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A New Beginning: Class of 2016 ends CBT



New cadets from Cadet Basic Training Company D (left), carrying the 4th Infantry Division flag, make their way through the West Point Golf Course to the Ski Slope during the annual March Back at the completion of CBT Monday. The new cadets (above), carrying their motto banner "With Honor We Lead," along with cadre, staff, faculty and alumni finish the final leg as they pass the Superintendent's Quarters on their way to the steps of Washington Hall with friends and family members lining the streets cheering them on as they completed the 12-mile march.

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Class of 2016 Cadet Logan Schmidt makes his way toward the Ski Slope during the 12-mile March Back to finish Cadet Basic Training Monday. Schmidt is one of 1,171 cadets from the Class of 2016 to complete CBT. The next stop for the Class of 2016 is the Acceptance Day Parade, which is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday on The Plain.



Antiterrorism Awareness Message

“The price of freedom is eternal vigilance.”

**~ Thomas Jefferson,
3rd President of the United States**

August marks the Army's third annual observance of Antiterrorism Awareness Month. Antiterrorism awareness is a critical aspect of our profession, both on and off duty, because the threat of terrorist attack against our Nation and our Army is real and ever-present.

Effective antiterrorism measures integrate a multitude of security programs – law enforcement, physical security and operational security – to ensure the continued protection of our installations, standalone facilities and expeditionary forces. The continued protection of our facilities and our people requires the eternal vigilance of every member of our Army Family and the successful integration of the Antiterrorism Principles – *Assess, Detect, Warn, Defend and Recover*. This year's Antiterrorism Awareness Month will focus on enhancing community awareness by both leveraging the command information program to educate our Army Family on the dangers associated with terrorism and highlighting the iWATCH Army program, which helps us recognize and report suspicious activity.

We encourage all commands to conduct training or sponsor events that emphasize the importance of the community in the protection of our Army. Leaders should promote antiterrorism principles and the significant role Soldiers, Civilians and Families play in our own safety. Together, we will safeguard our installations, facilities and – most importantly – the people who continue to answer our Nation's call to service. Army Strong!

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August 6, 2012

Command Emphasis on Comprehensive Soldier and Family Fitness

The Army has some of the most combat-seasoned professional forces in our Nation's history. While our Soldiers remain “the Strength of the Nation,” the long-term high level of operational demand has placed significant stress on our all-volunteer force. In response, the Army implemented the Comprehensive Soldier and Family Fitness (CSF2) program to help leaders enhance unit readiness and to support the ability of Soldiers, Families and Department of the Army Civilians to meet the demands of military life.

Nearly three decades of scientific research support the CSF2 program and its goals of enhancing individual strengths and providing cognitive tools to facilitate success in challenging situations. A preliminary assessment of the program's impact shows that CSF2's Resilience Training Program is effective in increasing psychological fitness, reducing negative behavior and increasing optimism.

Command support and participation at all levels are of paramount importance to the long-term success of the CSF2 program. Initial assessments clearly show that the success of CSF2 is directly attributable to command support. Dedicating extended blocks of time for resilience training is ideal; however, this training also works well if incorporated into daily and weekly individual and unit activities—from Monday morning physical training, to the Family Readiness Group meeting, to Friday's closeout safety brief. Your help in maximizing the positive impact of this training is critical to the success of our Army, your unit and, most importantly, to our Soldiers.

The CSF2 program is an enduring effort, committed to developing an Army culture of total fitness and increased psychological health. We commend the hard work you, as leaders, have put forth to implement CSF2 and encourage you to continue pursuing initiatives within your command that support total fitness across the Army. Army Strong!

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Save lives, give blood:

The Hudson Valley Blood Services, in conjunction with Keller Army Community Hospital, will conduct their annual blood drive at West Point from Aug. 27-30 in Eisenhower Hall. Additionally, the New York Blood Center will be collecting platelets Aug. 28-30. See page 12 for times to donate each day.

Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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Whittington named Corps of Cadets' first captain

First Army Football player to earn top leadership positions since 1995

By Brian Gunning
Army Athletic Communications

The Army football team will be well represented among the cadet leadership during the upcoming school year as senior defensive back Brandon Whittington has been named the first captain of the Corps of Cadets, the highest position in the West Point cadet chain of command, for the 2012-13 academic year.

As first captain, Whittington is responsible for the overall performance of the approximately 4,400-member Corps of Cadets. He follows in the footsteps of other notable first captains such as John J. Pershing, Douglas MacArthur and Pete Dawkins.

The first captain is also referred to as the brigade commander, whose duties include implementing a class agenda and acting as a liaison between the Corps and the administration. In addition, Whittington is the top of a pyramid of cadet commanders who make up the chain of command for the Corps of Cadets at West Point.

"I think it says that our football program is going in the right direction," Whittington said. "Our main goal here is to become Army officers. Yes, we are Army football players, and we are committed to everything that it means to be an Army football player, but there is a bigger purpose for all of us. All the good things the football team is doing shows that we're committed to the overall goal, and that's becoming an Army officer."

Whittington is the first football player to serve as first captain since Hans Pung during the 1994-95 academic year. He is the 26th football player to serve in the position. It is also the third straight year that an Army corps squad athlete has served in one of the top two leadership positions.

Basketball player Nathan Hedgecock and football's Max Jenkins served as deputy brigade commander in 2010-11 and 2011-12, respectively.

"Brandon is special in a lot of ways," head coach Rich Ellerson said. "He has an unbelievable presence. There are a lot of guys who can be organized and be conscientious, but it's another level of competence where you have that situational presence and awareness of what people are looking for and need to hear. He does that intuitively. Brandon knows what the group needs to hear and see, and he steps forward."

"Most guys could figure it out if you gave them an hour, but he can do it in the blink of an eye. That has always set him apart. He's a good player," he added. "He has been a routine contributor, and he'll continue to contribute, but where he stands apart is in that situational presence. If you draw yourself a cadet, what you hope these guys are, and you'll get something very close to Brandon."

Prior to the start of football season, the El Paso, Texas, native served as the Cadet Basic Training commander, leading the regiment through the first three weeks of CBT that began with the inprocessing of the Class of 2016 on Reception Day. The same day he relinquished command of the regiment, Whittington was on a plane heading to Fort Bliss, Texas, where he would shadow an aviation officer during a Cadet Troop Leader Training, or CTLT, assignment.

"Our guys came here to be cadets," Ellerson said. "Yes, they're going to play the game of football, but they're going to engage in everything we do here, and they're going to excel in everything they do. I think you'll routinely see football players distinguishing themselves in the leadership."

Brigade Chain of Command

The brigade chain of command includes Class of 2013 Cadets Ross Boston, Rachel Miller and Bill Owens, as the deputy brigade commander, executive officer and command sergeant major, respectively.

Class of 2013 Cadet Alexander Rubilar was selected as the brigade academic officer, with Adam Leemans serving as the brigade's energy



First Captain Brandon Whittington, a senior defensive back for the Army Football team, will lead the Corps of Cadets through the academic year as the highest ranking cadet.

TOMMY GILLIGAN/USMA PAO

and environmental officer.

Class of 2013 Cadet Chris Boldt, the Black Knights' punter, will serve as the commander of First Regiment, responsible for leading approximately 1,100 cadets in one of the Corps' four regiments.

Boldt is the second Army football player in the last three years to lead a regiment.

The 4th Regiment will be led by Class of 2013 Cadet Justen Anka, who served as the regimental commander during Cadet Field Training this summer.

In 2nd Regiment, Class of 2013 Cadet Brenna Heisterman was selected to lead as the commander. She served as the

executive officer during the first detail of Cadet Basic Training.

Class of 2013 Cadet Thomas Ott, having just completed his duties as CBTII commander, will lead the 3rd Regiment.

"It has truly been an honor being the commander and leading new cadets, but it's not about me being in charge," Ott said. "It was about the success of the new cadets, and that's a direct result of all the leadership involved in Task Force Steele, and from the first detail. They did an amazing job this summer and I couldn't have been prouder."

(Editor's Note: Mike Strasser, assistant editor, contributed to this report.)

Words of wisdom from a former first captain

By Mike Brantley
USMA PAO

1st Lt. Ben Amsler, former first captain of the Class of 2009, knows firsthand what it's like to lead the Corps of Cadets and imparted some advice for the newly-selected brigade commander, Class of 2013 First Captain Brandon Whittington.

"Enjoy the first captain experience. It is going to be the busiest year of your life," Amsler, an air operations officer stationed at Fort Campbell, Ky., said. "Take the time to enjoy all the people you meet. Keep a journal if only to keep track of all the events you attend. Do not burn any bridges especially with your classmates."

"Though you are in charge for nine months, you will spend the rest of your career with your peers. Your

reputation will follow you whether you want it or not," he added. "The most important thing I learned was how to manage multiple different parts of a large organization while maintaining a personal connection with everyone around you."

Amsler's advice for Whittington is to "work harder than everyone around you. Find the holes wherever they may be in an organization and work to fill them."

He said that the training he received at West Point prepared him very well for his duty in Afghanistan.

"Though you attend the Basic Officer Leadership Course and other schools after graduation, you do not get a chance to develop your leadership style until after you leave school," he said. "It is important to get as much as you can from the training offered at West Point."



Class of 2009 Cadet Ben Amsler, first captain, is now a first lieutenant serving as an air operations officer at Fort Campbell, Ky.

ERIC BARTELT/PV

West Point community gathers for National Night Out

Story and photo by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

Balfour Beatty Communities hosted its fourth National Night Out Aug. 7 for the West Point community at the Victor Constant Ski Slope. The theme for this year's NNO is "Giving crime and drugs a going away party" and coincides with the third annual Army antiterrorism month in August.

The NNO began in 1984 in cooperation with the National Association of Town Watch, and is a national crime prevention event that works with thousands of communities throughout the nation to bring awareness of crime, introduce the community to local law enforcement and provide information on available safety programs.

This year's NNO was not just about crime, but also about general safety in the home and on the road.

The West Point NNO included representatives from the Department of Fire and Emergency Services, iWatch, Safety Office and law enforcement personnel handing out information and brochures while talking with community members about home safety and installation security.

Patty Deyo, prevention coordinator for the Alcohol and Drug Counseling Office, said her booth generated some interest from parents and children.

"I had a child ask about drugs," Deyo said. "He wanted to know about drugs because he heard other children talk about them and didn't quite understand what it was about. He said he didn't know why people took them."

Richard Mayfield, director of operations for the Orange County Executive Office, spoke about home safety, especially the careful use of prescription drugs and handling of household chemicals.

"I love coming here to NNO because it gives me a chance to introduce the executive office to those who don't know who we are or what we do," Mayfield said. "This way, I can find out what their concerns are. I also talk about personal safety regarding drugs, alcohol and getting behind the wheel of a car when drinking."

Community member Nancy Belmont said she is not too concerned about crime because she lives on a military installation.



Sparky the Fire Dog, along with children and Child and Youth Services staff, participated in a sack race at Balfour Beatty's fourth National Night Out event Aug. 7 at the Victor Constant Ski Slope. NNO is a national event celebrated nationwide to bring awareness to community members about crime, drugs and keeping safe in the streets and inside the home.

"I really feel secure at West Point," Belmont said. "Outside of West Point is a different story, but here we have neighbors that are also friends and we look out for each other."

Still, she remains observant of her surroundings as a matter of habit.

"If I hear a car door slam outside, the first thing I do is look to see who it is and if I recognize them," she said.

Belmont was also interested in learning more about child car seat safety when she noticed them at the West Point Fire Department's booth.

"There are a lot of things that may be wrong with car seats and I am always concerned about that," she said.

Michelle Wood, safety office manager, said many people were interested in bicycle safety and child proofing homes.

"Many parents have come to us to find out how to find the correct size of bicycle and motorcycle helmets," she said. "They were also interested in child proofing the home such as preventing electrical shocks by using outlet covers."

Children were entertained by touring the fire truck and learning the jobs of firefighters. They also enjoyed activities such as the bouncy house, sack races with Sparky the Fire Dog and participated in various contests for prizes.

West Point Soldiers earn respite at Military Appreciation Day



MEDDAC won the cardboard boat regatta with their boat Titanic and was voted the most seaworthy at the annual Military Appreciation Day at Lake Frederick Aug. 9 sponsored by the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

Story and photo by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

Despite the heat and humidity, or perhaps because of it, roughly 470 area military personnel attended the annual Military Appreciation Day at Lake Frederick Aug. 9, sponsored by the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

There are roughly 2,500 enlisted personnel and officers at West Point who are instrumental in fulfilling the mission of West Point to educate and train leaders of character. The day gives military personnel a day to relax and enjoy friendly competition, good food and a swim in appreciation for all they do.

"It's a great change of pace. I've been to Fort Hood, Texas, and did three tours in Iraq and this allows me to enjoy nature and to just relax," Staff Sgt. Chris Santiago, Military Police Operations noncommissioned officer, said. "I'm constantly on the go. I go to work, I come home, eat dinner and go to bed. This is a time to have some fun."

Judging by the number of dogs at Lake Frederick, many attendees think of their pets as family too.

Santiago took Yoyo, a pug puppy, with him, which drew a lot of attention from children and others with pets. Another larger puppy was an English Mastiff named Zeus who took an interest in Yoyo—initially either as a potential friend or foe; nobody was sure. The two became friends immediately and entertained a small group tentatively watching the two at play.

This is the second time Angelica Dorman and her son Christopher attended the event and enjoyed taking the paddle boat around the lake.

"This is a great opportunity for kids to have fun," Angelica said. "It's wonderful to be able to spend some quality time with the family. My son may see my husband out of uniform, but it's good for him to see another side of Soldiers."

Participants formed groups for games of basketball, volleyball and horseshoes. The highlight of the festivities for most was the cardboard boat regatta.

Boats must be at least partly water resistant enough to go around a buoy and back to shore without sinking or disintegrating.

The Veterinary Clinic received the most votes as the best Titanic impression as their boat began to sink seconds after launch. The MEDDAC team tempted fate by naming their boat Titanic, but placed first in the regatta and the MPs received the most votes for the best-looking boat.

It survived the water, but the sailor couldn't quite make it around the buoy. Not to be outdone, he got out of the boat and towed it. MEDDAC also received the most votes for the most seaworthy boat.

In other competitions, the MPs placed first in basketball, MEDDAC placed first in volleyball and the MPs took first in the Tug-of-War.

The Commander's Cup went to MEDDAC for first place, while the MPs placed second and the Veterinary Clinic finished third.

Apprenticeships further research development at West Point

By Rebecca Meese
Network Science Center

This summer, the Network Science Center at West Point facilitated several apprenticeships sponsored by the Army Research Office for both undergraduates and graduate students across many different fields of study.

The various backgrounds of the apprentices allowed them to be involved in several locations throughout the installation, all of which contributed to the development of knowledge of network science in support of the center's mission.

A group of three apprentices, Louis Boguchwal, Marc Johnson and Lauren Kewley, researched the involvement of key players and events in the nuclear program in Iran using a network "toolkit" approach for their project, similar to the Frontier Markets research being done in the NSC.

By taking a macro level view of Iran they can analyze how the laws, government, politics and market may explain the actions of and relationships among the key players in the network. They also assisted with data collection on Ethiopia's economic environment and using the network analysis program, ORA, to build a network.

Two cadets who traveled to Ethiopia for an Academic Individual Advanced Development course in June used this information to gain an in-depth view of Ethiopia's economy and conduct further research related to the country's economy.

The three apprentices have math or engineering backgrounds and this networking analysis method has expanded their knowledge and interest in the material. The unique balance of undergraduates and graduates working toward the same mission has brought different strengths to the team, enhancing the research being done.

As an 92A-Automated Logistics specialist in the New York National Guard, Robert Rasmussen brings a unique view to the center, as he personifies the link between the civilian and the Army. Rasmussen returned to the NSC for his second summer and is continuing his study of ethno-cultural and interactive political networks while working with the Minerva program. With a master's in international relations, he is working with Makame Muhajir, Ph.D., on Tanzanian networks and provides analysis for developing nations in general.

Barb Autin is also working with the West Point Minerva Research Initiative. The skills Autin acquired while earning

her MBA with a concentration in management, allow her to execute the research and complete a database of agent actions for individuals in the Abu Sayyak Group from 1991-2011. Linking together the ties of the group and compiling the data enhances her knowledge of network science and adapts her to the new field of study.

Aubrey Shoop is completing a second apprenticeship this summer in the Chemistry and Life Sciences labs. While working under the guidance of Michael Labare, Ph.D., a professor of microbiology, she is studying the effectiveness of short chain fatty-acids on inactivating various bacterial spores.

While building on work from last summer, she has advanced her technical skills beyond those in which she would learn from a classroom. The apprenticeship has provided the experience as well as the knowledge that will support her biology major when she returns to her junior year at Mount Holyoke College.

Fernando Maymi, another apprentice who studies math and physics at New York University, is also new to the field of network science. After completing the Advanced Network Analysis and Targeting course, taught by Maj. Anthony Johnson from the Department of Mathematical Sciences, Maymi used what he learned to create a network for his research project. He is linking together network feeds from followers using social media, mainly Twitter, throughout the course of the Arab Spring. The focus is on the internet activity during the people's uprising in Cairo.

After producing a network of feeds and linking them by the followers, Maymi will track the spread of keywords and examine the key role they had in the rebellion.

Casey Elliot returned for her second summer in the NSC and is working on a project to link together the steps for obtaining various levels of security clearances. She has partnered with the security office on West Point and has gained insight into the process behind security clearances. This project will help her earn college credit and execute the skills she has learned when she returns to Oklahoma State University, where she studies marketing with a minor in international business.

Similar to Elliot, Sarah Money is entering her senior year at Erskine College and comes from a political science background. Money is applying skills learned in her many statistics classes as well as experimental methodologies studies to further her research. As part of their project they have both been introduced to the ORA network analysis program and have been able to use the program to develop a network. This summer the NSC was able to bring together the talents of a diverse set of young researchers from different disciplines to work together solving real world problems while applying what they have learned in the classroom. The ARO apprenticeship program has had a positive impact on research being done here this summer.

Each apprentice who was able to work with USMA faculty will be able to take a new problem solving approach with them back to school or into their professional lives.

In Memoriam

Maj. Thomas E. Kennedy, 35, the fire support coordinator for 4th Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colo., was killed Aug. 8 in a suicide bomb attack in Afghanistan that also took the lives of the brigade command sergeant major, an Air Force major and an American civilian.



Maj. Thomas Kennedy

Kennedy graduated with the West Point Class of 2000 and commissioned as a field artillery second lieutenant. He played as a defenseman on the Army Hockey team and later served as the team's officer representative. A former tactical officer for the Corps of Cadets, Kennedy also served three years as the officer representative for the Army Men's Rugby team and was the coach's next door neighbor.

"In my experience, when you are looking for the good leaders at West Point, it is usually the ones with a line to their door," Richard Pohlidal, Army Men's Rugby coach, said. "I found myself in line outside his office most times I visited with him. He and (his wife) Kami always had cadets coming to and from their home."

Pohlidal described Kennedy as a fair and compassionate leader with an unyielding drive to make things happen while keeping everyone smiling in the process.

"He made it his business to know everyone who supported the mission here at the academy," Pohlidal said. "You would be hard pressed to find someone here who did not know him or know of him."

"He represents everything that is good about West Point and the Army; he lived for the cadets he served."

Kennedy served two deployments in Iraq, and his recent deployment to Afghanistan began on July 18. His awards and service medals include the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Presidential Unit Citation and the Valorous Unit Award. He was awarded a Bronze Star Medal and Purple Heart posthumously.

A private service for family and friends is scheduled 5-8 p.m. tonight, at Hogan Funeral Home, 135 Main Street in Highland Falls. The funeral mass will begin at 10 a.m. Friday at the West Point Cadet Chapel.

Teaching in Thailand provides cadets a wealth of learning experiences

Submitted by Cross-Cultural Solutions

Eight West Point cadets conducted volunteer work in Thailand this summer through an Academic Individual Advanced Development with Cross-Cultural Solutions.

Class of 2013 Cadets John Asbach, Claudia Caso, Anne Lee and Nicholas Qiu joined Class of 2014 Cadets William Carson, Saulius Gauronskis, Jonathan Mejia and Michael Mims on a trip to Bangkok July 14-Aug. 4, teaching conversational English to local youth ages 4-12 at four different elementary schools and preschools.

CCS helped develop short-term volunteer placements based upon each cadet's skills and interests to provide a tailored opportunity to work side-by-side with local people on community-led initiatives—in this case increasing English language proficiency.

"I feel like I learned more than I taught," Asbach said. "Specifically, how to work through language barriers to capture the student's attention."

In addition to approximately 30 hours of volunteering each week, these cadets received Thai language instruction, Muay Thai (kickboxing) training and cultural education about Thai history and customs, among other cultural activities.

Lee found that the "activities with CCS provided the necessary tools to expand our engagement with and understanding of the Thai people each day."

The West Point Society of Thailand—led by Thai Royal Army Col. Natee Wongissares (Class of 1989)—also hosted a dinner with the group, where cadets met several distinguished members of the Thai Military, including retired Gen. Pichit Kullavanijaya (Class of 1958), the current Privy Councilor to the Thai King Rama IX.

On the weekends and between volunteer assignments, cadets traveled to six other provinces in Thailand, trekking the northern mountains and jungles on elephants, exploring national parks along the coast in southern Thailand, engaging with cadets at the Chulachomklao Royal Military Academy, walking the ruins at the historic capital in Ayuttaya, shopping at floating markets and paying tribute to Allied prisoners of war buried near the famous "Bridge over the River Kwai."

"It's crazy how a country smaller than Texas has such diversity within its borders," Mejia said. "Each place we visited had its own distinct foods, history, culture and beautiful scenery."

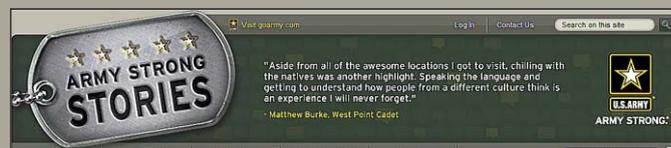
Beyond the satisfaction of conducting worthwhile service for these neighborhoods in Bangkok, the cadets gained a unique insight into the Thai people, their melting pot culture and their delicious cuisine. More importantly, this AIAD—among several sponsored within the Conflict and Human Security Studies office of the Department of Social Sciences—directly contributes to these students' holistic and empathetic lens, which will help them better understand the human aspect of other security environments they may encounter upon graduation.

"I am thoroughly impressed with how this unique AIAD provided these students with a rare glimpse into both the challenges and satisfaction of working through cultural and language barriers to achieve common objectives," Maj. Keith Benedict, a SOSH instructor who served as the officer-in-charge for this mission, said. "West Point and CCS provided them with the tools they needed to succeed; and in just three weeks they each developed strong relationships with their fellow teachers and ultimately contributed to the needs of the local community."

West Point cadets share stories online

See what Cadets Katlin VanWye, Stephanie Salmon and Tyree Meadows did this summer.

Visit <http://armystrongstories.com/tag/west-point/>



SCREEN CAPTURE

Reorganization Week Reminder

Personal property claims available to Corps of Cadets

Submitted by the
USMA Claims Office

Under the Personnel Claims Act, West Point cadets may be eligible for reimbursement of personal property losses respective to their service in the U.S. Army.

The PCA is not an insurance policy for individual property—it is a payment statute intended to lessen the hardships of military life.

Claims may be paid only if certain conditions have been met, including proper security precautions, an attempt to salvage any damaged items and timely reporting of losses.

Every cadet is responsible for taking reasonable and prudent care to protect his or her property from theft. For example, high-valued items should be secured

in accordance with the applicable policies and regulations. Clearly label all property with name, company and class to identify the property. Report any missing property through the chain of command as soon as possible.

If the property is held in government storage such as a trunk room or other government storage facility and incurs water damage, proper steps should be taken to attempt to dry and salvage the items. These items should not be disposed of unless there is a health hazard such as mold or mildew. If disposal is necessary, take pictures of the damage and contact the claims office prior to disposal.

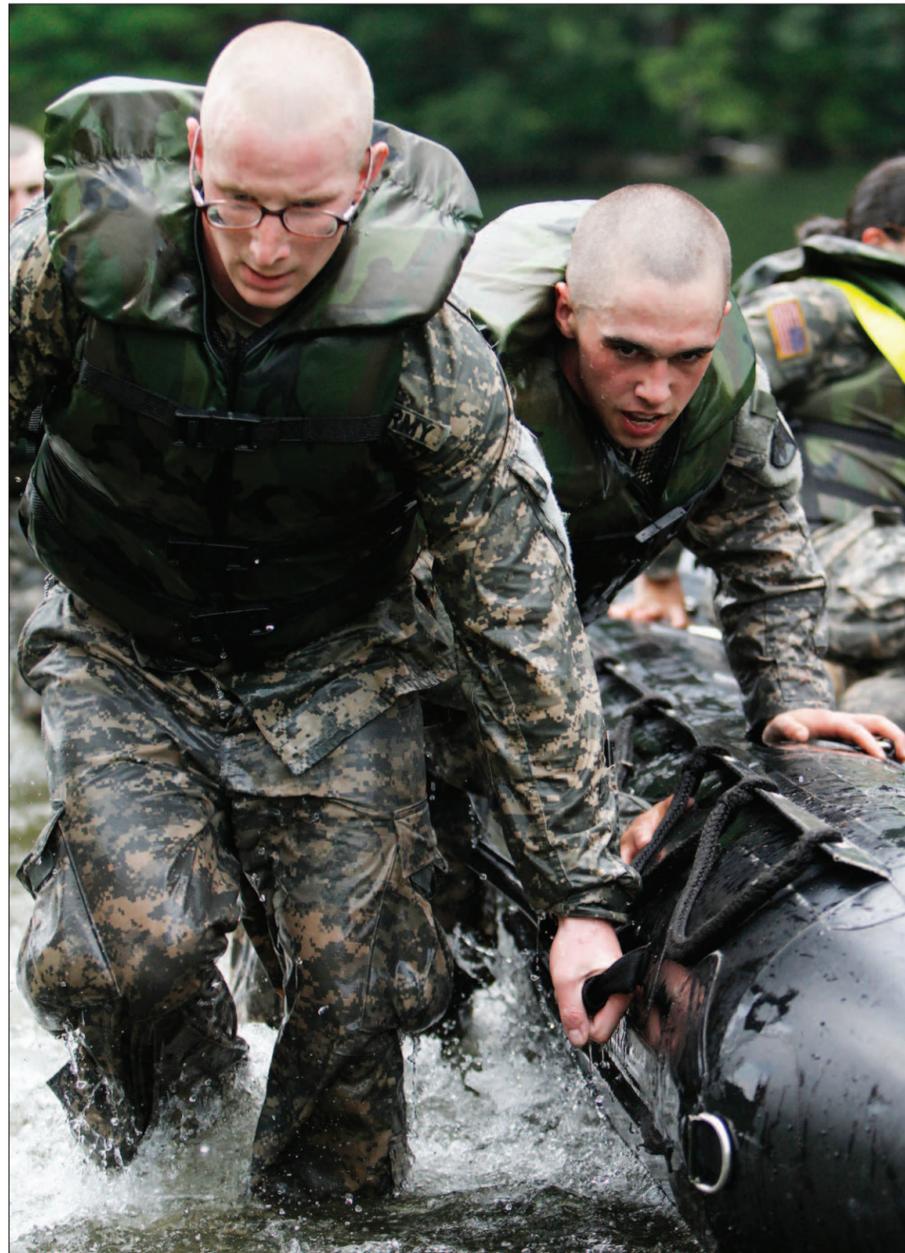
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It's time to get organized

A few hours after finishing the 12-mile March Back to complete Cadet Basic Training Monday, new cadets began receiving their personal computers in the Central Area, beginning the process called Reorganization (Reorg) Week. This is the time when cadets are issued identification cards, computers, books and other necessary items before beginning classes Monday. (Above) Computers are checked with the list of cadet names to ensure all the equipment is received properly.

KATHY EASTWOOD/PV



(Above) A squad successfully crosses Lake Popolopen in a Zodiac without the paddles. (Right) New Cadet Brigette Ocran is determined to cross the finish line with her squad leader in tow during the Steele Challenge. (Left) The Cadet Basic Training Regiment conducted a final Army Physical Fitness Test Aug. 11-12.

Class of 2016 completes Cadet Basic Training

Story and photos by Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor

Six weeks ago they were complete strangers. Cadet Basic Training forged them into cadets and trained them as Soldiers.

The Class of 2016 returned to West Point Monday, sharing a 12-mile trek from Camp Buckner with cadre, staff, faculty and alumni. The March Back was the final hurdle new cadets had to endure before they could officially claim they've completed CBT.

Before that, the Steele Challenge served as the capstone event for their summer training, Aug. 9-10, and demonstrated through squad-level military skills events that these strangers-turned-comrades have what it takes to join the Corps of Cadets.

The challenge proved that although they came to West Point as individuals, the cohesive units these new cadets formed could overcome any obstacle. It showed they could falter yet push forward, stumble but still succeed. They persevered with the support and guidance of an ever-present cadre determined not to relent until they completed the challenge.

New cadets were required to shoot targets at ranges between 50 to 200 meters in three positions: standing, kneeling supported and kneeling unsupported. They had one minute to engage targets in each of these positions before moving to another station where they were required to disassemble and assemble the M249 and M240B weapons.

The Tactical Casualty Combat Care and radio

CBT II Awards

- Best Company:** Company A
- Best New Cadet:** Cadet Daniel Allen
- Best Squad Leader:** Cadet Sgt. Charles Kelly
- Best APFT Score (Male):** Cadet Blake A. McPherson
- Best APFT Score (Female):** Cadet Hannah E. Tuffy
- Triple Crown Winners** (qualified expert in marksmanship, grenade launcher and hand grenades):
 - Cadet Matthew McDaniel (Co. D)
 - Cadet Jung Son (Co. D)
 - Cadet Nathan Weir (Co. D)
 - Cadet Connor Wemecke (Co. D)
 - Cadet Tyrone Young (Co. D)
 - Cadet Ryne Flores (Co. G)
 - Cadet Nathaniel Pieringer (Co. F)
 - Cadet Justin Seim (Co. F)

communication site demonstrated their ability to repel an ambush while providing medical assistance and exfiltration of casualties. This was a test of the basic premise of soldiering, "never leave a fallen comrade behind," and required them to call in a medical evacuation report after moving the treated casualties to a rally point.

Getting from site to site took its toll on the squads, and many said afterward the navigation proved most challenging, considering it was a race against the clock with no time to waste. New cadets were also tested on their ability to accurately throw hand grenades and maneuver a

exhausting, requiring a short pause or two on the way, but she handled the load and completed the challenge with her squad.

"Honestly, I think the adrenaline I had got me most of the way, but then it was gone," she said, out of breath. "But I got here to the end; it wasn't that bad. It feels great to be finished."

Ocran said everything she'd learned over the past six weeks came out during the Steele Challenge.

"I had never met these guys before we became a squad, but our communications were always on point," she said. "I think that's what helped us the most today, our communication skills."

Each squad visited the memorial for 1st Lt. Timothy Steele at the conclusion of the Challenge at Camp Buckner.

There, an audio message from Lt. Col. Brian De Toy, director of the Defense and Strategic Studies Program at West Point, described the Class of 2009 graduate who had once written:

"My favorite time of the day is at 2330 when Taps plays over the speaker in the hallway. For those 20 seconds or so, all I think about are the men who have fallen fighting for this country. One day it will play at my funeral and when it does, I pray that I am deserving enough of that honor and the respect that it shows."

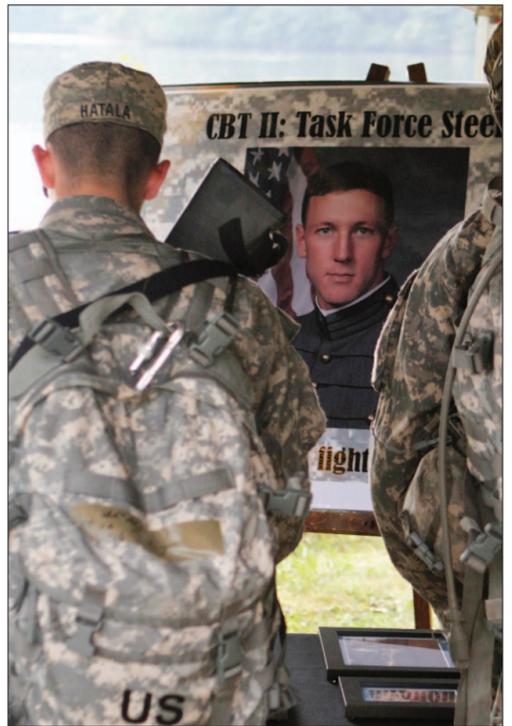
The memorial also included photos, awards and papers Steele had written as a West Point cadet. During the second iteration of Cadet Basic Training, the regiment adopted one of Steele's favorite sayings, "Actions, not words," as its motto.

With the Steele Challenge behind them, new cadets had but a final Army Physical Fitness Test to complete before they could bid farewell to Camp Buckner for the summer and return to West Point upon completing the 12-mile March Back.

"The regiment developed a unique identity in terms of honoring 1st Lt. Timothy Steele," Class of 2013 Cadet Thomas Ott, the CBTII regimental commander, said. "That was where our focus was this detail, and through all the training we were trying to honor his sacrifice."

The biggest achievement for the regiment was the completion of the Steele Challenge, Ott said.

"We powered through some bad weather—the rain, thunder and lightning—and came out strong in the end."



At the conclusion of the Steele Challenge, squads paid tribute to 1st Lt. Timothy Steele at a memorial site for the fallen West Point graduate.

WEB EXCLUSIVE: The Steele Challenge Awards Ceremony story can be read on the U.S. Military Academy website at www.usma.edu.

New Cadets Reflect on CBT

Visit www.usma.edu for the full story.



New Cadet Luke Jenkins, from River Falls, Wis.

"For me, what I found most rewarding was that development within our platoon and how we went from knowing absolutely nothing about each other to the personal relationship we've developed in just six weeks," Jenkins said. "It's pretty impressive."



New Cadet Matthew Pope, from Nashville, N.C.

"The Steele Challenge was probably the hardest part of CBT, but very rewarding to be able to work with my squad and overcoming each site," Pope said. "The memorial at the end for 1st Lt. Tim Steele reminded me of why I wanted to serve my country. Heroes like him inspire me to continue on at West Point."



New Cadet Anastasia Morin, from Belleville, Mich.

On the Class Motto, "With Honor We Lead": "That's the one I voted for, and I was hoping the motto would have something to do with honor," she said. "That's one of the main reasons I came to West Point and I was really excited about the environment here because of the honor code cadets follow. I hope that throughout West Point and in my future I can lead with honor."



New Cadet Shane Hearn, from Auburn, Maine

"Every week there was like 30 pieces of knowledge we needed to know," Hearn said. "Everything was in that book and you had to be able to pass it off to the cadre every week. That was tough."

What's Happening

Vehicle Registration hours

The West Point Vehicle Registration hours are 1-4 p.m., Monday-Friday, until further notice.

Volunteer and get a free T-shirt

Volunteers are needed to help with the 23rd annual West Point Triathlon.

Volunteers, ages 16 and over, can help with registration, pass out snacks/water and direct triathletes on Saturday and Sunday. All volunteers will receive a free T-shirt for their participation.

If you are available to help on one or both days, contact Ginger Levine at gingerlymade1@aol.com.

ACAP Office closure

The West Point ACAP Office will be closed Tuesday-Aug. 23.

Direct any questions or concerns to Rachel Coleman, ACAP counselor, at 938-0634.

PWOC open house and kickoff event

The Protestant Women of the Chapel will have its open house from 9-11 a.m. Wednesday and 7-8:30 p.m. Aug. 23. Sign up at the Post Chapel.

PWOC's kickoff event is 9-11 a.m. Aug. 29 and 7-9 p.m. Aug. 30.

For more information, email wp.pwoc@gmail.com or like them on Facebook at West Point PWOC.

Highland Falls Fire Department hosts Carnival

The Highland Falls Fire Department will host its first carnival Aug. 23-26 at Fickens Field across from Roe Park.

The carnival is open 6-11 p.m. Aug. 23-24 and 4-11 p.m. Aug. 25. There will be plenty of rides, games and food for the whole family, with entertainment provided by Shamrock Shows.

Pay-one-price wristbands will be available each night.

For details, call the Highland Falls Fire Department at 845-821-3997.

Women's Equality Day Observance Luncheon

The Installation Equal Opportunity Office and the William E. Simon Center for the Professional Military Ethic will be hosting the 2012 Women's Equality Day Observance Luncheon 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Aug. 24 at the West Point Club Grand Ballroom.

The event's guest speaker is Rear Admiral Sandra L. Stosz, U.S. Coast Guard Academy's superintendent.

This year's theme is celebrating women's right to vote.

Tickets can be purchased in advance from a unit/departement representative or at the door. It is free for cadets, but they must sign up online.

Points of contact are Master Sgt. Timothy Morgan, USCC EOA, at 938-8456 and Master Sgt. Joe Willis, USMA EOA, at 938-7082.

Class registration ongoing for fall

The Army Education Center is now accepting registrations for John Jay College - MPA for the fall. The deadline is Aug. 28.

For more information, email jjcwestpoint@yahoo.com or call 845-446-5959.

Preparing for retirement?

Representatives from MOAA will be at West Point to present, "Marketing Your Second Career" and "Financial Planning for Your Transition" for officers and senior enlisted

personnel preparing for retirement.

The presentations will be held Sept. 5 at the Education Center.

Seating is limited, so contact any of the following offices to register:

- ACAP at 938-0634;
- ACS Employment Readiness at 938-5658;
- ACS Financial Readiness at 938-5839.

NEW INFO

West Point Commissary upgrading labels

The West Point Commissary will be upgrading its current yellow price labels to new electronic shelf labels. This project starts today and should be completed by Monday.

The upgrade will eliminate almost all pricing discrepancies and make for a better shopping experience.

U.S. commissaries post price changes on the 1st and 16th of every month.

Pardon the appearance in the aisles with the commissary's current price labels as it prepares for this change.

The commissary will remain open normal hours during the upgrade with minimal interruption to your shopping needs.

Garrison Command's new Facebook page

The West Point Garrison Command is the new owner of a Facebook page.

The main goal is to put out updates on what's happening in the community, recent news and photos and interact with other West Point fans.

The primary purpose of this page is for the West Point Garrison leadership to communicate directly to the entire West Point military community while highlighting or emphasizing specific information, issues and activities that affect the community.

You can reach the page at www.facebook.com/WestPointGarrison.

Storm King Mountain Bike and Hike Program

The Storm King Mountain Bike and Hike Program is up and running for the season and will run through November this year.

The gates on Route 218 at Washington Gate and at Cornwall-on-Hudson are closed to motor vehicle traffic from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. every Sunday to allow pedestrians and bicyclists to enjoy this scenic road safely.

Volunteers are needed to help at the gates by providing information and directions.

More detailed information is posted on the Storm King Bike and Hike Facebook page at www.facebook.com/pages/Storm-King-Bike-and-Hike/151899924947472 or call Olga Anderson at 917-509-1200.

Fourth Class Cadet Sponsorship Program

Members of the West Point community, consider being a sponsor for a fourth class cadet.

The Fourth Class Sponsorship Program assists cadets in their transition from civilian to cadet during their first year at the academy and in their development as leaders of character for commissioned service in the U.S. Army.

To sign up to be a sponsor, go to the Academy Management System homepage on the internal webpage.

If you do not have access to AMS, call the numbers below.

The sign up will remain open until Aug. 29.

Cadets have already begin signing up.

For more information or any concerns, contact Maj. Matt Dawson at 938-6148 or Robert Brown at 938-8609.

NOW SHOWING

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

Friday—The Amazing Spiderman, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday—Brave, PG, 7:30 p.m.

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

Command Channel 8/23

Aug. 16-23

Army Newswatch

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

Hudson Highlands Nature Museum

The Hudson Highlands Nature Museum has two locations, with one in Cornwall and another in Cornwall-on-Hudson.

The Wildlife Education Center at 25 Boulevard, Cornwall-on-Hudson, is open year-round from noon-4 p.m. Friday-Sunday with a Meet the Animal program every Saturday and Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

The Quest Visitors Center at the Outdoor Discovery Center on Muser Drive, across from 174 Angola Road, Cornwall, is open from 9 a.m.-1p.m. weekends through mid-November.

The Wildlife Education Center is an excellent site to visit with children who love wildlife and want to learn more about the lives and habitats of various animals. The changing exhibits in the smaller exhibit hall are geared to children and nature—now featuring the World of Bees.

Upon entering the "Hall of Animals," one will find small animals native to the Hudson River region, lots of amphibians, reptiles, small mammals and birds.

At the Museum's "Outdoor Discovery Center" families can hike the trails with a Discovery Quest Guidebook.

Through riddles, hands-on activities, illustrations and field notes, visitors learn about nature in a fun, interactive way as they find a "hidden message."

There are four Quest trails that cover all distances and take one through woodlands, meadows and wetlands with old stone walls, ponds and streams.

The museum is also known for its preschool, summer camps and weekend programs for families.

For more information, contact the Quest Visitors Center at 534-5506 and the Wildlife Education Center at 534-7781.

Visit the website at www.hhnaturemuseum.org.

8th annual Mike Purcell 5K Run/Walk

The 8th annual Mike Purcell 5K Run/Walk to benefit the Lustgarten Foundation for Pancreatic Cancer Research is scheduled for 10 a.m. Nov. 4 at Chadwick Lake Park, 1702 Route 300, Newburgh. There is also a Kids Fun Run while the race results are being tallied.

There is a registration fee and if you sign up before Oct. 20, you are guaranteed a T-shirt. Race day registration begins at 9 a.m. Runners will start at 10 a.m. while walkers begin at 10:05 a.m.

For more information, call 845-629-8068 or email purcell4@hvc.rr.com.

FMWR Blurbs

USAG Scramble

The U.S. Army Garrison scramble will have a 1 p.m. shotgun start today 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.

A minimal fee includes golf cart, prizes and afternoon barbecue.

Greens fees are not included. Day of tournament check in is from 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

Call the Pro Shop at 938-2435 to register your team.

Arts and Crafts August Classes

Take a scrapbooking class with Inang from 5-8 p.m. today for a nominal fee.

Try a sewing class with Jana from 5-7 p.m. Aug. 21 and 28. The class is two sessions with a nominal fee.

For more information, call 938-4812.

Staff and Faculty Flag Football League

The FMWR Sports Office will conduct the 2012 Staff and Faculty Flag Football League.

The league is open to all West Point units and departments who want to enter a team.

League games will be played weeknights starting the week of Sept. 10 at Shea Stadium.

Deadline for team entries is Aug. 23.

Contact Jim McGuinness at 938-3066 or email jim.mcguinness@usma.edu.

West Point Golf Course Club Championship

A two-day individual stroke championship event at the West Point Golf Course is scheduled for Aug. 25-26 with an 8 a.m. tee time start each day.

Fee includes prizes and dinner on Aug. 26.

Registrants must pay green and cart fees.

For more information, call 938-2435.

CYSS Teen Summer Boat Ride

All teens entering ninth grade this year at O'Neill High School can join CYSS for a summer boat ride and meet their classmates Aug. 30.

Boarding will be at West Point's South Dock at 1 p.m. Cruise the Hudson from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Admission is one (2-liter) bottle of soda or a bag of chips.

Teens must obtain a CYSS permission slip and have it signed by a parent or guardian. Slips are available at the Youth Center, Bldg. 500.

For more information, call 938-2092/0829.

Custom Framing available

A special 40 percent off sale runs through Aug. 30 on selective custom moulding at the West Point Arts and Crafts shop.

For more information, call 938-4812.

BOSS Zombie Cruise

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers is hosting its annual Hudson River Cruise Sept. 1. Boarding will begin at 5:30 p.m. at South Dock.

There will be games and prizes, so dress in your most terrifying zombie costume.

For more information, call 938-6497.

West Point Oktoberfest

Grab your lederhosen and join FMWR from 4-9 p.m. Sept. 21 and noon-8 p.m. Sept. 22 at the Victor Constant Ski Slope for traditional German food, drink and music with American flair.

There will be live bands, Oktoberfest Olympics, Mr. and Mrs. Oktoberfest Contest, Wiener Dog Race and Kinder Korner (Sept. 22 only).

The event is open to the public.

For more information, call 938-4690.

ACS Hope for the Warriors Above and Beyond Workshop

Join ACS and ACAP for a three-day Hope for the Warriors Above and Beyond Workshop

preparing you for the executive workforce environment.

This workshop is scheduled for 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Sept. 25-27 at the West Point Education Center.

Topics will include professional/personal goal setting with a career coach, resumé preparation and mock interview session.

For more information, call 938-0628.

Lunchtime for Tots Bowling

Enjoy bowling with the kids every Tuesday from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the West Point Bowling Center.

Children get to bowl two games, which include rental shoes, small fountain soda and a slice of pizza for a minimal price.

For more information, call 938-2140.

Instructors needed

The FMWR Fitness Center is looking for Certified Body Pump instructors.

For more information, call 938-6490.

NEW INFO

FMWR Sealed Bid Sale

FMWR will hold a Sealed Bid Sale for Cody—a 15.1-quarter horse gelding, age 17—sold “as is.”

The horse can be viewed at Morgan Farm by appointment only from Monday-Aug. 24.

All bids must be in by Aug. 24. Bid forms can be picked up at Morgan Farm.

For more information, call Morgan Farm at 938-3926.

Benny Haven Bar now open 3 nights weekly

The West Point Club's Benny Haven Bar is now open three nights weekly with a bar menu available.

The new hours of operation are 4-10 p.m. Wednesdays, 4-11 p.m. Thursdays and 4-11 p.m. Fridays.

Come to the bar Fridays from 4-6 p.m. for Happy Hour while enjoying the bar menu.

All departments are welcomed.

For more information, call 938-5120.

Blue Moon Golf Tournament

The Blue Moon Golf Tournament will be held Sept. 1. Registration is from 4:30-5:30 p.m. and the start time is 5:45 p.m.

This is a four-person scramble with nine holes played in twilight and nine holes played in blue moon light.

Dinner will be served in between at the club house.

The pro shop will supply chemical lights to help you navigate the course, see the greens and the balls glow.

There is a minimal charge per person which includes green fee, cart, prizes, range balls, glow goodies to play golf and dinner between the nine holes.

Mulligans will be available for a price (optional).

To register, call the Pro Shop at 938-2435.

Bow Hunter Safety Course

Round Pond is hosting a two-day Bow Hunter Safety Course from 6-10:30 p.m. Sept. 4 and 6-10 p.m. Sept. 5 at the Bonneville Cabin.

To register, email Rick Powles at rack101@optonline.net or call 845-913-6566.

Life Works at Balfour Beatty Communities

• **National Hot Dog Day**—BBC is celebrating National Hot Dog Day this month through Aug. 24.

Email your cutest dog photograph and win a “Dog Gone Good Doggy Basket” for your furry family member.

The winner will be announced Aug. 27.

Email a photograph to Jodi Gellman to jgellman@bbcgrp.com. Entries are due by Aug. 24.

Keller Corner

Third Annual Baby Birthday Bash

If your little one was born at the hospital between the months of April and June, come join us for cake and punch at 7 p.m. Sept. 4 in the KACH dining facility.

Make sure to bring your little one and lots of stories.

RSVP by calling 938-3210.

Hudson Valley Blood Services annual blood drive

The Hudson Valley Blood Services, in conjunction with Keller Army Community Hospital, will conduct their annual blood drive Aug. 27-30 in Eisenhower Hall.

Blood collection hours are from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Aug. 27-29 and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Aug. 30. Platelet collections will be at 1 p.m., 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. Aug. 28 and 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. Aug. 29-30.

There will also be a DoD bone marrow registration table located in the vicinity of the Ballroom.

Products from donated units are used in the local area, throughout the United States, in response to worldwide disasters, and donated to military hospitals when required.

TRICARE Prime Enrollment Fee Increase

On Oct. 1, TRICARE Prime enrollment fees will increase to \$269.28 for individuals and \$538.56 for families.

Increases are based on cost of living adjustments and apply to retired servicemembers and their eligible family members.

Survivors and medically retired servicemembers also pay a Prime enrollment fee.

However, their fees remain frozen at the rate in effect when they were classified as survivors or medically retired.

For more information, visit www.tricare.mil/costs or call the Keller health benefits advisors at 938-4838.

National Immunization and Influenza Awareness Month

Now is the perfect time to roll up your sleeves to ensure you and your families are protected against potential deadly diseases.

Contrary to popular belief, immunizations are not just for children, we all need them.

So do your part and make sure you and your family are protected.

To make an appointment, call 938-7992.

Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

Rules: Fill in the empty cells with the digits 1-9 so that no

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digit appears twice in the same row, column, or 3-by-3 box.

See SUDOKU SOLUTION, Page 2

Difficulty: Medium

CID seeking qualified candidates to become special agents

Submitted by the Criminal Investigation Command Public Affairs

The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command, commonly known as CID, is seeking qualified applicants to become

highly-trained criminal investigators.

Special agents are responsible for investigating numerous types of felony-level crimes of Army interest, conducting protective-service operations, and working with other federal, state and local law

enforcement agencies to solve crime and combat terrorism.

Agents receive training at the U.S. Army Military Police School and advanced training in specialized investigative disciplines.

Selected agents receive advanced training at the FBI National Academy, Metropolitan Police Academy at Scotland Yard, DoD Polygraph Institute and the Canadian Police College.

Agents also have the opportunity to pursue a master's degree in Forensic Science

from George Washington University.

To qualify, applicants must be a U.S. citizen, at least 21-years-old, minimum of two years and maximum of 10 years military service, maximum grade of E-5, sergeant (non-promotable), sergeant (promotable) or staff sergeant (with one year or less time in grade) may apply with waiver and applicants must meet all other requirements.

To view the full list of requirements and to apply, visit www.cid.army.mil or contact the local CID office at 938-3513/4712.

Funded Legal Education Program

The Office of The Judge Advocate General is now accepting applications for the Army's Funded Legal Education Program. Under this program, the Army projects sending up to 25 active duty commissioned officers to law school at government expense.

Selected officers will attend law school beginning the fall of 2013 and will remain on active duty while attending law school.

Interested officers should review Chapter 14, AR 27-1 (The Judge Advocate General's Funded Legal Education Program) to determine their eligibility.

This program is open to commissioned officers in the rank of second lieutenant through captain.

Applicants must have at least two, but

not more than six, years of total active federal service at the time legal training begins. Eligibility is governed by statute (10 U.S.C. 2004) and is non-waivable.

Eligible officers interested in applying should immediately register for the earliest offering of the Law School Admission Test. Applicants must send their request through command channels, to include the officer's branch manager at AHRC, with a copy furnished to the Office of The Judge Advocate General, ATTN: DAJA-PT (Yvonne Caron-Rm 28517), 2200 Army Pentagon, Washington, D.C. 20310, to be received by Nov. 1.

For more information, contact Col. Keith C. Well, Staff Judge Advocate, at 845-938-3205.



If you have been a victim of sexual assault, contact the West Point Helpline...

- At West Point, call or text, 845-659-7467;
- Visit www.preventsexualassault.army.mil;
- Visit the DOD Safe Helpline at www.SafeHelpline.org;
- Call the Safe Helpline at 877-995-5247 or text 55247 inside the U.S. or 202-470-5546 outside the U.S.



Learning the basics

Linebackers coach Robert Lyles grabs onto the pads of freshman linebacker Tyler McLees while teaching proper technique before the execution of a drill during the third day of practice Aug. 10 at the Foley Athletic Center. The Army Football team will continue working out the kinks before its first game of the season against San Diego State Sept. 8. Army will have its first scrimmage Saturday at approximately 1 p.m. at Michie Stadium and fans are welcome to watch the scrimmage.

MIKE STRASSER/PV

Michie Movie Night set for Sept. 5, go online to pick movie

By Brian Gunning
Army Athletic Communications

For the second straight year, fans will have the opportunity to choose the feature film that will be shown at the annual Michie Movie Night with the Army Football Team.

This year's event, which is free and open to the public, will be held Sept. 5 at Michie Stadium.

The event begins at 5 p.m. There will be activities for the whole family, including inflatable games and performances by The Magic of Ryan Dutcher and local band Hudson Blue.

Players and coaches from the Army football team will arrive at approximately 6 p.m. and will be available for photos

and autographs before the movie.

Concessions will be available, though no food or drink will be allowed on the field. Picnic tables will be available for fans, and the East stands will offer an alternative viewing spot.

Blaik Field at Michie Stadium will be open at 6:30 p.m. for fans to stake out their viewing locations with the movie beginning on the Knight Vision video board shortly after.

Fans can visit the Army Athletics Facebook page at www.facebook.com/armyblackknights to vote for the movie they would like to see.

The choices include "Little Giants," "Dolphin Tail," "Lorax," "Puss & Boots" and "Kung Fu Panda 2."

There is no rain date for the event and fans are reminded

that those 16 and older must have identification to enter West Point. Parking is available in A Lot.

For more information on Michie Movie Night with the Army Football Team, contact Jay Luksis in the Army Sports Marketing Department at 938-0707 or Jason.Luksis@usma.edu.

Army begins its season Sept. 8 at San Diego State and makes its home debut Sept. 15 versus Northern Illinois. The Black Knights will play seven home games in 2012, all of which are scheduled for noon kickoffs.

For more information on Army Football tickets, call the Army Ticket Office at 877-TIX-ARMY or go to www.goARMYsports.com.