce meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. Oct. 12 at the Holiday Inn Express in Fort Montgomery.

There will also be a discussion about a new affordable website program for startup or small businesses.

DUSA Continuing Education Grant applications

The Society of the Daughters of the U.S. Army is accepting applications for Continuing Education Grants through Oct. 14.

Applications are available at the DUSA Gift Shop, which is located inside the West Point Museum. Applicants must be a member of DUSA by Friday.

Post-wide yard sale

The next West Point post-wide yard sale is scheduled for 10 a.m. Oct. 15.

A Day at Vassar

On the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the founding of Vassar College, a special invitation is offered to friends and neighbors in the Hudson Valley to spend “A Day at Vassar” from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Oct. 15.

A “Day at Vassar” is open to West Point staff and faculty members. Due to limited capacity, registrants are limited to one guest. Registration must be made in advance.

Register by Oct. 7. Admission and lunch are free of charge.

For more information about the event, contact Programs@vassar.edu.

Scrapbooking events

Are you ready to scrapbook? Let’s get together and have some fun. If you are interested in scrapbooking at West Point, email Suzanne Schultz at suzanne.marie.schultz@gmail.com.

West Nile Virus invades West Point

Submitted by the Keller Army Community Hospital's Department of Preventive Medicine

Recently on West Point, a dead crow was recovered by the Department of Natural Resources and sent for testing. The results came back positive for West Nile Virus.

To date, this has been the only bird to test positive for WNV this year in Orange County. The West Nile Virus is a mosquito-borne virus that was first seen in the United States in 1999 and has been documented in every state except Alaska and Hawaii. It can be transmitted to humans by the bite of a mosquito that has been infected with the virus after feeding on infected birds.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, very few mosquitoes (less than 1 percent) are infected. In addition, less than 1 percent of individuals who are actually bitten by an infected mosquito develop severe symptoms. Therefore, a person's chance of becoming seriously ill from any one mosquito bite is extremely small.

The majority of persons who may become infected with WNV will not even know they have it and will not show symptoms.

Other persons (less than 20 percent) will experience mild flu-like symptoms, which can include fever, headache and body aches, before fully recovering. In a small number of cases, particularly among those persons over the age of 50, it can cause serious illness.

WNV is not transmitted from person-to-person through casual contact. Also, there is no evidence that a person can get WNV from handling either live or dead infected animals or from insects other than mosquitoes.

As mentioned previously, although a person's chances of getting sick from WNV are small, there are some simple steps you can take to reduce your risk even further.

Of primary importance is preventing mosquito bites.

- Minimize outdoor activities between dusk and dawn. This is when mosquitoes are most active;

- When weather permits, wear shoes and socks, long pants and a long-sleeved shirt when you are outdoors for long periods of time or when mosquitoes are most active;

Keller Corner

Suicide Prevention is everyone's business

September is National Suicide Prevention Month and it's important to have phone numbers in hand for an emergency situation. To find a Behavioral Health provider, call:

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

24-hour crisis/suicide assistance line:

- North Region: 800-273-Talk (8255);
- West Region: 866-284-3743;
- South Region: 904-254-2313.
- VA and National suicide prevention life line: 800-273-8255.
- Military One Source suicide prevention life line: 800-342-9647.

Flu Vaccine Information Line

Specific dates for vaccination of cadets, active duty servicemembers and other beneficiaries will be announced once dates and vaccination locations are finalized.

For additional information and updates, contact the KACH flu vaccine information line at 938-6398.

- Wear loose-fitting clothing to prevent mosquito bites through thin fabric;

- Consider using mosquito repellent when it is necessary to be outdoors, particularly during evening activities—e.g., fishing;

- The CDC's website titled Insect Repellent Use and Safety (http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/qa/insect_repellent.htm) offers guidance on repellent use;

- Make sure that door and window screens do not have holes;

- Take steps to reduce or eliminate standing water around your home and property (this will help eliminate mosquito-breeding sites);

- Empty water regularly from pet dishes and bird baths, tires and other outdoor containers or debris that can collect water (wading pools, wheelbarrows, buckets, empty cans, etc). Do this at least twice a week;

- Dispose of any of these items mentioned above that are old and no longer in use;

- Keep garbage cans and recycling containers covered to prevent the accumulation of water;

- Make sure that roof gutters drain properly and clean clogged gutters in the spring and fall;

- Clean vegetation and debris from the edges of ponds;

- Use landscaping to eliminate standing water that collects on your property;

- Aerate ornamental pools or stock them with fish. Water gardens are beautiful, but become major mosquito producers if they are allowed to stagnate;

- Ultrasonic devices, 'bug zappers' and Vitamin B are not effective in preventing mosquito bites.

As a general precaution, when discovering dead birds (or any other dead animals), contact Pest Management/Natural Resources at 938-7191 or 938-7122.

If you have any questions about WNV, contact your provider or call the Department of Preventive Medicine at 938-2676.

Mosquitoes are a seasonal nuisance. As autumn progresses the probability of contracting WNV will diminish greatly with the falling temperatures.

KACH Outpatient Clinic Closures

All outpatient clinics, laboratory, pharmacy and radiology will be closed Oct. 10 for Columbus Day.

The Emergency Room will remain open.

Speak up, prevent errors in your child's care— Taking medicine safely

Tell the doctor or nurse your child's current weight or ask them to weigh your child (in kilograms). Medicines for children are based on weight. Make sure to ask the following questions:

- Why does your child need a new medicine? How will it help?

- What are the names of the medicine?

- Is there written information about the medicine?

- What does the medicine look like? Is it a liquid or a pill? What color is the medicine?

- What are the instructions for taking the medicine? Measure dose carefully with an oral syringe, medicine spoon or cup. No kitchen spoons.

- What are the side effects?

Remind the doctor or caregiver about your child's allergies

NOW SHOWING

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

Friday—Cowboys & Aliens, PG-13,

7:30 p.m.

Saturday—Spy Kids: All the Time in the World, PG, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday—Rise of the Planet of the Apes, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.

THE THEATER SCHEDULE ALSO CAN BE FOUND AT

WWW.AAFES.COM.

Command Channel 8/23

Sept. 29-Oct. 6

(Broadcast times)

Army Newswatch

Today, Friday and Monday through Wednesday

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

The Point

Today, Friday and Monday through Wednesday

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

The Jungle Book (Youth Services production)

Today, 7:30 p.m., Friday, 9 a.m., Monday, 3

p.m., Tuesday, 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, 7:30

p.m., Oct. 6, 9 a.m.

Thayer Award Presentation: Live

Oct. 6, 6 p.m.

Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/ECS

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

See SUDOKU SOLUTION, Page 2

Difficulty: Easy

and reactions to any medicines in the past. Tell the doctor or caregiver if you do not understand any information about the medicine.

When you get the medicine, check the label for your child's name and the correct medicine name and strength.

Can you cut or crush pills or put them in food if your child has trouble swallowing them?

Ask the doctor or pharmacist. As an example, time-release medicines should not be cut or crushed. Ask if the medicine comes in a liquid or can be given another way.

What should you do if your child has accidentally taken a medicine or taken too much medicine?

Immediately call the poison control center at 800-222-1222 or dial 911.

Koeppé's game winner nets Army a victory in PL opener

By Christian Anderson
Army Athletic Communications

Junior forward Trent Brown scored a goal and assisted on classmate midfielder Josh Koeppé's game-winning tally as the Army men's soccer team defeated Holy Cross 2-1 in the Patriot League opener for both schools Sept. 24 at Clinton Field.

Army, which has won back-to-back games for the second time this season, improves to 4-5-0 (1-0-0 PL). Holy Cross, meanwhile, remains winless on the season at 0-6-2 (0-1-0 PL). It marked Army's first Patriot League victory since the Black Knights defeated Navy 1-0 in the 2008 season finale.

The Black Knights, who have now surpassed last season's wins total, are off to their first 1-0 start in league play since the 2000 squad defeated Lafayette 5-1 in its conference opener. Army's four wins are the most for the Black Knights since the 2007 team posted nine victories.

"I'm just happy for the boys," Army head coach Russell Payne said. "They found a way to be goal-dangerous, and that's what we've been working on and talking about. Obviously, the guys across the back did a great job defensively, but I thought we defended better as a team overall. There are still a few things defensively that we have to work out, but I was really happy with our effort and our ability to find a way to win the game.

"Conference competition is always going to be tough," Payne added. "It's not going to be pretty at times, but you have to find a way to take those moments, and we did that tonight."

The first half went back and forth with neither team truly able to take command of the contest. Army's first dangerous scoring opportunity came in the 17th minute when freshman midfielder Devin Perlee corralled a ball inside the penalty area and hit a low strike that was saved by Holy Cross goalkeeper Evan Polanik.

Perlee had another chance less than three minutes later, but his header from near the left post was handled by Polanik.

Army's pressure was rewarded just before halftime when Brown headed home a direct kick off the foot of freshman defenseman Tommy Jaeger. The Black Knights were awarded the set piece from 35 yards out following a Crusader foul. Jaeger then calmly served the ball into the box to Brown, who headed it past Polanik for his second marker of the season with just 52 seconds showing on the clock.

"It was a great ball by Tommy, and I just battled hard for it," Brown said. "It just came down to whoever wanted it the most, and I wanted it more than that guy at that point. It was a good feeling to score late in the half. We wanted to go into the locker room up a goal, so that meant a lot in terms of building momentum for the second half."

Army outshot Holy Cross by a 6-4 margin in the first half, but the Crusaders owned a 3-0 advantage in corner kicks.

The second half was hotly contested as well, with both teams registering quality scoring chances. Finally, in the 82nd minute, Koeppé took a feed from Brown, eluded a Holy Cross defender and ripped a rising shot from just outside the 18-yard line into the top right-hand corner of the cage to move Army in front 2-0. It marked Koeppé's second goal of the season.

"I took the feed from Trent, came in with a lot of space and kind of faked outside," Koeppé said. "Then, I cut it back in and hit a little finesse shot right into the corner. It felt great. I knew it was going to go in as soon as it came off my foot."

Less than one minute later, Holy Cross made it 2-1 as Pat McCann scored off a broken play in front of the Army cage. Josh Cintas played a ball into the penalty area and McCann got off a shot that glanced off Army freshman goalkeeper John Marinelli and into the back of the net.

Holy Cross recorded three shots in the final three minutes of the contest, but the Crusaders came up empty.

Marinelli (4-5-0) made three saves to pick up the win for Army. Polanik (0-2-0) stopped four shots for Holy Cross in the losing effort.

Army finished with a 16-12 advantage in



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shots, while Holy Cross ended up with a 6-4 edge in corner kicks.

Army returns to action at 7 p.m. Saturday

when the Black Knights travel to Annapolis, Md., to face service academy rival Navy in a key Patriot League tilt.

Volleyball rolls past Lafayette, earns second league win

By Tracy Nelson
Army Athletic Communications

The Army volleyball team completed a 2-0 weekend with a sweep of Lafayette (25-13, 25-21, 25-21) Sept. 24 at the Kirby Sports Center in Easton, Pa. The Black Knights improved to 2-0 in Patriot League play, thanks in large part to a match-high 17 kills from junior outside hitter Ariana Mankus.

"We were able to showcase our depth today with a lot of different players stepping into the rotation," head coach Alma Kovaci

said. "Hitting-wise, Ariana (Mankus), Molly (McDonald) and Margaux (Jarka) really made a difference for us today. We had our moments, but Mary (Vaccaro) did a great job running the offense and keeping us on track."

Mankus' 12 digs completed her ninth double-double (kills, digs) of the season. She was the only player to reach double-figure kills. Mankus hit for a blistering .469 percentage and committed just two errors all afternoon. Sophomore outside hitter Margaux Jarka hit .421 with eight kills and freshman middle blocker Molly McDonald registered

a .422 percentage with six kills to pace the Black Knights' attack. Army (11-4, 2-0 PL) hit .276 for the match and amassed 47 kills compared to Lafayette's (7-7, 0-2 PL) 28 kills.

Freshman setter Mary Vaccaro recorded her seventh-straight double-double with a match-high 39 assists to go with 13 digs. Sophomore libero D.J. Phee led all players with 16 digs and anchored an Army defense that held Lafayette to a .070 hitting percentage.

After the score went back-and-forth to open the match, Army made its move when

senior outside hitter Fabiola Castro's kill broke an 8-8 tie, spawned a decisive 7-2 run and gave the Black Knights a 15-10 lead. Lafayette never recovered, as Army scored 10 of the final 13 points on its way to the most lopsided victory of the match.

The Black Knights scored the first three points of the second match and never trailed. Army's strong start resulted in an 11-6 lead after Castro teamed with sophomore Megan Wilton for a double-block midway through the action. The Leopards came back, however,

See VOLLEYBALL, Page 16

Army tries to bounce back at home, faces Tulane Saturday

By Army Athletic Communications

Army (1-3) returns to West Point for its third home game in four weeks, hosting the Tulane Green Wave (2-2) Saturday at Michie Stadium. The game will be televised live on the CBS Sports Network with a noon kickoff.

Gary Thorne will be doing the play-by-play action while Tim Brant is providing the color analysis. Army's 1958 Heisman Trophy winner Pete Dawkins will join the broadcast as a guest analyst during the third quarter.

Listen to the game on the radio on the Army Sports Network.

Hear all the action on WABC 770-AM New York, WALL 1340-AM Middletown, WEOK 1390-AM Poughkeepsie or Sirius Satellite Radio (Channel 138).

Rich DeMarco will provide the play-by-play action while Dean Darling provides the color commentary.

Coaching Match Up

- Army head coach Rich Ellerson
Alma Mater: Hawai'i, 1977
3rd Season at Army (13-16, .448)
12th Season Overall (73-57 .562)
Record vs. Tulane: 1-1
- Tulane head coach Bob Toledo
Alma Mater: San Francisco State, 1968
5th season at Tulane (15-37, .288)
18th Season Overall (93-105, .470)
Record vs. Army: 1-3

Black Knights Recap

• The Black Knights are happy to be home again after suffering a 48-21 loss at Ball State last weekend. Army has posted a 1-1 record in its first two home games, including a win over Northwestern in its last appearance at Michie Stadium. Army has not won back-to-back home games since defeating Eastern Michigan and Louisiana Tech during the 2008 season.

• The Black Knights' offense continued to post big numbers in the running game. Army ran for 402 yards in its loss to Ball State, the fourth straight game it has cracked the 300-yard mark and the second time it reached 400 yards this season. The four-game run of at least 300 rushing yards is the longest since the 1996 team did it in the first eight games of the season. Army is third in the nation in rushing, averaging 372.25 yards per game.



Senior linebacker Steven Erzinger leads Army with 51 tackles after four games. He also leads the team in tackles for a loss (5 1/2) and sacks (two).

TOMMY GILLIGAN/WEST POINT PUBLIC AFFAIRS

• Junior quarterback Trent Steelman leads the balanced Army rushing attack with 338 yards (95.8/game) and seven touchdowns. Steelman is one of four players averaging at least 50.0 yards per game. Sophomore slot back Raymond Maples pushed his season average to 70.5 yards per game with a career-high 125 rushing yards and two touchdowns at Ball State.

Junior slot back Malcolm Brown and junior full back Jared Hassin are running for 67.0 yards and 56.5 yards per game, respectively.

• Senior linebacker Steven Erzinger continued to lead the Army defense with 17 tackles in the loss at Ball State. It was his second double-digit tackle game of the season (21 at Northern Illinois). Erzinger far and away leads the Black Knights with 51 total tackles.

The next closest player is sophomore free safety Tyler Dickson with 21 stops. Erzinger

is fifth in the nation, averaging 12.75 tackles per game. Erzinger also leads the Black Knights with 5 1/2 tackles for a loss and a career-high two sacks.

Scouting the Green Wave

• Tulane coach Bob Toledo is in his fifth season with the Green Wave, his fourth head coaching job. Toledo has also guided the programs at Cal Riverside (1974-75), University of the Pacific (1979-82) and UCLA (1996-2002). He has coached in 13 bowl games during his career.

• Just like Army, the Green Wave suffered a 20-plus point road loss last weekend. Tulane was on the short end of a 48-27 decision at Duke. Quarterback Ryan Griffin completed 14 of his 29 passes for 188 yards and a touchdown. D.J. Ponder finished the game 4-for-7 for 75 yards. Brandon LeBeau was the Green Wave's top rusher with 26 yards on his only carry. As a team, Tulane ran for 55 yards on 22 carries. Defensively, Trent Mackey racked up 13 tackles against the Blue Devils

• Tulane has alternated wins and losses so far this season. The Green Wave won the opener over Southeastern Louisiana before

losing its conference opener against Tulsa. Tulane picked up a league win at UAB before the loss to Duke.

• The Green Wave has relied heavily on the pass through the first four games. Tulane is averaging 246 yards per contest through the air, the 49th best average in the nation.

The Green Wave is 87th in the nation in rushing at 125.5 yards per contest. Tulane has scored at least 27 points in three of its four games, including cracking the 40-point mark in both its victories.

• Griffin is the team's top passer this season, completing 57.6 percent of his throws (68-118) for 906 yards and seven touchdowns against two interceptions. Ponder has played in all four games as well. He is 5-for-11 for 81 yards. The Green Wave passers have spread the ball around. Seven players have at least five catches, led by Joe Kemp's 17 catches for 187 yards and a score. Justyn Shackelford is next on the list with nine catches for 162 yards. Wilson Van Hoover is averaging a team-high 22.0 yards per catch (6 rec./132 yards) and leads the team with two touchdown receptions.

• Orleans Darkwa is the Green Wave's leading rusher at 40.2 yards per game. Darkwa is averaging just 2.9 yards per carry, but has scored three of the team's six rushing touchdowns. Albert Williams and Robert Kelley are rushing for 39.5 yards and 22.2 yards per game, respectively. Kelley has two rushing touchdowns on the season.

• Defensively, Tulane is allowing 377.0 yards and 30.5 points per game. The Green Wave is holding opponents to only 122.25 rushing yards per contest, while giving up 254.75 yards per game through the air. Mackey is the team's leading tackler with 48 stops. He is tied for seventh in the nation with 12.0 tackles per game. Mackey also paces the Green Wave with 4.0 tackles for a loss.

Lasting Impression

• Tulane leads the all-time series with the Black Knights, 9-8-1. The first meeting between the two teams came back in 1953, a 0-0 tie in New Orleans.

• Army has won three of the last four meetings in the series, including a 41-23 decision in the Superdome last season.

• The last two meetings at Michie Stadium have been decided by three points or less. The Black Knights scored a 20-17 win in overtime in 2007, tying the game on the final play of regulation.

In 2009, the Green Wave came away with a 17-16 victory.

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pulling within 13-12 on a service ace. Mankus stopped the Leopard run with a kill and the Black Knights were able to stave off the Leopard rally down the stretch.

The third set opened with both teams coming out strong. A Castro service ace gave the Black Knights a comfortable 17-11 lead midway through the action, but again the Leopards would not go away. Army held a 24-16 lead but Lafayette scored five unanswered points to prolong the match. Coming out of a Kovaci timeout still sitting on match point, Jarka came through with a kill to complete the sweep.

Army returns to West Point as Patriot League play continues this weekend. The Black Knights face a pair of tough tests as defending Patriot League champion American comes to Gillis Field House at 7 p.m. Friday and then face rival Navy at 7 p.m. Saturday.



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