

Having endured the rigors of Cadet Basic Training and thoroughly prepared to enter their first academic semester, members of the Class of 2016 were officially recognized as part of the Corps of Cadets Aug. 18 during the Acceptance Day Parade on The Plain.

Class of 2016 accepted into Corps of Cadets

Story and photo by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

After six weeks of Cadet Basic Training, the Class of 2016 gathered on The Plain Aug. 18 to take its rightful place with the Corps of Cadets during the Acceptance Day Parade.

Class of 2016 Cadet Valerie Coe of Chatfield, Minn., formerly known as Spc. Valerie Coe, was a medic with the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Fort Stewart, Ga. Coe decided to join the Army while taking a Reserve Officers Training Course in college.

"I am excited to be accepted into the Corps of Cadets on A-Day and at the same time, it's a new chapter," Coe said. "It's kind of strange to know I'm leaving that active duty mentality behind, but at the same time, there are so many new opportunities that are available. It's an honor to become a part of a tradition that has stretched over 200 years and is such a national treasure. I feel like if there is any place that can help develop a person into the best leader and best Army officer, this is the place to be."

Coe had already been through basic training once, but found a few differences with CBT.

"We were taught to be a subordinate, to follow, execute any order given and complete the mission," she said. "Although the first year is about being able to adapt and execute the tasks

assigned, they also want you to be a free thinker and to be able to execute and create the most effective plan in order to lead Soldiers someday. CBT was more about building on what experiences and knowledge you have and being understanding of different backgrounds and paths that others have to (help) build on your own knowledge and leadership style without taking away who you are or where you come from."

Another cadet had a different perspective, as she had her heart set on the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis.

"I originally applied to the United States Naval Academy during my junior year in high school, but was not accepted," Class of 2016 Cadet Hannah Tuffy from Scott Township, Pa., said. "After not being accepted, I decided to attend a civilian college and immediately reapplied to the Naval Academy. I had no intention of ever going into the Army or to West Point until I talked to one of my good friends, who is now a fellow cadet.

"He applied to the Naval Academy and West Point and pushed me to put in an application," she added. "I did and as soon as I began corresponding with the people here, my liaison officer and a woman who was in charge of the local parent's club, I realized how great West Point was and it became my number one choice for school."

Tuffy said she began to realize the significance of being accepted into the Corps of Cadets during the Acceptance Day

parade practice.

"I feel as though Acceptance Day made the oath we took seven weeks ago a reality," she said. "West Point is known throughout the world and is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. I work every day to take full advantage of everything."

Class of 2016 Cadet Clayton Jaksha came from a military background and liked the values of West Point.

"I came from a Navy family and my grandfather was in the Air Force, so I've always been interested in becoming an officer," Jaksha said. "I function well with a certain amount of structure. I thought it was awesome becoming a cadet. I'm still trying to comprehend it all. It's like someone sprinkled magic dust on you at the Acceptance Day Parade."

Jaksha said he expects West Point to give him not only a solid education in academics, but also in ethics and morality.

ABOUT THE CLASS OF 2016

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| • 15,171 Applications Received | 16% Women |
| • 4,285 Nominated | 8.8% African-American |
| • 2,629 Qualified | 8.6% Hispanic |
| • 1,193 Admitted | 15 International Cadets |
| • 1,171 Completed CBT | 108 Prior Service |

Bus, traffic and parking measures for Ring Weekend

Submitted by the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security

In support of the Class of 2013 Ring Weekend events Friday and Saturday, the following bus transportation, traffic and parking measures are in effect:

Ring Ceremony Rehearsal—today

Beginning at 4 p.m. today, traffic attempting to travel in the Trophy Point area will be blocked at the 101 intersection, as well as by the entrance to Clinton Lot.

Traffic in the area will remain blocked until the completion of the Ring Ceremony Rehearsal.

Vehicles parked in the Clinton, Doubleday and surrounding lots will be allowed to depart by exiting south on Cullum Road past the Jefferson Library.

Ring Ceremony—Friday

Beginning at 4:30 p.m. Friday, traffic attempting to travel in the Trophy Point area will be blocked at the 101 intersection, as well as by the entrance to Clinton Lot.

Traffic in the area will remain blocked until the completion of the Ring Ceremony.

Vehicles parked in the Clinton, Doubleday and surrounding lots will be allowed to depart by exiting south on Cullum Road past the Jefferson Library.

There will be no vehicles authorized on Jefferson Road and the Thayer Road extension at Trophy Point after 4 p.m.

Vehicles parked on these roads are subject to towing.

Bus transportation will be available from the Buffalo Soldier Field Parking Lot to Trophy Point from 3-6:30 p.m.

Reception and Banquet—Saturday

The Washington Road area in front of the Commandant's quarters is subject to brief closures after 5:30 p.m. Saturday to support pedestrians crossing at that intersection.

There is no parking on Jefferson Road.

Bus transportation will be available from the Buffalo Soldier Field Parking Lot to the Cadet Barracks area until 5:30 p.m.

Shuttle buses will be available to take participants back to Buffalo Soldier Field once the hop concludes.

For more information, call Luke Pagan, antiterrorism specialist, at 938-8859.

Do you know Mike Dodson?

Submitted by Linda Shoop
Community Member

Mike Dodson is the fellow who loads groceries outside the Commissary and returns the shopping carts to the front of the store every day.

He works about 10 hours per day, every day the Commissary is open—in snow, rain or scorching sun. Mike is not a Commissary employee. The baggers inside the store give him a portion of their shared tips each day, but other than that, Mike relies on our tips for his income.

Mike is scrupulously honest. He has returned dozens of wallets and purses over the years—all containing whatever the owners had in them.

Having never had a drink or drug in his life, he is extremely reliable once he understands his mission. He has great pride in being strong enough to help others in spite of his handicap.

Mike's injury occurred when at age 6 his head was struck by a speeding taxi. Near death and in a coma for six days, he remains largely paralyzed on his right side and his speech is slightly impaired.

His left eye does not contract in sunlight and he has become largely blind in that eye during the day.

His math ability is quite good, however, and he plays a very respectable game of chess.

The brother of a West Point graduate, he is a fiercely independent Southerner who will take no direct aid from his Family. He recently accepted Medicaid help for his health care, after refusing any help for more than 15 years.

Once you become one of Mike's customers, he will learn your face and look for you at each visit, especially if you are older or infirm.

Since he began his service to the West Point community in 1981, Mike has taken very few days off. He took off three times because of injuries. When his leg was broken in a moped accident in 1983 en route to the Commissary, he foolishly finished the day there, working in the snow before going to the hospital.

In 2007, Mike had surgery on his left hand and now has much better use of it.

In 2008, Mike had an accident with his then three-wheeled mode of transportation. He broke his arm and had to have surgery on it several times.

He has gone through physical therapy and has regained the ability to perform his job for us.

He has received numerous letters of appreciation and has been the subject of several articles in the Pointer View.

When new personnel learn his background through this letter, however, he says they become his customers more often.

He has grown proud of the reputation he has achieved through his hard work, which allows him to be useful.

And thus the reason for this letter—to introduce Mike to West Point newcomers.

Although others may help us when the sun is shining, it will be Mike outside with us when the snow is blowing.

He is always happy to assist you when you feel it is appropriate. Thank you.

Friends of
Mike Dodson

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- Call the Safe Helpline at 877-995-5247 or text 55247 inside the U.S. or 202-470-5546 outside the U.S.

Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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3	1	7	8	2	4	9	5	6
4	9	6	1	8	2	5	3	7
1	3	5	6	7	9	4	8	2
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Class of 2016 cadet receives Soldier's Medal

Story and photo by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

One of the 1,171 new cadets formally accepted into the Corps of Cadets Aug. 18 during Acceptance Day was Class of 2016 Cadet Justin Dalme, from 4th Regiment's Company B.

Acceptance Day was just a little different for Dalme as he received the Soldier's Medal at Cullum Hall, surrounded by his company and his family.

According to the Soldier's Medal citation, the former Army specialist was driving from an eye appointment and noticed several cars parked alongside the highway on Dec. 2, 2011. Dalme pulled over to evaluate the situation. After talking with bystanders, he realized that an elderly woman was trapped in a car rapidly filling with water.

Fully clothed and with no regard to his safety, Dalme jumped into the frigid water and swam to the vehicle. He was able to open the door and pull the unresponsive woman to safety. Once he handed her off to the people on the bank, he again dove into the water to check for other victims. There was none. If Dalme had not acted swiftly, the woman would not have survived the crash.

West Point Superintendent Lt. Gen. David Huntoon Jr. pinned the Soldier's Medal on Dalme's lapel.

"I think this is the first time a superintendent of West Point ever presented a Soldier's Medal to a cadet, with the exception of President Roosevelt, who came to West Point to present a Medal of Honor to Cadet Calvin Titus," Huntoon said. "It's no surprise that a Soldier of the 82nd Airborne would act and intervene when no one else did. Just think of the number of people just watching, but it takes a Soldier or a police officer to step in and make a difference."

Dalme took it all in stride and doesn't think he did anything special.

"I felt (I had an) understanding with (what happened)," he said. "It's not always the act that you do, but the condition. You never know when it is going to make a difference."

Dalme came to West Point through the Soldier's Admission Program. He enlisted in 2009 as a Radio Communications Security Repairman, attended basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C., Advanced Individual Training at Fort Gordon, Ga., and attended airborne school en route to his first duty station. He was assigned to the 1st Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, N.C.



Class of 2016 Cadet Justin Dalme received the Soldier's Medal from West Point Superintendent Lt. Gen. David H. Huntoon Jr. at Cullum Hall surrounded by friends and his company mates Aug. 18 just after the Acceptance Day Parade.

Natick AIAD allows cadets to turn waste into energy

By Bob Reinert
U.S. Army Natick Soldier Systems Center

No one wants to waste a summer, particularly U.S. Military Academy cadets, who know all about making the most of their time.

Ironically, a pair of West Pointers recently came to the Natick Soldier Research, Development and Engineering Center to take part in a project that will study how to turn waste into energy on base camps.

"We got funding through the Army's strategic environmental R&D program," said Amy Klopotoski, the Contingency Basing Science and Technology lead in the Shelter Technology, Engineering and Fabrication Directorate of NSRDEC, adding that the Army Corps of Engineers and USMA are the center's partners on the project. "It's a rotary kiln gasification technology."

"The Corps of Engineers is looking at larger facilities, larger base camps, where here at Natick, we're looking at base camps that you can pack up and relocate somewhere else. So we're looking at remediating waste on the base camps and then generating some energy off of that waste," she added.

Engineering majors Class of 2013 Cadet Richard Garcia and Class of 2014 Cadet Michael Richardson came from West Point to Natick to work on the start of the three-year project.

"They're here for a few weeks to work at Natick, learn about what we do here and do some research on base camp waste and base camp technical challenges," Klopotoski said. "Our goal is also to get them some exposure to see the technology work that is going on within the Army and how that process works and just get them more knowledgeable about who we are and what we do."

Garcia, a mechanical engineering major, has been trying to absorb as much as possible in the short amount of time he has at Natick.

"The last three days, I've been learning as much as I can about

diesel," Garcia said. "This has been kind of a learning process for me."

While Garcia focused on the generator, Richardson, a chemical engineering major, looked at converting base camp waste into the synthetic fuel that would power it.

"Over the next couple of years, West Point's going to be collaborating on this project, so we're kind of the first cadets to dig into it and see what it is all about," Richardson said. "I have two more years at West Point, so, hopefully, I can really do some serious work on this in the next two years."

According to Klopotoski, the cadets wasted no time getting to work.

"They started diving right into the base camp problems," Klopotoski said. "They're also looking into water demand reduction—some technologies that could make things like showers, latrines, laundry more efficient in terms of their water usage."

As part of the project, the cadets were scheduled to spend time at the Army's Base Camp Integration Laboratory, or BCIL, at nearby Fort Devens, Mass. The BCIL tests new base camp technologies.

"It's kind of nice to get some fresh eyes on some of our projects," Klopotoski said. "These guys are looking at how to tackle some of those technical challenges. In the end, we're going to have to package it into a containerized type of system that's small enough to move around. I think that's going to be a part of the technical challenge, also."

Klopotoski said she hopes to have a demonstration waste-to-energy model operating at the BCIL or elsewhere by the end of the three-year project.

"But fully ready to field, it might be five years," Klopotoski added.

Meanwhile, Garcia and Richardson already will have shared at West Point what they learned at and about Natick.



Class of 2014 Cadet Michael Richardson, left, and Class of 2013 Cadet Richard Garcia worked on a waste-to-energy project this summer at the Natick Soldier Research, Development and Engineering Center.

PHOTO BY DAVID KAMM, NSRDEC PHOTOGRAPHER

"A lot of people have no idea that there are large groups of civilians and military working together to make Soldiers' lives better," Richardson said. "Part of this experience is going back to West Point and saying, 'Hey, man, there are people actively working on this. I promise.'"

Cadets assist in developing counter-IED software

Story and photo by Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor

Three cadets spent part of their summer secluded in a locked research lab with its windows blackened inside Mahan Hall. Their contribution to a research project yielded results which—given its classified status—they can't really talk much about. Suffice it to say, as they briefed major supporters to the project recently, with a nod and a smile, the cadets confirmed its success.

The project involved a new piece of software which can identify the location of weapons caches in theater using a mathematical model, based on the research theory of geospatial abduction. With significant accuracy, the software can predict where an enemy's improvised explosive device depot is, based on previous attack locations and other intelligence.

The original version of the software is called SCARE, or Spatio-Cultural Abductive Reasoning Engine, and was created by Maj. Paulo Shakarian, an assistant professor in the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science. The software developed this summer is a modified version called C-SCARE/A, which focuses on the theater of Afghanistan.

This was an interdisciplinary effort, which is quite obvious from the academic pursuits of the three cadets involved in the final phase of the counter-IED project. Class of 2013

Cadet Jeff Nielsen, cadet-in-charge, is a math major, Class of 2013 Cadet Will Wright is a Department of Foreign Languages major and Class of 2014 Cadet Andrew Oswald is majoring in electrical engineering. Earlier in the summer, Class of 2015 Cadet Ellis Valdez, Class of 2013 Cadet Tim Stein, an international relations major, and Class of 2014 Cadet Geoff Moores, a computer science major, contributed to the project.

The project also involved faculty and staff from organizations to include EECS, Mathematical Science, Systems Engineering, the Operations Research Center and the Network Science Center.

The team worked with deployed combat engineers tasked with an explosive investigation unit in Afghanistan to provide support in the mission to mitigate the effects of IEDs. The team tested and provided results of the software concurrently to the combat unit along with regular video teleconferences.

"The Combat-SCARE-Afghanistan is a new piece of software that includes the road network, tribal information and a lot of external intelligence, which is the cool stuff I'm not allowed to talk about," Nielsen said. "A lot of great things have happened to show that this program can actually contribute to the fight and save lives by finding these weapons."

The three objectives, Nielsen said, were to create a program that is easy to use, produces results and integrates other intelligence to

improve accuracy. They served as the last of three teams on this project, which launched shortly after class graduation in May. Part of their effort was to integrate additional intelligence and distribute the completed software package.

"That's a major emphasis, and there are some very interested people here and downrange that would like to use this," Oswald said.

Maj. Charles Levine, a math instructor, deployed this summer to get the software into the hands of Soldiers and Shakarian said the battlefield circulation has been well-received.

Shortly before the academic year began, Shakarian and the cadets briefed the dean of the academic board and administrative personnel who supported this Academic Individual Advanced Development project.

Col. John Graham, NSC director, said their contributions to cadet projects are remarkable, though often underscored. It is a complex process which legal, finance and other administrative members of the academy undertake to secure the necessary resources—from establishing a working relationship with a combat unit in Afghanistan to installing a dedicated computer network for classified research in an otherwise unclassified hall of classrooms.

Vicki Kiernan, a team lead budget analyst in the Directorate of Resource Management, attended one of the briefings and was amazed by what cadets can do to support the troops in current operations.

"I cannot tell you how much that short briefing meant to me. The AIADs our cadets

participate in have always impressed me. It touched me both as a finance manager and the mother of a Soldier who served," Kiernan said, via email.

Shakarian recently earned his doctorate degree from the University of Maryland where he garnered attention from projects like SCARE. He said this software will be integrated into the Systems senior capstone project and there are other applications to cadet studies being discussed.

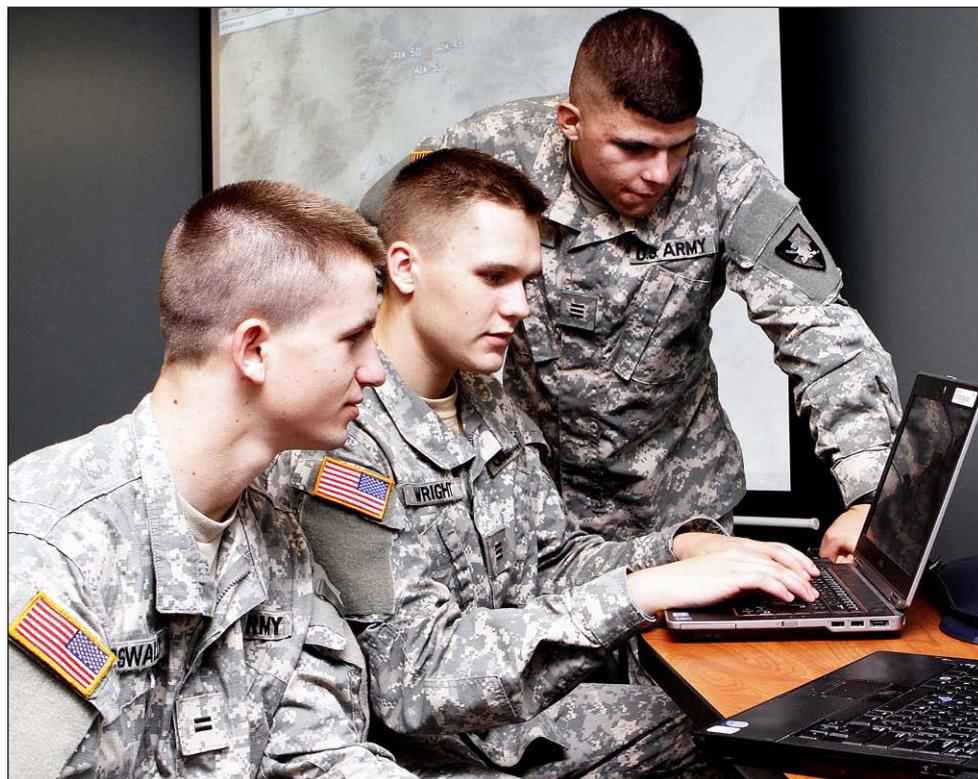
"Cadet education, research and outreach to the Army... this is really what the academy is all about. I feel we hit all three of these strongly in this project," Shakarian, a Class of 2002 graduate, said.

As a French and international relations major, Wright might have otherwise missed an opportunity like this had it not been for Shakarian, his information technology instructor.

"This was a good way to contribute to our units in the field, and this was something I normally wouldn't have exposure to, if only for a short time," Wright said.

Considering the sensitive nature of the project and the clandestine conditions they worked under, Oswald found this AIAD to be much different than what he participated in last summer.

"Normally, you're asked to take pictures and show everyone what you did. Here we can't really show anything. There's a lot we would love to say to show how successful it was, but we can't," Oswald said. "Still, it was rewarding being able to do something that will make a difference downrange."



Class of 2014 Cadet Andrew Oswald, Class of 2013 Cadet Will Wright and Class of 2013 Cadet Jeff Nielsen were part of a team of faculty and cadets developing new software this summer that solves a geospatial abduction problem which troops encounter in theaters of operation—locating the enemy's weapons caches. The cadets recently briefed academy leadership and administrative supporters on their Academic Individual Advanced Development project this summer.

Next Week in the POINTER VIEW

- Class of 2013 Ring Ceremony
- Club Night at Eisenhower Hall
- Women's Equality Day Observance
- West Point Band Concert
- Results from Women's Volleyball; Men's Soccer
- And much more to follow

Published weekly for the West Point community

West Point Band to perform Sunday at Trophy Point

Joint concert will feature Japan Ground Self-Defense Force Central Band

By West Point Band Publicity

The West Point Concert Band will present a concert at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at West Point's Trophy Point Amphitheater. The performance will feature the West Point Band performing alongside the Japanese Ground Self-Defense Force Central Band. This concert is free and open to the public.

The performance will be conducted by the West Point Band's commander, Lt. Col. Jim Keene, and Col. Akira Takeda, conductor of the Japanese Ground Self-Defense Force Central Band.

The concert will open with the national anthems of the United States and Japan. The music of John Williams will be featured with "Summon the Heroes" and "Sound the Bells." Musicians from the Japanese Ground Self-Defense Force Central Band will be featured on a number of Japanese selections, including "Reimei," "Sharuku" and "Jounetsu." The guest musicians will also be featured on arrangements of "Let's Dance" and "Cherry Blossoms." Traditional Japanese percussion instruments will be used prominently throughout the program. The concert will close with patriotic favorites "Army Strong," the "Armed Forces Medley" and "The Stars and Stripes Forever."

The Japan Ground Self-Defense Force Central Band was established in June 1951 under the auspices of the National Police Reserve, forerunner to the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force. Throughout the last 60 years, it has remained one of Japan's best-known wind ensembles.

The Central Band's main activities include regular concerts in the Tokyo metropolitan area, chamber music concerts, national tour concerts and promenade concerts in business districts.

It also appears at a wide range of events such as joint concerts with bands from the Maritime and Air Self-Defense Forces, the Japan Self-Defense Force Marching Festival and



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school concerts. The Central Band also instructs members of the other Ground Self-Defense Force bands all over the country.

For concert information, cancellations and updates, call 938-2617 or visit www.westpointband.com. West Point Band news can also be found on Facebook, YouTube and Twitter.

Task Force recognized for training Corps of Cadets this summer

Story and photo by Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor

The training of thousands of West Point cadets is no small task, and the contribution from more than 600 active-duty, Reserve and National Guard servicemembers throughout Cadet Summer Training this summer ensured the very best for the Corps of Cadets.

Troops attached to the 10th Mountain Division from Fort Drum, N.Y., and Fort Polk, La., formed Task Force Slugger in May and supported each component of CST from Cadet Leader Development Training to Cadet Basic Training, and also assisted in the initial training for the cadet candidates at the U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School.

U.S. Military Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. David H. Huntoon Jr. spoke with the remaining group of Soldiers from Fort Polk Aug. 15 and thanked them for the service of training future officers to Army standards.

“I want to thank you for what you have done for the better part of 90-plus days in getting our cadets ready for their future leadership responsibilities,” Huntoon said. “What you did was set the benchmark for them because it is a tough world out there. With your expertise, professionalism and competence—your battle-tested competence and adherence to Army standards—we needed them to understand these things and they’re off to a great start because of you.”

Huntoon palmed a commander’s coin to six Soldiers in recognition of their contributions to summer training. One of those Soldiers, Spc. Andrew Van, from Odessa, Texas, said training cadets was a new experience and not at all what he expected.

“With these new cadets just coming out of high school and into the Army, I expected to see a lack of discipline from them,” Van said. “But every cadet I met was pretty

open-minded and respectful. They actually listened and were here to learn.”

Van had covered two cycles of Air Assault training and was equally impressed with some of the upperclass cadets he met.

“I would say most of them are ready to take platoons,” Van said. “From my experience, they’ll be ready.”

One cadet, in particular, stood out to him. “Cadet Sergeant Major (Gavin) Mcgarry is planning to be an infantry officer, and right now he has the command in his voice,

knows what he wants and gets it done,” Van said. “That’s what you need in an officer right there.”

Spc. Craig Henderson, from Minneapolis, Minn., appreciated the chance to help in the development of the future Army Officer Corps, of which nearly a quarter of the service’s commissioned officers comes from West Point.

“It was nice being part of the bigger picture of training tomorrow’s leaders,” Henderson said.



U.S. Military Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. David H. Huntoon Jr. thanked Soldiers from the 3rd Squadron, 89th Cavalry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, who served this summer with Task Force Slugger in the training of more than 3,000 West Point cadets during Cadet Summer Training. The Soldiers from Fort Polk, La., arrived at Camp Natural Bridge in May to assist with Cadet Leader Development Training, Cadet Field Training and remained through August as more than 1,100 new cadets participated in Cadet Basic Training.

Check the **More Stories** link on the West Point home page at www.usma.edu for an extended version of the Task Force story.



Thank you, Dr. Arnas!

Professor Ozer Arnas of the Department of Civil and Mechanical Engineering, was honored Aug. 14, exactly 50 years after starting his teaching career in engineering academia. A beloved member of the West Point faculty for the last 14 years who is known by cadets for his tough love, Arnas was surprised and humbled by the recognition. Pictured, Dean of the Academic Board Brig. Gen. Timothy Trainor presents the honoree with a certificate of appreciation and a coin.

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WELCOME TO WEST POINT

On-Post Housing— Home Sweet Home



Children living in Stony Lonesome housing enjoy a treat provided by Balfour Beatty Communities' LifeWorks, a program that brings children and community members together.

COURTESY PHOTO

Submitted by Balfour Beatty Communities

The RCI Housing Project

West Point Housing LLC, the housing project company, is a partnership between Balfour Beatty Communities and the Army. Balfour Beatty Communities, as the private partner, is the managing member of the partnership.

As such, they are responsible for the day-to-day operation of the community management function (housing assignments and maintenance) as well as the successful completion of the new construction and renovation programs.

The Army provides oversight to the project and is consulted on all major decisions affecting it.

The Development Plan

The initial development period for the project is eight years and ends in July 2016.

To date, it has had 158 new homes built in the Stony Lonesome I neighborhood, replaced two new homes in the Grey Ghost neighborhood and renovated 155 historic homes to include the superintendent's house—Quarters

100.

There are still 157 homes to be renovated before July 2016. Every effort is being made to minimize forced moves and to relocate the families on post in appropriate homes.

As a result of the overall net decrease in housing at West Point, the project, in consultation with leadership, has redesigned the rank designations of the various neighborhoods.

Consequently, there will be a mixing of ranks in some neighborhoods for the next few years. At the end of the IDP in 2016, new rank designations should be completely implemented.

More information on the development plan can be found at www.westpointfamilyhousing.com, by calling the Community Management Office at 446-6407 or contacting the project director, Richard Wagner, at 446-3960.

The Balfour Beatty LifeWorks Program

LifeWorks is a unique program that focuses on a variety of free events including many social, community service and physical activity programs.



226 Years of Excellence

The history of West Point is integral to the history of the United States of America. Established in 1786, 16 years before Thomas Jefferson approved the founding of the U.S. Military Academy, West Point is the oldest continuously occupied military post in America. The academy graduated such leaders as Ulysses S. Grant and Robert E. Lee, John J. Pershing and Douglas MacArthur, Dwight D. Eisenhower and George S. Patton, among its more than 60,000 graduates. Renowned as the world's premier leader development institution, West Point accomplishes its mission by developing cadets intellectually, physically, militarily, ethically, spiritually and socially. The student body, or Corps of Cadets, numbers 4,400 and each year approximately 1,000 cadets join the Long Gray Line as they graduate as commissioned second lieutenants in the U.S. Army.

TOMMY GILLIGAN/USMA PAO

Jodi Gellman is the LifeWorks coordinator and her goal is to provide our residents with opportunities to build lasting friendships and a sense of community.

BBC LifeWorks hosts ongoing weekly and monthly events at several different locations on post.

A sampling of some of the past events include bowling and pizza celebrations, Breakfast on the Go, National Night Out, Sand Art Crafts, Sling Fling, Earth Day, Yard of the Month, the Tree of Warmth, Home Depot Workshop for Kids and much more.

Join BBC whenever possible at the LifeWorks events.

All residents of West Point Family Housing are invited, and all events are free.

There are many ways of keeping residents current with the latest information on LifeWorks events.

Usually, Gellman's events are posted in the Pointer View and in the Balfour Beatty weekly email newsletter, Hot Off the Press.

The website, www.westpointfamilyhousing.com, and the Facebook page, www.facebook.com/westpointfamilyhousing, will keep one in the loop.

Also contact Jodi Gellman at 446-6407 or jgellman@bbcgrp.com.

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 Monday-Aug. 30 in Eisenhower Hall. Additionally, the New York Blood Center will be collecting platelets Tuesday-Aug. 30. See page 13 for times to donate each day.

Content submitted by the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Welcome to the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation at West Point. We want you to enjoy everything that U.S. Army Garrison-West Point and the surrounding area have to offer.

We strive to provide you with the very best in facilities, programs and events to meet your leisure needs.

The team members of FMWR encourage you, your family and loved ones to explore and participate in the myriad of programs at family and MWR.

For up-to-date information regarding FMWR special events and activities, visit our website at westpointmwr.com or find us on Facebook and Flickr.

Take a peek inside West Point FMWR activities and events:

Army Community Service
(Bldg. 622, 938-4621/2519)—ACS is dedicated to maintaining the readiness of Soldiers, families and communities by fostering self-reliance, resiliency and stability.

ACS is the commander's principle family readiness agency, providing comprehensive, coordinated and responsive services that support readiness of Soldiers, civilian employees and their families during peace and war.

ACS delivers no-cost support services tailored to the needs of the extended West Point community. ACS offers solutions to successful Army living by providing a broad range of proactive educational opportunities, individualized counseling and coaching services.

From first assignments through separation or retirement, ACS is here to lend support.

Need items to help get settled? The ACS Lending Closet can help with a variety of items such as kitchen kits, twin-size cots, tables and chairs, microwaves and much more.

Soldier and Family Assistance Center

(Bldg. 626, 2nd floor, 938-2519)—The SFAC mission is to provide assistance and support services for wounded, ill and injured Soldiers, wounded Department of Defense civilians and their families. The West Point SFAC serves Warriors in Transition and their families across the Northeast.

Auto Shop
(Bldg. 648, 938-2074)—Are you spending too much money on car maintenance? The West Point Auto Skills Center is a great place to service your vehicle at an affordable price.

The shop is equipped with vehicle lifts and tools are available for patron use at no charge or, if you need assistance, just ask one of the knowledgeable, friendly staff members to support you.

FMWR — Things to know about West Point

Want to do-it-yourself? The facility offers hydraulic lifts, tools and a knowledgeable staff who are ready to assist. Need to register your car in New York? The Auto Shop is a licensed New York State Motor Vehicle inspection site.

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers

(Bldg. 628, 938-6497)—West Point's Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers gives single Soldiers, geographic bachelors and single parents the opportunity to have fun, make a difference in the community and ensure a better quality of life.

Take advantage of weekend trips, whether it's snowboarding in Vermont or getting drenched at Niagara Falls.

Give back to the local community with BOSS by volunteering at a Veterans' Hospital or helping at an FMWR event. BOSS is here to help you make the most of your time at West Point.

Post Library
(Bldg. 622, 938-2974)—The Post Library is a friendly place and has a large collection of reading material, fiction and nonfiction, a paperback book exchange, DVDs, CDs, audio books, tax forms, copier and much more.



Morgan Farm Stables and Kennel

(Bldg. 2026, 938-3926)—Morgan Farm, located three miles south of Thayer Gate, is beautifully surrounded by meadows and woods, which provide an ideal setting for trail rides and riding lessons (above). Interested equestrians may rent horses or make reservations for guided trail hours. While you're away, the Morgan Farm Kennel is the perfect "home away from home" for your family pet. Let us take care of your family friend during a vacation, or while you are in transition to or from West Point.

Bowling Center

(Bldg. 622, 938-2140/8142)—The Bowling Center is a state-of-the-art, air-conditioned, 10-lane bowling facility complete with Lil' Skeeters BBQ and Primo's Pizza restaurants that are open seven days a week.

Leagues and open bowling are available or have fun with Galactic bowling Fridays and Saturdays from 5-11 p.m. Don't miss out on Dollar Night Wednesdays—dollar shoe rentals, pizza slices, hot dogs and more. The Bowling Center also specializes in parties and catering—stop by for party package information.

West Point Arts & Crafts

(Bldg. 648, 938-4812)—Unleash your creativity at West Point Arts & Crafts, which offer a full-service frame shop to meet your framing needs or take a self-framer class and learn to do it yourself.

We offer a variety of adult and child craft classes to include pick-and-paint pottery, stained glass and sand art. We also offer birthday party packages that are tailored to your child's imagination.

Child, Youth and School Services

(Bldg. 681, Administrative Office, 938-2023)—The Stony Area Child Development Center (Bldg. 1207) is a full-day program and includes center-based services that meet the needs of working parents requiring child care.

Our newest building, the Lee Area Child Development Center (Bldg. 140), is home to the SKIES Program, part-day preschool and hourly care.

School Age Services (Bldg. 693) is designed to meet the specialized needs of children from first through fifth grades who are enrolled in school on a full-time basis. Youth Services (Bldg. 500), which

is open to youths and teens, grades six through 12, offers a variety of middle school and high school programs.

FMWR Fitness Center

(Bldg. 683, 938-6490)—Need a place to relieve stress and improve your overall health? The Fitness Center has something for everyone—whether you are an avid fitness buff or just want to stop in for a quick workout. This facility features a full range of strength equipment, free weights and cardiovascular machines.

A full variety of classes are offered including spin, yoga, BodyPump and Zumba. Personal training services and massage therapy are also available for a fee. Stop by for a tour of the facility or pick up a monthly calendar.

Leisure Travel Services

(Bldg. 683, 938-3601/2401)—LTS (located inside the Fitness Center) offers great travel rates for active duty or retired military, all government employees and cadets. In addition to being well stocked with brochures and information about local area attractions, LTS vans make regularly scheduled trips to New York City for a variety of outings. The theater van rolls on selected Thursday evenings for patrons interested in half-price Broadway tickets.

LTS is also your place to pick up Yankees, Mets and NY Jets tickets. Check with us for great discounts on admission to Disneyworld, Disneyland, Busch Gardens, Universal Studios, Sea World, Sesame Place and many other amusement parks, including some in the tri-state area.

Five Star Inn

(Bldg. 2113 and Bldg. 785, 446-5943)—The Five Star Inn, West Point's Army Lodging Facility—South Post, has 18 family rooms and 16

suites, some with spectacular views of the Hudson River. Bldg. 785 on West Point has 11 family rooms and 24 efficiency apartments. Call 24 hours a day for reservations.

Anyone with a military or DOD civilian ID card is eligible to make reservations at the Army Lodging Facility for themselves or for house guests. PCS personnel may make reservations 120 days in advance; TDY personnel 90 days in advance; all others may reserve rooms either 30 or 15 days in advance, depending on date of arrival.

Recycling Center

(Bldg. 1379, across from Round Pond, 938-4281)—The West Point Recycling Center is here to help you go green. Located conveniently off Route 293 (across from the entrance to Round Pond), 3 miles from Washington Gate, the Recycle Center offers a one stop, comprehensive recycling program.

We recycle aluminum cans, cardboard, glass, ink cartridges, paper (all types), plastic bottles, plastic grocery bags, toner cartridges and wood pallets. We also accept all types of e-waste including cell phones, cell phone batteries, CDs, CPU units, DVDs, floppy disks, hard drives, keyboards, modems, printers, routers and scanners.

Worried about identity theft from an old hard drive? Don't be. Watch us destroy your hard drive and keep your information safe. Profits from the sale of recyclable materials are reinvested back into the West Point Community in support of Soldiers, their families and environmental concerns.

To schedule a visit or pickup materials, call 938-4281. Note, Balfour Beatty is responsible for recycling pickups in the housing areas and is in no way affiliated with the West Point Recycling Center.

Round Pond

(Route 293, 938-2503)—You don't have to travel far to find a place to camp, hike, boat, swim, fish or relax with your family. Round Pond, located three miles from Washington Gate, offers all this and more. Don't forget to make a stop at the Equipment Checkout Center to rent canopies, chairs, bounce houses, kayaks and other outdoor equipment.

Bull Pond

(Route 293, 938-2503)—Bull Pond offers fishing, boating, hiking and swimming. Two cottages by the lake are available for rent through a lottery system conducted in early April.

Lake Frederick

(Route 293, 938-2503)—This spring-fed lake on the West Point Reservation supports camping, Scout camping and Cadet Field Training. Ten A-frame cabins, a sandy beach with floating docks, grills and complimentary boats make this an ideal place for family camping.

Victor Constant Ski Slope

(Route 218, 938-3726)—Skiing at West Point is an affordable family affair with an

average of 65 ski days per season. Along with 100 percent snowmaking capabilities, the West Point Ski Slope maintains a complete downhill and snowboard rental center, plus a tuning and repair shop.

Check out westpointmwr.com for information on rental and lift fees, lessons and activities offered at the ski lodge and slope.

West Point Club

(Bldg. 603, 038-5120 or 446-5504)—The West Point Club is open to all military and DOD civilian employees working at West Point, regardless of rank or pay grade, to military and DOD civilian retirees and to cadets.

The club is a one-stop center for all club system services at West Point, including private party functions, off-premise catering and booking of party facilities.

West Point Golf Course

(Route 218 and 9W, 938-2435/2327)—Nestled in the Hudson Valley highlands, the West Point Golf Course offers an unforgettable experience of an 18-hole challenge on a mountain layout.

It was voted one of the best courses in the area. Whether you want to practice your swing at the 18-station driving range or grab a quick bite to eat, come enjoy the natural

beauty of the West Point Golf Course. WPGC is a 'spikeless' course and is open April through November.

Swimming

You may purchase season swim passes at the Fitness Center and at Round Pond. Daily passes are available at each facility.

• Delafield Pond

(Delafield Road, 938-5158)—Delafield Pond (above) is open from mid-June through Labor Day weekend from noon-6 p.m. Delafield offers a water slide and a 'kiddie' pool for toddlers.

• Round Pond Swim Area

(Route 293, 938-2503)—Stop by Round Pond for all of your camping needs, but don't miss out on the swimming area that is open from mid-June to Labor Day.

• **Indoor Recreational Swim at Crandall Pool in Arvin**

(Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center, 938-2985)—FMWR offers recreational indoor swim programs for ages 3-13, cadets, Soldiers and civilians.

Children ages 10 and younger must be accompanied by an adult and children under the age of 14 must pass an administered swim test before they will be allowed in the pool.

The pool is for lap swimming only.

FMWR annual events

West Point 5K/10K

Popular throughout the tri-state area, the scenic course through historic West Point starts and ends at Buffalo Soldier Field. Be on the lookout each May for the West Point 5K/10K and register online at active.com.

Month of the Military Child Picnic

Every spring, FMWR hosts a picnic at Victor Constant Ski Lodge for West Point youths and parents to celebrate military children.

Summer Reading Program

Each summer a different theme is explored in-depth during the six-week program as the children read their way to a better education. There are several scheduled in-house activities and a final event to conclude the program.

Military Appreciation Day

FMWR hosts a picnic annually for Soldiers and their families in appreciation of the outstanding dedication to the nation. Soldiers can take part in basketball and volleyball tournaments, cardboard boat regatta and a cookout. Look out for this event in August.

Kids Fishing Derby

Hosted by West Point Bass Club, this event is an opportunity to introduce and educate children about fishing techniques and safety.

It is also a venue to teach about

campground clean up and caring for the environment. It happens during May.

Oktoberfest

Enjoy a fall day with tradition German food and drink, kids' activities and music. Have fun with us Sept. 21-22 at Victor Constant Ski Slope.

Haunted House

Families can enjoy a haunted house at Camp Buckner, plus children's crafts and refreshments.

A ghostly time for all will be held in October.

Interested in acting or just helping out? Call 938-4690 for information.

Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony

This traditional holiday event kicks off the West Point holiday season—the lighting of the community tree, singing carols, sipping cider, eating cookies and visiting Santa.

Polar Fest

The largest winter event, Polar Fest, is a daylong festival at Victor Constant Ski area.

The blend of indoor and outdoor winter activities includes a ski and snowboard races, a big-air contest, various indoor and outdoor children's activities, a barbeque and live band.

Look for Polar Fest every February.

Kids' Bike Rodeo

Come to the event where children can register their bikes, join the national Ident-a-Kid program and test their riding skills (right).



Eisenhower Hall Theatre's 2012-13 season offers much entertainment

By Rich Storey
Public Relations and Marketing for
Eisenhower Hall Theatre

West Point's very own performing arts center, Eisenhower Hall Theatre, will open its 2012-13 season with the country's top comedian—ventriloquist Jeff Dunham.

Dubbed by Time as "the most popular comedian in the United States," Dunham heads up an impressive lineup of first-rate

West Point performances.

Become an Ike Hall Marquee subscriber and receive tickets to all 11 regular-season shows, great seats, meet and greet opportunities and, this year, a special Marquee subscriber bonus.

Choose a subscription package online at ikehall.com, or head down to the box office, pick up a season brochure and subscribe in person.

Find out why, at West Point; "There's a lot to like at Ike."

THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT DPW

Notification of DPW activities

When possible, DPW will notify members of the community about pending utility outages and other DPW information.

Because emergency situations arise, pre-coordination of road and parking lot closures, utility outages and other DPW activities is not always possible.

Notification is made by public media sources within the timeframe required, to include "All West Point organizations" e-mail distributions and postings on the DPW website, Channel 23 and the Pointer View.

Email notifications are also sent to building commandants, Balfour Beatty Communities and community mayors for notices to residents.

Community members are urged to regularly check these sources for messages.

Car washes

Car washing is a regulated activity as it

may cause contamination of the water and streams. Residents should limit car washing at home and wash the car on the lawn.

Organizations planning a fundraising car wash on-post must contact DPW's Environmental Management Division for guidance, in addition to obtaining permission from the garrison commander's office (938-2022).

For information on West Point's Stormwater Management Program, contact DPW Environmental Management Division at 938-3224 or visit <http://sodhwp/stormwater/index.htm>.

Need a map of West Point?

West Point map data in various formats is available at <http://gis.usma.mil/gis>.

This website is for the use of internal West Point users.

If you need assistance, contact the DPW GIS Center at 938-6388.

Stormwater

West Point has a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer permit. As part of the permit, illicit discharges to the storm sewer must be reported and corrected.

Illicit discharges include dumping into storm sewers. Don't dump into the storm sewers—all drain to the streams and eventually into the Hudson River.

If you see or smell something strange in storm sewers or streams, report it.

For information on West Point's Stormwater Management Program, contact DPW Environmental Management Division at 938-3224 or visit <http://sodhwp/stormwater/index.htm>.

Demolition of Central Apartments

Demolition of Building 1, formerly Central Apartments, is scheduled to begin mid-September 2012 through January 2013. The location is next to Bldg. 606 (SJA, MEDDAC Clinics, Dentac, Admissions) and across Thayer Road Extension from Mahan

Hall (Bldg. 752).

During the demolition, there will be very limited parking in the area and traffic access will be restricted.

Community members should expect traffic and pedestrian delays/rerouting in the area.

Announcements will be made through all available publicity media to provide more information and to keep the community informed of the status of the demolition effort.

Drinking water quality report

DPW issues the West Point annual drinking water quality report to inform community members of drinking water quality and to raise community awareness of the need to conserve drinking water sources.

The tap water at West Point continues to meet all Federal and New York State drinking water health standards.

The report can be viewed online at www.usma.edu.dhpw by clicking on announcements.

Key RCI players — who to know, call

Submitted by the Residential Communities Initiatives Office

On-post family housing transitioned to privatized operations under the Army's Residential Communities Initiative program Aug. 1, 2008.

Family housing is now run by a project company called West Point Housing LLC, which is jointly managed by the Army and Balfour Beatty Communities. Balfour Beatty Communities is the West Point privatization partner and the managing member of the partnership.

Balfour Beatty Communities performs all the traditional family housing functions—assignments, terminations, operations and maintenance.

While Balfour Beatty Communities is responsible for the daily operation of the project, the RCI Office is responsible for project oversight, asset management and coordination between Balfour Beatty Communities and the West Point community.

Points of contact:

Residential Communities Initiative Office, Bldg. 2101, Room 4-10, New South Post Road

- Michael Colacicco, RCI project and assets manager, 938-5948;
- Paul Merritt, RCI Engineer, 938-6239;
- Barbara Manzari, RCI financial analyst, 938-0138.

RCI Housing Services Office, Bldg. 2101, Room 4-7, New South Post Road

Off-post housing assistance and referral is available to military and DOD civilian personnel.

Lists of area rental properties are

maintained along with information on homes for purchase.

Appointments can be made by calling Eileen Kaczkin at 938-2500 or Candy Farley at 938-6205.

(Note: Incoming military personnel must in-process first through the HSO Office after signing in for duty and in-processing with Military Personnel Division, Bldg. 622 for on-post and off-post housing.

Those desiring on-post family housing will then be referred to Balfour Beatty Communities Management Office in Bldg. 132. Single Soldiers, E5 and below collecting BAH at the without dependent rate, must report to the Single Soldier Housing office in Bldg. 652.

Landlords and property managers can list their rentals on the DOD-sponsored website, Automated Housing Referral Network at www.ahrn.com.

Single Soldier Housing, Bldg. 652, Rooms 101, 105 Eichelberger Road

For more information, call 938-6202.

The points of contact are Larry Higgins or Richard Ting.

Balfour Beatty Communities Office, Bldg. 132, Bartlett Loop

- Randy Tucker, Community Manager, 446-6407;

- Balfour Beatty Communities website: www.westpointfamilyhousing.com.

Balfour Beatty Maintenance Office, Bldg. 733, Garrard Road

For work orders and emergencies, call 446-3570.

Balfour Beatty Project Director, Bldg. 2101, Room 4-38, New South Post Road

- Richard Wagner, 446-3960.

Quick Reference— Key Hours and Phone Numbers

Keller Army Community Hospital (Bldg. 900)

Emergency Room phone—938-4004 ... However, in an emergency, including fire, call the MP station at 938-3333.

Post Exchange (Bldg. 1204)

Phone—446-5404/05/06

Hours: Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri.—10 a.m.-7 p.m.,

Thurs.—10 a.m.-8 p.m., Sat.—9 a.m.-7 p.m. and Sun.—10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Shoppette/Class 6/Service Station (Bldg. 1202)

Phone—446-3666

Hours: Mon.-Sat.—7 a.m.-10 p.m. and Sun.—8 a.m.-8 p.m.

West Point Commissary (Bldg. 1200)

Phone—938-3663

Hours: Tues.-Sun.—9 a.m.-7 p.m., early bird hours—8:30-9 a.m., Monday—Closed

FMWR Fitness Center (Bldg. 683)

Phone—938-6490

Hours: Mon.-Fri.—5:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Sat.—7 a.m.-2 p.m. and Sun.—noon-5 p.m.

Legal Assistance Office/Staff Judge Advocate (Bldg. 606, Fourth Floor)

Phone—938-4541

Hours: 8 a.m.-noon and 1-4:30 p.m. weekdays

Office of the Chaplains (Bldg. 799)

For a list of religious services, days, times, locations and points of contact, visit <http://www.usma.edu/chaplain/sitepages/services.aspx>. Also, see next week's Pointer View for the complete list with changes for the 2012-13 academic year.

FMWR Blurbs

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 today.

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

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 through Friday.

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

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

WPGC Club Championship

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

Fee includes prizes and dinner on Sunday.

Registrants must pay green and cart fees.

For more information, call 938-2435.

Arts and Crafts August Class

Try a sewing class with Jana from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday. The class is two sessions with a nominal fee.

For more information, call 938-4812.

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.

Blue Moon Golf Tournament

The Blue Moon Golf Tournament is 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.

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.

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.

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.

Benny Haven Bar open three 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.

NEW INFO

ACS Career Expo 2012

Join Army Community Service from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sept. 6 at the Thayer Hotel for the ACS Career Expo 2012.

This year's mission is to tap into America's most talented, diverse and experienced group of candidates.

For more information, call Randy Stephenson, ACS Employment Readiness program manager, at 938-5658.

Membership Appreciation Night

Join the West Point Club from 5-8 p.m. Sept. 7 in the Hudson Room for a free Membership Appreciation Night dinner and membership drive.

Not a member? No problem. Become a member and your dinner is free.

Bring a new member who joins and receive a free gift. Members dine for free and

non-members pay a minimal price.

For more information, call 938-5120.

Remembrance 5K

Join the FMWR Fitness Center and West Point Club Sept. 8 for the Remembrance 5K run. This race will start and finish at the West Point Club.

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. Pre-registration is available at the FMWR Fitness Center.

After the race, breakfast is available at the club.

For more information, call 938-6490.

Home Football Dinner Buffets

Starting Sept. 13, the West Point Club will begin its Thursday and Friday night dinner buffets from 5-9 p.m. in the Pierce Dining Room. Ask about our member discounts.

For more information, call 938-5120.

ACS Fall Expo and CYSS Day for Kids

ACS' Fall Expo and CYSS Day for Kids is a fun-filled combined family event that is scheduled Sept. 14 at the Lee Area CDC, Bldg. 140.

The Expo is scheduled from noon-3 p.m. and 4-6 p.m. for the Day for Kids.

Come see author and military columnist Jacey Eckhart and receive her free CD “I Married a Spartan.”

Try one of ACS' workshops like the EFMP Symposium or the School Transition Workshop. Bring the children to enjoy a unified theme: Pirates on Parade.

For more information, call 938-0628.

CYSS offers child care during home football games

West Point Child, Youth and School Services will be providing child care during home football games this season.

Reservations can be made at the Stony or Lee Child Development Centers and need to be made by Wednesday, nine days prior, to the game day. Child care will be provided from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. with a minimal cost per child.

For more information, contact Stony CDC at 938-4798 or Lee CDC at 938-0941.

NYS Motorcycle Safety Inspections

West Point Auto is now offering NYS Motorcycle Safety Inspections.

Call 938-2074 to schedule your appointment.

What's Happening

PWOC open house and kickoff event

The Protestant Women of the Chapel will have its open house from 7-8:30 p.m. tonight. Sign up at the Post Chapel.

PWOC's kickoff event is 9-11 a.m. Wednesday 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 today-Saturday at Fickens Field across from Roe Park. The carnival is open 6-11 p.m. today-Friday and 4-11 p.m. Saturday.

For more information, 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. Friday at the West Point Club Grand Ballroom.

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

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

Tickets can be purchased in advance from a unit/department representative or at the door.

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 Tuesday.

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

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 Wednesday.

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

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.

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/15189924947472 or call Olga Anderson at 917-509-1200.

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. Sign up before Oct. 20 and 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.

NEW INFO

Cub Scout/Girl Scout Round-Up and Bike Rodeo

New to Scouting? New to West Point? Need to register or re-register? Join the Cub/Girl Scout leadership at 6:30 p.m. tonight at the West Point Elementary School traffic loop. Cub Scouts must be grades 1-5, while Girl Scouts can be between grades 1-12.

Scouts are welcome to bring bikes, trikes or scooters.

Crafts and activities will be provided for younger siblings.

For more information, email Cub Scouts at westpointpack23@gmail.com or Girl Scouts at shannon.floersheim@hotmail.com.

West Point Hunt Club's 3D archery range is open

The West Point Hunt Club's 3D archery range, located on Patrick's Trail just past the ski lift, is now open.

Bring your bow and a friend and shoot at 14 targets ranging from deer and bear to turkeys. This is a walking course in all types of terrain. Wear proper foot wear.

The dates the range is open are:

- 7 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Saturday;
- 7 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Sept. 8;
- 7 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Sept. 22.

There is a small fee to shoot at the 3D range.

Re-enactment Day at Constitution Island

West Point's Constitution Island, the Hudson River Valley Institute at Marist College, the 5th New York

Regiment, the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area and the Constitution Island Association will host the annual Re-enactment Day from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday at Constitution Island for the entire community.

Fifty uniformed troops representing the American Revolution and the Civil War will perform an array of activities to include tactical weapon demonstrations, inspections, formations, musket firings, artillery demonstrations, camp life and drills. This year's event will once again include a Civil War camp to remember the Hudson River Valley's contribution to the Union, plus other important historical moments involving West Point.

Boats will depart West Point's South Dock every hour on the half hour starting at 9:30 a.m.

Post Chapel Sunday service

The Post Chapel will be holding Sunday service at Round Pond at 10:30 a.m.

For more information, call Claire Bader at 938-2003.

MCCW holding its welcome program

The Military Council of Catholic Women will hold a welcome program and fall sign-up at 7 p.m. Sunday at the Rectory at Most Holy Trinity.

The first faith study of the year is from 9-11 a.m. Tuesday in the basement of the Main Post (protestant) Chapel.

For more information, find MCCW on Facebook at MCCW-West Point. Free childcare and breakfast are available.

West Point Women's Club Super Sign-up

The West Point Women's Club is having its Super Sign-Up from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday at the West Point Club.

The evening will include door prizes, hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar, shopping, volunteer opportunities and community information. Reservations are not required.

The WPWC only requests that you grab your new neighbor and join the club for an evening of friendship and fun.

You will have the opportunity to become a member of the WPWC. There is a small fee for a one-year membership.

Tables are now available for vendors, home-based businesses and organizations.

Contact WPWC at westpointwomensclub@gmail.com for information.

USAG West Point community meeting

The U.S. Army Garrison-West Point community meeting, formerly known as the Community Action Council, is scheduled 6-7:30 p.m. Sept. 19 at the Jewish Chapel.

The garrison leadership and staff invites the whole community to join them to discuss their concerns and resolve issues in the West Point community.

During the forum, light refreshments will be served.

For more information, call garrison headquarters at 938-2022.

ID Card Facility offers services by appointment

Appointments are now available at the West Point ID Card Facility.

Make an appointment, visit <https://rapids-appointments.dmdc.osd.mil>.

Appointments are currently available between 8:20 a.m.-3:40 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. You must bring your appointment confirmation sheet with you.

The West Point ID Card Facility is located on 622 Swift Road.

For more information, call the ID Card Facility at 938-3746 or 938-4736.

Keller Corner

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 Monday-Aug. 30 in Eisenhower Hall.

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

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.

Help Us Help Those in Need

At Keller, we believe that all children should be protected from germs and bacteria. That is why we are hosting an infectious control donation drive for the Newburgh School District.

From now until Sept. 5, we will be collecting hand sanitizer, facial tissue, antibacterial soap and paper towels in the hospital's main lobby.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

For more information, call 845-938-6791.

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.

Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

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.

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

Difficulty: Easy

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

See SUDOKU SOLUTION, Page 2

NOW SHOWING

Movies playing at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752

Friday—Brave, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday—Tyler Perry's Madea's

Witness Protection, PG, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday—The Amazing Spiderman,

PG-13, 9:30 p.m.

THE THEATER SCHEDULE ALSO CAN BE FOUND AT

WWW.SHOPMYEXCHANGE.COM.

Command Channel 8/23 Aug. 23-30

Army Newswatch

Today, Friday and Monday through Aug. 30

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

Life Works

at Balfour Beatty Communities

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

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

The winner will be announced Monday.

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

• **Healthy Breakfast to Go**—Start your day right with a healthy breakfast to go.

Drive by 132 Bartlett Loop between 7:30-9 a.m. Tuesday for a free bagged breakfast brought to your car window.

It's our way of saying thank you to the community.

Competitors go all out at 23rd annual West Point Triathlon

Story and photos by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

The weather was a little chilly for a mid-August morning for the 23rd annual running of the West Point Triathlon, but nearly 900 participants showed up to swim 800 meters, bike 14.3 miles and run 3.1 miles at Camp Buckner Sunday.

The West Point Triathlon cadet club hosts the annual triathlon and funds raised from the event allow the cadets to compete in other races. Other cadet clubs assisted in various aspects of the race.

Participants mostly come from around the tri-state area, some run in competitions every year and some just want to see how they can compete along with other.

"I have done a lot of triathlons," 46-year-old David D'Adamo from Pellham, N.Y., who came in 178th in the event, said. "I just haven't been in one since 1995 and it was the one here. I think they run a great race and the place always looks wonderful. The cadets do a great job."

Most competitors had friends and family rooting for them and excited children hanging out and cheering with the words, "Good Job, keep going."

Forty-year-old Melissa Ziweslin, from New York City, competed for the second year in a row.

"I was here last year, but the rain was



The 23rd annual West Point Triathlon was held at Camp Buckner Sunday where more than 900 competitors arrived to swim, bike and run. (Above) female swimmers begin their 800-meter swim competition. The Triathlon is organized by the West Point Triathlon team, but other cadet clubs, such as the Marathon Team, helped set up the swim course for the children's triathlon Aug. 18. The Corbin Seminar volunteered for the triathlon clean-up and the Ski Patrol Group and the Nordic Ski team volunteered to set up and support the event.

terrible," Ziweslin said. "It's a great race and a beautiful morning for this. I love running in the triathlon. I'm OK swimming, but I'm better on dry land."

Volunteers were on hand to direct traffic, ensure the athletes stayed hydrated by handing out water and giving directions to

the start and finish lines.

Class of 2013 Cadet Johannes Olind is a member of the West Point Triathlon Club and has been competing in the triathlon for three years.

"Running is my best event and the one I like best," Olind said. "I'm a decent swimmer

and I love passing people when I'm riding the bike.

Overall winners were James Chesson, 32, from Bedminster, N.J., first; second was Matthew Arnold, 39, from New York City; and third place went to Class of 2013 Cadet Brian Trainor, 21.



During the 23rd annual West Point Triathlon Sunday, more than 900 competitors participated. From left to right are Stuart Kaiser (463) from New York City, Michael Dangel (296) from Columbia, Md., and Class of 2013 Cadet Sarah Haight from West Point at the 23rd annual West Point Triathlon Aug. 19 at Camp Buckner. Haight finished 25 overall.



Community outreach

The Army Sprint Football team recently worked with the local D1, D2 and D3 Junior Black Knights football teams as part of its community outreach. Members of the Sprint squad ran the young players through various drills and worked with them on proper fundamentals and techniques of the game. (Above) Senior defensive lineman Noah Currie snaps the ball and teaches proper stance and release with the young Junior Black Knights as sophomore Walter Griffin looks on. The Sprint Football team opens its season Sept. 9 at SUNY Maritime. For the team's complete schedule, visit www.goarmysports.com.

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