

## Supe's semi-annual "State of the Academy"

Story and photo by  
Eric S. Bartelt

Superintendent Lt. Gen. Buster Hagenbeck gave his semi-annual "State of the Academy" address to the West Point community at Robinson Auditorium Feb. 28.

The Superintendent started off the 45-minute briefing commending everyone for their efforts in making West Point the vital institution it is today and for working hard for the reason why everyone is here -- the cadets.

"It is important that we pull in the same direction," said Hagenbeck, referring to all parts of West Point coming together as a team, "and it's important because we're focused on cadets; that's why we're here."

He recognized six individuals for their outstanding achievements at the U.S. Military Academy by presenting them with coins.

Recognized were:

■ Alma Kovaci, coach of the Women's volleyball team which had a 24-5 record -- the fewest losses in school history

■ Kay Roche, Director of the West Point Child Development Center, for her leadership in providing the highest standard

of childcare for more than 200 children per day

■ Staff Sgt. Trammell Montgomery, who has maintained the highest level of competency and professionalism for the MP Company while supporting more than 2,000 funeral and honor guard missions annually

■ Debra Scully, who has served selflessly at West Point for 22 years and is now the Assistant Dean for Military Personnel where she assists the management of more than 460 officers

■ Sgt. 1st Class Jody Whitam, who as the tactical NCO for C-1 has led the Crusaders to achieve first place in the Corps cumulative GPA and number two in academic GPA

■ English professor Dr. Elizabeth Samet, whose book "Soldier's Heart: Reading Literature through Peace and War," has received critical acclaim including selection by *The New York Times* as a Top 100 notable book for 2007.

After the coins were given out, Hagenbeck touched on the academy issues of today to include the military development program as a part of the academic update.

The biggest development is moving toward a 12-week summer



Lieutenant Col. Dave Rasmussen (left foreground), USMA G-3, Maj. Alexander Mentis (center), an instructor in the Dept. of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, discuss the proposed schedule changes with Superintendent Lt. Gen. Buster Hagenbeck after Hagenbeck's semi-annual briefing to the West Point community in Robinson Auditorium February 28.

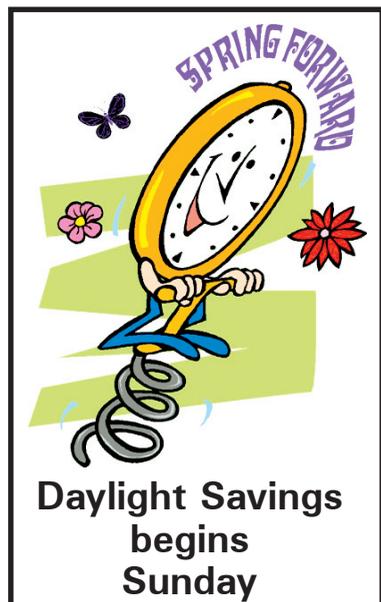
training program, which has been at 10 weeks for many years and will go up to 11 weeks this summer.

Hagenbeck believes the three four-week blocks will help from an academics, physical and, most importantly, a military aspect.

"(This) allows for more flexibility for cadets (to work on) the kinds of things they need to improve on as well as develop their areas of strength," Hagenbeck explained. "It will also allow us to change the basic summer model

that we've used since the 1950s where the vast majority of the military training of cadets occurs in the first 14-to-15 months, and

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## IRR Soldiers to have one-day muster

By HRC Public Affairs

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (Army News Service) -- The U.S. Army Human Resources Command will conduct a muster of about 10,000 Individual Ready Reserve Soldiers beginning this month.

The muster is a follow-on to the successful pilot program the Army conducted last year, HRC officials said.

This year HRC, with support from the U.S. Army Reserve Command, will conduct three different types of one-day musters -- readiness musters, personnel accountability musters and unit

affiliation musters -- at Army Reserve Centers located across the continental United States.

There will be eight readiness musters conducted between March and June at eight different locations:

- Fort Devens, Mass.
- Los Alamitos, Calif.
- Fort Lawton, Wash.
- Fort Totten, N.Y.
- Decatur, Ga.
- Arlington Heights, Ill.
- Grand Prairie, Texas
- Fort Meade, Md.

The readiness muster is a one-day event consisting of readiness and personnel accountability tasks

such as a Reserve Component orientation brief, records review, security clearance updates, medical and dental screening, identification card issue, presentation of training and unit opportunities and exit surveys.

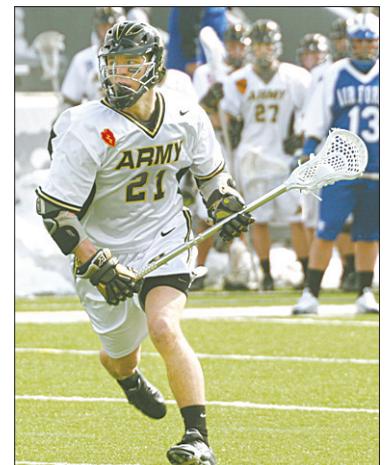
The readiness muster is typically conducted for Soldiers assigned to the IRR for more than 12 months.

The Army will also conduct personnel accountability musters at more than 450 Army Reserve Centers in the continental United States and abroad.

The personnel accountability

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## Community Emergency Preparedness -- know your neighbors

By Henry Cervantes,  
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Over the past several months we have published articles on individual and Family emergency preparedness issues. Now I am providing you emergency planning information that will help our West Point community respond to any emergency that could happen in or near the installation.

We all rely and depend on our law enforcement, fire department and emergency medical teams to help us during an emergency, from a kitchen fire to a major medical crisis.

But what happens if these first responders are also victims of a regional emergency situation? Major road damage or debris could impede their movements while they're trying to reach an affected area. Or they could become

overwhelmed trying to assist a large number of victims of the emergency.

Any of these situations or others can delay first responders from reaching you and providing necessary assistance. That's why it is so important that everyone be able to take care of themselves as much as possible.

Department of Homeland Security and FEMA suggest Families have plans to sustain themselves for 2-4 days. A well-prepared Family should possess a disaster plan, a communications plan, disaster supply kits for your home, car and workplace and a pet emergency plan. It's not easy taking the time to do all of these things, but it's important. Just ask anyone who lives in Florida (hurricanes), the Midwest (tornados) or West Coast (earthquakes).

Now that you're ready to take care of yourself and your Family, how about your neighbors? If a major emergency happens in our area, it's going to affect all of us and we'll want to take care of each other. Plan on doing one of

two things if a major emergency happens here -- shelter-in-place or evacuation. If officials decide it's safer for you to stay indoors, you'll be told to stay in your home, school or workplace. If there is time, officials may decide an evacuation of the area is needed, but this is an extreme measure.

There are two types of evacuations that could be ordered. One is a partial evacuation of a specific area due to an incident affecting only part of the installation, such as a HazMat incident near the railroad tracks. Temporary shelter areas will be set up for those affected by the incident. The other would be a total evacuation of the installation because of a large natural or man-made emergency that will not only affect West Point but the surrounding area.

A total evacuation would mean relocating to regional emergency shelters. You're off the installation when this happens and your children are in the on-post schools or CDC. Will your neighbor be able to help you? Certainly, if you've already prepared your child emergency

plan with them.

Your car is not available to you if an evacuation order is issued, what should you do? Neighbors can help each other by making sure they leave the installation with a full car. By getting to know your neighbors now, you'll know if they'll need a ride in an emergency situation and vice versa.

Since emergencies can happen at anytime, you can't count on being home or on the installation when they do. If your children are at school, do you know when, where or how you can pick them up if there is an emergency at the school?

Off-post schools could evacuate their students to a safe location. If this happens, do you know who to call to find out where your child is located? If your children are at the on-post CDC and you work off the installation and can't get back during an emergency, will someone else be able to pick them up? This is where your neighbors can help you.

Reaching out to your neighbors  
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### Letter of thanks to the West Point community

I want to thank the West Point community for your outpouring of concern and assistance.

My wife Monique slipped on some ice and broke her leg on Valentine's Day while getting our children off to school. From the moment she slipped until now, your compassion and generosity have been nothing short of incredible.

From caring for our children to assisting Monique in the house, you've eased her burden considerably ... and mine as well.

While I'm unable to be there to assist her in her time of need, you have shown what Army Family values are all about.

I can never repay you for your kindness ... but be confident that we'll never forget you.

Thanks again.

Colonel Bill Macken  
Camp Arifjan, Kuwait  
(Editor's note: Macken was the previous AG here.)

### Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

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Rules: Fill in the empty cells with the digits 1-9 so that no

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

Difficulty: Easy

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## SAPR-P

The members of the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program are Col. Jeanette McMahon, Shelley Ariosto (Garrison), Dan Toohey (Victim Advocate), Maj. Maria Burger (USCC), Maj. Kim Kawamoto (ODIA) and Lt. Col. Tasha Williams (Dean).

Community members can e-mail McMahon at [Jeanette.McMahon@usma.edu](mailto:Jeanette.McMahon@usma.edu) for advice or to offer any recommendations on the program here.

Cadets can also call the sexual assault support helpline at (845) 591-7215. West Point Soldiers and civilians needing assistance can call (845) 938-3369.

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# Local and National News

## Latest West Point reenlistment breaks records

Story and photo by  
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Staff Sgt. Dustin Williams made a career commitment to the Army February 28 when he reenlisted indefinitely to continue his career path as a noncommissioned officer.

The native of Sturgis, S.D., is currently an instructor in the Department of Military Instruction and teaches Military Science 100 and 200.

An infantryman by trade, he reenlisted for the Military Transition Team, which works with indigenous people in a different country to help train them against insurgents or terrorist elements.

He will receive his 90-day training at Fort Riley, Kan., and will then deploy to Afghanistan at a later date.

The 10-year Army veteran of two tours in Iraq signed on for indefinite status, which will take him to his 22nd year in the military.

While his reenlistment is no different than the 47 other Soldiers that have reenlisted at West Point

in fiscal year 2008, his did produce two historical marks for the U.S. Military Academy.

First, West Point became the first major command in the Army to meet its fiscal year 2008 retention mission in all five categories across the board -- initial term, mid-career, careerist, fiscal year 2008 ETSers and Reserves, according to Master Sgt. John Cage, West Point's Command Career Counselor, who verified Army G-1's record numbers.

Secondly, it is historic because West Point accomplished these annual mission goals in the shortest time of any unit to date. However, Cage said, the Army has only been going by annual numbers since 2005 when it previously went by quarterly numbers for reenlistment goals.

"We have an annual mission of 36 (reenlistees) and we're already at 200 percent in our initial term (first time reenlistments), 140 percent for our mid-career reenlistments (second time reenlistees) and we've met our '08 mission at 167 percent," Cage said. "We don't have a reserve mission here, but we've



Staff Sgt. Dustin Williams (right) receives the oath of enlistment from Col. Peter Curry, Director of the Dept. of Military Instruction during his reenlistment ceremony February 28.

put three Soldiers into the Reserve components and (Williams') reenlistment makes 100 percent for the career category ... We've already exceeded the total number

mission goal, but we had to make it per category, otherwise, it doesn't count."

It may not seem like a lot, according to Cage, with the

reenlistment of 48 people, or at least 36 here to meet the aggregate mission, but reenlistment numbers are done by the population percentage of Soldiers who reenlist to the actual number of Soldiers on post. So while Fort Campbell may need to reenlist 3,000 Soldiers a year to meet its goals, it is still the same percentage needed as West Point needed to reach for its year-end needs, as stated by the Department of the Army.

With 48 reenlistees, West Point

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## TSP TICKER

March changes (as of 03/06)

C FUND	+ 0.27 percent
I FUND	- 0.31 percent
S FUND	- 0.11 percent

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that model has not changed in any dramatic way.

"(Our firsties) will go through something akin to a Warrior Forge that our ROTC brethren go through at Fort Lewis to better prepare them for BOLC and what the Army's going to ask them to do shortly after commissioning," he added. "The notion is that they will be more aware of the skill sets that will be expected of them as they go through their BOLC courses and their branch schools, and what's to be expected with the new tactical procedures they'll need to execute when they get to Iraq and Afghanistan."

Hagenbeck also provided a Community Update mentioning the new Director of Admissions Col. Deb McDonald; Keller Army Community Hospital named number one in patient satisfaction among medium-sized treatment facilities across the Department of Defense; the new Warrior Transition Unit; and the Residential Communities Initiative.

Lease signing for RCI will start April 1 and RCI will become

fully operational by July 1 to help improve the quality of homes at West Point. Although, one of the biggest issues is the loss of 140 homes in the process.

"I don't know how it's going to play out ... if we can make a compelling argument for some more homes to be built around here then we'll be able to do that," Hagenbeck said. "The notion is that we will follow the DA model from the team that came in here about what was needed and what wasn't. Stony Lonesome I will come down soon ... but there will be no new homes built there.

"It will take eight years to get it completely rolled over as we move people around," he added, "and taking things down and renovating inside and outside."

Questions then came fast and furious from the crowd in Robinson Auditorium to include thoughts about holidays being taken, specifically Veterans Day, a way to fit more days into the academic schedule to coincide with the change in the summer schedule, and building maintenance.

# PEO Soldier modernization at good value

By C. Todd Lopez

WASHINGTON (Army News Service) -- The Army is now modernizing what Soldiers wear, carry and fight with at a rate faster than at any time in history.

"Modernization is occurring at mach speed in the Soldier's world," said Brig. Gen. Robert M. Brown, Program Executive Officer, Soldier and commanding general, U.S. Army Soldier Systems Center, during a session at the Association of the United States Army's Institute of Land Warfare Winter Symposium and Exposition in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

## 400 Programs Underway

The general said body armor has undergone nine changes in the past four years, while the helmet has undergone four changes in the past three years. And today, PEO Soldier is fielding a brigade with the 4th Infantry Division with a computer chip in the helmet to monitor the effects of blast and overpressure on mild traumatic brain injury.

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is at 133 percent of its yearly goal within the first six months of the fiscal year, which broke the command's record by nearly three months. It didn't hit 36 total (100 percent aggregate) until May 22 last year.

The Army has 17 commands that it issues the retention mission to and Cage feels it's an exciting time at West Point where Soldiers want to stay in the military and that, he said, reflects greatly on the command.

"This is awesome and I credit

"We are modernizing the Soldier faster than we have at any time in the U.S. Army," he said. "It is our belief that the U.S. Army Soldier today is the most survivable, lethal, capable Soldier in the history of warfare. We need to keep it that way and we need to improve it."

PEO Soldier views the Soldier as part of an integrated system, and ensures that the Soldier and everything he or she wears or carries works together as part of that integrated system.

While the technology PEO delivers to the Soldier is groundbreaking, so is the amount of money being spent to put that technology in Soldiers' hands. Brown told generals and defense industry insiders at the symposium that he believed the cost of equipping Soldiers with the best technology is worth it.

"We are spending much more on the U.S. Soldier than we ever have before -- is that a good value?" Brown asked. "If you believe that fewer Soldiers, doing more, and coming home alive is a good value

the Soldiers and the command for (reaching these goals)," Cage explained. "This is a reflection of the leadership here at West Point, because folks reenlist because of leadership and we're leading the way.

"It's also a total team involvement from those within the command and branch managers who are willing to accommodate Soldiers," he continued, "and assist them with the assignments that the Soldiers want."

-- then this is a bargain. It'd be a bargain at two or three times the price."

Some of the 400 programs championed by PEO Soldier include the Land Warrior system, the body armor program and the M-4 Carbine rifle.

## M-4 Carbine

"All the scientific test results show the M-4 Carbine is a world-class weapon," Brown said. "And in many applications, it performs better than its peers."

The M-4 Carbine can replace such weapons as the M-3 submachine gun, the M-9 pistol and the M-16A2 rifle. The weapon brings improved firepower compared to the weapons it replaces, and is a pound lighter than the M-16.

General Brown said surveys on the M-4 show Soldiers have high confidence in the weapon and that it will remain the Army's primary weapon until the technologies PMO Soldier is currently working on have matured.

The general said the rifle has undergone some 68 substantive changes since it was first fielded: "the M-4 Carbine is not your dad's M-4 Carbine."

## Body Armor

For protecting Soldiers, PEO Soldier has brought on what Brown says is the best armor available today.

"We know that because we live-fire test every single solution," he said. "We don't give a solution to the Soldier unless it's passed the live-fire test. We know it because it's battle proven. We have vignette upon vignette of the body armor performing well beyond specification. And we have continually improved that body armor."

The most recent improvements to Soldier's body armor includes the fielding of the improved outer tactical vest.

The side-opening vest increases soft ballistic coverage and adjusts for better comfort. The vest also includes an emergency quick-release that allows Soldiers to remove the vest in emergency situations.

Depending on the size of the vest, the weight of the body armor system has been decreased by as much as 3.8 pounds.

## Land Warrior System

Finally, Brown discussed the Land Warrior system, an integrated

digital fighting system that improves situational awareness and survivability for dismounted Soldiers. The system provides digital imagery and GPS location information that provides Soldiers exact locations of enemies or improvised explosive devices.

The Land Warrior system was sent in to battle in spring 2007 with the 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 4th (Stryker) Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division.

"The 4-9th 'Manchus' requested to take this system with them to Iraq in their deployment," Brown said. "As it turns out they have been very pleased with the performance of that system, and I think one of the things that pleases them most is the rapid improvement in the system."

In September 2006, about half a year before the "Manchus"

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muster is intended for Soldiers in the first 12 months of being assigned to the IRR.

The purpose of this muster is to educate the Soldier on participation requirements and present training and promotion opportunities.

They are also offered the Post Deployment Health Reassessment Program and are required to update their personal information.

New this year is a test pilot program called the unit affiliation muster, which involves a visit by the IRR Soldier to a Reserve unit in addition to muster activities.

Orders will be issued to the IRR Soldiers to report to a local Reserve Center, and they will be paid \$190 for successfully completing the muster.

IRR Soldiers who complete their muster requirement will be credited as satisfactory participants for the year.

“The muster program not only affords us the opportunity to collect required information but also

allows our Reserve Soldiers to remain IRR members. There are a lot of opportunities available to them through either more active IRR participation, affiliation with an Army Reserve Troop Program Unit, or volunteering to mobilize in support of the Global War on Terrorism,” said Lt. Col. Craig Smith, who is in charge of the Army’s IRR Muster Program this year.

A Soldier typically becomes a member of the IRR after successfully completing a tour of duty as a Regular or Reserve Army Soldier. Soldiers remain members of the IRR until their total military service obligation expires.

Officers are required to submit a request for resignation of their commission to be removed from the IRR rolls.

Soldiers who retire after 20 years of service are not kept in the IRR unless it is of their own accord.

Persons who are unsure of

their status may telephone the Communications Hub Office of U.S. Army Human Resources Command at 1-800-318-5298.

These musters are part of readiness screening operations undertaken by the Army as part of a seven-year program to optimize the operational and strategic value of the IRR, according to HRC officials.

They said the program aims to improve individual deployment readiness levels and maintain a reliable database of IRR Soldiers who can be used to support the Army in the war on terrorism.

All military services are required, by statute and DOD policy, to continuously screen and provide training to members of the IRR.

The Army has had the regulatory authority for many years to conduct a physical muster, HRC officials said, adding that due to lack of funding they did not conduct a muster program until last year.

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prepared to deploy, the Ground Warrior system underwent user testing. Then, the system weighed 17 pounds.

“That’s far too much for a dismounted infantryman,” Brown said. “But with feedback from the Manchus, we were able to knock that weight down in a very short period of time from 17 to 10 pounds. They took it into battle; the reliability was very high, and they found out they like all the situational awareness capabilities it brought to the table.”

Even as the Manchus used the system in Iraq, PEO Soldier worked to further reduce the weight of the system. The weight has been dropped to seven pounds, and Brown said they expect to reduce it even further.

Brown also said other Army units are interested in the system, and the Army is working with the Marine Corps with the expectation they too will be interested in the future.



**The Land Warrior system is an integrated digital fighting system that improves situational awareness and survivability for dismounted Soldiers. It provides digital imagery and GPS location information that provides Soldiers enemy or improvised explosive device locations. Before being fielded in Iraq, the system’s weight was reduced by seven pounds.**

PHOTO BY PEO SOLDIER

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is critical to a well-developed emergency plan. Neighbors should work together to prepare child emergency plans. Those who are at home during the day could be authorized to pick up their neighbors’ children and look after them until parents can get home.

Children who go off-post for school, shopping or to visit friends should have an on-post neighbors’ telephone number to call during an emergency situation, in case they aren’t able to contact their parents.

Parents should have this phone number too so they can check with their neighbors on messages from their children or to leave messages for their children.

When you have someone taking care of your children at home, while you’re at work, shopping or going out to dinner, etc., does the sitter know what to do during an emergency? Tell your neighbors you’re going out and that your children are at home with a sitter. Ask the neighbors to check on everyone in your home if an emergency happens and to help them follow the instructions provided by installation officials.

The issues I’ve brought up only begin to scratch the surface of the problems we could face as a community in an emergency

situation. By working together we can prepare ourselves to react to an emergency in a calm and rational way. I encourage you to talk about emergency preparedness issues with your neighbors and co-workers.

There are various opportunities available to volunteer for community emergency response training in our

area. Visit the Red Cross office near the Visitors Center, call them at 845-938-4100 or visit their Web site at [www.nyredcross.org](http://www.nyredcross.org). For more emergency preparedness information visit the West Point Community Emergency Preparedness Information Web site -- [www.usma.edu/Garrison/sites/directorates/dptms/cepip/](http://www.usma.edu/Garrison/sites/directorates/dptms/cepip/).

### Correction

Due to a reporting error in the Feb. 29 issue of the *Pointer View*® on page 7, Sgt. 1st Class Carol Ann Oberwager, NCOIC of the Dept. of Radiology and Basic Life Support Program Director at KACH, was identified as Sgt. 1st Class Agnes Schendl.

# Update your faded and unreadable DOD decals

by Capt. Alan Pearson  
Chief, Law Enforcement  
Branch, DES

Does your decal look like the one in this picture?

If so, you need to get a new one. Not only is this one outdated, but a new campaign to remove weathered, faded and unreadable vehicle DOD decals from West Point began on Saturday.

All individuals with DOD decals that are not valid because of their condition are required to get new ones from the Vehicle Registration Window in Bldg. 616, the Provost Marshal Office.

Beginning May 1, Military Police, in conjunction with their

random anti-terrorism measures and in accordance with USMA Regulation 190-5, will cite individuals with faded/unreadable decals.

The vehicle registration system allows for the Military Police and the security forces on West Point to have better visibility on individuals and vehicles entering the installation.

All members of the West Point community can help to maintain this DOD security measure.

Vehicle Registration is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m and 2 to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and is closed on Thursdays, weekends, and holidays.



Expired and unreadable DOD decals will begin getting citations starting May 1.

JIM FOX/PAO

## Local and National News

# West Point Pandemic flu exercise conducted by IMCOM

By Henry Cervantes  
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West Point held the 2008 installation pandemic influenza table top exercise February 27 at the Jewish Chapel.

Representatives from installation agencies, organizations and directorates, as well as emergency management officials from the New York State Emergency Management Office - Region II, Orange County Division of Emergency Management and Public Health, Stewart Air National Guard Base and the American Red Cross participated in this training exercise to improve the installation's response to a potential pandemic influenza outbreak.

The exercise was conducted by Bud Droke, Senior Military Analyst, Installation Management Command Northeast Region, Fort Monroe, Va., and Lt. Col. Kirk Vincent, Office of the Surgeon General, Washington, D.C., who provided scenarios for the assembled personnel to discuss amongst themselves and then led a general discussion of responses to the scenarios.

A great deal of valuable

information was shared and discussed during the exercise, including mutual response actions and capabilities of West Point's outside partner organizations.

At the conclusion of the exercise, attendees left with a better understanding of the problems that could arise during a pandemic influenza outbreak and the actions their organizations need to take to

continue their primary missions.

One important item everyone learned is they need to know how to take care of themselves and their family members during a public health emergency.

For more information on pandemic influenza and how you can protect yourself and your family members visit [www.pandeemicflu.gov](http://www.pandeemicflu.gov).



West Point personnel joined emergency management officials from the greater Hudson Valley area in a table top exercise to discuss their actions should a pandemic flu outbreak occur.

JOE COLOMBO/DPTMS

# Community Features and Photos

## WP Faculty Member named Olympic Hall of Fame finalist

WEST POINT, N.Y. -- John Morgan, winner of 13 gold medals in swimming in the Paralympic Games, was recently named one of five Paralympic nominees for the United States Olympic Hall of Fame.

Morgan, the lead researcher in the Department of Foreign Language's Center for Languages, Cultures, and Regional Studies, dominated the 1984 and 1992 Paralympic games.

During the Barcelona games, he won 10 medals and set six world and two Paralympic records. In

the two Olympiads, Morgan won a combined 15 medals.

Morgan is one of five finalists in the Paralympian category, and online voting to help determine the winner will continue until March 28.

Retired Lt. Col. Lones W. Wigger, Jr., a three-time Olympian and father of Army Rifle Coach Maj. Ron Wigger, was also nominated and is in competition for one of the individual induction slots against 17 other nominees. Six individuals will be selected from the group of 18.

The 2008 inductees, including six individual finalists, one Paralympian and one team, will be announced during the week of April 14.

An awards ceremony to honor this year's inductees will take place June 19 in Chicago.

To vote for both of these fine athletes, go to the U.S Olympic Hall of Fame Web site at [www.usolympichalloffame.com](http://www.usolympichalloffame.com).



## What is ICE and why use it?

By Bryan McDowell  
Plans, Analysis and Integration  
Office



Have you ever wanted to comment on the great service that you received at West Point, but just did not know who to say it to? Maybe you have a suggestion that could help improve the customer service you just received, but did not think anyone would listen.

Well here is your solution -- the Interactive Customer Evaluation (ICE) system is a way to get your opinions and ideas heard.

Make an ICE comment and let managers hear what you have to say. Give them an opportunity to

recognize their employees for their hard work or give suggestions to make your next experience and the experience of others better.

At the U.S. Army Garrison, West Point, such services as the Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation; Directorate of Logistics; Directorate of Public Works and others want to hear what you have to say. These activities cover a wide variety of

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## *Jewish Chapel Choir tours U.S.S. Enterprise*

Members of the Jewish Chapel Choir Cadet 3rd Class TJ Harris, Cadet 4th Class Myles Melnicoff, and Cadets 3rd Class Alex Saul and Eric Williams are being shown the hangar bay (where the planes are kept when the ship is at sea and not in use for air operations) of the U.S.S. Enterprise (CBN-65), the Navy's first nuclear carrier, with Petty Officer Russell of the ship's crew as part of their ship's tour.

The tour was part of their trip to the Norfolk, Va. area where the Choir performed at Temple Israel, spending the Jewish Sabbath with members of the congregation, touring the ship, receiving a behind-the-scenes tour of the Virginia Zoo and visiting a hands-on exhibition of ancient weapons.

PHOTOS BY SUSAN SCHWARTZ/OIC

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services that the entire West Point community uses, ranging from Child Care to the Cadet Mess Hall, from the Five Star Inn to the West Point Club.

These activities and more want your feedback to see what you think about the services being provided. It is as simple as a quick click on the computer. The small amount of time devoted to making a comment can make all the difference.

ICE comments can be sent from your computer by going to <http://ice.disa.mil>. Then type USMA into the search field and find the category of service you received to locate the service that was rendered to you. We hope everyone continues to participate in this program and let us serve you the best we can.

**ICE**  
Interactive Customer Evaluation

## ANSWERS

Thanks to all of you for your comments and concerns about the services that you receive at West Point.

**ISSUE:** Where can community members find AAFES and Commissary services on the ICE Web site?

**RESPONSE:** These services can be found by clicking on the Shopping and Services category. Also, services offered by AAFES such as the Barber Shop, Beauty Salon, etc., can be found by using the AAFES ICE comment card and selecting the appropriate service you are evaluating.

If you have issues finding information or have any questions about the ICE Web site, call Bryan McDowell at 938-4277 or send in a Site comment through the ICE Web site at <http://ice.disa.mil> [remember to leave your contact information]. You will receive a response within 24-48 hours.

<http://ice.disa.mil/>

# Community Leisure

## ConAgra finds two Hunt's brands affected by recall

FORT LEE, Va. -- According to the Defense Commissary Agency, ConAgra has identified two products affected by the Westland/Hallmark Meatpacking recall and has begun a product withdrawal of its Hunt's Meat-Flavored Spaghetti Sauce and Hunt's Manwich Original Sloppy Joe Sauce.

As a result, the Defense Commissary Agency has removed the following product from its

stores' shelves:

■ Hunt's Meat-Flavored Spaghetti Sauce, 26.5 ounces, UPC: 2700042380.

■ Hunt's Manwich Original Sloppy Joe Sauce with ground beef,

18 ounces, UPC: 5010033515.

According to the USDA, these products present little or no food safety risk, and no illnesses

have been associated with the recalled Westland beef. ConAgra is removing the affected products from distribution as a precaution per the USDA's guidance, the company said in list of questions and answers.

Consumers are advised to call ConAgra at 800-858-6372 for questions about Hunt's Meat-Flavored Spaghetti Sauce or 800-730-8700 for Manwich

Original Sloppy Joe Sauce with ground beef.

Commissary customers can return the product to the place of purchase for a full refund.

Customers can also get more information on this and other recalls by going to the DeCA Web site at [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com), visit the "Food Safety" section and access links to various consumer safety sites.

## DECA implements UPC lockout to help prevent purchases of recalled products

FORT LEE, Va. – When a product recall is announced, store personnel normally pull the items from the sales area to ensure that they are not sold. The Defense Commissary Agency has now gone beyond the norm of food safety by implementing a "fail-safe" response system that prevents recalled products from scanning at the checkout stand.

Through a procedure called Universal Product Code "lockout," DeCA can ensure that recalled products are not inadvertently sold to customers. It is one more check in a food defense network designed to safeguard the health of commissary

customers, said DeCA Acting Director Rick Page.

"We made use of existing commissary front-end technology to start a Universal Product Code 'lockout' on recalled items," Page said. "We're always researching, testing and fine-tuning ways to ensure food safety for our customers."

Springing from a suggestion made to all retailers by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and U.S. Department of Agriculture, the UPC lockout provides a low-cost safeguard in making sure recalled items don't find their way back on the shelves or into a

customer's shopping cart. DeCA officials immediately went to work to make that suggestion become a requirement for worldwide commissaries.

"We can now block an entire UPC at the register," Page said. "We've closed that loop. A recalled product scanned at the register would prompt a flag indicating the item is not for sale so it will not ring up."

The UPC block cannot be used on a recall for a specific lot number or date, Page said, though that capability could emerge in the future. For now, the system blocks an entire UPC. If the product becomes safe to sell again, commissaries simply remove the lockout.

DeCA's public health staff said three recalls in 2007 required removal of an entire UPC and would have been perfect candidates for a lockout.

Commissaries receive swift notification of recalls, prompting immediate removal of any recalled product from shelves.

**Cadet Fine Arts Forum's  
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[davina.hunt@usma.edu](mailto:davina.hunt@usma.edu)

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### Community Mayors needed

Looking for Community Mayors to represent our communities. Areas in need of mayors are Biddle Loop, Lee Area, Old Brick and Stony II (Enlisted). Call 938-7731.

### Command Channel 8/23

**March 7 - 14**

**Friday**

8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch  
1 p.m. Army Newswatch  
6 p.m. Army Newswatch  
7 p.m. Army Rifle Program

**Monday through March 14**

8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch  
1 p.m. Army Newswatch  
6 p.m. Army Newswatch

## NOW SHOWING

in the movie theater  
at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752

**Friday -- Cloverfield, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**  
**Saturday -- Meet the Spartans, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**  
**Rambo, R, 9:30 p.m.**

**March 14 -- The Bucket List, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**  
**March 15 -- The Eye, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**

THE THEATER SCHEDULE CAN ALSO BE FOUND AT  
[WWW.AAFES.COM](http://WWW.AAFES.COM)

# FMWR Blurbs

## Army Emergency Relief

The Campaign runs through April 18.

The AER mission is to provide emergency financial assistance to active duty Soldiers, retirees and their dependents.

Emergency assistance is also provided to surviving spouses and orphans of Soldiers who died while on active duty or after they have retired.

For more information, or to make a contribution, call 938-5653.

## FMWR Craft Shop

Kids craft classes Saturday mornings at the MWR Craft shop from 10 a.m. to Noon.

For class schedule, go to [www.westpointmwr.com](http://www.westpointmwr.com).

Limited space available. Call 938-4812.

## N.Y. State Hunter Safety Course

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A N.Y. State Hunter Safety Course will be at Round Pond **March 14**, from 6 to 10 p.m. and **March 15**, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Participants must attend both classes.

Classes are free and held at Bonneville Cabin.

Pre-registration required as seating is limited. To pre-register, call 938-2503.

## Volunteer of the Year Award

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2008 Volunteer of the Year Award.

Nominations due NLT March 14 and can be completed online at [www.westpointmwr.com](http://www.westpointmwr.com).

All West Point volunteers are eligible for nomination.

Awards will be given at the

Annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony on April 21 at Noon in the West Point Club Grand Ballroom.

For info, call 938-3655.

## Honky Tonk Friday

Honky Tonk Friday at the West Point Club, March 28, 7 to 11 p.m.

Come down to the Club for some good old fashioned fun!

Dance the night away with music by John Sorgente of Indigo. Buffet style dinner will be served.

For a complete menu, visit the Club online at [www.westpointmwr.com](http://www.westpointmwr.com) or call 938-5120.

## St. Patrick's Day Parade

See the St. Patrick's Day Parade in New York City with ITR on March 17.

Transportation leaves West Point at 10 a.m., returns at 5 p.m. Call 938-3601.

## Financial Readiness Training

ACS is hosting Financial Readiness Training for First Term Soldiers on Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., in the ACS Training Room, Bldg. 622.

This training is mandatory for those at their first duty station.

For more info, call 938-5653.

Registration is required at least two days prior to class.

## Child & Youth Services Summer Camp

Registration is now underway for the West Point Child & Youth Services Summer Camp at the Outreach Services Office in Building 1207.

Military Families, whether using SAS program or not, must register by today.

Prior Summer Camp Patrons, register from Monday at 6:30 a.m.

to Wednesday.

Open registration begins March 17 and goes through March 21.

Open registration is for patrons who have not used the summer camp program or did not attend School Age Services or West Point Child Development Center care in 2007.

Call 938-4458 for more info.

## Running groups forming

Get Ready to Run! The FMWR Fitness Center announces two new running groups starting in March.

Beginners will work up to two miles and advanced runners will train for the New Jersey Half Marathon.

The groups will be led by certified personal trainer Andrea Ingram.

Call 938-6490 to sign up or for more information.

## Post Library

The West Point Post Library's Spring Story Hour will be held Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. through April 29.

Open to all WP community children ages 3-5.

Registration required on a weekly basis.

For more information, stop by the Library or call 938-2974.

## AFTB Leadership Classes

ACS will be holding AFTB Leadership Class Series on the following dates:

April 10 from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m., "Leadership Styles."

Sign up deadline is April 3.

April 24 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., "Leadership Assisted Problem Solving."

Sign up deadline is April 24.

May 8 from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m., "Coaching and Mentoring."

Sign up deadline is May 1.

ACS will provide child care. Call 938-5654

## Bands for the Brave

Free resistance bands for deployed or deploying Soldiers.

Pick them up at the MWR Fitness Center.

## CYS Skies programs

Open registration for various Child and Youth Services SKIES programs. For info, go to [www.westpointmwr.com](http://www.westpointmwr.com).

## FCC needs child-care providers

Family Child Care is looking for high quality child-care providers to provide child care in their government quarters for authorized family members of children from four weeks to 12 years of age.

Call 938-3921 for more information and to begin training.

## Military OneSource

Military OneSource offers FREE tax preparation and filing for your federal and state taxes.

File your taxes online using Tax Cut Basic at [www.militaryonesource.com](http://www.militaryonesource.com).

For more info, call 1-800-342-9647.

## West Point Tax Center open

Federal and state income tax preparation is available free of charge for active duty military servicemembers, military retirees, and immediate family members at the WP Tax Center.

IRS-trained tax preparers are available to answer your questions and file your tax return from 8:30 to 11:45 a.m. and from 1 to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Walk-ins are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, while scheduled appointments are given top priority.

Please call (845) 938-5920 to schedule an appointment.

[www.westpointmwr.com](http://www.westpointmwr.com)

# What's Happening

## WPS PTO Candy Sale

The West Point PTO annual Gertrude Hawk chocolate and candy fundraiser will be available online at [gertrudehawkchocolates.com](http://gertrudehawkchocolates.com) from now through March 14. For questions, contact Rachel Schmoyer at 859-4194.

## Founders Day Celebration

West Point staff, faculty and community members are invited to celebrate the 206th year of the founding of West Point at a Founders Day dinner presented by the West Point Society of the Mid-Hudson Region March 29 at 6 p.m., at the Herbert Alumni Center, 698 Mills Road, West Point.

Tickets are available at [www.aogusma.org/soc/midhudson/](http://www.aogusma.org/soc/midhudson/) (click on "Upcoming Events") or by e-mailing Jack McDonald at [jmcdonald1981@mindspring.com](mailto:jmcdonald1981@mindspring.com). Please R.S.V.P. by today.

## Bernard Curtis Brown II Memorial Space Camp Scholarship

The Bernard Curtis Brown II Memorial Space Camp scholarship covers the full tuition (round trip transportation, meals, lodging, and program materials) for selected students to attend Space Camp in Huntsville, Ala.

Space Camp is a place where kids come together for a journey they will never forget.

The Space Camp is an eight-day program that shows young men and women first-hand what it takes to be an astronaut.

Activities include simulated Space Shuttle missions, training simulators, rocket building and launches, scientific experiments, and lectures of the past, present, and future of space exploration. The application deadline is Monday.

Apply at [www.militarychild.org/SpaceCamp.asp](http://www.militarychild.org/SpaceCamp.asp).

## WPS PTO Book Fair

West Point Elementary and Middle Schools' PTO Scholastic Book Fair is Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Family Events are Wednesday starting with Sunrise Shopping from 7 to 8 a.m. and then Family Night from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

All Book Fair events take place in the WPS New Gym Lobby.

The West Point community is invited to attend and help raise

funds for the West Point Schools.

## Book Signings

John L. Johnson will sign his book *Every Night & Every Morn - Portraits of Asian, Hispanic, Jewish, African-American, and Native-American Recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor* Tuesday from 9:15 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Michael J. Durant will sign his books, *The Night Stalkers* and *In the Company of Heroes*, about his experiences with the U.S. Army Special Operations Blackhawk April 4 from 9 to 11 a.m.

All signings are at the USMA Bookstore, Thayer Hall, 4th floor.

## Red Cross Volunteers

Volunteers are needed for the Front Desk at Keller Army Community Hospital. The hours are flexible.

Call 938-4100 to volunteer.

## West Point Hunting Club

The West Point Hunting Club is having a meeting to re-establish the club Wednesday in Thayer 144 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The West Point community is invited. Contact Raymond Parrot at 938-3773 or Edwin Gargas at 938-2883 with any questions or for more information.

## DUSA scholarship applications

To be eligible to receive this DUSA scholarship, the applicant must be a graduating high school senior and the son or daughter of an active, retired or deceased U.S. military service member whose Family resides at West Point at the time the scholarship is awarded.

Applications can be acquired through your local high school counselors at James O'Neill HS or Cornwall Central HS or by contacting Linda Frey at [gfrey1@hvc.rr.com](mailto:gfrey1@hvc.rr.com).

The completed application packet must be postmarked or hand delivered by 5 p.m., March 14, to:

DUSA Scholarships, c/o Linda Frey, 530B Winans Rd., West Point, NY 10996.

## Les Miserables at O'Neill

The students of James I. O'Neill High School will present their spring musical, *Les Miserables*. Show times are: March 14 at 7 p.m., March 15 at 2 and 7 p.m., and March 16 at 3 p.m.

For reserved ticket information, please phone 446-8341.

## O'Neill Booster Club

The James O'Neill High School Sports Booster Club presents a St. Patrick's dinner-dance March 14 from 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., at Nicole's with a buffet, DJ and cash bar.

For tickets call: Jean Talman 417-5623, Jill Gathers 446-9774 or Jo Michaels 446-0370.

## Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center Spring Break Schedule

March 15 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

March 16 1 to 9 p.m.

March 17 through 22 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

March 23 CLOSED

March 24 5:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

## DUSA Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Come and Join in the "Hunt." DUSA's Annual Easter Egg Hunt is March 15 at 2 p.m. at Trophy Point for children up to 10 years of age.

Come see the Easter Bunny and bring a basket.

## Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast

The Highland Falls Fire Department is sponsoring a Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast March 16 from 7:30 a.m. to Noon.

The buffet style breakfast is free for children under 5.

## Volkssports Club

Calling all Girl Scouts!

The Volkssports Club of West Point and Heart of the Hudson Girl Scout Council will hold a volksmarch March 16, in Goshen, N.Y.

There will be two trails of 5 km and 10 km.

Registration will be from 1 to 2:20 p.m., at the First Presbyterian Church, 33 Park Place, Goshen.

All participants must be finished by 5:30 p.m.

For more information call Joan Kimmel 845-462-6845 or e-mail [volkssportclubofwestpoint@hotmail.com](mailto:volkssportclubofwestpoint@hotmail.com).

## Opera at the Café

The Dept. of Foreign Languages, as part of its Performing Arts Series, hosts Jane Cormier and the Lake Region Opera Company, March 25 at 7 p.m. at Ike Hall.

Cormier and her company will be presenting Opera at the Café -- an entertaining, amusing and interactive opera experience that includes beautiful operatic selections and dancing.

Performers of Opera at the Café will include young graduates from Boston and New England Conservatory as well as other experienced opera performers from the New England region. The show will feature selections of work by Verdi, Puccini, Bizet and Strauss.

The event is formal (black tie). Please call Dr. Rajaa Chouairi 845-534-5489 for information and invitations.

## American Red Cross

The '4 For A Cause Wine Dinner' is March 27 from 7 to 9:30 p.m., at the Thayer Hotel.

The *Iron Chef Winner* Peter Kelly will be the Master of Ceremonies.

For more information, call 938-4100.

## Reserve Officers Association Scholarship

The Reserve Officers Association offers \$500 merit-based scholarships for both undergraduate and postgraduate study at accredited colleges and universities.

Sponsors must be ROA members and membership is available to active, reserve, retired or former officers who served in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Public Health Services or NOAA.

Application deadline for school year 2008-09 is April 10.

Applications are available at [www.ROA.org](http://www.ROA.org).

E-mail questions to [grannen@comcast.net](mailto:grannen@comcast.net).

## FCC Amateur Radio License Exam

The USMA Amateur Radio Club (W2KGY) will conduct an FCC Amateur Radio License Exam session March 29 at 2 p.m. (Walk-ins allowed) in the Dean's Conference Room, Thayer Hall, Room 306, 938-7503. All license classes will be available for testing.

There is a test fee, which covers up to three different elements in one sitting, so we encourage successful Technician and General class candidates to at least give the next one up a try if they have the time.

Bring two or more forms of positive identification and any currently held FCC license documentation.

For more information, contact Cadet 4th Class Tom Dean at 515-2758 or via e-mail at [Thomas.Dean@usma.edu](mailto:Thomas.Dean@usma.edu).

## West Point Yard Sale

The West Point Yard Sale is scheduled for April 12 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The rain date is April 19.

## Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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



## Garrison holds awards ceremony

Garrison Commander Col. Dan Bruno recognized 20 Garrison employees Thursday at Eisenhower Hall with achievement medals, certificates of appreciation and length of service awards. Recognized were (Row 1 from left) Command Sgt. Maj. Violet McNierney, Michael Burkowsky, Stephen Jenkins, Matthew Cassidy, Shelley Ariosto, Debby Doyle, Debra Way, Florence Mooney, Paul Rader, Ann Campbell, Jonathan Mullin and Suzanne Lewis and (Row 2 from left) Joel Salerius, Curt Krieger, Leslie Merryman, Daniel Londot, Glenn Trapp, Lorraine Burnett, Cynthia Cushing, Chawyer Jones, Fannie Gaskins, Walter Marvel, Merrill Horne and Col. Bruno.

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The Army Emergency Relief Campaign kicked off Mon., runs through April 18 and has a goal to raise \$110,000 in emergency financial assistance for active duty Soldiers, retirees and their dependents. To find out more or to make a contribution, call 938-5653. Joining in the cake cutting are (from left) Barron Henry, AER Officer; Shannon Maury, DMI; Staff Sgt. Willie Calohan, Band; Norma Doyle, Dept. of Law; Maj. Andrew DeKever, Dept. of Social Sciences; Sgt. Stephen Webb, MP Co.; Sgt. 1st Class Richard Philips, Keller Army Community Hospital; Command Sgt. Maj. Violet McNierney and Col. Dan Bruno, Garrison Commander.

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## Coming to EISENHOWER HALL

*Trisha Yearwood - Tonight - 8 p.m.*

*The Producers - a Mel Brooks musical - April 5 - 8 p.m.*

*Ring of Fire - the Music of Johnny Cash - April 20 - 2 p.m.*

*Michael Flatley's Lord of the Dance - May 2 - 8 p.m.*

For more information, go to [www.ikehall.com](http://www.ikehall.com)

## Keller Corner

Patient Safety Awareness Week is now through Saturday.

### Patient Safety - A Road Taken Together

Hospitals, healthcare organizations and patient groups across the globe will join the National Patient Safety Foundation in celebration of Patient Safety Awareness Week, Sunday to Saturday.

The theme of the week, *Patient Safety: A Road Taken Together*, emphasizes a collective effort for safer health care through partnership among providers, patients, Families and communities.

Founded in 2002 by NPSF, it is intended to raise public awareness about the work being done to improve patient safety and the importance of effective partnering to these improvement efforts.

During PSA Week 2008, NPSF will join forces with the World Alliance for Patient Safety, Patients for Patient Safety program to focus on the issue of health literacy and effective communication as key factors for improving patient safety.

NPSF's Partnership for Clear Health Communication will provide its *Ask Me 3* program, a health literacy initiative designed to assist with communication between patients and providers through a focus on three basic questions.

**1. What is my main problem?**

**2. What do I need to do about it?**

**3. Why is it important for me to do this and what are the risks?**

Asking these questions can help patients take care of their health, prepare for medical tests and take medications right away.

Every time you talk with a doctor, nurse or pharmacist, use the **Ask Me 3** questions to better understand your health.

### Tips for Clear Health Communication

Here are a few tips you can try:

- I will ask the three questions.

- I will bring a friend or Family member to help me at my doctor visit.

- I will make a list of my health concerns to tell my doctor or nurse.

- I will bring a list of all my medicines when I visit my doctor or nurse.

- I will ask my pharmacist for help when I have questions about my medicines.

# Army and Community Sports

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## Scherer earns spot on U.S. Olympic Team

By Mady Salvani  
Athletic Communications

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. -- Army freshman Stephen Scherer captured medalist honors in air rifle at the Olympic Trials with a 1994.1 composite in earning one of two spots on the 2008 U.S. Olympic Team that will compete this summer in Beijing.

The three-day Trials, in collaboration with the U.S. Olympic Committee and USA Shooting, were held at the Olympic Shooting Complex in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Scherer posted a match score of 594 the last day along with a final of 102.6 en route to outpointing two-time Olympian and runner-up Jason Parker (1990.8) by 3.3 points. Matt Emmons, a gold medalist at the 2004 Olympics, was tied with Scherer for first place after the second day, but fell out of contender status with a 1989.8.

The native of Billerica, Mass., was the leader the first day with a personal best match score of 595 along with a final of 104.6 for a total score of 699.6. Emmons, vying for his third berth to the Olympics, was close behind with a 698.3.

Scherer bested his previous high with a 597 the second day to tie with Emmons, who beat him in a shoot-off with a 104.8 to 103.5, for first place with a two-day total of 1400.1. Parker was a distant third with a 1394.1.

Scherer held onto his lead the final day to earn one of the two

slots selected by a combination of the match scores from all three days (595-597-594) plus each athlete's top two finals (104.6-103.5) scores.

Not only was the 19-year-old's performance a surprise to veteran shooters and members of the USA Shooting Committee, but to head Army coach Ron Wigger, who took the youngster to the meet to gain experience. Instead, Scherer wrote his name into the academy history books as the third cadet and lone freshman to earn a spot on the Olympic Team.

"I'm shocked what happened today," commented head coach Ron Wigger. "I thought Stephen might make the finals, but I had no idea this would happen."

"What amazed me the most was how well he handled the pressure with the composure he showed competing against the best shooters in the world."

Scherer is the first cadet in more than 40 years to earn a berth to the Olympics. He joins wrestler Louis Hammack (USMA '29), who competed at heavyweight at the 1928 Games in Amsterdam and runner Ronald Zinn (USMA '62), who was a participant at the 1960 Games in Rome during his cadet days and again in 1964.

The Army freshman is the third West Pointer to compete at the Olympics in shooting, but first since Dean Hudnett (USMA '16) was a contender at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin. Sidney Hinds (USMA '20) was the first West Pointer to compete in shooting as



**Freshman Stephen Scherer captured medalist honors in air rifle at the Olympic Trials and earned one of two spots on the 2008 U.S. Olympic Team that will compete this summer in Beijing. He is the first cadet to earn a berth to the Olympics in more than 40 years.** PHOTO BY USA SHOOTING

a participant at the 1924 Games in Paris.

Scherer is the 86th West Pointer to compete at the Olympics since the U.S. Military Academy first sent seven participants to the 1912 Games in Stockholm. West Point had two compete at the 2004 Olympics in Greece in Dan Browne, 10,000-meter run and marathon, and Anita Allen, modern pentathlon.

Browne was the first American to cross the finish line in the

10,000-meter run and placed 12th overall, while Allen was first in the equestrian competition and 18th overall.

Scherer returns to action when he joins his teammates as host for the NCAA Men's and Women's Rifle Championships at West Point

March 14 and 15.

Number 2 ranked Army will be looking to capture the title for the second time in four years after winning its first-ever in 2005. Army was third in 2006 and runner-up in 2007.

# Lacrosse continues dominance over Air Force

Story and photos by  
Eric S. Bartelt  
Assistant Editor

Army freshmen attackman Jeremy Boltus and midfielder Rob McCallion were great producers Saturday, contributing six goals in the Black Knights' 12-4 victory over Air Force at Michie Stadium.

The victory marked Army lacrosse's continued dominance over the Falcons as they won their 15th straight in as many tries to down their service-academy rival.

McCallion opened the game's scoring at the 11:52 mark of the first quarter and then was joined about four minutes later by fellow plebe Boltus, scoring the first of his game-leading four goals, to give Army a 2-0 lead. The two plebes play has definitely excited their teammates and head coach Joe Alberici in the early part of the season.

"They add another dimension to our scoring. We need guys like McCallion and Boltus," said senior co-captain midfielder Justin Bokmeyer. "The coaches put the best six guys on the field (offensively) and we feel like

those two are definitely two of our better guys and add to our offensive firepower."

Alberici added, "(McCallion and Boltus) are becoming two of our better offensive players. Last week, Jeremy didn't necessarily have one of his better games (in an 8-7 loss to Syracuse), so to see him come out and play well speaks well of him -- to be able to bounce back like that.

"Rob has been very consistent," he continued. "Every game he's put two or three up on the board, so he's done a terrific job for us as well."

The Black Knights (2-1) jumped ahead 3-0 before the end of the first quarter on a goal by junior midfielder Sean Reppard.

They continued their onslaught into the second quarter by scoring four more goals to take a 7-0 lead as Boltus tallied his second of the day and then single markers by junior midfielder Kevin LoRusso, senior midfielder Mike Hanna and junior attack Brooks Korvin, who finished Army's scoring in the quarter.

Army did hit a wall toward the end of the second quarter when Air Force's senior attackman Jack



**Senior co-captain midfielder Justin Bokmeyer finished the day with two goals, including his team-leading seventh and eighth goals of the season, and two assists for a total of four points. Air Force closed the the gap to 7-2 with back-to-back goals at the end of the first half and beginning of the second half, but Bokmeyer changed the flow of the game back Army's way with two goals in 10 seconds to help lead them to a 12-4 victory.**

Parchman scored an unassisted goal with seven seconds left in the half and then the Black Knights gave up the first goal of the second half only 10 seconds into play to have their margin cut to 7-2.

"We wanted to make sure we didn't take any breathers," Alberici explained. "(Air Force) made a nice play at the end of the quarter, which I was a little upset about because we had worked on that exact play and just didn't cover it very well and the kid made a nice shot.

"Then they made a nice play off the face off (to begin the second half) and it certainly isn't the way you want to start," he added. "We just talked about trying to keep our foot on them and not let them back in, but to have that happen right out of the gate was rough."

Despite the quick goals by the Falcons, as Alberici remarked, Army responded well with two quick goals of their own nearly four minutes later to get back into a comfort zone.

Both goals were scored 10 seconds apart by the team's offensive dynamo, Bokmeyer, who scored his team-leading seventh and eighth goals of the season.

Bokmeyer's presence is a calming influence on the field and it showed when the game could have turned for the worst for the

Black Knights.

"That's why we have Justin on the field (to help the offensive attack)," Alberici said. "... he gives us stability to be able to change the flow of games. He's able to score a goal or make a play that changes the flow of the game and it was great to see him respond."

Army traded goals before the end of the third quarter with Air Force as Boltus scored his third of the game.

Then the freshmen took over again in the fourth quarter as McCallion scored his second of the day and sixth of the season, and Boltus completed Army's day of scoring to make it 12-3.

Boltus finished the day with five points and Bokmeyer added four points with his two goals and two assists.

Air Force would finish the day's scoring with 2:34 remaining on the clock, but it marked more than 18 minutes between their third and fourth goals.

Just like the first half, when Army stifled Air Force's offense for the first 29-plus minutes, the defense and goaltending of senior Adam Fullerton made the difference.

"I felt the first 29 minutes that we played great defense and didn't give them many good looks (to

score)," Alberici remarked. "In the second half, they got some transition going and created a few plays in the middle of the field in which Adam had to answer the bell and he made some outstanding saves ... he bailed us out in some situations in the second half."

Bokmeyer gave props to his teammates for their strong play defensively, which he felt was the key to the team's victory Saturday.

"Defense wins games and we've got the best goaltender in the country," Bokmeyer said. "We have a great defense that is anchored by (senior defenseman) Jay Larson and Adam Fullerton in goal; they both had great games today. With their strong play, they are going to win a lot of games for us (in the future)."

When the clock read triple zeros, Army celebrated its 15th straight win against Air Force and it was something they were prepared wholeheartedly to defend.

"We talked about that and that's a big responsibility that the 2008 team had with the previous teams setting that (winning) streak in motion," Alberici said. "We didn't shy away from it, we talked about it and I wanted us to come out and play hard to the end of the whistle and they did that today."



**Freshman attackman Jeremy Boltus scored a career-high and game-high four goals against Air Force Saturday. He also added an assist to finish the day with five points.**

# Anthony, freshmen lead way at Brigade Open

Story and photos by  
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Plebes may not get many privileges or rewards during their first year at the U.S. Military Academy, but six plebes were rewarded for their fighting abilities as they won at the 52nd annual Brigade Boxing Open Feb. 26 at Hayes Gym.

Freshmen Joe Grohoski, Danilo Garcia, Steve Henao-Escobar, Johnny Garcia, Chad Paddock and Terrell Anthony each won their first brigade titles in their first opportunities at the annual boxing event.

Not only was it impressive for the six freshmen to win, but Anthony took home the evening's Most Outstanding Boxing Award, chosen by ESPN boxing analysts and event commentators Joe Tessitore and Teddy Atlas.

Anthony defeated two-time BBO Champion senior Jarod Taylor at 139 pounds. Taylor is an accomplished boxer in his own right, but what made Anthony strive to be at his best was a loss to Navy's Ruben Zweiben in a bout more than a month ago.

"I lost to Navy a few weeks back and it really humbled me to get into the gym, to wake up early in the morning and run, work on my hand speed and it paid off," Anthony said. "(What worked this evening) was my hand speed, defense and dodging ... I could

have kept my hands up more, but just moving my head worked well for me. I had good power and endurance throughout the bout."

The Columbus, Ga., native, who boxed a little in high school, never expected anything like this especially with all the talented boxers Army has, but he feels it won't stop his progression as a boxer.

"(Receiving the MVP) feels real good, but I expect to do bigger and better things and not let this go to my head," Anthony explained. "I have to train harder, just as hard even if I had lost tonight because I lost a few weeks ago and that's what really got me working."

The most spirited fight of the evening was the women's bout between sophomore Ginger Recinos-Luissi and freshman Vernalda Haskie. Recinos-Luissi was knocked down early in the first round, but she bounced back to knock down her opponent a couple of times for a three-round decision.

This match produced a standing ovation because of the intense fisticuffs, and left the crowd wanting more throughout the evening.

As the younger boxers ruled the night, the senior co-captains still showed that experience has its benefits as Cory Kastl and Steve Solaja both won their bouts.

Solaja took on junior Nate Taylor at 185 pounds and won his third brigade title, which also provided a stepping stone



Freshman Steve Henao-Escobar (right) dodges a left from sophomore Dan Sequera and would later take the 147-pound title. Henao-Escobar was one of six freshmen to win Brigade titles.

to improve on the Silver Medal he got at 175 pounds last year at the National Collegiate Boxing Association Championships.

Nate Taylor fought hard in the first round and did quite well until Solaja took over the fight and knocked him down in the second round.

"The key (for me) was to make him miss a few times and work inside. Then I stepped a little to

the right and came back with a two (a right handed straight power punch) and that just caught him with his hand down," Solaja said. "I always rely on my two because it works best for me, as did making him miss. But going inside was key to my victory."

Solaja felt the night was special because, since it was his last Open, he got to go out with a bang. However, he also saw it as a chance for not only him but for the younger

boxers to shine.

"Our future looks bright; we have some great young guys on the team," Solaja remarked. "The key for us is keeping them healthy and keeping them into it because our sport of boxing is pretty draining -- both mentally and physically. That's why our numbers tend to get fewer and fewer (by upperclassmen) as we go through school."

There were 13 bouts at the  
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Freshman Terrell Anthony (left) earned the 2008 Brigade Open MVP with his defeat of two-time Open Champion senior Jarod Taylor in the 139-pound weight class.



Senior Steve Solaja (left) catches junior Nate Taylor with a left on his way to his third brigade title in his boxing career.

# Hockey claims first conference title

## *The Black Knights face AIC in the AHA quarterfinals this weekend*

By Ryan Yanoshak  
Athletic Communications

WEST POINT, N.Y. -- A new banner will be hanging at Tate Rink. Army made sure that there would be no co-champions with a hard-fought 3-2 victory over Sacred Heart Saturday in an Atlantic Hockey Association contest in front of more than 2,500 fans at Tate Rink.

Army needed at least a point to win its first-ever conference crown outright and scored twice in the third period to ensure there would be no co-champions.

The Black Knights, who set an Academy record for conference wins Feb. 29, improved to 17-13-4 overall and 17-8-3 in conference play and earned the No. 1 seed in the upcoming conference tournament.

RIT, which swept Bentley over the weekend, will be the No. 2 seed after finishing with 35 points, two behind Army. If Army lost and RIT won, the two teams would have been co-champs, but Army would have been the No. 1 seed because of tiebreakers.

"The guys didn't want to settle for a co-championship," said Army hockey head coach Brian Riley. "Our guys wanted to go out and win it outright. Sacred Heart plays physical, they play hard and they play tough for 60 minutes. That is what playoff hockey is all about, and it was great preparation for what we're going to face."

Sacred Heart is the fourth seed, because Air Force has the tie-breaker advantage and is the third

seed. The Pioneers concluded the regular season with a 14-17-3 overall mark and a 14-11-3 record in AHA contests.

Senior forward Robb Ross, sophomore forward Owen Meyer and junior defenseman Zach McKelvie all scored goals for the Black Knights in a game that featured 79 penalty minutes and a penalty shot.

Army's Ken Rowe was pulled down in the second period drawing a penalty shot, but Sacred Heart's Stefan Drew made a kick save on a wrist shot.

Bryce Hollweg, one of 11 seniors honored prior to the game, had two assists.

"This was a great win, but guys know that we have to go into the second season now," Riley said. "We can enjoy it this weekend, but then we have to come back and get ready for the playoffs. I'm really, really proud of these guys, especially the senior class. What a way to go out -- hearing the alma mater for the last time knowing you're the conference champion."

Army junior goalie Josh Kassel made 21 saves and won his 16th contest of the season.

The Black Knights, who wore their gold alternate jerseys for the second time this season, held a 43-23 advantage in shots on goal.

Sacred Heart jumped out to a 1-0 lead with a power play score seven minutes into the contest. Alex Parent scored his 16th goal of the season off of a Bear Trapp assist.

Ross tied the game at the 9:36 mark with his second goal in as



The 2007-08 Army Hockey team posed as a group after their 3-2 victory against Sacred Heart Saturday earning them their first Atlantic Hockey Association title.

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many games. It was Ross' eighth goal of the season. Sefchik and Gal earned the assists.

Army took a 2-1 when Meyer scored his team-best 20th goal of the season. Flicek passed the puck to Hollweg who fed Meyer in front of the net 90 seconds into the final period.

"Owen is one of those guys that can be a dominant player in this league," Riley said. "He can take over a game by himself. To score 20 goals in this league, especially as a sophomore, is quite an accomplishment."

McKelvie made it a 3-1 Army lead five minutes later with his fourth goal of the season.

Sacred Heart got within one 10 minutes later when Corey Laurysen scored his first goal of the season, short-handed.

Kassel kept the one-goal advantage and the Army defense clamped down for the first conference championship in Army's history.

Army will begin its quest for a conference tournament championship Friday at Tate Rink with a three-game series against American International, the No. 10 conference seed.

For tickets, which are now on



Sophomore Owen Meyer scores his 20th goal of the season to give Army a 2-1 lead as the Black Knights went on to beat Sacred Heart 3-2 in the regular season finale.

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sale, you can purchase them by calling 1-877-TIX-ARMY or go

# OVERTIME WIN OVER LEHIGH PUTS ARMY IN PL SEMIFINALS

**BETHLEHEM, Pa.** -- Josh Miller scored a career-high 25 points, including 19 after halftime, to lead the fifth-seeded Army men's basketball team to a come-from-behind, 64-61 overtime victory against No. 4 Lehigh at Stabler Arena on Wednesday in the quarterfinals of the Patriot League Tournament.

Army (14-15) trailed by seven points with less than four minutes remaining, but came back to tie the score and force the extra session. Army finished the second half on a 9-2 spurt and held the Mountain Hawks (14-15) without a field goal for the final 3:52 of regulation.

Down by two, Jarell Brown found Doug Williams, who had slipped a screen, for an emphatic one-handed jam that tied the game at 54-54. Marquis Hall's potential game-winning three was off the mark, and Miller corralled the rebound. He called Army's final timeout with 1.7 seconds left, but the Black Knights' full-court pass was knocked away sending the game into overtime.

Free throws were key in the extra session as each team made just one field goal.

Cleveland Richard beat the Lehigh defense with a back-door move and laid the ball in for Army's only field goal of the extra session to give the Black Knights a 62-61 lead with 1:03 left.

That started the sophomore's heroic final minute. On Lehigh's next possession, Richard blocked Hall's runner in the lane and dove on the loose ball, alertly calling timeout to maintain possession for the Black Knights. Army inbounded the ball to Williams, who was fouled immediately. He stepped to the line and drilled both foul shots with 11.0 seconds remaining to give Army a 64-61 lead.

After a Lehigh timeout, Army was able to knock the ball free and Richard picked it up in the backcourt to ensure Army's second straight Patriot League quarterfinal victory.

It is the second straight season that Army has knocked the Mountain Hawks out of the Patriot League Tournament on their home floor. Miller was the hero last season with a buzzer-beater that gave the Black Knights a 47-46 win.



**Cleveland Richard (left) and Eric Zastoupil bump chests in jubilation after the overtime win against Lehigh Wednesday that send Army to the Patriot League Men's basketball semifinals.**

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In addition to his career-best scoring total, Miller led Army with a career-high nine rebounds. He also handed out three assists and made three steals in 39 minutes of work. His three swipes increased his season total to 52, tying Army's single-season record. Brown was the only Army player in double figures with 13 points. He also dished out a career-high five assists. Williams added seven points and six boards, while Marcus Nelson was strong on the defensive end with five steals.

White finished his collegiate career with a double-double of 21 points and 10 rebounds. He made 10 of his 12 field goal attempts. Hall was next with 15 points and Zahir Carrington added 10 markers.

The Army defense forced 16 turnovers and limited the Mountain Hawks to just 2 of 15 from three-point range. The Black Knights held a distinct advantage at the foul line, knocking down 20 of 25 attempts, compared to just 13 of 17 for the Mountain Hawks. Army

made all eight of its free throws in the extra session and made its last 10 from the line in the game.

Army outrebounded Lehigh for the third straight game, 34-28, and outshot the Mountain Hawks, 45.7 percent to 42.6 percent.

The Mountain Hawks had defeated Army in both regular-season meetings.

Miller led a balanced Army first-half attack with six points, while White led all scorers with eight for the Mountain Hawks. Army forced 12 turnovers, scoring 11 points off the miscues. Army shot 46.2 percent from the floor in the first 20 minutes, limiting the Mountain Hawks to just 39.1 percent from the field, including a 1 of 7 mark from long range.

Lehigh began its comeback right out of the gate in the second half with the first four points of the stanza. A basket by Miller pushed Army's lead back to six points with 17:50 to go. The Mountain Hawks responded with the next six points, including four by White, to knot

## Sports calendar March 7 - March 15 Corps

FRIDAY THROUGH SUNDAY -- HOCKEY, AHA TOURNAMENT VS. AIC (BEST-OF-THREE GAME SERIES), TATE RINK, 7:05 P.M. EACH DAY

SATURDAY -- WTEN VS. COLUMBIA, LITC., 9 A.M.

SATURDAY -- GYMNASTICS VS. SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE, GROSS OLYMPIC SPORTS CENTER, 1 P.M.

SATURDAY -- WBB, PL TOURNAMENT QUARTERFINALS VS. BUCKNELL, CHRISTL ARENA, 2:30 P.M.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY -- WRESTLING, EIWA CHAMPIONSHIPS, LANCASTER, PA., TBA

SATURDAY -- WTEN VS. MARIST & PROVIDENCE, LITC., 1 P.M. AND 4 P.M.

SUNDAY -- WBB, PL TOURNAMENT SEMIFINALS -- IF ARMY WINS THEY FACE EITHER AMERICAN OR COLGATE, CHRISTL ARENA, 1 P.M.

SUNDAY -- SOFTBALL VS. MANHATTAN (DH), NORTH ATHLETIC FIELD, 1 P.M.

SUNDAY -- MTEN VS. CORNELL, LITC., 1 P.M.

SUNDAY -- MBB, PL TOURNAMENT SEMIFINALS, TBA

TUESDAY -- SOFTBALL VS. IONA (DH), NORTH ATHLETIC FIELD, 3 P.M.

WEDNESDAY -- WBB, PATRIOT LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP, @ HIGHEST SEED, TBA

THURSDAY THROUGH MARCH 15 -- SWIM & DIVE, NCAA DIVING REGIONALS @ BUFFALO, N.Y., TBA

MARCH 14 & MARCH 15 -- RIFLE, NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS, TRONS RUE MARKSMANSHIP CENTER, TBA

## Club

SATURDAY -- MOUNTAINEERING TEAM, INAUGURAL WEST POINT INDOOR CLIMBING COMPETITION, CLASS OF 1979 CLIMBING WALL (ARVIN GYM), NOON

## 2008 PL Women's Basketball Tournament

WEST POINT, N.Y. -- The Army Athletic Association has put together two group ticket packages for the 2008 Patriot League Women's Basketball Tournament, to be hosted at West Point in Christl Arena this Saturday and Sunday.

Groups of 2-24 people can get into all four of Saturday's quarterfinal games as well as both of Sunday's semifinal games for only \$10, while groups of 25 or more can get to see all of this weekend's action for \$5.

The ticket package prices are not per individual in the group, but for the entire group.

To take advantage of these special group offers, fans should contact the Army Ticket Office at 1-877-TIX-ARMY and mention the promotional code PLGROUP.

the score at 30-30. Miller stopped the run with a pair of free throws to give the Black Knights a 32-30 lead with 12:20 to go. A free throw by Nelson pushed the lead to 33-30, but the Mountain Hawks scored the next four to take a 34-33 lead with 9:50 remaining. An old-fashioned three-point play by Miller gave Army back the lead briefly, but the Mountain Hawks used a 10-1 run to take a 44-37 lead with 6:47 left. Army battled back to within three points at 46-43, but Lehigh

extended it lead back to seven with a 6-2 run, setting up the Black Knights' comeback.

Army has now advanced to the Patriot League semifinals in consecutive years for the first time since the 1995 and 1996 postseasons.

The Black Knights will play at top-seeded American, who beat No. 8 Holy Cross 62-60 on Wednesday, at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 9. The Eagles defeated the Black Knights twice during the regular season.

## CLUB RESULTS

### WOMEN'S RUGBY

University of Virginia Tournament: Saturday and Sunday. Competing for the championship in the A-side bracket was UVA, Navy, Army, and American.

Army decisively defeated American University 82-0 to begin the tournament. WAR then faced rival Navy, who came out triumphant with a score of 32-5.

Army then faced a tough Virginia women's squad who were strong and fast, and at halftime, the score was 10-0. Army, determined and confident that they were the better of the two teams, fought with heart and aggression, and tied the score at 10-10.

To break the tie, Army and UVA went head-to-head for two 10-minute halves. At the end of those 20 minutes, it was still tied, so the game was to be decided by kicks. WAR junior Katie Pulliam, outside center for Army, won the kicking match to secure the victory for Army.

It was off to the championship match to face Navy again.

Again, after a fierce and aggressive match, Navy came out victorious, 54-0. WAR placed 2nd overall for the weekend.

### JUDO

The U.S. Military Academy Judo Team traveled to West Warwick, R.I., to compete in the International Ocean State Games Sunday.

On the men's side, sophomore Andy Meister fought well in the black belt division to place a silver at 100kg. Sophomore Nate Horswill (66kg), junior Gary Bowman (73kg) and senior Art Dominiak (81kg) each placed silver in the Brown Belt category for their respective weights.

In addition, sophomore Chris Corneilson took home a bronze at the 81kg brown belt division while freshman Brock Chavez (60kg) and sophomore Travis Anderson (81kg) earned a silver at the white belt level.

For the women, senior Sara Drane fought in two divisions, earning a silver at 70kg and a bronze at 78kg.

Since this was an international competition, the team was able to meet and compete with judoka from Poland, Equador and China.

# Army-Temple opener shifts days

By Bob Beretta  
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WEST POINT, N.Y. — Army has moved its season opening football game back a day in order to retain the Corps of Cadets' traditional three-day holiday weekend.

Director of Athletics Kevin Anderson announced Wednesday that the Black Knights will kick off the 2008 season against Temple, Friday, August 29, instead of August 30 as previously scheduled.

ESPNU or ESPN Classic will televise the game nationally, with kickoff tentatively scheduled for

7:04 p.m.

West Point shifted the date in order to preserve the Labor Day weekend for the Corps of Cadets and for their fans.

Army has never before hosted a football game on Labor Day weekend.

It will mark the only non-Saturday football game of the year for the Black Knights, home or away.

Each of the Army's remaining 11 contests, including all five home games, will remain on Saturday.

Kickoff times for all of those games will be announced later in

the year.

The Black Knights' contest against Akron in the 2007 FirstMerit Patriot Bowl (September 1) previously ranked as the earliest season opener in Army history.

This year's opening game against Temple will stand as the first time an Army football team has played a game in the month of August.

They will open the season with three straight home games.

The Black Knights have opened their home schedule as early as Sept. 6, having done so in both 1997 and 2003.



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this year and the rest of the results were: Grohoski winning a spirited fight at 112 pounds over fellow plebe Kyle Kiriayama; 2007 National Championships Silver Medalist sophomore Matt Longo wore down freshman Garrett Anderson for the win at 119 pounds; sophomore Ryle Stous used strong body and head shots to defeat freshman Pohaku Kapua at 165 pounds; freshman Danilo Garcia bloodied plebe Ricky Garcia in a three-round decision at 125 pounds; Henao-Escobar went the distance to defeat sophomore Dan Sequera in the 147-pound weight class; sophomore Will Myers outlasted senior Kevin Ramirez for the victory at 156 pounds; Kastl, who won last year's BBO MVP, won his second title by defeating sophomore Tim Clark at 175 pounds; Garcia beat last year's 125-pound BBO champion Dan Hogan at 132 pounds; junior Jody Chapman took the 195-pound title from sophomore R.T. Myers and in a bout of true heavyweights, Paddock, who was knocked down once, knocked down junior Cedric Fraser twice to take the heavyweight BBO title.

The rebroadcast of the Brigade Open can still be seen a couple of more times, Tuesday at 10 p.m. and Thursday at 5 p.m. on ESPNU. Everyone in the West Point community should check it out to see how these boxers gave everyone a great show despite the pre-bout butterflies.

"I had been nervous about (the Brigades) for awhile, especially with it being on television," Anthony said, "and with everyone (possibly) going to see it and my family wanting to watch it, it feels great to have won. I like the attention."