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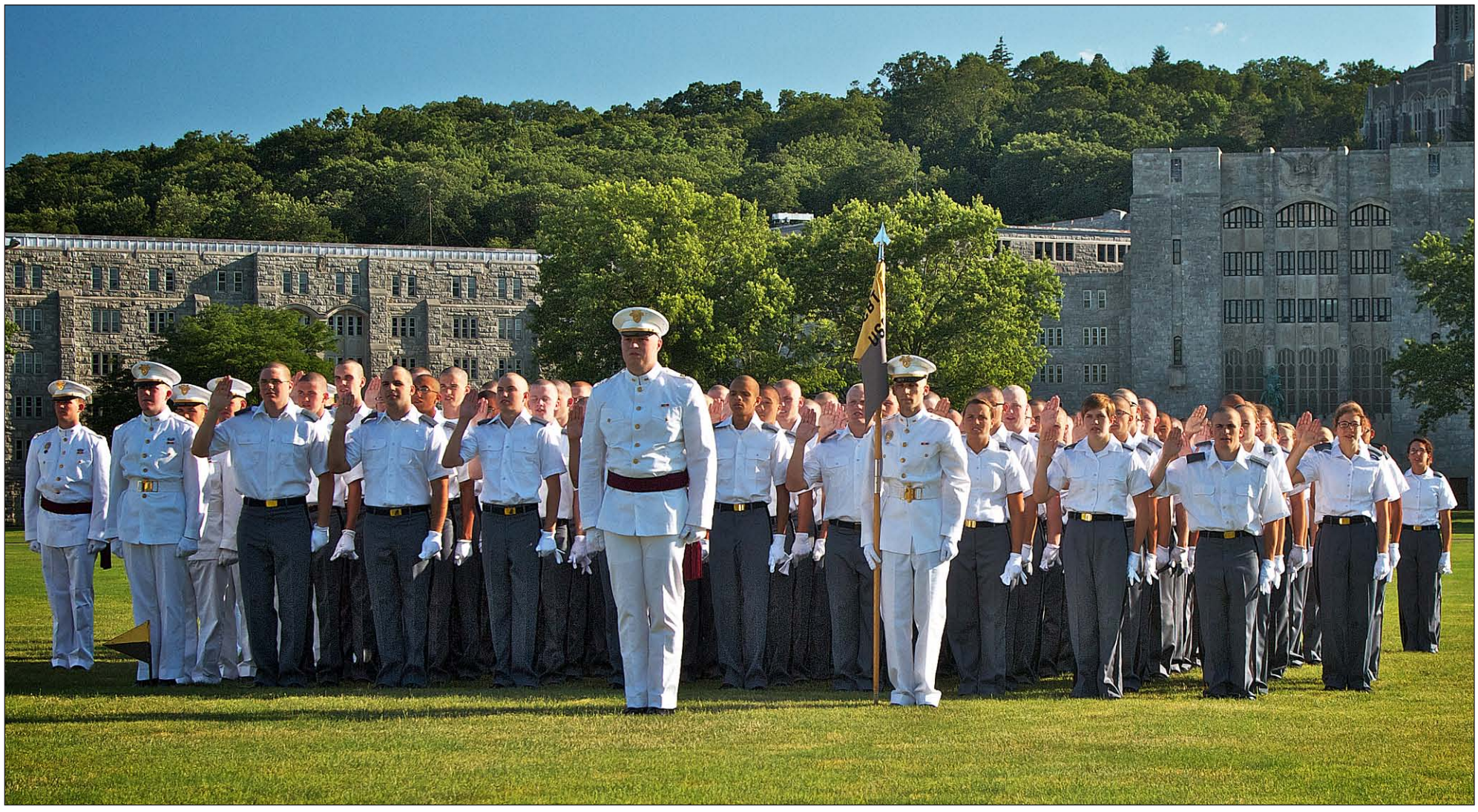
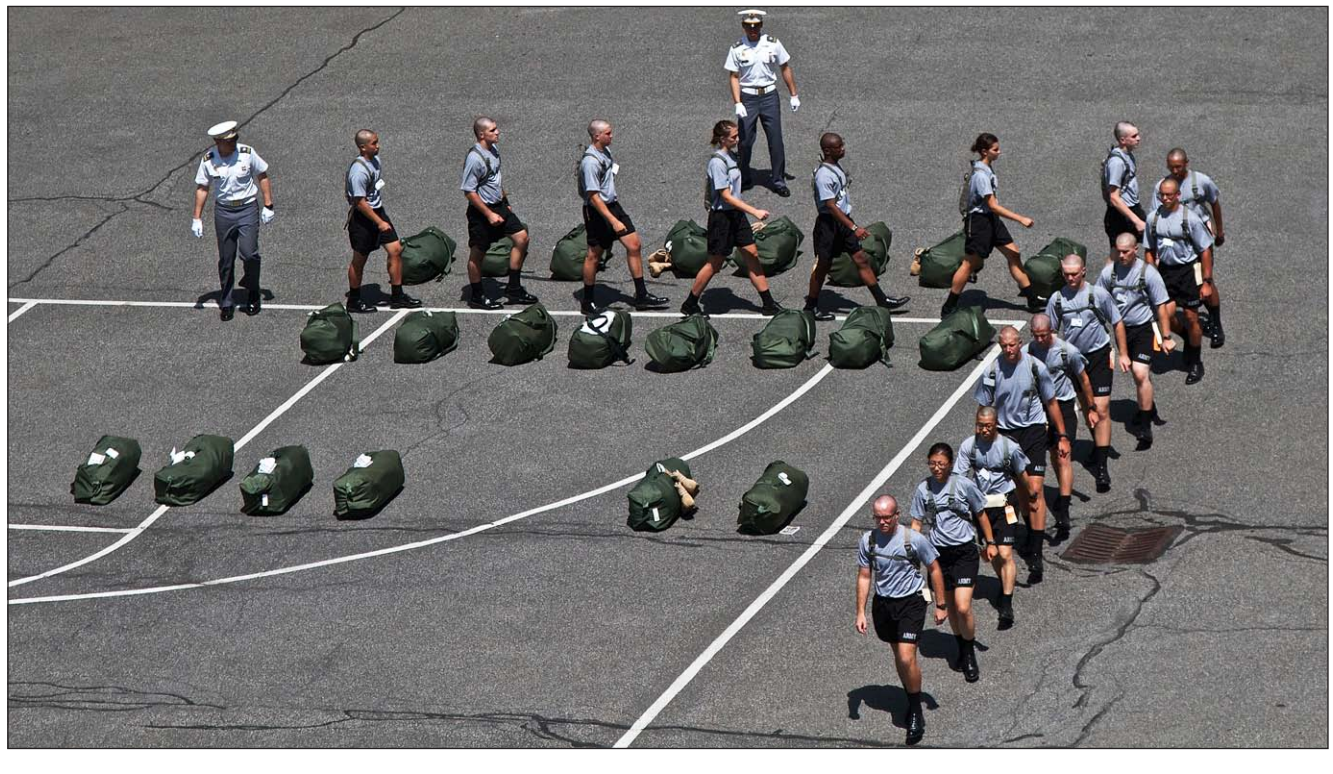


Class of 2016's journey begins

Nearly 1,200 new cadets arrive for Reception Day, take oath of allegiance



(Above) New cadets from the Class of 2016 take the oath of allegiance on the Plain marking the end of Reception Day Monday. With the initial transformation from civilians to West Point new cadets behind them, they now enter Cadet Basic Training for the next six weeks. (Right) Before the new cadets marched onto the Plain for the oath ceremony, they practiced marching within their company areas and started the process of becoming more acclimated to military life. At the end of R-Day, the Class of 2016 numbers were 1,193 new cadets with 15 international and 191 women as a part of the new class. PHOTOS BY TOMMY GILLIGAN/USMA PAO

The Badge: 25 years of duty complete

Commentary by Lois S. Johnson
Retired West Point Schoolteacher

After being a schoolteacher for the past 25 years, I had to perform a duty recently that I had never done before—turn in my identification badge.

I muddled through the extremely tough last day of saying all the goodbyes to my students and their parents.

I nearly made it through the wonderful, touching, moving farewell the school provided for my fellow retirees and me.

I almost made it through the loving luncheon my grade-level colleagues provided me with, but it was handing in that badge that launched me into a puddle of tears.

For me, that badge provided a tangible sense of purpose. It had my name boldly printed on it, and under my name it said, "TEACHER."

When people asked me what I did for a living, I, of course, would answer that I was a teacher. Invariably they then would ask what I taught. I did not say Pre-K, or that I was a speech teacher, but I would proudly say, "children ... I teach small children."

To me, I always felt that perhaps I had the most important job anyone could have. I was mommy to some, and grandma to others.

I was a counselor, dietitian, nurse, referee, athletic trainer, conductor, historian, mathematician, writer and professional book reader. I was always a listener, shoe-tier, comforter, artist, nose-wiper, coat-zipperer and hugger. The list went on as to what I was tasked to do for my students. I will miss them all.

I no longer wear that tangible badge, having completed my last day of teaching children. It was the symbol of 25 years of memories. I wore it proudly, having learned so much from my students. To be able to finish my last years of teaching with the children at the West Point Schools was an honor.

My new badge is invisible; I wear it on my heart, with a sense of accomplishment at having been a small part of many students' learning and supporting the U.S. Military Academy.

(**Editor's note**: The Pointer View would like to thank Lois S. Johnson for her commentary and her 25 years of service as a schoolteacher.)

West Point Band Independence Day concert plus fireworks display

Submitted by the West Point Band

The West Point Band presents its annual Independence Day concert at 8 p.m. Saturday at the Trophy Point Amphitheatre.

In the event of inclement weather, the concert will be held at 8 p.m. Sunday.

The performance will feature the Hellcats, the Concert Band and the Benny Havens Band. The evening will conclude with a spectacular fireworks display set to the music of the Band.

This concert is free and open to the public.

The Band is proud to welcome the 58th Superintendent of the U.S. Military Academy, Lt. Gen. David H. Huntoon Jr., to present the concert's opening remarks.

Band commander Lt. Col. Jim Keene will conduct the performance.

Following a performance of "Army Strong," 50 West Point cadets will participate in the "Salute to the States" presentation.

Each cadet will represent his or her home state until every state of the Union is recognized.

Following the opening ceremonies, the Concert Band will perform a number of selections, including "The Official West Point March," "The Stars and Stripes Forever" and "The Armed Forces Medley."

The Band's rock band, The Benny Havens Band, will take over by performing The Beatles' "Hey Jude," along with other audience favorites.

The performance will conclude with an a cappella vocal rendition of America the Beautiful, sung by cadets and active-duty vocalists.

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

Be advised: How to stake your Independence Day concert area

To maintain a safe environment and prevent damage to the grass, and preserve the beauty of the Trophy Point Amphitheatre area, those planning to attend the Independence Day concert Saturday are asked to refrain from staking out an area with rope, tape, tarps and/or blankets until after noon on the day of the scheduled concert.

The Military Police will remove all items mentioned above that are placed on the Trophy Point Amphitheatre grounds for the purpose of reserving a viewing spot prior to noon the day of the concert.

—Provided by the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security

ATTENTION: The U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School is seeking volunteers to serve as cadet candidates for its R-Day Rehearsal, which is scheduled from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. July 20. Volunteers must be at least 12 years of age. Contact Christina Overstreet at *christina.overstreet@usma.edu* or call 938-3655 to sign up.

Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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CERTIFIED

Special Reaction Team completes annual testing

Story and photo by
Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor

Eight military police officers from the Directorate of Emergency Services' Special Reaction Team completed annual certification June 29.

The area between Mahan and Grant halls was clearly marked with signs indicating a police test was in progress, though spectators couldn't help but linger and watch as the Military Police Soldiers tactically made their way to Central Apartments, first to place a phone line inside for negotiation purposes, and then breaching the interior to respond to the hostage scenario.

The team was also responsible for neutralizing the threat and extracting the hostages by using room clearing techniques.

"In support of the SRT certification and to mimic a real life incident, the Directorate of Emergency Services' Incident Command Post as well as the West Point Fire Department was activated to allow for command and control of the incident," 1st Lt. Jerod Krueger, DES assistant operations officer and the officer-in-charge of the event, said.

The Military Police Investigation Section served as the hostage negotiators for the certification, and a team from the New York State Police Department's Mobile Response Team was asked to provide insight to the SRT during and after the event.

"Overall the SRT Certification went very well," Krueger said. "All major objectives were completed resulting in the certification of the West Point SRT. During the duration of the certification, the SRT was being evaluated on everything from notification of the incident by the SRTOIC to the process of alerting and getting the SRT ready to deploy to the site of the incident. When the SRT arrives at the scene of the incident, they are evaluated on making a plan based on new intelligence and executing that plan when given guidance by the Provost Marshal."

The Special Response Team moves tactically as it prepares a phone line drop inside Central Apartments to allow negotiators to communicate with disgruntled servicemembers inside. The annual certification was conducted June 29 with support from Directorate of Emergency Services personnel and the New York State Police.

College professors become students at history seminar

Story and photo by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

Twenty college professors and fellows from colleges and universities from across the country and abroad attended the Department of History's annual Summer Seminar in Military History June 10-29.

The Department of History designed the program to prepare a select group of junior faculty and advanced graduate students in the field of history to enhance their ability to reach their students in the subject.

"The history department's faculty makes its selection on attendees and sends out applications usually by the beginning of year," Maj. Joseph Scott, history instructor and director of the Summer Seminar, said. "We had 60 applicants this year and selected 20 fellows and one guest, who is paying for everything himself. Faculty and fellows selected have all expenses paid through a private donor."

Attendees enjoyed staff rides to famous military sites such as Saratoga and Gettysburg, attended seminars and had the chance to incorporate practical hands-on experience with the 124th New York Orange Blossom Civil War re-enactors based in Montgomery and Walden, N.Y., and Revolutionary War re-enactors.

The re-enactors taught the students military formations of the era, marching, military gear, weapons and firing the weapons.

"Lecture seminars are hosted by speakers from our faculty and guest speakers who are historians or experts in their fields," Scott said. "Two, if not three, of our guest speakers are previous seminar students. It's always good to connect students to former seminar fellows."

Fellow Paul Thomsen from Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kan., said he enjoyed the seminar and learned more about military history because of the practical aspects of this seminar.

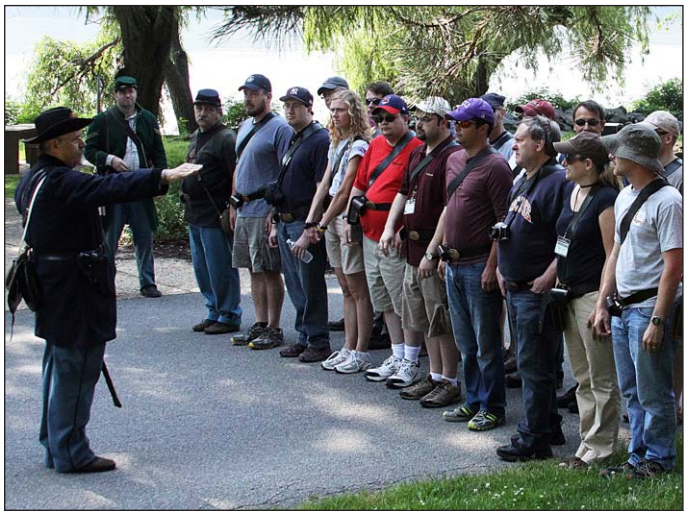
"As an academic, I have to take military history," he said. "This is the first time I actually got practical experience. It makes history more understandable. Practicality is what cements the theory."

Thomsen said he gets comments from a few of his ROTC students who exclaim "So that's how it's done" when they are shown what they have learned by actually putting it into action.

Maj. Joseph Grover, history instructor, gave the students—fresh from the field exercises enduring high temperatures and humidity—another hands-on experience by displaying weapons—some dating back to the 14th century.

The students had the chance to take a close look at the weapons by handling them and received a brief history of each weapon displayed. Many took photos of the weapons, perhaps to use as a learning tool for their students.

The purpose of the seminar is to find effective ways teachers can reach their students to make a sometimes difficult course interesting.



Charles LaRocca, in front of the formation and dressed in Civil War attire, is a member of the 124th New York Orange Blossom re-enactment group. Members of this organization, based in Montgomery and Walden, N.Y., helped instruct attendees on the military formations and weapons used during the Civil War at the Summer Seminar in Military History June 10-29.

"We do this with hands-on events, staff rides and lectures from experts and our faculty to show the professors how we teach military history at West Point—we train the trainer," Scott said.

Have fun in the sun and beat the heat this summer by taking advantage of the West Point Swim areas—Round Pond and Delafield Pond. Delafield Pond is open for swimming and sunbathing from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. daily. Swim punch cards are available for purchase at the FMWR Fitness Center and Round Pond. Swim lessons are also available. Contact Youth Services at 938-3727 for more information. Round Pond is open daily 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Call 938-5158/8623 for information. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention offer some tips for summer safety. In addition to drinking plenty of fluids and limiting outdoor activities on extremely hot days, the site suggests indoor fans are not ideal for preventing heat-related illness. Air conditioning is better, but also taking a cool shower or bath will work. For more tips, visit http://emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/extremeheat/heattips.asp.

BEAT THE HEAT

Honoring Maj. Paul Voelke

Maj. Paul Clarke Voelke, 36, was killed June 22 in Mazari-Sharif, Afghanistan. A 1994 graduate of Monroe-Woodbury High School, Voelke graduated from the U.S. Military Academy in 1998 with a Bachelor's degree in European History. A wake will be held in Voelke's honor from 4-8 p.m. today at Smith, Seamen and Quackenbush Funeral Home at 117 Maple Avenue, Monroe, N.Y. A funeral mass will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at Most Holy Trinity Chapel, 699 Washington Road. A burial will follow the funeral mass at the West Point Cemetery.

Veterans choose new career paths at West Point

By Mike Brantley
USMA Public Affairs

When cadet candidates report to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point for Reception Day, most will experience the military for the first time.

Of the nearly 1,200 candidates who arrived Monday to start their military careers, 106 are U.S. Army veterans.

Two of those Soldiers, 21-year-old Spc. Valerie Coe of Chatfield, Minn., and 20-year-old Cpl. Rahul Sawhney from Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., are beginning their four-year experience at West Point, but have their years of military experience to draw upon.

Coe, who was a medic with the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Fort Stewart, Ga., started her military career by taking Reserve Officers' Training Corps courses at the University of Minnesota–Twin Cities. After one semester, she knew the Army was for her and that becoming an officer one day would be her goal.

"I decided that I wanted to have the experience of being enlisted active duty to really get an idea of who I would be leading one day," Coe, who joined the U.S. Army in 2010, said. "I felt like someday as a leader I wanted to be able to say that I had been there ..."

As a medic, Coe feels that she received great training from the moment she entered the military, earning the Expert Field Medical Badge.

"Our time was spent training so that we were prepared to deploy," she said.

While she has not deployed, she feels that her active duty experience will help her to be able to assist other candidates who have never been in a military environment before—"basic things like marching, getting your personal equipment together, preparing uniforms, dealing with addressing people based on rank and following the chain of command."

Also drawing on his years as a Soldier is Sawhney, a military policeman from the 724th Military Police Battalion, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Sawhney wanted to be a Soldier since the events on Sept. 11, 2001. Two months after his 17th birthday in 2008, he enlisted in the Army Reserves and attended North Georgia College and State University.

He feels the extra years of maturity and the discipline he has attained over the years in the military and while deployed helped him to understand the importance of good leadership that both battlefield and strategic commanders must possess to accomplish any mission successfully.

Twenty-year-old Cpl. Rahul Sawhney from Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., a former reservist and military policeman, joined more than 1,190 new cadets on Reception Day to begin Cadet Basic Training for the Class of 2016. Courtesy Photo

Having served on a Personal Security Detachment team in Afghanistan, Sawhney, deployed as an individual augmentee, has experiences that not many of his counterparts here have.

"My duties as a movement noncommissioned officer-in-charge included coordinating movements throughout Kabul, including reading daily intelligence, briefing the movement team on daily threats, briefing the routes, coordinating communications with the base and our convoy, and pulling security," he said.

Sawhney served with the Combined Joint Interagency Task Force–Shafafiyat and had the opportunity to serve with some of the brightest and influential leaders of our military, many of whom graduated from West Point, he said.

"The ice breaker was a colonel I had the utmost respect for, who encouraged me to apply," Sawhney said.

In October 2011, he received an appointment to the Class of 2016, but says he was skeptical during the application process about turning his life completely toward the military.

"Once I realized what I had accomplished (in the military), I couldn't let such a great opportunity down," he said. "I felt it was my duty as an NCO to go forth and become an officer with the opportunity to lead troops the way I believed they should be led. West Point is definitely the institution to shape me into that leader."

Both Coe and Sawhney, along with the other new cadets, will learn fundamental Soldier and cadet skills, receive a foundation for understanding and acceptance of the Army's Professional Military Ethic, develop self-discipline, duty motivation and a commitment to service and teamwork, as well as become members of a team during their first year as plebes.

"I'm a very goal-oriented person and do well in a structured and scheduled environment where people are pushing you as well as you pushing yourself to excel," Coe said. "I feel that the additional military structure in addition to a college academic environment will make me a success. I do not like to let myself or others down and I have high expectations and goals."

Sawhney believes he will succeed at West Point "because I have the drive and determination to become the best person and leader I can be. I live up to the Warrior Ethos, with the third line stating 'I will never quit.'"

He feels that there is nothing too big or too hard to accomplish and says that with the right mindset and effort, anything can be achieved.

From being enlisted Soldiers to one day becoming leaders, both Coe and Sawhney feel they have what it takes to excel.

While Coe plans to draw upon her organization skills and decisiveness to mold herself into the leader

Spc. Valerie Coe of Chatfield, Minn., was a medic with the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team before becoming a new cadet with the Class of 2016. Courtesy Photo

she knows she can become, Sawhney will draw upon his deployment experience to transform himself into a leader.

"I believe great leaders must possess the ability to take care of their Soldiers … and also instilling trust between themselves and their troops," Sawhney said. "A great leader must communicate with his troops to give them a sense of purpose in any mission being conducted."

Sawhney said after seeing the destruction of corruption and lack of ethics in Afghanistan, there is no path to success without good morals and values.

"A good leader must stand up for what is right and for what must be done to take care of his or her troops, despite any pressure from other leaders who may oppose it," he said.

He also feels that a great leader must possess the ability to adapt to any situation, knowing that the unexpected will and can be encountered, and as a leader, he would have to react accordingly without hesitation.

"I have learned a lot about leadership just by being a follower, and I feel merely with my experiences, understandings and drive, I can transform myself into a good leader with the help of West Point and my peers," Sawhney concluded.

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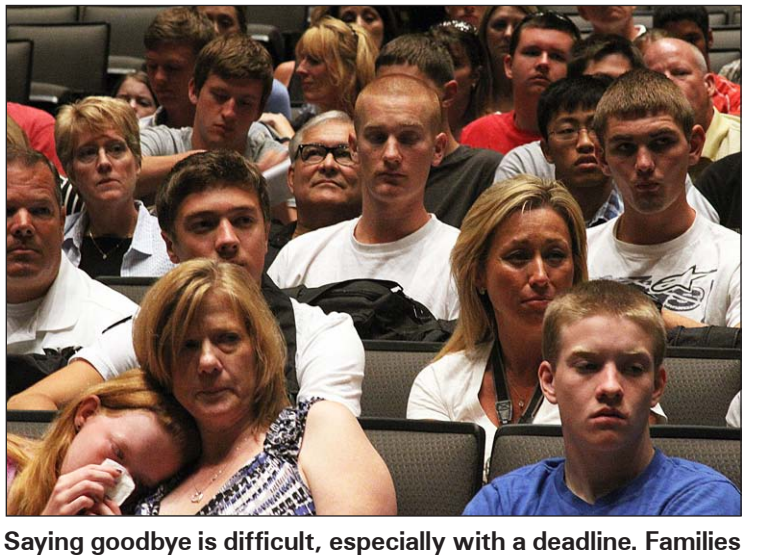


Saying goodbye is difficult, especially with a deadline. Families are given 90 seconds with their cadet candidates before they leave Eisenhower Hall to arrive at Thayer Hall where they complete some administrative tasks. The new cadets are then marched to Central Area to learn how to salute, report to the cadet in the red sash and a few facing movements in preparation for the Oath Ceremony at the end of the day on the Plain, marking the end of R-Day Monday for the Class of 2016. Photos by Tommy Gilligan/West Point PAO (Left) and Kathy Eastwood/PV

For the Class of 2016, it's all about R-Day

Reception Day is a day of emotions, confusion for new cadets beginning their West Point journey

By Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

Monday marked the first day of the 47-month West Point journey for roughly 1,200 new cadets during Reception Day.

R-Day began at Eisenhower Hall with a short briefing for the cadet candidates with families and friends, after which they were given 90 seconds to say goodbye before filing onto busses.

After traveling from Ike Hall to Thayer Hall, the new cadets completed several administrative tasks to include filling their duffel bags with everything they'll need to finish Cadet Basic Training. They took the Oath of Allegiance and then received their company assignments.

Cadet cadre marched the new cadets into Central Area to instruct them on how to salute, march and the proper military way to answer questions, report to superior officers and learn how to become a West Point cadet.

Some cadet candidates have previous service as enlisted Soldiers and wanted to serve the Army as officers; others enjoyed the West Point experience during the Summer Leaders Seminar. One new cadet said she's been here twice before and liked what she saw.

"I am a Women's Army Volleyball recruit," she said. "I also want to go into economics and hope to go into the finance branch."

One male cadet from Massachusetts said West Point was his choice because of the discipline and leadership development.

"I have been around the military since I was a kid," he said. "I've toured West Point before and I plan on a military career. I thought West Point is the best place to learn to be an officer and to learn aviation."

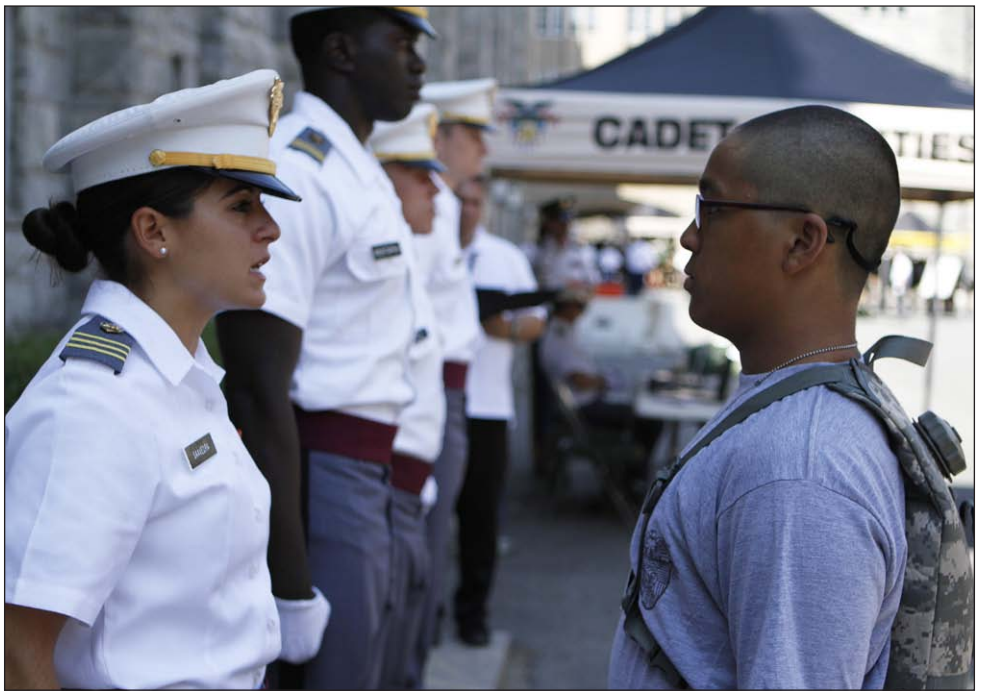
For some family and friends, that 90-second goodbye was not enough. Some parents managed to catch a glimpse of their new cadets by positioning themselves in strategic spots between Thayer Hall and the Cadet Area.

There, they may see their new cadets with their gray shirt and black shorts and a loaded duffle bag on their back walk to the Cadet Area. This is where the new cadets learn to stand in front of the line of cadets in the red sash. The cadets render a salute and if they do not stand in the correct position, salute or answer the questions correctly, they will be asked to report again. When they do it successfully, they are welcomed into their new company—the best company in the Corps of Cadets.

One new cadet said it has been his ambition since freshman year in high school to attend West Point.

"I couldn't get into the West Point Summer Leaders Seminar, but did get into the (Navy's SLS version)," he said. "It's pretty much the same, but I always wanted to be at West Point. I'm actually living my dream."

The dream continues as Cadet Basic Training begins for the Class of 2016, but R-Day didn't officially end until the new cadets marched onto the Plain, wearing their white and gray uniforms for the first time to take the ceremonial oath.



(Above) Reporting to the cadet in the red sash can be an emotional experience for a new cadet, and many will require a second time around before completing it successfully. Once it's done, they are welcomed into the new company they'll spend the next six weeks in during Cadet Basic Training. (Right) Among R-Day training activities, new cadets learn facing movements, how to report to superior officers and how to salute. By day's end, they will have absorbed a lot of basic cadet knowledge. Photos by Mike Strasser/PV

Reception Day, July 2, 2012

Reporter's Notebook

Some random observations from R-Day ....

Story and photo by Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor

Inside Thayer Hall, right before the new cadets receive their company assignments they first take instruction from Class of 2014 Cadet Mark Chaka. His voice is clear, strong and it echoes down the hallway despite the dull roar of activity throughout the building. He said his voice was tested during rehearsals and, yes, it does carry a good distance. It's not being loud, he said, it's about projecting.

Going in and out of several company areas, no one has to be loud, really. The cadet cadre has developed a style of giving orders, stern and clear, to garner results rather than fear.

Nothing is barked or yelled, and it doesn't seem to be needed. Merely stating a plain-spoken fact—"This is holding us up, new cadet. We're waiting on you."—produced the appropriate effect. I guess, Cadet Chaka is right. It's about projecting.

Fear doesn't have to be induced on R-Day, it's inherent in unknown, unfamiliar situations. You can see the hands and legs shaking, and the efforts from new cadets to steel themselves.

At first, simple things become arduous to remember at West Point. Asking a question requires sticking out an arm, or paw, in cadet parlance; passing by an upperclass cadet requires the proper greeting, whether it be the company motto or the one adopted for Cadet Basic Training. One cadet told the regimental greeting, "Action, not words," is something Spc. Ross McGinnis used to say. McGinnis is a Medal of Honor recipient who was killed in 2006 when he threw himself over a grenade in his Humvee. The Cadet Basic Training task force is named in honor of the fallen Soldier.

The New Cadet Handbook is an interesting piece of literature. It weighs only a few ounces and within roughly 70 pages is all the knowledge a new cadet must absorb by the end of summer training. The knowledge is separated by that which must be known verbatim and can be recited when asked at any time. There's also knowledge that doesn't have to be memorized word-for-word, but still familiar enough to be conversational.

Class of 2014 Cadet Garrett Jordan assists a new cadet with securing the straps on his CamelBak during R-Day Monday.

FMWR Blurbs

Summer trips with Leisure Travel Services

Join Leisure Travel Services this summer for local trips and leave the driving to them. Here are some upcoming summer events:

- The Crayola Factory in Easton, Pa., Tuesday. Leave West Point at 9 a.m. and return at 3 p.m.;
- New York Philharmonic Orchestra on the Great Lawn, July 12. Leave West Point at 5 p.m. and return at 11 p.m.;
- N.Y. Aquarium and Coney Island Brooklyn trip, July 24. Leave West Point at 8 a.m. and return at 4 p.m.

All trips include transportation only.

For more information, call 938-3601.

2012 West Point Community Fair

The 2012 West Point Community Fair is scheduled from 5-7 p.m. July 12 at Eisenhower Hall.

The community fair is an opportunity for all newly-arrived personnel and residents of the West Point community to get a quick overview of what opportunities and services are available in the immediate area.

Local businesses, clubs and organizations will be on hand to disseminate information and meet the newest members of the community.

New to the Community Fair, the MPs will be registering vehicles for newly-assigned personnel.

Just bring your ID card, vehicle registration, vehicle insurance and driver's license.

For more information, call 938-3487.

Membership Appreciation Barbecue Cookout and Membership Drive

Join the West Point Club from 5-8 p.m. July 20 in the Hudson Room and Patio for great barbecue food.

Bring in a new member who joins and receive a gift.

Not a member? No problem. Become a member and the cookout is on the club.

Members eat free and their guests pay a nominal fee.

For more information, call 938-5120.

Coping with Deployment Course

The ACS Mobilization and Deployment program presents its Coping with Deployment Course from 8 a.m.-noon July 25 at ACS, Bldg. 622.

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

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

Reconnecting with Children

The ACS Mobilization and Deployment program presents its Reconnecting with Children event from 2-4 p.m. July 25 at ACS, Bldg. 622.

This workshop offers an opportunity to help the participants build on their personal strengths and increase their ability to address the issues of children's adjustment to the return of a military family member following a deployment.

For more information or to register for this class, call 938-3487.

Post Library Summer Reading Program

This summer's theme for the West Point Library Summer Reading Program is "Reading is so Delicious."

The program runs through July 27.

It is open to all West Point community children ages 3-12. Registration is ongoing.

To register your child, stop by the library at Bldg. 622 or call 938-2974.

Army Family Team Building online challenge

Complete the Army Family Team Building's Level I, II and III online training through Aug. 8 and receive a free AFTB Polo shirt and coffee mug (while supplies last).

To collect your prize, bring in your certificates to ACS, Bldg. 622, before Aug. 9.

To get started with the online training, visit **myarmyonesource.com**.

To get more information, call 938-5654/4621.

Outdoor Recreation swim season is open

The FMWR Outdoor Recreation swim season is open. Delafield Pond's hours of operation are 11 a.m.-6 p.m. daily.

Round Pond's hours of operation are 11 a.m.-5 p.m. daily.

For more information, call 938-5158.

Lunchtime for Tots Bowling

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

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

For more information, call 938-2140.

Round Pond reservations

The Round Pond Recreation Area is now open for the season. Round Pond's hours of operation are 8 a.m.-6 p.m., seven days a week.

To make reservations or for more information, call 845-938-2503.

West Point Auto offering NYS motorcycle safety inspections

West Point Auto is offering New York State motorcycle safety inspections.

Call 938-2074 to schedule an appointment.

Instructors needed

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

For more information, call 938-6490.

Register now for Summer Riding Camps at Morgan Farm

Morgan Farm Summer Riding Camps for children are available now.

Children can learn either English or Western style riding.

Camps are geared toward beginner through intermediate riders.

For more information, call 938-3926.

NEW INFO

CYSS Parent's Night Out cancelled

The Child, Youth and School Services Parent's Night Out for Aug. 3 has been cancelled.

However, the Parent's Night Out is still on for July 13.

For more information, call 938-3921.

West Point Military Appreciation Day

West Point Military Appreciation Day will be held from 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Aug. 9 at Lake Frederick.

This fun-filled event is open to all active duty officers, enlisted Soldiers and their families.

Food will be served from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Unit teams are forming now for the sporting events. WPMAD will be held rain or shine.

For more information, call 938-4690.

Family Fun Month at the West Point Golf Course

Come to the West Point Golf Course through July for fun for the entire family.

Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays are Family Fun Nights.

Enjoy range specials every Saturday, two sessions of Junior Clinics (ages 5-10 and ages 11-17) and an eight-week Ladies Clinic.

On July 27, there will be a dinner and auction, with a chance to place a bid on one of the old wooden tee markers.

For more information, call 938-2435.

LifeWorks
at Balfour Beatty Communities

- **Sand Art Craft Day**—Summer has begun and Balfour Beatty Communities wants to bring the fun of the beach to you.

BBC will be making sand art crafts at Stony I playground/park from 10:30 a.m.-noon July 17. Registration is required so that BBC doesn't run out of supplies.

- **Gummy Worm Day**—Come join BBC for a fun child-oriented discussion and activities about worms, dirt and plants from 1-2:30 p.m. July 19 at 126 Washington Road.

Come prepared to taste a chocolate dirt cake, a creation that looks like dirt and worms, but is edible.

To register for both events, contact Jodi Gellman at *jgellman@bbcgrp.com* by July 13.

Command Channel 8/23
July 5-12

Army Newswatch
Today, Friday and Monday through July 12
8:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

NOW SHOWING

in the movie theater at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752

Friday—What to Expect When You're Expecting, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday—Battleship, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

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

Keller Corner

TRICARE Education

Health Net Federal Services will present an "Introduction to TRICARE" live webinar briefing at 11 a.m. July 18. Space is limited.

Register today at **www.hnfs.com/go/webinars**.

Beat the summer rush—get your child's school and sports physical

When making your back-to-school to-do lists, be sure to add a physical exam at the top.

Whether your son or daughter plays sports or not, beginning the year with a visit to the pediatrician can help your child stay healthy.

The Primary Care Department is currently offering school and sports physicals.

Call 938-7992 or 800-552-2907 to request an appointment for a school or sports physical and save the summer for vacation fun.

Volunteers needed

The American Red Cross is seeking volunteers to work at the Keller Hospital information desk who will work regularly to provide directions and answer questions at the front desk.

Volunteers need to complete a Red Cross orientation.

For more information, email *bakerj@nyredcross.org*.

What's Happening

Cadet Summer Training closures and restrictions

During the summer, there will be a number of closures and restrictions due to Cadet Summer Training. The closures and restrictions include:

- Lake Popolopen—closed today-Saturday from 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m. each day;
- Mine Torne Road—closed today, Sunday-Monday, Wednesday, July 13-19. It is closed each day from 7:30 a.m.-7 p.m.;
- Stilwell Lake—closed today, Sunday-Monday, Wednesday, July 13-19. It is closed each day from 7:30 a.m.-7 p.m.

For more information, contact Alec M. Lazore, range officer, at 938-3007 or 938-3930.

Club activities for middle and high school students

Calling all middle and high school students at West Point, come enjoy the best week of your life at a YoungLife camp this summer.

The middle school camp takes place Saturday-Wednesday at North Bay Adventure Camp, Md. The high school camp is scheduled for July 22-28 at Saranac Lake, N.Y. Both camps come with a cost.

Contact Bekah Siau, Interim Club Beyond Director, for more information on camp and weekly Club Beyond events at *BSiau@clubbeyond.com*.

Visit **YoungLife.org** for more information on Young Life Club Beyond.

Gymnastics Day Camp

The West Point Gymnastics Club is offering a gymnastics day camp Monday-July 13 and July 16-20.

For more information, visit **www.westpointgymnasticsclub.com** or call Carmine Giglio at 845-938-2880.

Man's Ruin Roller Derby

Join Man's Ruin Roller Derby for a battle you won't want to miss. Some of the most brutal girls New York has to offer will be facing off to determine who reigns supreme. Will the "Pistol Packin' Pin Ups" bring the heat or will the "Suzie Home Wreckers" destroy everyone in their path?

There's only one way to find out ... come and experience Man's Ruin Roller Derby for a night you will never forget.

The event is scheduled for 6 p.m. July 15 at The Castle, 109 Brookside Ave., in Chester, N.Y.

The doors open at 5:30 p.m.

For more information, go to **www.mansruinrollerderby.com** or **www.twitter.com/MRRDerby**.

Bring this announcement to the merchandise table at the game for a free door prize.

West Point Vacation Bible School

The West Point Vacation Bible School will be held from 8:30-11:30 a.m. July 16-20.

Because of construction at the West Point Elementary and Middle Schools, VBS will be held at the Sacred Heart School, 533 Main St., in Highland Falls.

Registration and volunteer forms are located at the Post Chapel Annex and at Most Holy Trinity in the Rectory.

For more information, contact Leslie Eichelberger at *sisterles@live.com*.

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.

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

For course dates, go to the IETD Course Calendar at **http://usma-portal/dean/staff/ietd/training/Pages/default.aspx**. For more information, call Thomas Gorman at 938-1186 or send an email to *Thomas.Gorman@usma.edu*.

PWOC Summer Bible Study

The Protestant Women of the Chapel will have its Summer Bible Study from 7-9 p.m. every Thursday through Aug. 2 at the Post Chapel.

For more information, contact Vicki McPeak at *vmcpeak@aol.com*.

Sports physicals for the upcoming school year

For students planning to compete in sports during the fall and winter, there are sports physicals available from 8-10:30 a.m. Aug. 2 and 7-10 a.m. Aug. 9 at the nurse's office at James O'Neill High School. No appointment is necessary.

Veterans Retraining Assistance Program

The Veterans Retraining Assistance Program is available for unemployed veterans between the ages of 35-60 years old.

The VA is now accepting applications for VRAP.

Eligible participants may receive up to 12 months of training assistance at the full-time payment rate under the Montgomery GI Bill-Active Duty program (currently $1,473 per month).

DOL will offer employment assistance to every veteran who participates in the VRAP program.

Learn more about VRAP at **www.benefits.va.gov/VOW**.

2012 Army Summer Sports Camps

This summer the following sports camps will be held at West Point: boys and girls basketball, track and field, distance/cross country, co-ed diving, hockey, boys lacrosse, boys and girls soccer, softball, sprint football team camp, co-ed swimming, co-ed tennis, co-ed volleyball and boys wrestling.

For more information or to register, call 845-446-5007, ext. 119, or visit **www.goarmysports.com** for more camp specific information.

Town of Highlands Farmer's Market

The Town of Highlands Farmer's Market is open from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. every Sunday through October in the municipal parking lot on Main Street across from Sacred Heart Church.

The market features fresh fruit and vegetables from seven local farmers as well as prepared food, breads, pastries, and eggs. Free range chickens will be available by the end of July.

For more information, suggestions and comments, contact Olga Anderson at 917-509-1200 or *westpointfarmersmarket@yahoo.com*.

NEW INFO

New Cadet Visitation Day

The New Cadet Visitation Day, formerly known as the Ice Cream Social, will take place from 1-5 p.m. July 22.

It's an event where volunteers from across the West Point community spend an afternoon with the new cadets sharing stories, allowing them to communicate with friends and family and sharing light refreshments. With the Class of 2016 nearing 1,200 new cadets, there is a need for sponsors for this event.

It is encouraged that those who have volunteered in the past to volunteer again. Also, those who are new to the community or have not participated previously, it is hoped that they will consider giving their support.

For more information, go to the sign up page at **www.internal.uscc.usma.edu/cfdocs/qtrs-visitation/logon.cfm**.

West Point unveils new helpline to support victims of sexual assault

By Lt. Col. Kay Emerson
West Point Diversity Officer

The U.S. Military Academy at West Point launched its newest initiative to support victims of sexual assault. Using the West Point Helpline, servicemembers and adult family members (over the age of 18) can call or text 845-659-7467 for victim support services.

The confidential resource can be accessed 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to connect with West Point sexual assault support professionals.

Authorized USMA users may find more information at **www-internal.uscc.usma.edu/SCPME/SCPME/sharp.html**.

Users can also log on to **www.SafeHelpline.org** to receive live, one-on-one confidential help with a trained professional through a secure instant-messaging format. The website provides vital information about recovering from and reporting a sexual assault.

The Safe Helpline also has a telephone hotline at 877-995-5247 to speak with Safe Helpline staff for personalized advice and support.

The Safe Helpline staff can transfer callers to installation-based sexual assault response coordinators (SARC), on-call victim advocates, civilian rape crisis centers or to the Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

Another option is to text their location to 55247 inside the United States or 202-470-5546 outside of the United States, to receive automated contact information for the SARC at their installation or base. Also, victims can go to the Army website at **www.preventsexualassault.army.mil**.

If you have been a victim of sexual assault, contact the West Point Helpline or other various support websites …

- **Call or text 845-659-7467 at West Point;**
- **www.preventsexualassault.army.mil;**
- **www.SafeHelpline.org;**
- **Call 877-995-5247 at Safe Helpline.**

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.

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

Difficulty: Very Hard

See SUDOKU SOLUTION, Page 2

Thompson named women's soccer interim head coach

By Army Athletic Communications

Fred Thompson, one of the individuals responsible for Army's recent string of unprecedented success on the women's soccer pitch, was named interim head coach of the Black Knights June 27, announced Director of Athletics Boo Corrigan.

Army's associate head coach for the past three years, Thompson takes over the reins as head coach from Stefanie Golan, who departs to become head women's soccer coach at the University of Minnesota.

"We are fortunate to have someone as seasoned as Fred Thompson available to lead our program at this time," Corrigan said. "Fred has been pivotal to the success of our soccer program the past three years and we're thrilled that he's in position to lead our cadet-athletes.

"Fred brings a wealth of coaching experience and understands the mission of West Point to develop leaders of character. We feel that our program will continue to flourish under Fred's direction," he added.

Thompson played a large role in helping to lead Army to a share of the regular season Patriot League championship in 2010 and the conference's tournament title and accompanying NCAA berth this past fall. In all, he is a 13-year veteran of the collegiate coaching ranks.

"I am very excited and I want to thank USMA Superintendent Lt. Gen. David Huntoon and Boo Corrigan for this opportunity," Thompson said. "The program has done great things, developing great traditions while producing outstanding athletes and fantastic officers. I feel privileged to be part of this institution and to work with the cadets we have returning.

"We also have a very talented freshmen class that will be arriving in less than a week. Obviously, we are hoping that this year will be another great chapter in the history of the program. I also want to thank Stefanie Golan for giving me the opportunity to come to West Point and be part of this program," he added.

Thompson helped Army put together one of its most successful runs in program history this past season as the Black Knights captured the Patriot League Tournament title, winning both games in shutout fashion.

Army put together a strong showing in its second-ever NCAA Regional appearance, holding No. 13 and host Penn State scoreless for over 85 minutes before falling 1-0.

The Black Knights closed out the season with a 12-4-5 overall mark that included 15 shutouts. The latter figure fell just one shy of the school record established just a year earlier.

In addition to helping Army compile a total of 26 wins the past two years, Thompson also assisted the Black Knights in ranking among the nation's top defensive teams during that period.

This past fall, Army listed second nationally in shutout percentage (.714), third in save percentage (.915) and seventh in goals-against average (.452).

A conference-high six Army players were selected for Patriot League all-star honors at year's end.

Army experienced a great deal of success in Thompson's second season along the banks of the Hudson in 2010, posting 14 wins en route to earning a share of the Patriot League's regular season title.

It marked the Black Knights' highest win total in 13 years. In all, the squad established academy records for shutouts (16) and fewest goals allowed (six), while leading the nation in goals-against average, shutout percentage and save percentage.

Prior to his arrival at West Point, Thompson served five years as head men's soccer coach at Bowling Green University. He also spent two years as an assistant coach for the men's soccer program at the University of Evansville (2002-03).

His first head coaching assignment was at Bellevue (Wash.) Community College, where he led the men's soccer program through a highly successful two-year period.

He was honored as Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges Coach of the Year during that stretch.

A four-year starter during his undergraduate days at George Mason University, Thompson was a two-time All-South Atlantic Region honoree.

He garnered All-ECAC South honors his junior year and was named to the All-Colonial Athletic Association squad that year as well. He was also a three-time All-Capital Collegiate Conference and All-Virginia Intercollegiate League selection.

Thompson was part of three George Mason teams that ranked in the Top 20 nationally during his playing career and earned a bachelor of science degree in finance in 1987.

He was recently named to the All-Time Colonial Athletic Association Team at the conference's 25th anniversary celebration.

Following graduation, the native of Jamaica played professionally for eight years as a standout defender with the Baltimore Blast and Tacoma Stars of the Major Indoor Soccer League and the Sacramento Knights of the Continental Indoor Soccer League.

He was also the starting sweeper for the Jamaican National Team from 1988 to 1990 and was part of history after helping his squad advance beyond the opening round of the World Cup qualification for the first time.

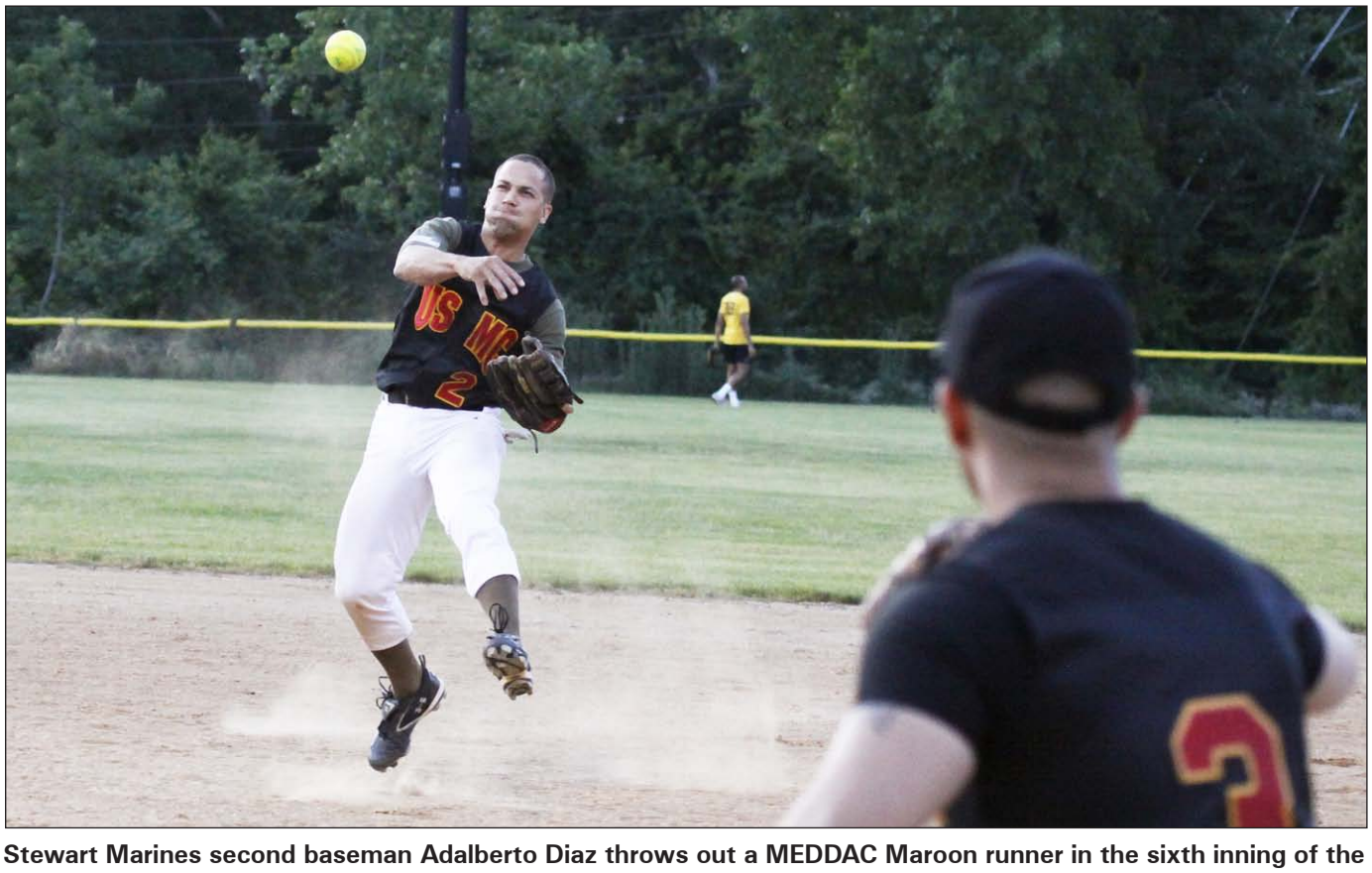
Thompson and his wife, Jill, will reside at West Point.

Fred Thompson, who was Army's associate head soccer coach the past three years under Stefanie Golan, was named interim head coach June 27. Golan departs to become the head women's soccer coach at the University of Minnesota. Thompson played a large role in helping the women's squad share a piece of the regular season Patriot League title in 2010 and then the conference tournament title in 2011. A 13-year veteran of the collegiate coaching ranks, Thompson was a former standout defender professionally with the Baltimore Blast and Tacoma Stars of the Major Indoor Soccer League and the Sacramento Knights of the Continential Indoor Soccer League. Courtesy Photo

MEDDAC Maroon, ODIA 2 streak to the July 4th break

Office of the Directorate of Intercollegiate Athletics Team #2 right/left center fielder Justin Thiel ripped a three-run homer that kick started an 11-run first inning to help ODIA 2 defeat the Directorate of Contracting/Band Team 27-1 June 27. ODIA 2 is now on a five-game winning streak going into the weeklong break.

MEDDAC Maroon catcher Dominic Demas prepares to catch a pop up during his team's 16-12 win over the Stewart Marines June 27 at the FMWR H Lot Softball Complex. Coupled with two victories June 28, the MEDDAC Maroon Team is now on a three-game winning streak going into the weeklong July 4th break. Photos by Eric S. Bartelt/PV



Stewart Marines second baseman Adalberto Diaz throws out a MEDDAC Maroon runner in the sixth inning of the Stewart Marines 16-12 loss to the MEDDAC Maroon June 27 at the FMWR H Lot Softball Complex.

West Point Summer Softball League

Standings as of June 28

SOUTH DIVISION	W - L
1. BTD	12 - 6
2. MATH	8 - 5
3. SCPME	7 - 7
4. ENGINEERS	4 - 5
5. DMI	6 - 8
6. SOCIAL/HISTORY	4 - 7
7. EECS	3 - 9

NORTH DIVISION	W - L
1. ODIA #1	16 - 1
2. MEDDAC (WHITE)	10 - 4
3. ODIA #2	8 - 4
4. MPs	6 - 7
5. WTU	6 - 7
6. MEDDAC (MAROON)	6 - 8
6. STEWART MARINES	4 - 9
8. DOC/BAND	1 - 14