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Welcome back!

Cadets returned to West Point in waves Tuesday ready to begin a new semester at the academy. On Wednesday morning, change of command ceremonies were conducted among the companies as new cadet commanders and first sergeants took on the leadership roles within the Corps. Better known as Reorgy Week, it involved the customary lines forming outside Bldg. 667 (left) to receive new textbooks and other lines formed inside Taylor Hall (below) to add or drop courses. Jim McKelvey, assistant dean for registrar services, assists a cadet during a drop/add session. TOMMY GILLIGAN/WEST POINT PAO

West Point sees overall decrease in BAH rates for 2012

Submitted by Residential Communities Initiative

The Army released the 2012 Basic Allowance for Housing rates for all locations in the continental United States Dec. 14. After seeing substantial increases at West Point for the past three years, the 2012 rates reflect an overall average decrease of 1.11 percent at the 'with dependent' rate and an overall average decrease of 3.12 percent at the 'without dependent' rate.

The new rates will apply to incoming military members who relocate to West Point with permanent change of station orders beginning Jan. 1.

Military personnel already stationed at West Point will receive rate protection, which means that their BAH will not be reduced for the length of their current tour here.

The Basic Allowance for Housing rates for all locations can be viewed on the Defense Travel Management Office website at **www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/perdiem.cfm**.

In addition, CONUS COLA rates, a taxable supplemental allowance designed to help offset higher prices in high-cost locations in CONUS that exceed the costs in an average CONUS location by 8 percent or more, will be 2 percent for military personnel at West Point for 2012.

For COLA rates at all locations, visit **www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/conus.cfm**. For questions, call Eileen Kaczkin at the West Point Housing Services office at 938-2500.

The 2012 Basic Allowance for Housing rates, which took effect Jan. 1, will reflect an overall average decrease of 1.11 percent at the "with dependent" rate and an overall average decrease of 3.12 percent at the "without dependent" rate at West Point. FILE PHOTO

Operation Iraqi Freedom/New Dawn

They [Soldiers] will cross the border out of Iraq with their heads held high. One of the most extraordinary chapters in the history of the American military will come to an end. Iraq's future will be in the hands of its people. America's war in Iraq will be over.
President Obama, 14 December 2011

The magnitude of what this Nation and our Soldiers have accomplished in Iraq is unprecedented. We have never been more proud of our Army – our Soldiers, Civilians, and our Families. You freed over twenty-five million people from tyranny and given hope when hope was forsaken. Our Army provided new opportunity for the people of Iraq. No other Army in the world could have accomplished what you have done – Only American Soldiers.

Throughout Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation New Dawn, our Soldiers embodied physical and mental toughness and courage under fire. Over the past eight years, the quality of our Soldiers has stood in stark contrast to the desert sands. Just as the WWII generation defeated tyranny across the globe, a new generation – galvanized by the attacks of September 11th – bravely defeated tyranny once again. Even during the darkest days in Iraq, our Soldiers never wavered in the face of growing doubt. They continued to risk life and limb for a cause larger than themselves. For their heroic action, they received nearly 9,000 awards for valor including two Medals of Honor, 16 Distinguished Services Crosses, and 408 Silver Stars.

We remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, our Wounded Warriors, our Gold Star Families, and all of our loved ones who have been touched by the horror of war. Their sacrifices have given meaning to our values and ideals. For that, we thank them. A grateful Nation will always remember, respect, and appreciate these heroes as the Next Greatest Generation.

We are extremely proud of all of our Soldiers, Civilians, and Families. Our Army has once again proved that it is America's Force of Decisive Action. Thank you for a job well done. Army Strong!

Raymond F. Chandler III
Sergeant Major of the Army

Raymond T. Odierno
General, United States Army
Chief of Staff

John M. McHugh
Secretary of the Army

SMA sends message to Soldiers, veterans

By Sgt. Maj. of the Army Raymond F. Chandler III

Over the next five years, the Army is going to draw down the size of our active force by at least 50,000 Soldiers. This is a huge shift for our Army, as we will have to make some tough choices on who we will retain and who we will ask to leave the service.

We're also drawing down the same time our country's unemployment rate is extremely high. Right now, more than 850,000 veterans are looking for a job. We owe it to our veterans, the ones who have fought and bled for this country, to give them the necessary tools to find work after leaving our service.

Two weeks ago, the Commander-in-Chief signed into law a tax credit for businesses who hire a veteran, saying in his speech that "for businesses out there, if you are hiring, hire a veteran. It's the right thing to do for you, it's the right thing to do for them, and it's the right thing to do for our economy."

But more than just a tax credit, the president also announced three executive actions specifically tailored for veterans looking for work.

The first is a Veteran Gold Card, which gives veterans access to career services and includes six months of personalized counseling at one-stop career centers around the United States.

The government also launched an online tool called, "My Next Move" that allows veterans to enter information about the skills they've used in the military and how that matches skill sets on the civilian side.

Finally, President Obama announced a new online service called Veterans Job Bank which partners with leading search engines that directly connect unemployed veterans to job openings.

For the Army, we rely on the Army Career and Alumni Program as a huge part of the transition process. ACAP's goals are simple: reducing the more than $500 million a year on unemployment compensation payments made to recently separated Soldiers and providing detailed job assistance training, counseling and resources to quickly find a job.

We must allow our Soldiers to attend the entire program, and not just a few hours a week, or when it's convenient for the command. An Army Research Institute study showed that the full use of all ACAP services reduces the time it takes for a transitioner to find a job and increases the amount of money they earn.

Again, we must manage this transition and give our Soldiers and their Families every opportunity to succeed. I expect that all our NCO leadership, from the first line supervisor to the nominative Sergeants Major, are pushing our Soldiers to attend ACAP and ensuring all Soldiers know the tools available to him or her during this transition.

We owe it to our Soldiers, and we owe it to our veterans.

Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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Continue that giving spirit after the holidays

Armed Services Blood Drive starts Monday at Eisenhower Hall

Staff Reports

The Armed Services Blood Program, in conjunction with Keller Army Community Hospital, will conduct their annual blood drive at West Point Monday-Thursday in Eisenhower Hall.

Additionally, the New York Blood Center will be collecting platelets in this time frame. Products from donated units are used in the local area and throughout the United States, in response to worldwide disasters, and donated to military hospitals when required.

West Point provides opportunity for West Point community, staff, faculty and the Corps of Cadets to volunteer to donate blood.

Blood Drive hours are 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Jan. 9-11, and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Jan. 12. Platelet collection hours are 12:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday. There will also be a DOD bone marrow registration table manned each day of the drive located in the vicinity of the ballroom. Blood donation criteria includes:

- Must weigh at least 110 pounds.
- Feel healthy at the time of donation.
- No tattoos or body piercings from unlicensed states in the past year.
- Returned from deployment to OEF/OIF for at least one year.

West Point Middle School receiving major facelift

Story by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

West Point Middle School broke ground Dec. 19 to make way for a $28 million construction and renovation project in accordance with the Department of Defense Education Activity major facilities renovation and construction initiative.

This initiative will result in the modernization of 134 DODEA schools and, after seven years, the WPMS is one of the schools to be modernized and upgraded in 2012.

"The construction and renovation of the Middle School will be in four phases," David Rudy, West Point Middle School principal, said. "The first phase is a 31,000 square foot addition. The second phase is the parking lot correction and roadway improvement. The third phase is the 1934 annex facility, which includes the auditorium and my office and the fourth phase is the renovation of the 1954 annex, which includes four classrooms and the cafeteria, to make way for the parking lot."

The first phase of construction of the new addition will be on the gymnasium side of the school building on the backside where Barry Road ends near Quarters 181.

Access to the school from the Lee Area side of Barry Road and footpaths in the area will be blocked for the duration of the construction project estimated to be completed by September 2014.

Rudy said there will be some impact on parents and students while construction is going on.

"The primary focus of this construction is safety. Once the fencing is up, pedestrians will no longer have access from the Lee Housing area to either schools," he said. "Students in the Lee Housing area must access the campus by crossing the sports field or by walking up to Washington Road."

Families will need to take alternate routes and parking at the school will also be limited. Parents will be able to drop their children off and pick them up.

According to a DODEA press release from August 2010, close collaboration and cooperation between DODEA, the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, the military services, Department of Defense Comptroller and the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Installations and Environment resulted in a plan to address $3.7 billion in military construction needs for DODEA facilities.

A Department of Defense quality rating is used to describe conditions of DOD facilities. The Q ratings are rated from 1-4; Q-1 is new or well maintained, Q-2 is satisfactorily maintained, Q-3 is under-maintained and Q-4 is considered for replacement. Although the facility is still safe, it is more cost effective to replace than maintain. Currently, 70 percent of DODEA schools are rated at a Q-3 or Q-4.

Bernard Associates, from Wayne, N.J., has been awarded the contract for the school through the N.Y. District Corps of Engineers to renovate and construct an approximately 69,000 gross square foot addition.

"Bernard Associates has a lot of experience in building schools and is safety-oriented as the children will continue to attend school while the construction is going on," Rudy said.

When completed, the school will include a state-of-the-art science room and art room, a spacious cafeteria and an interactive white board. The building will have wireless capabilities and central air, Barry Road will be wider, and there will be a sidewalk and a new parking lot.

Rudy provides monthly briefings at the regular school board meetings to keep parents and community members informed about the project. These meetings will also include representatives from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Directorates of Public Works and Emergency Services, who can address questions parents or community members may have.

Parents are encouraged to attend the board meetings; or they may call Rudy at 938-2923 and email him at *David.Rudy@am.dodea.edu*.

An artist rendition of the future West Point Middle School addition shows the new entrance. Courtesy Image

Fitness Center ready to assist with New Year's resolutions

Get out of the cold and into the West Point Fitness Center for some exercise this winter. To get started, the center will host the 4th annual Wellness Fair, 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday. While there, sign up for the 2012 Fittest Loser Competition.

FWMR Marketing Photo

Resolved to get fit? Wellness Fair, Fittest Loser great ways to start

By Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor

For many West Point community members ringing in the new year means renewing those fitness goals all over again. Fortunately, the West Point Fitness Center is ready to help.

It was a welcome sight when Cory Miszko arrived at work Tuesday morning to find the West Point Fitness Center already bustling with activity. Miszko, the center's manager, said it's typical to see a lot of new faces among the crowds at the start of the year. The challenge is to keep them the whole year round.

"You start to see a decline in mid-February, but then you see an increase in March toward spring break," Miszko said.

The Fittest Loser Competition, which launches Jan. 14 during the 4th annual Wellness Fair, is designed to keep participants active from now until that March break.

In this popular competition held at many military installations, participants are challenged to lose the most pounds and inches, or earn the most points by attending various fitness classes and racking up time spent using cardio and exercise equipment. The eight-week contest ends March 10.

"You have to be motivated internally to keep going, but we try to keep them motivated externally with weekly challenges and by providing support for the competitors," Miszko said.

Even with specific fitness goals, sometimes people have difficulty just getting that foot inside the door. The Wellness Fair, Miszko said, is like an open house for people to sample a class, take a tour and see what they might like to get involved with later on.

"It's kind of like an ice-breaker for the new year, so if you've never been at the center before you can come alone or bring a friend and explore what we have to offer," Miszko said. "It's basically an opportunity for people to see if this facility can help them reach their personal fitness goals."

4th annual Wellness Fair
Jan. 14, 7 a.m.-1 p.m.

- Mini Fitness Assessments
- Functional Movement Screenings
- Group Fitness Sampler
- Fittest Loser Competition
- Talk to the:
  - Massage Therapist
  - Chiropractor
  - Nutritionist

The center offers group fitness classes, yoga, pilates, spinning, Zumba and Body Blast among its program as well as personal training sessions. The facility is filled with bikes, ellipticals, steppers and treadmills for cardio workouts, as well as weight machines and free weights. The center offers everything a conventional gym would have, minus the monthly membership fees.

"The thing that sets us apart here is that we are free, and we do accommodate the entire West Point community," Miszko said. "Our fitness classes are a lot cheaper than outside facilities and we have a child care co-op for military spouses to bring their children here as well. There's no excuse not to come."

In 2011, the Fitness Center locker rooms were renovated and the main entrance area received major construction work with new electric sliding doors, light fixtures and floor tiles. There is still work left to be done as the Crossfit room relocates next to the Spin room to make way for a new child care co-op, yoga and Pilates room.

To learn more about the Fitness Center and the classes offered, visit **www.westpointmwr.com/ACTIVITY/Fitness/Index.htm**.

"West Point on the March" concert slated for Jan. 15 at Eisenhower Hall

The West Point Concert Band, under the direction of Lt. Col. Jim Keene, will present "West Point on the March," a program featuring favorite marches for all.

The concert is free and open to all at West Point's Eisenhower Hall Theatre 3 p.m., Jan. 15.

While often associated with the music heard at parades, marches have a place in operas, fantasies, science fiction and the concert hall setting. The West Point Concert Band will thrill you with favorite traditional marches like "On the Mall," "Circus Bee" and "America Exultant." The progressive spirit of the march will inspire you through "Imperial March" from the "Star Wars" films and "Hogwarts Quidditch March" from the "Harry Potter" films. A special pipe band feature will open the concert's second half.

For concert and updates, call 845-938-2617 or visit **www.westpointband.com**.

Passing of the Oar

On Dec. 14, the directorship of the Photonics Research Center changed from Lt. Col. Bill Pearman (far left) to Col. Jim Raftery (far right). Participating in the "passing of the oar" ceremony are Col. Leon Robert, Col.Ed Naessens, and Col. Barry Shoop, the Departments Heads of Chemistry and Life Science, Physics and Nuclear Engineering, and Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, respectively. The PRC has enabled research opportunities for the cadets and faculty of these three departments since its establishment in 1987. Raftery is the 11th PRC director. COURTESY PHOTO

Defense bill affects pay, separation bonuses, more

By Karen Parrish
American Forces Press Service

President Barack Obama signed the 2012 National Defense Authorization Act on Tuesday which increases active-duty and Reserve pay by 1.6 percent and governs Defense Department activities, from procurement to military personnel policy.

Several provisions in this year's act will potentially affect active-duty and retired servicemembers and their families.

Section 347 requires DOD to finance an independent assessment of overseas troop basing, advising retention, closure, realignment or establishment of U.S. military facilities outside the United States "in light of potential fiscal constraints on [DOD] and emerging national security requirements in coming years."

Section 402 reduces authorized Army minimum end strength from 562,000 to 547,000. The other services' authorized minimum strengths are unchanged, with 325,700 for the Navy, 202,100 for the Marine Corps and 332,800 for the Air Force.

Section 512 of the act creates a new member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, which currently includes the Army and Air Force chiefs of staff, the chief of naval operations and the Marine Corps commandant. The new member will be the chief of the National Guard Bureau, who will have responsibility for "addressing matters involving non-federalized National Guard forces in support of homeland defense and civil support missions."

Section 526 extends voluntary separation pay and benefits authority, formerly set to expire Dec. 31, to the end of 2018. Section 530 converts the high-deployment allowance from mandatory to authorized. The allowance currently pays $100 a day, in addition to all other pay and allowances, to a deployed servicemember who has been deployed 401 days or more out of the preceding 730 days.

Section 701 limits annual Tricare enrollment fee increases for retirees and their family members to an amount equal to the percentage by which retired pay increases that year.

Section 702 sets mental health assessment requirements for servicemembers deployed for contingency operations. The act calls for a series of assessments: one within 120 days before deployment; another during the period between 90 days after a deployment begins and 180 days after it ends; a third within a year after the deployment ends; and a fourth between 18 months and 30 months of redeployment.

The act states assessments are intended to "identify post-traumatic stress disorder, suicidal tendencies, and other behavioral health conditions in order to determine which such members are in need of additional care and treatment for such health conditions."

Assessments are not required for servicemembers "not subjected or exposed to operational risk factors during deployment in the contingency operation concerned," the act states.

Section 954 affirms that DOD "has the capability, and upon direction by the president may conduct offensive operations in cyberspace to defend our nation, allies and interests," subject to the law of armed conflict and the War Powers Resolution.

FMWR Blurbs

NEW INFO

Wee Ones Play Group holiday schedule

Wee Ones returns from the holiday break Monday.

If you have any questions, call Shelley Ariosto at 938-3369.

Adaptive Ski and Snowboard Program

The West Point Ski Slope office is expanding the Adaptive Ski and Snowboard Program for those who require adaptive equipment and education.

The fee for this program includes a lift ticket, all equipment and four 1 1/2-hour lessons. Times are to be announced.

For more information, call 938-4637.

Life EDGE! "A Little Class of Etiquette"

Be prepared for the upcoming CYSS Father and Daughter Dance. Life EDGE! offers etiquette classes for a fee for grades K-5 every Tuesday from Jan. 31-Feb. 21 at the Lee Area CDC.

For more information and to enroll, contact Parent Central at 938-4458/0939.

Bingo at the West Point Bowling Center

Bingo is now at the West Point Bowling Center.

For more information, call 938-2140.

AFAP delegates wanted

Do you want to serve as an AFAP delegate? As a delegate, you will review issues submitted for the Army Family Action Plan Conference Feb. 22-24.

The conference is open to Soldiers, retirees, their family members, DOD civilians and youth. Applications must be submitted by Jan. 13.

For more information, call 938-3655 or got to **westpointmwr.com/afap**.

SKIES feedback survey

Please help West Point Child, Youth and School Services with feedback regarding the SKIES Program at **www.surveymonkey.com/s/ZCWVHW9**.

Round Pond Camp Site Lottery

A Seasonal Camper Site Drawing for the 2012 season is scheduled today.

Applications are available at www.**westpointmwr.com**.

FMWR Community Swim Program hours of operation for January

The Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation's Community Swim Program hours of operation for January are noon-1:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday.

There will be no swim hours Jan. 14, 16 and 21.

For updates or changes to the January schedule, call the information tape at 938-2985.

Fine Arts Festival

Join Child, Youth and School Services from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Friday at the CYSS Middle School and Teen Center for its 9th annual Fine Arts Festival.

View displayed art work from West Point Youth ages 6-18.

For more information, call 938-3727.

School Age Center Night

Come join the fun at the Lee Area CDC for the School Age Center Night from 6:30.-8:30 p.m. Friday.

The theme is "Happy New Year's Bash."

Activities include creating a Freeze Dance, a Hula Hoop Contest, Resolution Magnets and making a Celebration Punch Drink.

This event is open to students in grades 1-5 at a minimal cost and reservations are required.

Call 938-0941 to book a night of fun.

Comfort Food Night

Come out of the cold from 5-8 p.m. Jan. 12 at the West Point Club's Pierce Dining Room for Comfort Food Night.

Enjoy traditional American family favorites. The club's menu will include meatloaf, macaroni and cheese, mashed potatoes, peas and finish off with a scoop of vanilla or mint chocolate ice cream at a very reasonable price.

For more information, call 938-5120.

What's your bright idea?

Submit an issue to the Army Family Action Plan. If you have a suggestion for how the Army can improve your quality of life, we want to hear about it. AFAP is your avenue for results.

Issues will be reviewed and prioritized at the annual installation AFAP conference in February. Issue forms can be submitted anonymously.

To submit an issue, drop an issue form at an issue box located at various locations around post (Keller, ACS, Exchange, Commissary) or visit **www.westpointmwr.com/afap.htm** to submit online.

Issues are due no later than Jan. 13. Call 938-3655 or email *christina.overstreet@usma.edu* for additional information.

ACS Relocation Readiness January schedule of classes

Whether you are moving in or moving out, ACS has many classes available to make your transition easier.

All classes are held at ACS, Bldg. 622.

Upcoming classes include:

- Newcomer's Orientation and Welcome Tour—4:30-6:30 p.m., Jan. 13.
- PCS Workshop: Smooth Moves—9-10 a.m., Jan. 19.

For more information and to register, call 938-3487.

CYSS Talent Show for Teens

The West Point Middle School Teen Center, in partnership with Balfour Beatty Communities, is hosting a talent show for teens in grades 6-12 from 6-9 p.m. Jan. 20. There are prizes for first, second and third place.

For more information, call 938-3727/3208.

Sunday Brunch at the West Point Club

Enjoy a traditional brunch in the West Point Club's Grand Ballroom from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Jan. 22.

Try the club's new omelet station, carving station and delicious desserts. Ask about the club's member discounts.

For more information, call 938-5120.

The Yuengling Beer Dinner at the West Point Club

Enjoy a four-course pairing meal with live entertainment from 6-9 p.m. Jan. 27 during the Yuengling Beer Dinner. The Lee CDC will be open for Parents Night Out.

For more information, call 938-5120.

CYSS Gettysburg Study Group

The CYSS Gettysburg Study Group club will meet from 3-4 p.m. Wednesdays at the Middle School Teen Center, Bldg. 500.

Learn about the Civil War and the Battle of Gettysburg. The group is limited to youths in grades 8-10.

To register for this club, call 938-3727.

Arts & Crafts Winter Class Schedule

Arts & Crafts classes for adults will be held from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursdays. The upcoming classes include:

- Ceramic class, plates and bowls for Valentine's Day—Jan. 12.
- Ceramic class, home décor items—Jan. 26.

Classes for families with children will be held from 10 a.m.-noon. An upcoming class includes:

- Ceramic painting class, plates and bowls for Valentine's Day—Jan. 14.
- Ceramic painting class, frames—Jan. 28.
- Family story time ceramic class, "Good Night Moon."—Feb. 11.

Feb. 25, ceramic class, design your own

What's Happening

DUSA grants

Daughters of the U.S. Army Community Welfare Grant applications are now available at the West Point Museum Gift Shop. Applications must be postmarked by Feb. 15.

For more information, contact *DUSAgrants@gmail.com*.

Viva Las Vegas

The West Point Women's Club's annual fundraiser, Viva Las Vegas, is scheduled for 6-11 p.m. Feb. 24 at the Thayer Hotel. Presale tickets are now available. There is an entrance fee for the poker tournament.

The presale comes with an opportunity ticket for a two-night stay with airfare to Las Vegas, a complimentary champagne toast and a light appetizer bar. Tickets the night of the event costs a little more and come without a raffle ticket. Tickets are available for purchase on **westpointwomensclub@shutterfly.com**.

For more information, email *westpointwomensclub@gmail.com*.

West Point Diving Club

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

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

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

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

SAMC meetings

Noncommissioned officers interested in becoming a member of the West Point Sgt. Audie Murphy Club are urged to join SAMC members for study groups at 5 p.m. Thursdays at Nininger Hall.

For those who are interested in joining the SAMC, meetings are on the first Wednesday of each month at 4 p.m. in the Red Reeder Room in Washington Hall.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Joseph Willis at 938-7082.

Free Computer Training

The Information, Education and Technology Division is offering free computer courses.

The courses include Microsoft Office 2007 software such as Outlook ,Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access and SharePoint 2010. Other courses offered are Computer Hardware and Software Orientation and a Keyboard Typing Skills Lab.

Courses are given in Jefferson Hall, fourth floor, Room 414 (IETD Classroom) through July 27, 2012.

Courses are open to cadets, USMAPS cadet candidates and computer users from any USMA activity.

For more information, call Thomas Gorman at 938-1186 or send an email to *Thomas.Gorman@usma.edu*.

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

NEW INFO

Volkssport Club Walk

Walking is a great way to get rid of the extra pounds put on over the holiday season. Join the Volkssport Club of West Point at 10:15 a.m. Saturday at the West Point Visitor's Center in Highland Falls.

The 10K walk goes through the village and onto the grounds of the U.S. Military Academy. The walk qualifies for two new AVA special programs: "Strutting Down Main Street," where at least one block is on the main street of town, and "Strolling Somewhere Over the Rainbow," where the route is located in a color-named place, such as Orange County.

All participants are invited to join in a pre-walk breakfast at 9 a.m. at Park Restaurant, 451 Main Street, Highland Falls.

For more information, call 446-4709 or visit **www.ava.org/clubs/westpoint**.

Enrollment for CEP Reading Course

Enrollment for the next session for the Center of Enhanced Performance RS102 Reading Efficiency Course is now open.

The course begins Wednesday and is open to all cadets. Staff, faculty and employees at West Point may enroll on a space available basis.

RS102 is a 10-lesson course designed to help increase reading speed without a significant loss of comprehension. There is no homework, no textbook, no out-of-class assignments and no WPRs/TEEs.

The course syllabus and listing of all class dates will be sent when registration is confirmed. Course times are offered during B, C, E, F, G, J, K and L hours of the cadet class schedule.

For more information, contact Kathy Eagan, RS102 course director, at *yk8716@usma.edu* or call 938-3421.

Protestant Women of the Chapel Kick-Off Program

The Protestant Women of the Chapel (PWOC) will host a special "Kick-Off" program from 9-11 a.m. Wednesday at the Post Chapel on Biddle Loop. All women are invited to attend.

The program officially begins the new semester. Join the group for a time of praise and worship, prayer, fellowship and Bible studies.

It is a great place to make lasting friendships and benefit from the encouragement of others while at the same time giving back a part of yourself to others in the community.

PWOC meets every Wednesday from 9-11 a.m. and childcare is always provided.

The "evening" Bible study is scheduled from 7-9 p.m. Jan. 12.

For more information, contact Amy Griffin at *ascgriffin@gmail.com*.

Martin Luther King Jr. observance

The Installation Equal Opportunity Office and the William E. Simon Center for the Professional Military Ethic will be hosting the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. observance luncheon from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Jan. 17 at the West Point Club Grand Ballroom.

This year's guest speaker is Eduardo Perez, former Miami Marlins batting coach and current ESPN baseball analyst.

The theme is "Celebrate, Act, Remember—A Day On, Not a Day Off."

Point of contacts for the event are 1st Sgt. Dwayne Key, HHC first sergeant, at 938-2508; Master Sgt. Joe Willis, USMA Equal Opportunity Advisor, at 938-7082; and Sgt. 1st Class Timothy Morgan, USCC Equal Opportunity Advisor, at 938-8456.

Armed Services Blood Drive

The Armed Services Blood Program will be conducting a blood drive from Monday-Thursday at Eisenhower Hall, fourth floor ballroom.

The drive is scheduled from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Wednesday and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursday.

Walk-ins are always welcome. Appointments to donate blood can be made by calling Mary Mandia at 938-2583.

Individuals who wish to register with the C.W. Bill Young/DOD Bone Marrow donor program will be able to do so at the time of the drive.

Bowling league needs a male bowler

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

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

Gift Shop hours change

The West Point Association of Graduates Gift Shop has changed its hours to 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

The gift shop is located in Herbert Hall, 698 Mills Road.

DUSA Continuing Education Grant applications

Society of the Daughters of the U.S. Army Continuing Education Grant applications are now available at the DUSA Gift Shop located inside the West Point Museum, 2110 South Post Road.

Grant applications are available to 2011-12 DUSA members (must be a member by Sept. 30, 2011) and completed applications are due by Feb. 3.

DUSA Scholarship applications available

Society of the Daughters of the U.S. Army Scholarship applications are now available at the guidance offices of James I. O'Neill High School, Cornwall High School and Monroe-Woodbury High School.

Applicants must be a graduating high school senior and the son or daughter of an active, retired or deceased U.S. military service member whose family resides at West Point (or within a 35-mile radius) at the time the scholarship is awarded.

Completed applications are due by March 23.

SHARP
Response Team

24/7 Sexual Assault Response Coordinators

- Shelley Ariosto, Garrison: 914-382-8041;
- Maj. Missy Rosol, USCC: 845-401-3476;
- Lt. Col. Linda Emerson, Diversity Officer: 845-590-1249;
- Dr. Stephanie Marsh, USMAPS: 845-938-1171.

Support or More Information

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

24/7 Victim Advocacy

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

Keller Corner

Traveling with TRICARE Prime

Emergency care while you're on the road does not need prior authorization. If you think you will lose life, limb or eyesight, call 911 or go to the nearest hospital emergency room.

Urgent care requires authorization from Health Net Federal Services before receiving the care. Call 877-874-2273 for prior authorization.

If you are within 40 miles of West Point, you will be directed to make an appointment with your primary care manager.

Active duty out of country care: Active duty servicemembers and their families have an added benefit via TRICARE International SOS. In an emergency, go to a hospital emergency room and contact ISOS as soon as possible. For urgent care, contact International SOS to find a provider and arrange transportation if necessary. The number for TRICARE International SOS is (215) 942-8393 or 1-877-451-8659 or go to **www.tricare-overseas.com**.

KACH Best Overall Patient Satisfaction in NRMC

Keller Army Community Hospital received a certificate of appreciation from Brig. Gen. Joseph Caravalho, NRMC commanding general, for exceptional customer service leading to the best performance in overall patient satisfaction in the North Atlantic Regional Medical Command during the 3rd quarter of fiscal year 2011.

There are eight military treatment facilities in the NRMC Region.

Free Developmental /Hearing Screenings

Not all children develop the same way, some need extra help. If you have concerns with your child's communication skills, motor skills, self-help skills, learning, behavior, and/or social interactions, please join KACH at our free Developmental/Hearing Screenings.

The screenings will be conducted at the Lee CDC (140 Buckner Loop) in conjunction with Audiology, EDIS and West Point School for ages birth to 5 years old.

It will be held from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Feb. 7. By appointment only, call to schedule at 938-2698/6868.

KACH outpatient clinic closure

All outpatient clinics, laboratory, pharmacy and radiology will be closed Jan. 16 for Martin Luther King Day.

The emergency room will remain open.

West Point's New Year's Baby

(Clockwise, from left) Maj. Travis Tillman, Center for Enhanced Performance instructor, Marygrace and Samuel introduce a new addition to the their family, Anna Jean, who was born at Keller Army Community Hospital Jan. 2, at 2:09 p.m. Anna Jean is the first baby born in 2012 at West Point and weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces. The Tillman's received a basket from the hospital which included newborn diapers, caps, receiving blankets, baby wash and newborn socks. KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

NOW SHOWING

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

Friday—Happy Feet 2, PG, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday—Jack and Jill, PG, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday—The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part I, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.

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

Command Channel 8/23

Jan. 5-12

(Broadcast times)

Army Newswatch
Today, Friday and Monday through Jan. 5
8:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

The Point
Today, Friday and Monday through Jan. 5
8 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.

LifeWorks at Balfour Beatty Communities

• **Inspire Your Heart with Art Day:** To celebrate this day BBC is creating sand art.

This isn't sand you'll find at the beach, so join us for a fun, creative craft project. The event is at Lee CDC from 1-3 p.m. Jan. 13.

Call Jodi Gellman to register at 446-6407 or email *jgellman@bbcgrp.com* by Wednesday so that BBC doesn't run out of supplies.

• **"Dress Up Your Pet" contest:** The "Dress Up Your Pet" photo contest gives you the opportunity to dress up your pet.

Send in photos of your pets dressed in their best outfit for a chance to win them a special treat.

Email the photos to *jgellman@bbcgrp.com* or drop them off at 132 Bartlett Loop before Jan. 13. Include your name, address, phone number and pet's name with your photo entries.

Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

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	9		5					

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.

Difficulty: Hard

See SUDOKU SOLUTION, Page 2

Hull, Schultz lift Army Hockey past RPI

By Ryan Yanoshak
Army Athletic Communications

Senior forward Mike Hull posted a goal and assist as Army secured a 3-2 victory over Rensselaer Dec. 30 in the consolation finals of the 19th annual Toyota UConn Classic at the Freitas Ice Forum in Storrs, Conn.

Army halted an eight-game winless stretch with two power play goals and some late game heroics from sophomore forward Brian Schultz who scored the game-winning goal.

Senior forward Mark Dube also scored for Army which improved to 2-9-6 overall and beat RPI for the second consecutive time.

Freshman defenseman Mac Lalor, senior defenseman Marcel Alvarez, freshman defenseman Maurice Alvarez and junior forward Andy Starczewski collected assists for Army while junior goaltender Ryan Leets was credited with 29 saves.

Connecticut and #17 Massachusetts-Lowell played for the tournament title Dec. 30.

Army and RPI were meeting for the first time since 2-1 Army victory on Oct. 31, 2009 in Troy, N.Y.

Army had a shot just 12 seconds into the game, but didn't get the game's first goal until the 4:47 mark of the first period. With an RPI player off for tripping, Dube netted his second goal of the season.

Lalor hustled behind the net to control a loose puck and then fed Dube near the faceoff circle. Dube blasted in a shot for a 1-0 Army lead on Lalor's fifth assist this season.

The Engineers had a power play early in the second period but netted the tying goal during a 5-on-3. Brock Higgs scored his first goal of the season with 13:51 remaining in the second stanza.

Army nearly went back on top with three minutes left in second period as Hull hustled to force a turnover and Starczewski fired a shot but it hit the post keeping the game knotted at 1-1 after 40 minutes.

The Engineers took a 2-1 lead with 16:32 left to play as freshman Matt Neal recorded his first collegiate goal on the power play. An Army player was whistled for hitting from behind and 16 seconds were left on the power play when Neal scored.

Army answered with its second power play goal, just four seconds into the opportunity. Marcel Alvarez took a shot that was initially saved before Hull powered in the rebound to tie the game at 14:17. It was Hull's fifth goal of the season and the sixth assist for Marcel.

Army scored the game-winning goal with 93 seconds left as Schultz slid home his first goal of the season. Starczewski moved to the puck to Hull who posted his fifth assist with 1:33 left to play. It was Starczewski's fourth assist.

Senior forward Mike Hull scored a goal and added an assist to help Army defeat Rensselaer 3-2 Dec. 30 in the consolation finals of the 19th annual Toyota UConn Classic in Storrs, Conn. The win halted Army's eight-game winless streak and improved the team's record to 2-9-6 overall. Eric S. Bartelt/PV

Simmons nets 24 points, Black Knights defeat St. Francis (N.Y.)

By Brian Gunning
Army Athletic Communications

Senior guard Julian Simmons scored 22 of his game-high 24 points in the second half to lead Army (6-8) back from an eight-point halftime deficit in its 79-70 victory over St. Francis (N.Y.) (4-9) in men's basketball action at Christl Arena Dec. 31.

Simmons made eight of his 10 shot attempts, including four of his five three-pointers after halftime.

Army trailed by as many as 10 in the first half and was down 40-32 at the break, but the Black Knights outscored the Terriers 47-30 in the second half. Army hit 58.6 percent of its shots in the second half, including a scorching 8-for-10 from long range.

Simmons moved into 24th place on Army's career scoring list with 1,062 points.

Junior forward Ella Ellis scored 23 points, his fourth straight 20-point game, and just missed a double-double with a team-high nine rebounds.

Freshman guard Milton Washington scored 10 points, all in the first half, for his second straight double-digit effort.

Freshman guard Maxwell Lenox came off the bench and handed out a career-high eight assists without committing a turnover in 21 minutes of action.

Stefan Perunicic and Ben Mockford led the Terriers with 17 points each on a combined 7-for-22 from behind the three-point line.

Army shot 52.7 percent for the game overall and 50 percent from deep. The Black Knights' defense limited the Terriers to 38.1 percent for the game and just 25.9 percent from three-point range. St. Francis was just 3-for-18 from behind the arc in the second half. The Terriers held a 40-33 rebounding edge, including an 18-9 advantage on the offensive glass.

The Black Knights have won three of their last four games and have a three-game home winning streak.

Senior guard Julian Simmons knocked down 24 points to lead Army to a 79-70 victory over St. Francis (N.Y.) Dec. 31. Eric S. Bartelt/PV