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The final mission

The Class of 2015 conducted several missions in and around Camp Buckner in the culminating three-day exercise during Cadet Field Training. The field training exercise included several missions requiring extensive planning, rehearsals and briefings before conducting raids, identifying high value targets, repelling ambushes and interdicting improvised explosive devices. The rising yearlings will be recognized in a ceremony today when they earn the rank of cadet corporal and will return to West Point Friday after completing the Run Back. See Page 3 for the FTX story and Page 4 for Run Back information.

PHOTOS BY MIKE STRASSER/PV



Animal control and rabies

Dear West Point Community,

I need your help to address a serious and persistent issue—the feeding of “non-resident” animals, specifically feral cats.

There is a fairly large colony of feral cats living in the vicinity of Eisenhower Hall and the Directorate of Intercollegiate Athletics (Bldg. 639).

These cats, because of the kindness of some of our employees, have been fed and the colony has grown. Feeding these animals will only help to increase the population.

Two kittens from this colony were caught and taken to a local veterinarian, as some families expressed interest in adopting them. Later, one of the kittens died of rabies. The individual who captured the kittens was scratched by one of them.

While there certainly is more to this story, the issue about which I am concerned is the spread of rabies by this colony, probably because of its interaction with wild animals.

No one wants to see cats starve, but feeding them and other wild animals is against regulations and causes some dangers to the community.

How could this rabies incident have been prevented?

The cats should not have been fed. Although it may seem cruel, USMA Regulation 210-30, Animal Control, covers the policies “governing the possession and control of animals maintained on this installation, as well as those measures necessary to protect the health and safety of personnel, their dependents and their animals residing on the installation.”

It outlines those animals authorized within post housing and the rules governing them, to include microchipping.

“Animal owners will control their animals at all times in such a manner as to prevent them from becoming a nuisance or menace to other persons, animals or property on this installation,” according to the regulation.

If an animal is not “controlled,” in most cases the military police will capture it and bring it to the Veterinary Treatment Facility.

So, again, I ask all of you please do not feed any animals other than your own. We cannot encourage animals (usually cats) to form colonies like we have now.

If you spot feral or otherwise uncontrolled animals, wild or domestic, contact the Military Police at 938-3333.

If you come in contact with or are bitten by an animal that appears to have rabies or other diseases, either go to the Keller Army Hospital Emergency Room immediately (938-4004) or contact Preventive Medicine at 938-2676.

From the Office of the Garrison Commander



Col. Dane Rideout

Thank you for helping me make our post a safe place for all who live and work here.

Go Army!!

The GC

**Col. Dane D. Rideout
Garrison Commander**

DPW NOTES

The demolition of Central Apartments is scheduled to begin Monday with asbestos/hazardous materials abatement. The actual demolition of the building will begin immediately following in September.

Completion of the actual demolition project is expected for January. During the process, 42 parking spaces will be eliminated for at least some portion of the work, greatly reducing parking availability.

During the demolition project, West Point will maintain at least three general use handicap spots, three two-hour clinic patient spots and one government vehicle spot. In addition, we need to continue to provide disability-based reserved parking for 29 designated employees.

With this in mind, the West Point Equal Employment Opportunity office is working to coordinate and facilitate the most “reasonable” solution addressing the relocation of those disability-based reserved parking spaces affected by the demolition of the Central Apartments.

This review is ongoing and West Point EEO will notify and keep affected employees informed throughout the process.

The Directorate of Public Works is aware this is going to be an inconvenience to many people and it’s making every effort to move spaces with the least amount of disruption as possible to all affected personnel. DPW asks for your patience and support during this process and during the demolition of the building.

DPW will notify the community using all public media available prior to the actual implementation of parking and traffic flow changes in the area.

Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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

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Non-stop missions mark CFT field training exercise

Story and photos by Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor

The mission didn't end well. An unguarded flank, extensive casualties and improvised explosive devices left undetected all amounted to a less-than-successful beginning to the field training exercise for one platoon.

It's all by design, however.

The FTX—72 hours of continuous operations in and around Camp Buckner—makes up the culminating event of Cadet Field Training for the Class of 2015. After four weeks absorbing huge amounts of military instruction—everything from artillery and marksmanship training to IED interdiction, urban operations and land navigation—cadets are tasked with applying these skills at the FTX.

By all accounts, it's mentally and physically exhausting, and the missions rotate from repelling an ambush, reconnaissance in force, clearing a weapons cache and conducting a raid.

The opposition force, comprised mostly of recent West Point graduates, added stress to the situations requiring cadets to either act more decisively or further test their ability to effectively react and adapt to uncertainty on the battlefield. Lane walkers observe all the action and are quick to point out mistakes and demonstrate corrective actions.

Standards are consistently high, but field training is not designed to make Rangers out of these cadets, said Class of 2013 Cadet Justen Anka, the CFT Regiment commander.

"They're getting a lot of tactical training, but what we really want to see out of them is leader development," Anka said. "The yearlings can really see what leadership looks like in a field environment because they're directly involved in it."

Every CFT training site is incorporated



Cadets received air support during field training exercise missions from Company B, 3rd Battalion, 10th Mountain Division, Combat Aviation Brigade.

into the exercise, and while they may not be completely proficient at everything, the results are often impressive.

"We don't expect them to retain all this information, but we'll see a team come together having never touched a certain weapon before, but the eight of them can manage to assemble it perfectly," Anka said. "Actually, one team beat the artillery time standard by 30 seconds and never had worked with the gun before today."

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In the aftermath of an ambush, cadets check the opposition force for weapons and any hidden intelligence. Others are tasked with tending the wounded and securing the area.



RESCUING THE COMM

Story and photo by Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor

While every cadet participated in raid missions during Cadet Field Training, a few had a unique opportunity to rescue the commandant of the U.S. Military Academy from the clutches of the Diablo opposition force.

After the hours of planning and rehearsing, not to mention the careful reconnaissance of the area, 2nd and 4th Platoons of 2nd Company infiltrated the village and managed to extract Brig. Gen. Theodore Martin within 20 minutes.

As a platoon leader, Class of 2013 Cadet Devin Adams initially went into the village with the intention of communicating with the unarmed locals. However, once the opposition began firing from multiple locations within the buildings, Adams found himself quickly taken out of the fight.

Removed from the simulated fog of war, he was able to observe the performance of his platoon. Adams admitted his own elimination did not have great affect on the outcome, due to the meticulous planning and rehearsing for this mission. He credits the platoon sergeant for leading the charge.

"We were good to go once my platoon sergeant took over," Adams said. "We split up into five teams and each team leader knew the objectives and what they needed to do. Everybody did what was planned."

He saw a lot they did well and other things they would need to improve upon in later missions.

"They did well. There's a lot that came out of left field on them, but they responded well," Adams said. "That's all you can ask for in a situation like that. They stuck to the plan and everything was good."

In addition to rescuing the commandant, the cadets discovered a weapons cache hidden in one of the buildings, killed several insurgents and captured a high value target using the retina and fingerprint scanning system (HIIDE) to identify the individual from a database.

The mission—from the moment they popped smoke until they extracted the commandant from the village via helicopter—lasted approximately 22 minutes.

Based on the success of that mission, another CFT company conducted a raid that extracted another academy leader, Corps of Cadets' Command Sgt. Maj. Todd Burnett, on Tuesday.



It wouldn't be Cadet Field Training without the culminating Field Training Exercise to cap off the four-week summer training program for the Class of 2015. For 72 hours, cadets engaged in continuous activities—everything from reconnaissance in force, repel an ambush, conduct a raid and rescue operation and occupy multiple patrol bases as they move from location to location.

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The FTX is non-stop from the start, Anka said.

"Absolutely non-stop. Probably the best part of it is they don't know what they'll be doing for the three days," Anka said. "When they went out there they knew a point in the forest they had to get to and nothing else. From then on, information is passed down to them and they execute the missions. They're literally on their toes the whole time because the missions never stop."

Class of 2013 Cadet Brian Cobbs, the platoon leader for 2nd Company, 2nd Platoon, said each mission is preceded by a planning, rehearsal and briefing phase.

"It's important to get every element in line before going on a mission," he said. "The briefings will cover everything from

beginning to end, like movements, recon and pretty much every action."

Cobbs said he developed a better understanding of practicing tactical patience in situations of extreme duress. It was a learning experience all the way through, he said, from interacting with fellow platoon leaders to developing rapport among the troops.

"It was also important to tune in to your platoon and really learn who your Soldiers are and what makes them go," Cobbs said. "We developed a high morale and company spirit, so we always want to do our best and be the best in everything we do."

(Editor's Note: See next week's Pointer View for results from the CFT Awards Ceremony and photos from Run Back.)

MORE ON CADET FIELD TRAINING

- There are 263 members of the Cadet Field Training cadre, comprised of upperclass cadets who trained two weeks prior to CFT in the Leader Training Program.
- The cadre adopted the name Task Force Runkle in honor of 1st Lt. John M. Runkle Jr., a Class of 2009 graduate, who was killed in action May 26, 2011, when his unit was struck by an improvised explosive device in Kandahar province, Afghanistan. He served with the 4th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment, based at Fort Campbell, Ky. Members of the Runkle family will be in attendance at the CFT Awards Ceremony at Camp Buckner today.
- Supporting the LTP and CFT training this summer is a task force from 3rd Squadron, 89th Cavalry Regiment, 10th Mountain Division, from Fort Polk, La.
- The Class of 2015 and cadet cadre are not the only ones to participate in Cadet Field Training. This summer, 18 midshipmen from the U.S. Naval Academy are part of the training, as well as 69 ROTC cadets from universities and colleges nationwide and 24 international cadets from Brazil, Chile and Taiwan, to name a few.

Class of 2015 Run Back

The Cadet Field Training Task Force Runkle cordially invites the U.S. Military Academy staff, faculty and coaches to run back with the Class of 2015 from Camp Buckner to West Point Friday.

The 7.5-mile run is scheduled to begin at the Camp Buckner main parking lot at 6 a.m., with the regiment gathering at 5:30 a.m. The route will continue from the parking lot to Route 293 through Washington Gate and along Washington Road, ending at the steps of Washington Hall.

Motorists should expect Washington Gate to be closed briefly around 6:45 a.m. to allow the regiment to enter West Point.

The uniform for all military personnel is the Army Physical Fitness Uniform with reflective running belt and Camelbak. Civilian faculty can wear fitness clothing, and everyone is advised to arrive hydrated and ready to run. The CFT staff will guide staff and faculty to link up with the formation.

Those wanting to participate in the Run Back are asked to sign up at <https://invitations.afit.edu/inv/anim.cfm?i=119688&k=03604B0F735F>.



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USMAPS welcomes Class of 2013

The oath of allegiance was administered to roughly 230 new cadet candidates Monday at the U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School gymnasium. This is the second class to attend USMAPS after its relocation to West Point from Fort Monmouth, N.J. The cadet candidates included 167 former Guard and Reserve Soldiers and 17 combat veterans; 78 are recruited athletes, 203 are men and 27 are women. There are 116 minorities. Cadet candidates enter USMAPS to hone their academic skills and receive military training. Cadet candidate military training is three weeks long and supported by West Point cadet cadre. They train at the facility and Camp Buckner, which includes basic military skills, team building, military training and military knowledge. Classes at USMAPS will begin the same day as classes at the U.S. Military Academy, Aug. 20. Following a year at USMAPS, cadet candidates will graduate, having been prepared to enter West Point on Reception Day as new cadets.

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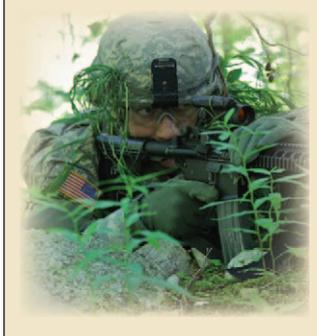


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Master Teacher Program gives new faculty tools to improve

Submitted by the Center for Faculty Excellence

During Reorganizational Week in August, 100 new faculty members are expected to sign up for the Master Teacher Program—a two-year program of reading, reflection and discussion on a wide range of pedagogical topics.

Facilitated by the team of Mark Evans, Ph.D, Center for Faculty Excellence director, and Steve Finn, Ph.D, CFE Assistant director, participants in the MTP will meet monthly to exchange ideas with other faculty as they work to improve their teaching.

Most teachers at West Point are driven and want to be the best teachers they can be, but often are not sure how to assess and improve their teaching. Author Joseph Lowman's Two-Dimensional Model of Teaching presents a framework for teachers to evaluate themselves and formulate a plan for improvement.

Embedded in the Intellectual Excitement dimension are the components: technical expertise as a teacher, course and lesson organization, clarity of communication and engaging presentation.

How are you doing in each of those components? How can you best assess your ability in those areas? If you wanted to improve, what are the best ways to improve in those areas? These are topics that faculty will discuss as participants in the Master Teacher Program.

Many faculty members develop a classroom research project on one of these topics and ultimately write and publish their scholarly work as part of the MTP.

Retired Navy Capt. Mark Adamshick, the 1969 Chair for the Study of Officership at the Simon Center for the Professional Military Ethic, is a recent MTP graduate.

"The Master Teacher Program at West Point taught me how to better understand how students learn, improve the methods I use in the classroom, learn from teacher colleagues across a vast array of academic disciplines and, most importantly, inspired me to continually improve my craft," he said. "I was honored to be a part of this incredible program. The cadets and our Army are ultimately the beneficiaries of the exceptional efforts of Dr. Mark Evans and Dr. Stephen Finn."

Sue Tandy, Ph.D., Professor in the Department of Physical Education, is an MTP graduate and program mentor.

"One of the great strengths of the Master Teacher Program is the opportunity to bring together instructors from diverse departments and backgrounds to have a conversation about what we all value collectively—teaching," Tandy said. "The program was beneficial to me most recently as a mentor in



Retired Navy Capt. Mark Adamshick and Lt. Col. David A. Jones, received their Master Teacher Program certificates from Dean of the Academic Board Brig. Gen. Timothy Trainor and Commandant Brig. Gen. Theodore Martin at the West Point Club in May.

COURTESY PHOTO

that I took away some great teaching techniques and ideas that I used in my own classes. I would recommend to other senior faculty that they set the time aside to get involved in this wonderful program. One can never be too experienced to learn something new. We all have different viewpoints on teaching, and the feedback may differ from person to person, but it's the opportunity to communicate across the curriculum and share teaching ideas that makes it such a valuable experience."

Faculty members should look for an email from department executive officers for MTP signups during Reorganizational Week.

More information regarding the Center for Faculty Excellence or the Master Teacher Program is available at the Center for Faculty Excellence or by calling 938-5502. Questions can be emailed to mark.evans@usma.edu or visit the CFE website at www.westpoint.edu/cfe/SitePages/Home.aspx.

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By being aware of your preferred style as a teacher, you'll be more responsive to the diverse learning styles of your cadets, particularly when teaching a core course where the learning styles of cadets vary. How can you help cadets with diverse learning styles? More importantly, how can you help cadets of various learning styles to improve their own learning? Find out today.

Research fellow returns to West Point's Network Science Center

By Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor

The Network Science Center welcomed its youngest research fellow back to West Point when 1st Lt. Josh Lospinoso, a Class of 2009 graduate, returned after earning his doctorate in statistics from the University of Oxford.

In some ways, he admits, it's almost like he never left West Point.

Lospinoso has remained rooted to his alma mater, returning frequently to speak at conferences, teach the occasional class and provide research assistance to the NSC. He is providing the latter again this summer while putting the finishing touches on his thesis, after which he will continue his military training.

"My thesis focuses on expanding our statistical toolkit for analyzing social network survey data collected over time," he said. "It's a methodology focused thesis, which means that I worked out the statistical theory to produce new tools that practitioners can use to do their research."

While at Oxford, Lospinoso traveled to Iraq to lend his technical network expertise in support of a counter-IED cell in September 2010.

"They do everything you'd think they would do ... pattern analysis for IEDs, track resources, these sorts of things. Some of what I had been doing in my dissertation is really well-suited to try and attack some of these problems that they had," Lospinoso said.

It was a couple of weeks work and he'll probably never know if it made any significant or lasting impact.

"I have a realistic view about any high level impact you can make, but I hope I made a small contribution to getting the counter-IED cell there to think in a statistical way and see what that approach looks like," Lospinoso said. "It's important to think about uncertainty at the same time you're doing inference in the

decision-making process."

The Rhodes scholar developed his interest in statistics and the field of network science during his sophomore year at West Point, and credited his instructors for making him passionate about problem-solving and modeling.

His department academic counselor discussed research opportunities and how he could convert term-end projects into conference presentations. This eventually led him to the newly-formed Network Science Center.

"I said that sounded awesome, the idea of thinking through problems and doing projects that I was already enjoying doing anyway," Lospinoso said. "I looked at some of the opportunities available and they had a bunch of conferences about social networks, and it was a subject I wasn't familiar with. So I asked around the department to see if anyone was studying any of these social networks, and Col. John Graham and Dr. Fred Moxley were doing work in this field."

Lospinoso said the idea behind social networks is essentially about better understanding people's decisions by looking at the context of their networks.

"Everything we do as human beings is really embedded in these social networks," he said.

It seemed like an obvious field of study and a natural way of understanding human behavior, but Lospinoso realized that, like most disciplines, the focus was on a more atomic level. A math and economics major, he was drawn to a course in econometrics because he liked how it "threw collections of theories into the fire of data" to see which would emerge unscathed.

"With that in mind, I said what I would love to do is take some of the social network theories and see if I could make some sort of contribution to the statistics used to establish those theories through data," Lospinoso said. "Things just seemed to align from there."



First Lt. Josh Lospinoso graduated from West Point in 2009 and earned his doctorate in statistics from the University of Oxford. He's maintained his ties to his alma mater, returning to teach classes or speak at conferences. Lospinoso returned this summer as the youngest research fellow with a doctorate at the Network Science Center.

NETWORK SCIENCE CENTER PHOTO

As customary throughout the Corps of Cadets, Lospinoso balanced regular cadet activities with his academic pursuits. He was a regimental operations officer, competed three years in the Sandhurst Military Skills Competition and interned at the National Security Agency.

"As it turns out, social networks are a tremendously open area of active research within our intelligence agencies," Lospinoso said. "When you think about the conflicts we're in right now, it's all about informal social networks—from the production of IEDs to its financing. So I dedicated the past three years to studying various little niches of statistical analysis to social networks that can apply to academia, but hopefully, apply to what I'll be doing in the Army."

Graham said Lospinoso is a good example of how an academic research center can leverage the talent of cadets, develop a strong working relationship and keep the ties intact long after graduation. He said Lospinoso delivered some "rock star" papers as a cadet and will surely do more of the same as an Army officer.

"We graduate 18-20 scholarship cadets every year ... and, for the most part, when they leave, they're gone from West Point," Graham said. "Josh has redefined how a graduate-scholar stays engaged with the Army during their studies. He was a mentor to current cadets, a guest instructor, a combat deployed analyst and an intellectual leader."

In pursuit of advanced degrees, these scholarship cadets are also turning papers into publishable work. Graham said Lospinoso's work will help shape how adversary behavior is understood for years to come.

"Josh came up with the framework of understanding and measuring how stable our adversaries are in terms of their political,

social and even financial environments," Graham said.

It's hard to imagine a Rhodes scholar having once doubted he could get accepted into West Point, but there was a time when Lospinoso didn't think it was possible. The percentage of those accepted into the academy compared with the number of applications submitted are traditionally in the lower double-digit figures.

The way he explains it—coming from a typical suburban family with the average public school education—it only seemed reasonable to explore other options to getting a West Point education. While in high school, he enlisted under the Army Reserve split-option program, attended basic training at Fort Benning, Ga., and drilled with a hometown Reserve unit.

Four years later, he decided to go straight into doctoral studies in statistics for his post-graduate degree. When Lospinoso told people about his post-graduation plans, he got mixed reviews. Making the leap from an undergraduate to doctoral program was not something they were familiar with and more than a few thought it was an odd decision.

Unconventional as it may sound, Lospinoso said it has all been very rewarding so far and he wouldn't have done it any other way. He met and married his wife Danielle at West Point and he is able to do the work he loves. Lospinoso is committed to serving the Army and obligated himself to extra years of service that allowed him to pursue his doctorate and to continue his career in the military intelligence career field after serving in the infantry.

"I wouldn't give up the opportunities I've had for anything, but yes, I'll have a unique experience for the rest of my Army career because of it."

West Point cadets go global

Find out what West Point cadets are doing this summer outside the gates by visiting the Army Strong Stories website at <http://armystrongstories.com/tag/west-point/>. Cadets can use this Army blog to report on MIADs and Cadet Troop Leader Training activities. Cadets and officers also post video messages on this site.

Also, check out the Defense Video and Imagery Distribution System, or DVIDS, for stories and videos of cadet training at www.dvidshub.net/. Find most recent videos at www.dvidshub.net/video/149633/cadet-troop-leader-training.



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Sandbags can be shifty—that is, they tend to make movements awkward, especially when carrying several at a time. They're prone to fall apart too if not tied right. New cadets experienced all of that in a test of physical strength and endurance during the McGinnis Challenge July 20.

CBT: THE MCGINNIS CHALLENGE

Story and photos by Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor

The McGinnis Challenge tested the physical and mental fortitude of 128 squads of new cadets July 20, capping off the first three weeks of Cadet Basic Training for the Class of 2016.

The course was spread throughout West Point, to include a physical fitness challenge at the River Courts. Dubbed the Warrior Challenge, new cadets had to work together to push a Humvee a distance of 35 meters, then push a giant log back and forth while



New cadets had to administer aid to a squad leader experiencing symptoms of a chemical agent and move to safety at one of the stations.

crab walking.

To further the burn racing up and down their arms and legs, the next component of the challenge was a sandbag sprint and new cadets carried as many as they could to reach the final objective—the team pushup. Each new cadet hit the ground and formed a continuous link to execute a single pushup in unison.

Squads ran to each event, as time mattered from start to finish. Inside Hayes Gymnasium, new cadets had to negotiate seven obstacles in under 2 minutes and 30 seconds. This made up less than half of the full Indoor Obstacle Course Test which every West Point cadet must pass as an academy requirement.

New cadets will soon become familiar with Michie Stadium when they fill the stands during home games for Army Football. They also got a step-by-step introduction to the stadium during the challenge, racing through the bleachers, to the top and back to the bottom. Along the way, they stopped at four stations to recite some of the cadet knowledge they've studied these past few weeks.

On Daly Field, squads had five minutes to assemble the ASIP radio, punch in the correct frequency and communicate a nine-line medical report. At the West Point Simulations Center, squads were tested on marksmanship using the Engagement Skills Trainer (EST2000) and rowed a Zodiac boat across Lusk Reservoir.

The challenge concluded with a memorial to Spc. Ross McGinnis, a Medal of Honor recipient who was killed in action in December 2006 while deployed in Iraq with 1st Platoon, Company C, 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment. A letter from the McGinnis family was read as the squad shared a moment of silence.



There's nothing like an early-morning regimental run to bolster esprit de corps among new cadets. That was the first order of business July 22 for the Class of 2016 cadre and academy leaders, which was followed by the presentation of awards and change of detail ceremony to close out the first three weeks of Cadet Basic Training.



During the change of detail ceremony, Class of 2013 Cadet Thomas Ott became the cadet commander for the CBT Regiment through the final weeks of training for the Class of 2016. Each company conducted a ceremony signifying the transfer of responsibility to new cadre members.



(Above) New cadets enjoyed the hospitality of sponsors during the four hours of Cadet Visitation Day and took every opportunity to contact family and friends by telephone and internet. They also enjoyed food, snacks, games and the simple pleasure of being away from cadet cadre for a few hours. (Right) New cadets anxiously await the arrival of their softball coach. Although it only took about 20 minutes to process more than 1,000 new cadets to the care of West Point community members, it must have seemed like forever for those lingering on the Plain, waiting to hear their sponsor's name called out.

Halfway finished

Story and photos by Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor

A regimental run was conducted the morning of July 22, with the Cadet Basic Training cadre, new cadets and academy leaders to mark the end of the first three weeks of summer training for the Class of 2016.

It was the last day new cadets were led by the cadre members they first met on Reception Day; a change of detail ceremony transferred responsibilities of the regimental staff and companies to a new group of cadet leaders who will continue training the class through the remainder of CBT.

Units and individuals were recognized for superior levels of performance throughout the first detail at an awards ceremony. The award for best squad at the McGinnis Challenge was presented to 1st Squad, 1st Platoon, Company H, led by Cadet Sgt. Amy Sanchez. The new cadets of 1st Squad include Lekeshi Todd, Brett Somerville, Emerson Romero, Derek Wilder, Michael Jenkins, Joseph Lipshutz, Natalie Reisweber, Travis Rollo, Ryan Gallagher and Colin Hwang.

Class of 2014 Cadet Jeffrey Lesmeister was named best squad leader (Co. D) for CBT 1, and the best platoon sergeant award was presented to Class of 2014 Cadet Joseph Choban (Co. B). Class of 2013 Cadet Benjamin Garlick earned the award for best platoon leader (Co. B) and the best company commander award

(Co. A). The award for best marksmanship was presented to New Cadet William Freeman (Co. E).

The first detail cadre departed for additional training, internships or summer leave, but left some parting words and perhaps a little advice with their charges to help them successfully finish up summer training.

Class of 2014 Cadet Robert Fetters, Company F first sergeant, took the opportunity to address his cadet company after they won the Best Company streamer.

"I can't tell you how proud I am," Fetters said. "We pushed you, yeah, but it's all you. Every single one of you earned this. You tried harder, you pushed yourselves harder to do the right things. This has been such an honor and I can't tell you how much this detail has changed me ... more than any other thing in my life. I couldn't ask anything more of you, and still you proved yourselves every day to be outstanding ... perfect in everything. I'll never forget this, thank you."

Afterward, new cadets were released into the care of the West Point community for a few hours to enjoy some much-needed respite during Cadet Visitation Day. The priority for most of the new cadets has not changed over the years, as they placed as many phone calls possible to family and friends, while enjoying food, fellowship and rest at the homes of their sponsors.

Meanwhile, cadet cadre used this time to move their belongings into new room assignments in the barracks and prepared to receive the new cadets four hours later.

Class of 2013 Cadet Timothy Cody (Co. E). Class of 2014 Cadet Ian Macpherson (Co. D) earned the award for best first sergeant and the best new cadet for the first detail of CBT was New Cadet Clayton Jaksha

Class of 2013 Cadet Thomas Ott, the CBT commander for the second detail, said the new group of cadre came out of the intense Leader Training Program energized and motivated to see the Class of 2016 through the end of summer training. "It's going to be a lot of field-intensive training events," Ott said. "We're bringing back the live hand grenade range, and we're doing what's called the fire team live fire event again, rappelling and the land navigation course."



It's been a few days, but we've recently added more photos from the CBT1 detail events last weekend. For the latest additions to our photo archive, visit www.flickr.com/photos/west_point/.

FMWR Blurbs

Two-person team championship at the West Point Golf Course

A two-person team championship will be held Saturday and Sunday at the West Point Golf Course.

It will be a tee time start event, with tee times starting at 8 a.m.

A challenging 6-6-6 format is scheduled for both days of play:

- Six holes, two-person scramble;
- Six holes, two-person alternate shot;
- Six holes, two-person best ball.

Lunch will be served after the round on Sunday and prizes will be awarded. There is minimal cost per player plus greens and cart fees for each day (cart is optional).

For more information, call 938-2435.

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.

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.

(Updated) 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:

- 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.
 - Tour New York City trip, Aug. 12. Leave West Point at 8 a.m. and return at 4:30 p.m.
- All trips include transportation only.
For more information, call 938-3601.

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.

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.

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.

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.

NEW INFO

Noontime Ultimate Frisbee League

The FMWR Sports Office will conduct the 2012 Staff and Faculty Noontime Ultimate Frisbee league.

Departments interested in entering a team should contact Jim McGuinness at 938-3066

or email jim.mcguinness@usma.edu.

League play starts the week of Aug. 6 and deadline for team entries is Wednesday.

West Point Oktoberfest

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

There will be live bands, Oktoberfest Olympics, Mr. and Mrs. Oktoberfest Contest, Wiener Dog Race and Kinder Korner (Sept. 22 only). The event is open to the public.

For more information, call 938-4690.

FMWR Fitness Center new hours of operation

Starting Aug. 5, the new hours for the West Point Fitness Center will be:

- Monday-Friday—5:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.;
- Saturday—7 a.m.-2 p.m.;
- Sunday—noon-5 p.m.

For more information, call 938-6490.

**Command
Channel 8/23
July 26-Aug. 2**

**Army Newswatch
Today, Friday and Monday through
Aug. 2
8:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.**

Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

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

NOW SHOWING

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

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

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

**Aug. 3—Madagascar 3: Europe's
Most Wanted, PG, 7:30 p.m.**

**Aug. 4—Rock of Ages, PG-13,
7:30 p.m.**

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

What's Happening

Be aware of Run Back traffic on Friday

On Friday, 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. Saturday 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.

Vehicle Registration hours

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

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.

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.

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.

NEW INFO

Class registration ongoing for fall

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

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

Women's Equality Day Observance Luncheon

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

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

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

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

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

Purple Heart Appreciation Day Program

The National Purple Heart Hall of Honor will celebrate and commemorate two important historical events at 2 p.m. Aug. 7. Both events occurred on Aug. 7, 160 years apart.

The first event is the 230th anniversary of the orders creating the Badge of Military Merit, the predecessor of the modern Purple Heart medal.

The second event being commemorated is the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Guadalcanal.

Learn how this battle helped turn the tide against Japan during World War II.

Admission is free, but seating is limited so reservations are suggested. To make a reservation or for more information about the program, call 845-561-1765.

The National Purple Heart Hall of Honor and New Windsor Cantonment are co-located at 374 Temple Hill Road (Route 300) in New Windsor, N.Y.

PWOC open house and kickoff event

The Protestant Women of the Chapel will have its open house from 9-11 a.m. Aug. 22 and 7-8:30 p.m. Aug. 23. Sign up at the Post Chapel.

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

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

Daughtry comes to West Point Aug. 15

By Rich Storey Eisenhower Hall Theatre Public Relations and Marketing

In a special preseason performance, West Point's Eisenhower Hall Theatre will present Daughtry at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 15.

Tickets are on sale now, online only, at Ikehall.com. Cadets should order their tickets at the Ike Hall Box Office.

In the course of only five years, Chris Daughtry has had more than his share of career highlights.

The singer, songwriter and musician from North Carolina has released back-to-back No. 1 albums, the 4-time platinum "Daughtry," which became the fastest-selling rock debut in Soundscan history, and 2009's platinum "Leave This Town."

Daughtry has scored four No. 1 Top 40 hits with "It's Not Over," "Home," "Feels Like Tonight," and "No Surprise," earned four Grammy Award nominations (including "Best Rock Album" for Daughtry) and won four American Music Awards.

Playing live, of course, is where Daughtry really shines. This band has always made its bones on stage and this tour will be no exception as they hit the road to support their third album, "Break the Spell."



Chris Daughtry (front) and his band, Daughtry, will perform at West Point's Eisenhower Hall at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 15. Tickets are on sale now, online only, at Ikehall.com. Daughtry, the band's frontman, became well-known from his stint on "American Idol." Since his Idol appearance, he has achieved four No. 1 Top 40 hits, including the song "Home."

COURTESY PHOTO

Pehrson takes command at Keller Army Community Hospital

Story and photo by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

Col. Felicia Pehrson became Keller Army Community Hospital's 60th commander and fourth female commander during a change of command ceremony July 20 inside the Haig Room at Jefferson Hall.

Before arriving at West Point, Pehrson was chief of clinical operations at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. A pediatric cardiologist, Pehrson served with the 28th Command Support Hospital as a Multi-National Forces-Iraq surgeon in 2007. According to an article published from that deployment, she had seen about 15 children with congenital heart defects during her time in Iraq.

Pehrson also served as chief of pediatrics at Womack Army Medical Center, Fort Bragg, N.C., and chief of Pediatric Cardiology Service at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Germany.

She graduated from Brandeis University, Waltham, Mass., in 1983 earning a bachelor's degree in biochemistry and biology. She received her medical degree from New York Medical College in Valhalla, N.Y., and was a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society.

Her awards and decorations include

the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Iraq Campaign Medal, National Defense Service Medal with bronze star device, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon with "3" devices and the Expert Field Medical Badge. She is also a member of the Order of Military Medical Merit.

Pehrson assumed command from Col. Beverly Land, who will now serve as program director for Operational Medicine and Medical Force Protection-Readiness at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. Land held the same position prior to becoming commander for KACH in 2010.

Brig. Gen. Joseph Carvalho Jr., Commanding General of Northern Regional Medical Command, spoke about the job that outgoing commander Land did as commander.

"Land led with dedicated commitment," Carvalho said. "Keller Hospital received a 93 percent patient satisfaction score, which has been the highest for an Army medical facility."

Land also oversaw the recent construction projects at Keller as well as the realignment of Fort Monmouth, N.J., last home of the U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School, and its subsequent move to West Point.



Col. Felicia Pehrson became the 60th commander of Keller Army Community Hospital during a change of command ceremony July 20 in the Haig Room at Jefferson Hall.

Keller Corner

Mass School Physical Day

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.

Don't wait; call 845-938-7992 or 800-552-2907 today to request an appointment for a school or sports physical.

Hudson Valley Blood Drive

There will be a kickoff campaign meeting 2-3 p.m. Aug. 2 in the Army Education Center, Bldg. 683, Training Room #10. This is in preparation for the upcoming Hudson Valley Blood Services Blood Drive Aug. 27-30.

It is important that appointed key personnel from each activity attend this meeting. Provide the names of those attending to Mary Mandia at 938-2583 (BLUD) or via email at mary.mandia@amedd.army.mil before Aug. 2.

Join the Healthy Thursday Challenge

This week's challenge: Namaste!

Challenge yourself with an hour of yoga and see how good an upward and downward dog can make you feel.

There are many benefits of yoga, to include improved posture, increased flexibility, balance and strength. Because of the deep

breathing required during yoga, lung capacity is also improved. Yoga has been shown to lower blood pressure, and as soon as your first yoga experience is complete, you may even find that you are less stressed and more calm.

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.

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).

To register for a Premium DS Logon account, visit <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/identitymanagement/>.

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



Fun at Vacation Bible School

A fun and faith-filled week was enjoyed by 117 children and 67 volunteers July 16-17 during Vacation Bible School at the Sacred Heart School building in Highland Falls. This year's theme was "Sky, Everything is Possible with God!" Each day, participants rotated through a variety of activities to include Sign and Play Music, Imagination Station, All-Star Games, Movies & Missions and the Wild Blue Bible Adventure. Children also enjoyed snacks at the SkyDive Diner. Each day had different Bible Points, stories and key scripture verses that were carefully integrated into each of the station's activities.

PHOTO BY VBS VOLUNTEER ROSE HENDERSON

West Point Summer Softball League

Final Regular Season Standings

SOUTH DIVISION		W	-	L
1. BTD		14	-	6
2. MATH		14	-	6
3. SCPME		11	-	9
4. DMI		11	-	9
5. ENGINEERS		9	-	11
6. SOCIAL/HISTORY		7	-	13
7. EECS		4	-	16
NORTH DIVISION		W	-	L
1. ODIA #1		19	-	2
2. ODIA #2		14	-	7
3. MEDDAC (WHITE)		11	-	10
4. MPs		11	-	10
5. WTU		10	-	11
6. MEDDAC (MAROON)		10	-	11
7. STEWART MARINES		7	-	14
8. DOC/BAND		2	-	19

ODIA 2, MPs get playoffs started with series wins



Office of the Directorate of Intercollegiate Athletics Team 2 shortstop Joe Heskett helped his squad sweep the Stewart Marines 15-5 and 15-3 to take the West Point Summer Softball League North Division quarterfinal best-of-three series July 19. The same night, the MPs took a three-game series over the Warrior Transition Unit (1-11, 20-1 and 17-16) to move on to the North Division semifinals Wednesday versus ODIA I.

MIKE STRASSER/PV

Four Black Knights on national award preseason watch lists

By Army Athletic Communications

As the start of practice for the 2012 season approaches, four Army football players have been named to the preseason watch lists for national awards. Junior Raymond Maples is a candidate for the Doak Walker Award, which is presented to the nation's top running back, while sophomore Ryan Powis is up for the Rimington Trophy, an honor given annually to the top center in the country.

Senior Trent Steelman earned a place on the Davey O'Brien Award watch list as one of the nation's top quarterbacks, while senior defensive end Zach Watts is among the preseason candidates for the Lott IMPACT Trophy honoring the nation's top defensive player with an emphasis on off-the-field characteristics.

Maples led the Black Knights, the country's top rushing team in 2011, with 1,066 yards on the ground. He not only posted the ninth-highest rushing total in academy history, but also set an Army standard with a 7.3 yards per carry average, the best among backs with at least 100 carries in a season.

The semifinalists for the Doak Walker Award will be named on Nov. 9, and the finalists will be selected on Nov. 19. The recipient of the 2012 Doak Walker Award will be announced live on The Home Depot College Football Awards on Dec. 6.

One of the key reasons for Army's rushing success last season, starting center Ryan Powis is one of eight sophomores on the Rimington Trophy watch list. Powis started eight games as a freshman, helping Army to an academy record 4,158 yards. The Black Knights led the nation with 346.5 yards per contest.

The winner will be honored at the Rimington Trophy Presentation banquet at the Rococo Theater in Lincoln, Neb., on Jan. 12, 2013.

Steelman returns for his fourth season as Army's starting signal caller. The only player in Black Knights' history to rush for 2,000 yards and pass for 2,000 yards during a career, Steelman enters his senior season ranked fifth on Army's career total offense ledger. He needs just 242 rushing yards and eight rushing touchdowns to break the academy career marks for yards and touchdowns by a quarterback.

The 2012 Davey O'Brien Winner will be announced on The Home Depot College Football Awards on Dec. 6. The 36th annual Davey O'Brien Awards Dinner will be held Feb. 18, 2013 in Fort Worth, Texas.

The lone defender among Army's preseason award candidates, Watts was a first-team Academic All-America selection in 2011, posting 26 tackles, including 6 1/2 stops behind the line of scrimmage. He was one of three players to post three quarterback sacks last season.

The IMPACT award recognizes college football's Defensive Player of the Year who best exemplifies integrity, maturity, performance, academics, community and tenacity. Voting for the Lott IMPACT Trophy will take place throughout the season with the winner announced at the annual black-tie awards banquet Dec. 9 at the Pacific Club in Newport Beach, Calif.

The Black Knights begin preseason practice on Aug. 9 and open the season Sept. 8 at San Diego State. They make their home debut on Sept. 15 versus Northern Illinois.

All seven of Army's home games will start at noon and be televised nationally by CBS Sports Network.

Black Knight fans can order seats 24 hours a day at www.goARMYsports.com or by calling 1-877-TIX-ARMY between the hours of 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.



Senior quarterback Trent Steelman is on the Davey O'Brien Award watch list as one of the nation's top quarterbacks. He is currently the only player in Black Knights' history to rush and pass for more than 2,000 yards.

TOMMY GILLIGAN/USMA PAO