

(Above) A cadet controls the machine gun on top of a mock MRAP (Mine Resistant Ambush Protected) vehicle during a simulated training module inside the Mobile Counter-Improvised Explosive Device Interactive Trainer, or MCIT. (Right) The MCIT provides all the major IED concepts and components and allows trainees to learn the enemy mindset, tactics and bomb-making techniques. PHOTOS BY TOMMY GILLIGAN/USMA PAO

Combating IEDs

New Counter-IED education added to Cadet Summer Training

By Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor

Before Cadet Summer Training ends nearly every active-duty Soldier and cadet at West Point will receive additional counter-IED training. To hear it from Command Sgt. Maj. Todd Burnett, nearly is not enough.

“Every cadet and every trainer will get it. I’m going to work it so everybody who is permanent party will too,” Burnett said.

The training that the Corps of Cadets’ command sergeant major is so adamant about is called the Mobile Counter-Improvised Explosive Device Interactive Trainer, or MCIT for short.

The MCIT is a state-of-the-art, immersive training system that navigates trainees from familiarization and testing to performance-based simulations. It is housed in four modified conex containers—each featuring a unique training module using video storytelling and multimedia technology to get perspectives from both friendly and enemy forces.

“You get to see the bomb-making facility and all the configurations of IEDs and different things laying around that you would see in a bomb-making factory,” Burnett said.

He said lessons are reinforced in each section of the MCIT. In the final trailer, a squad can be split between operating a mockup MRAP (Mine Resistant Ambush Protected) vehicle and acting as the opposition force.

“So it’s a force-on-force scenario where they can see and start thinking like the enemy,” Burnett said. “Why would I put an IED here? Why would I have a command-wired IED versus a pressure-plate IED?”

There’s a lot to absorb from one end of the MCIT to the other. The training is not being provided with the hopes that if cadets emerge with at least one lesson learned from it all, then it’s a worthwhile venture. No, Burnett said, there is testing involved and success is mandatory.

“If they don’t pass the quiz at the end of those first three trailers, they’ll flip right back around and go through it again,” Burnett said.

Sun Tzu wrote on the importance of knowing one’s enemy, so predicting where the enemy will detonate their explosive devices through MCIT training allows Soldiers to engage a different mindset.

“If you have them thinking like an insurgent you can make it so they have a better understanding as they’re going out there on patrols where they might find those IEDs,” Burnett said. “Even with all the money we’ve spent trying

to get after this, the No. 1 finder of IEDs on the battlefield is the eye of a well-trained Soldier.”

The MCIT didn’t arrive at Camp Buckner in time to train those conducting or participating in Cadet Leadership Development Training earlier in June. After finishing CLDT, Class of 2013 Cadet Ella Ellis became the assistant operations officer for Cadet Field Training and was able to take the MCIT training.

He partnered with Class of 2013 Cadet Matthew Ghidotti, the CFT S-1 officer, who said the MCIT training was unlike any he had experienced at West Point. The subject is addressed in certain military science classes, but hasn’t been as prominent in summer training as it is now.

“We’ve never really gotten that much detail about IEDs before, and the way the MCIT was interactive really allowed us to learn a lot and understand the different facets of bombs that are out there,” Ghidotti said. “I had no clue before this about the number of IEDs the enemy is using.”

In addition to taking the MCIT training, Burnett is putting some hip-pocket knowledge into the hands of cadets. While serving at the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization he developed a Counter-IED Smart Book.

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Stay informed Stray animals pose rabies risk

By Preventive Medicine Services
Keller Army Community Hospital

While the West Point area provides countless opportunities to enjoy nature, there are certain risks that go along with being in the great outdoors.

One of the very real risks is encountering an animal that may have been infected with the rabies virus.

Some animals have been captured at West Point that have subsequently tested positive for rabies. Being familiar with how rabies is spread can greatly decrease the risk of being exposed to this potentially life-threatening disease.

Rabies is caused by a virus that can be carried by all mammals. Because of this, you should always avoid physical contact with wild, stray or unfamiliar animals. While all mammals can carry and transmit rabies, the most common carriers in the U.S. are raccoons, skunks, foxes and coyotes. Bats are also known carriers of the

rabies virus.

It is also important to note that you should be careful around domestic animals, such as dogs and cats, if they are not known to you.

How can you protect yourself and your family from this disease?

- Teach children not to touch any wild, stray or unfamiliar animals and instruct them to always tell an adult if they are bitten by any such animals. There is no way to tell by looking at it if an animal has been infected or not;

- Don't attract wild, stray or unfamiliar animals to your yard by leaving food out for them. Never touch or bring them into your home;

- Do not leave doors open—either in public or residential buildings;

- If you see a wild animal acting strangely or if a wild animal approaches you, back away from the animal without turning your back to it and go report the encounter to

Animal Control;

- If you or a family member is bitten or scratched by a wild animal, wash the area thoroughly with soap and water and then seek immediate medical attention;

- As it relates to your family pets, make sure their rabies vaccinations are up to date. If a pet has been attacked by a wild or unfamiliar animal, take it to the nearest veterinarian's office for evaluation;

- If you observe an animal on post that is acting strangely or aggressively, contact the Military Police and provide them with the location of the animal and a description of the event.

The Military Police Dispatch Desk can be contacted at 938-3333. For further information or if you have questions about rabies, contact Keller Army Community Hospital Preventive Medicine Services at 938-2676.

For information about veterinary services on West Point, contact Veterinary Services at 938-3817.

Just A Few Facts:

- Rabies is a viral infection that can be transmitted to humans through the saliva of infected animals.

- Animals present in deployment settings are not vaccinated against rabies as pets are in the United States.

- Humans can be infected with rabies if bitten by an infected animal or if the saliva of an infected animal contacts broken skin, eyes or mouth.

- You cannot always tell if an animal has rabies.

- Once the signs and symptoms of rabies develop, the disease is almost always fatal.

- Rabies is preventable. Treatments for rabies are available at medical treatment facilities in theater and in the U.S.

The Symptoms

Early symptoms include irritability, headache, fever and itching or pain at the exposure site. The disease eventually progresses to spasms of the throat and the muscles used for breathing, seizures, paralysis and death. The time between exposure and the onset of symptoms—the incubation period—varies but averages two to twelve weeks in humans. In rare cases, symptoms may not appear for more than one year.

For more information:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: www.cdc.gov/rabies/transmission/index.html

World Health Organization: www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs099/en/

USAPHC: <http://phc.amedd.army.mil/rabies>

DID YOU KNOW?

Only mammals (warm-blooded animals with fur) carry rabies. Dogs, cats, bats, foxes, skunks, raccoons, and jackals are among the most likely mammals to transmit the virus. Small rodents, such as mice and rats, rarely transmit the disease. Outside of the U.S. and other developed countries, dogs are by far the most common source of rabies.

West Point Phone Numbers

Preventive Medicine:

845-938-2676

Post Veterinary Services

845-938-3817

Military Police

845-938-3333

Keller Army Community Hospital

Emergency: 845-938-4004

— Information from the U.S. Army Public Health Command website

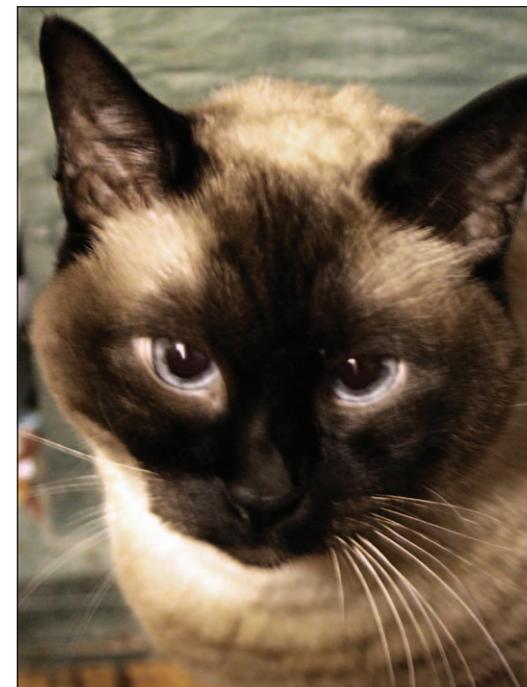


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Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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

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Col. Michael Doyle, acting commander at Keller Army Community Hospital, pins the Army Commendation Medal on Staff Sgt. Matthew Pinkston for his quick life-saving actions when Billy Davis was injured in a severe motorcycle accident in May.



An emotional Davis family (front row) listens as Staff Sgt. Matthew Pinkston talks about how Billy Davis (in purple shirt) was driving his motorcycle on Interstate 87 and crashed into a metal guard rail due to a blown tire. Pinkston, although not witnessing the accident, saw that someone was hurt and stopped to see what he could do. He saw Davis badly hurt and bleeding profusely. Pinkston went to his truck for his first aid kit and applied a tourniquet on Davis's leg while keeping him conscious by talking to him until the ambulance arrived. Davis had to be airlifted to Westchester Medical Center and was there for more than a month. His left leg, badly mangled from the accident, had to be amputated. The Davis family expressed their gratitude to Pinkston not only for his life-saving actions, but for the many visits to the hospital afterward.

Keller NCO may not be a medic, still a lifesaver

Terrible motorcycle accident turns strangers into good friends

Story and photos by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

Staff Sgt. Matthew Pinkston was taking a leisurely morning drive with his wife Alexandra on Interstate 87 and noticed a passing motorcycle. Within 30 seconds, vehicles were stopping and Pinkston realized the motorcyclist had crashed and slid 300 feet into a steel guardrail.

Pinkston works in patient administration at Keller Army Community Hospital. He is not a nurse, doctor or even a medic, but he does carry the Army combat first aid kit with him wherever he goes. So, at the scene of the accident, he got out of his vehicle to see what he could do.

"I've rendered aid to people before in accidents," Pinkston said. "But never had I seen one this bad."

The motorcyclist, Billy Davis, was lying in a pool of blood. Pinkston said he could see that his leg was broken in several places.

"I went into my kit and got a tourniquet and put it around his leg," Pinkston said. "I was able to get his leg out from underneath him and tried to keep him conscious. The



Billy Davis and Staff Sgt. Matthew Pinkston reunited at the awards ceremony Friday.

leg stopped bleeding but he was thrashing around and I just kept trying to talk to him and he kept grabbing me saying he knows he lost his leg."

In the meantime, Alexandra placed an orange triangle warning sign on the highway as she yelled for people to slow down.

"I couldn't believe people just kept going as fast as they could without paying any attention to me or the sign," she said.

Pinkston said a State Trooper arrived and asked him if everything was under control.

"It seemed like forever before the ambulance arrived, and when they did, they ended up evacuating him by helicopter anyway," Pinkston said.

Davis' leg was so badly mangled it had to be amputated. Since the accident, Pinkston visited Davis at the hospital

and became acquainted with his son Dominique and fiancée Nikki Kimbrough.

"There were no words when I first saw him, just hugs and kisses," Pinkston said.

The accident occurred on May 19 and Davis was released from the Westchester Medical Center July 10. The staff at Keller wanted to give Pinkston an award, inviting Davis and his family to the ceremony July 13. Davis, Nikki, his mother Judy and son Dominique were there to watch Pinkston receive an Army Commendation Medal.

"I wasn't sure what got me through that morning," Davis said. "I'm convinced there was divine intervention at work. I asked Pinkston if anyone was there to help him. He said no. Pinkston is the major reason I am here now, for my mom, my son and my future wife. He kept me awake until the ambulance came and then I flatlined and woke up five days later."

Davis said he was honored to be there for Pinkston to watch him receive the award.

"We love you and your family," Nikki said to Pinkston.

Nikki said that after speaking with the sergeant after the accident she knew her fiancé would be OK.

"Matt and Alexandra's kids made him homemade cards and when they came to see Billy, I saw that their humor was a lot like our humor and I knew we will always be friends."

New cadets: Are you ready for the Challenge?

Class of 2016 will be tested Friday at McGinnis Challenge to cap off first three weeks of Cadet Basic Training

By Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor

New cadets will put their training to the test tomorrow when 128 squad take on the McGinnis Challenge throughout West Point.

The challenge is designed to validate everything they've learned in their first three weeks at Cadet Basic Training. This includes marksmanship, field communication and reacting to nuclear, biological and chemical agents, among others. They may be familiar with the tasks involved in the Challenge, but new cadets and their squad leaders won't know how they'll be tested or what situation they'll encounter while doing it.

"It's a culminating event that not only tests new cadets physically but mentally through the various skills they have to demonstrate," said Class of 2013 Cadet Jonathan Goodin. "It almost serves as a capstone to what they've been doing here so far and they should be able to see the results of all their hard work."

Goodin has the lead in coordinating the McGinnis Challenge as the operations officer on the Cadet Regimental Staff. He served as a first detail squad leader last summer during the Goeke Challenge, and like many of his colleagues, he drew from that experience in creating a new event.

"We were able to pull a lot of ideas from what we did last summer, but kind of tweaked it," Goodin said. "I got to see things that I liked and didn't like from last year and



New cadets received marksmanship training on the range during their first three weeks of Cadet Basic Training. They will be tested on this and other basic soldiering skills during the McGinnis Challenge throughout West Point Friday.

TOMMY GILLIGAN/USMA PAO

build off that. Just remembering those little details, we can make the McGinnis Challenge a better event."

New cadets have also spent time at the Leader Reaction Course, overcoming various obstacles by working together. The course itself isn't a task at the challenge, but the teamwork they've developed will help them as squads are graded on time and their ability to complete each station. Before the change of detail ceremony and Cadet Visitation Day events on Sunday, an awards ceremony will be conducted to recognize their achievements.

These cadet-designed, cadet-led challenges for incoming classes began in the summer of 2010, before which the event was developed and executed by the Department of Military Instruction. The Patton Challenge was the first of its kind for the Class of 2014 and those cadets who completed it are now leading new cadets at the McGinnis Challenge.

The event requires extensive planning and coordination by the cadet regimental staff and each company is charged with creating their own site. One company will comprise a task force to provide logistical support during the challenge. Prior to the event, each station is validated and rehearsals are conducted to assess the movement and timing of the course from start to finish.

Both the CBT task force and the challenge is named in honor of Spc. Ross McGinnis, a Medal of Honor recipient who was killed in December of 2006 while serving as a machine gunner with 1st Platoon, Company C, 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment in Iraq.

"It serves as a good reminder for us and the new cadets that we train to lead the next generation of Soldiers," Goodin said. "We can never lose sight of those who have fallen. That's what this challenge is all about. It's not just a culminating test but a reminder of why we are here."

Watch the Roads

Motorists should be aware of squad movements throughout West Point, from as early as 5:30 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. Friday during the McGinnis Challenge.

There will be increased foot traffic throughout the day at major crossing points to include areas near Daly Field, Lusk Reservoir, Michie Stadium, South Dock and Thayer Gate.



Can the new cadets properly don their protective masks and will they know what to do in the event of a nuclear, biological or chemical attack? The McGinnis Challenge for the Class of 2016 will test new cadets on all they have learned during the first three weeks at Cadet Basic Training.

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COUNTER-IED TRAINING

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The thick, pocket-sized reference guide contains comprehensive, illustrative information about IEDs—covering topics from how and by whom they are made and how they are employed to counter-measures for detecting and defeating them. The smart kit also includes a fold-out visual language translator and visual awareness guide.

When Burnett arrived at the academy last year, he said it was his responsibility to make sure cadets receive the most realistic training possible. He hopes to have made good on that promise this summer with the MCIT and a few other elements added to Cadet Summer Training, such as military working dogs (during Cadet Leader Development Training) and a revamped Engineers lane. Cadets are also exposed to the military biometrics devices called BAT and HIIDE, which uses retina scans, fingerprints and text data to collect individual profiles on high value targets.

“On one of our operations during CLDT we had to go into a village, secure the area and talk with local leaders,” Ellis said. “We

brought in a military working dog to smell for IEDs, but until I got the MCIT training I didn't have a great understanding of what to look for and how they work.”

In the train-up for CFT, the cadet cadre engaged in a dismounted IED lane which tests their ability to identify roadside bombs. IED training isn't designed only for infantry or combat engineer Soldiers, and it has become necessary, Ellis said, for everyone, regardless of how they serve in the Army. IEDs don't discriminate by branch choice.

“I definitely think that by the time we graduate and become officers, any training we can get before that is good,” Ellis said. “No matter what you branch, knowing about IEDs is very important before you deploy.”

“It's really going to help us later in our careers if we understand how our enemies use IEDs and how it has constantly evolved into their greatest weapon,” Ghidotti said.

VISIT THE JIEDDO WEBSITE AT
<https://www.jieddo.mil/index.aspx>

HELP IS AVAILABLE

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;
- Visit www.preventsexual-assault.army.mil;
- www.SafeHelpline.org;
- Call 877-995-5247 at Safe Helpline.



Fred Silhol, the lead MCIT site trainer, shows cadets the tools and materials used to create improvised explosive devices. This section of the Mobile Counter-IED Trainer even has the appearance of a workshop where insurgents would craft the deadly devices. The MCIT was developed out of the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization, and provides state-of-the-art training technology for servicemembers to better understand the enemy's mindset and how to combat the IEDs.

Photo by Tommy Gilligan/USMA PAO

Newcomers welcomed to West Point at Community Fair

Story and photo by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

Soldiers generally make a permanent change of station every three years and every move is different. West Point, as with all military installations, acquaints newcomers with services available at their new duty station.

The West Point Community Fair began July 12 with orientation speeches from Chief of Staff Col. Charles Stafford, West Point Garrison Commander, Col. Dane Rideout, a newcomer himself, and Joseph Gall, Army Community Service director.

Rideout spoke about the history of West Point and all the activities and services available.

“This place is a museum,” he said. “Without the cadets, it’s like a library without books. West Point is also a constant showplace and we must keep it a showplace. We have 1.5 million visitors here a year.”

Rideout also spoke of the community’s civic responsibility to keep their quarters in shape, such as during the fall cleanup, keeping yards clean and curbing the pet as well as have it on a leash.

“This is one team—one fight, look after your facilities,” he said.

Rideout said the constant construction occurring throughout post will provide more services for those who work and live here and the cadets.

There’s a lot to do at West Point, he said, with many special events planned annually, such as the Polar Fest, Octoberfest and Military Appreciation Day. There are everyday activities supported by the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Fitness Center, the West Point Club, and other organizations to provide a variety of recreation and entertainment; and, of course, there’s Army football.

“And I think this year Army will win the Army-Navy game,” Rideout added.

Gall spoke about the mission of ACS—to deliver comprehensive programs and services to individuals,



Newcomers gathered at Eisenhower Hall for a Community Fair July 12 to learn more about West Point.

Soldiers and retirees.

“ACS provides a wide array of services for everyone here,” Gall said. “We have a military spouse employment program, sexual assault reporting response program, Soldier and family assistance and the exceptional family assistance for those who have special needs. These programs are for everyone, including cadets.”

After the orientation, newcomers went to the ballroom in Eisenhower Hall where they could learn more about services, activities and religious programs. Some wanted to find out about Girl and Boy Scouts programs, and what restaurants were nearby; others were interested in home businesses, financial services and sports clubs.

Capt. Cynthia Marshall returned stateside after serving as a defense lawyer in Kandahar, Afghanistan. She said she’s happy to be working here at the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate.

“There are so many numbers of vendors here and a lot

of enthusiasm,” Marshall said. “It certainly has exceeded all my expectations.”

Her friend, Capt. Amy McCarthy, is also working at the OSJA and joined her at the West Point Band booth.

“I’ve just spent four years at Fort Bragg (N.C.),” McCarthy said. “It’s great to be here and to see what is going on. I don’t ever remember anything like this event at Fort Bragg.”

Maj. Sam Cowart thought to sign his seven-year-old son up for Cub Scouts at the Scout booth. Cowart is an instructor in the Department of Chemistry and is just coming from graduate school in Grand Rapids, N.D.

“This is the first time I’ve been to West Point,” Cowart said. “Caleb, my son, has already tried soccer and seems to like it, but he’s never been into Cub Scouts. He also tried golf and I plan to enter the triathlon in August.”

Newcomers can get more information online at the West Point FMWR website at www.westpointmwr.com/.



Doors open for renovated Distinguished Visitor Quarters

Pictured above is one of the common rooms on the first floor of the Distinguished Visitor Quarters. (Right) The quarters at 109 Washington Road and the corner of Stony Lonesome Road officially opened its doors during a ribbon cutting ceremony and open house June 18. The quarters were renovated to provide accommodations for distinguished visitors and funded by the Association of Graduates with a donation from Col. Lee C. Miller, Class of 1934, and his wife Julianne.



FMWR Blurbs

Membership Appreciation Cookout

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.

Leisure Travel Services offers trips

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

- N.Y. Aquarium and Coney Island Brooklyn trip, July 24. Leave West Point at 8 a.m. and return at 4 p.m.

- Celebrate Brooklyn 2012 presents Lyle Lovett (free concert), Aug. 11. Leave West Point at 4:30 p.m. and return at 10:30 p.m.

All trips include transportation only.

For more information, call 938-3601.

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 helps 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 details or to register, call 938-3487.

AFTB 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.

Summer Swim hours

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.

Now Showing

Playing in the movie theater at

Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752

**Friday—Men in Black 3
PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**

**Saturday—Snow White and the Huntsman
PG-13, 7:30 p.m**

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

NYS motorcycle safety inspections

The West Point Auto Center 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 for Summer Riding Camps

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.

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 scheduled 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.

West Point Military Appreciation Day will be held rain or shine.

For more information, call 938-4690.

WP Golf Course offers family fun

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.

Command Channel 8/23

July 19-26

Army Newswatch
Today, Friday and Monday through
July 26
8:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

NEW INFO

Mine Torne Road closure

West Point Range Control has announced Mine Torne Road closure dates due to Cadet Summer Training.

July 19: Midnight-5 a.m.; 8-10 p.m.

July 20: 6-10 p.m.

July 21: 3-8 p.m.; midnight-5 a.m.

July 22: 6-10 p.m.

July 23: 6-10 p.m.

July 24: 3-8 p.m.

Round Pond Minnow Update

Until further notice Round Pond Campground will not be selling minnows due to a malfunction with the tank.

For more information, call 938-2503.

Custom Framing available

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

For more information, call 938-4812.

Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

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9	6					1		

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

See SUDOKU SOLUTION, Page 2 Difficulty: Very Hard

What's Happening

USMA Band's Music Under the Stars

The U.S. Military Academy Band will present "Kid's Night with Quintet 7" at West Point's scenic Trophy Point Amphitheater beginning at 6 p.m. Sunday.

The performance includes a mock parade in which children are encouraged to participate, an instrument petting zoo and a strolling brass quintet. In the event of hazardous weather, the concert will take place in the Eisenhower Hall Ballroom.

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

BBC hosts National Night Out

Balfour Beatty Communities will be hosting its 4th National Night Out at West Point 3-6 p.m. Aug. 7.

Join the BBC and public service organizations on post in recognizing this nationwide campaign for safe streets, celebrated across the United States on this date. Free hot dogs will be served, and attendees will receive giveaways and prizes.

For more information, call Jodi Gellman at 845-446-6507.

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.

Hit the trails with Volkssport Club of West Point

Join the Volkssport Club of West Point 9:15 a.m. Sunday, for a walk through the picturesque village of Rhinebeck, N.Y. Registration is at 9:15 a.m. at Delamater Inn, 101 Garden Street. Parking is available behind the building.

The 5 kilometer and 10 kilometer trails, rated 1-A, qualify for special AVA programs. The walk is on sidewalks and streets of the village and is suitable for strollers and wheelchairs.

For more information, call Joan Kimmel, 845-462-6845 or www.ava.org/clubs/westpoint.

Highland Falls Fire Department hosts Carnival

The Highland Falls Fire Department will host their first Carnival Aug. 23-26 at Fickens Field across from Roe Park. The Carnival is open 6-11 p.m. Aug. 23-24 and 4-11 p.m. Aug. 25.

There will be plenty of rides, games and food for the whole family, with entertainment provided by Shamrock Shows. Pay-one-price wristbands will be available each night.

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

JUST ANNOUNCED: The West Point Vehicle Registration hours as of July 30 will be 1-4 p.m., Monday-Friday, until further notification.

Be aware of Run Back traffic on July 27

On July 27, the Class of 2015 will conduct the Run Back from Camp Buckner into West Point to mark the end of Cadet Field Training.

The cadets will begin the run at 6 a.m., and motorists should be aware of the incoming formation entering post close to 6:45 a.m. through Washington Gate. Vehicular traffic will be stopped for several minutes to allow cadets to enter the cantonment area. It is advised for anyone entering post that morning to plan an alternate route and avoid Route 218 and Washington Gate, if possible.

Happy Birthday Gen. Knox

Celebrate the birthday of Gen. Henry Knox, the Continental Army's Chief of Artillery, 7-9 p.m. July 28 at Knox's Headquarters. Admission is free.

Experience the preparations for the move of the American artillery from New Windsor to Yorktown, Va., with costumed historians firing cannons and interacting with visitors as if they were from the summer of 1781. Knox's Headquarters is at 289 Forge Hill Road in Vails Gate, at the intersection of Route 94 and Forge Hill Road. For more information, call 845-561-1765, ext. 22.

Keller Corner

Dedicated clinic to open for additional appointments for physical

The Primary Care Department is opening a dedicated clinic Aug. 2 to ensure that incoming children and those unable to make an appointment earlier this summer have their physicals prior to the start of the school year.

This dedicated clinic is a mass school physical day and you can expect lines at the various stations.

Through recent experience these lines are usually not long. We are making every effort on this day to have your children see their Primary Care Manager. An increased availability of individual appointments will continue to be offered through September.

This is also the time to review your child's immunizations and to prepare additional documentation for the administration of medications during school hours or emergency instructions for children with known allergies.

Obtain the necessary forms from the appropriate school nurse, complete the parent's portion and bring them to your child's appointment along with all copies of the child's immunizations.

Call 938-7992 or 800-552-2907 today to request an appointment for a school or sports physical.

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.

Tricare Online

TRICARE Online, the Department of Defense patient portal, offers convenient, safe and secure access to personal health data including allergy profiles, medication profiles, problem lists, encounter notes and even lab

results. Users can currently access TOL using three types of accounts: (1) MHS/iAS Username and Password, (2) DOD Common Access Card, or (3) DOD Self-Service Logon (DS Logon).

CAC and Premium DS Logon account users can access their personal health data, via the TOL Blue Button. Due to security and privacy rules and regulations, MHS/iAS Username and Password users cannot access their personal health data, via the TOL Blue Button. Recognizing that having an account type which offers limited access is both confusing and inconvenient for users, TOL will be retiring the MHS/iAS Username and Password account type.

Users will no longer be able to access or log into TOL using the MHS/iAS Username and Password beginning the first week of August 2012. If users currently access TOL using a MHS/iAS Username and Password, it is strongly recommended that they register for a Premium DS Logon account so they can continue to access TOL after the first week of August 2012.

Register for a Premium DS Logon account today and start accessing personal health data via TOL. Eligible parties, DOD sponsors, spouses and dependents (18 and older), and retirees and veterans who are in Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting Systems can register quickly and easily online. To register for a Premium DS Logon account, visit <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/identitymanagement/>.

If users experience any issues, they can contact TOL customer service, available 24/7, at 1-800-600-9332 or email mhssc@tma.osd.mil for immediate assistance.

As an alternative, users can register via in-person proofing by visiting a TRICARE Service Center or VA Regional Office, where an onsite representative can assist with Premium DS Logon account registration.

For more information about TRICARE Online and its capabilities, please visit www.tricareonline.com.

Directorate of Public Works Update

Just announced: Gas line excavation

In order to accommodate needed gas line excavation, Washington Road will be closed in the vicinity of Quarters 344 on Saturday, beginning at 7 a.m.

Traffic will be rerouted via Lee Road to Buckner Loop, past Lee CDC to intersection with Washington Road in vicinity of the cemetery. The work is expected to be concluded no later than 5 p.m.

Repaving main post roads

West Point's main road is being repaved during the summer and will occur in the following areas:

- Washington Road from the intersection of Lee Road to the Stony Lonesome Road intersection in the vicinity of the Catholic Chapel;
- Cullum Road in the vicinity of Lincoln Hall, Thayer Road to the intersection of Thayer Road and Mills Road by Buffalo Soldier Field.

The section of road between those two areas (from the Washington Road-Stony Lonesome Road intersection to Cullum Road by Lincoln Hall) will be repaved at a later date after the planned fiber optics

installation in the area.

The paving project started last week with the Washington Road section of the work.

The Directorate of Public Works anticipates that the first section will take about six weeks to complete and will be completed for the March Back Aug. 13.

The work will consist of milling off approximately 1 1/2 inches of blacktop and then resurfacing. Some curb, sidewalk and manhole repairs will also take place as needed.

At no time will the road be impassable.

Resident street parking will not be allowed when work is being done in the immediate area. The contractor will have flagmen before and after each work area to direct traffic as appropriate.

The road will only be excavated in the immediate area of any curb, sidewalk and manhole repairs.

While the road surface will be rough during the milling and prior to the application of asphalt, it will be drivable at all times.

The project manager for the paving project is Joe Mack.

For more information, call 938-3025.



West Point's main road repavement, which began last week, is scheduled to be completed before Aug. 13 according to the West Point Directorate of Public Works. At no time will the road be impassable. Kathy Eastwood/PV

West Point Summer Softball League

Standings as of Monday

SOUTH DIVISION		W	-	L
1. MATH		14	-	6
2. BTD		12	-	6
3. SCPME		10	-	9
3. DMI		10	-	9
5. ENGINEERS		9	-	10
6. SOCIAL/HISTORY		6	-	11
7. EECS		4	-	16

NORTH DIVISION		W	-	L
1. ODIA #1		18	-	1
2. ODIA #2		13	-	5
3. WTU		10	-	9
3. MEDDAC (WHITE)		10	-	9
5. MPs		9	-	10
6. MEDDAC (MAROON)		9	-	11
7. STEWART MARINES		6	-	11
8. DOC/BAND		1	-	18



ODIA #2 was fierce at the plate Monday, taking a 9-3 lead over EECS/DPE by the third inning, then pummeling their opponents for another 13 runs to win 22-9. (Right) The pitcher for ODIA #2 took a line drive to the wrist on the mound early in the game, but was able to shake it off and continued to help his team in the win.



SOFTBALL PLAYOFFS

SCHEDULED TO BEGIN TODAY, WEATHER PERMITTING AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO RAINOUTS DURING REGULAR SEASON



It was a close contest throughout but the numbers added up in favor of the Math team, defeating the Engineers 14-6 on Monday to stay on top of the South Division standings. (Right) The first baseman for Math made some timely grabs to keep the Engineers from gaining momentum.

PHOTOS BY MIKE STRASSER/PV



Army Hockey tickets now available for 2012-13 season

By Army Athletic Communications

Season tickets for the 2012-13 Army hockey season are now on sale and can be purchased in a number of ways.

Seventeen games are scheduled to be played at Tate Rink this season, including exhibition games against Canada's Royal Military College and

the Russian Junior All-Stars. Atlantic Hockey Association matchups include Sacred Heart, Niagara and Holy Cross. Season tickets for chairbacks remain the same as last season; Mini-plan ticket packages will be offered Aug. 7 while single-game tickets will go on sale Aug. 28.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.goARMYsports.com, in person at the Army Ticket Office or by calling 1-877-TIX-ARMY.