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Casey to make West Point the Army Center of Excellence for Ethics and Values

By Eric S. Bartelt
Sports Editor

The Army's top-ranking officer traveled to West Point April 19 and spent two days sharing his initiatives with some of the Army's future leaders.

General George W. Casey Jr., who replaced Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker April 10 as the 36th chief of staff of the Army, came to the U.S. Military Academy to share his vision of keeping the Army moving toward the distant future.

"It's not about me," Casey said. "It's about keeping the Army on track to 2020. It's to give the next chief [of staff of the Army] and the chief after that the Army they need to succeed."

In a briefing to USMA staff and faculty, Casey spoke about an Army that has been numerically behind the eight ball since post-Desert Storm I, when active duty troop end strength was cut from 780,000 to 480,000 and the proper monies weren't placed into the ground forces.

For the next three to four years,

Casey is looking to increase the Army's active duty end strength to 547,000 Soldiers, which is a part of the six initiatives he's focused on to fortify the Army.

The other initiatives include enhancing the quality of support to Soldiers and their Families to preserve the strength of the force; maintaining the continuity and momentum of modernizing the Army; completing the transition of the Reserve component to an operational force; accelerating change in the leader development programs; and adapting the Army's institutional policies, programs and procedures to support an expeditionary Army at war.

Casey also spoke to the entire Corps of Cadets during breakfast at the Mess Hall and toured various aspects of the academy to include the Counter Terrorism Center, an American Politics, Policy and Strategy class and a plebe boxing class.

The Georgetown graduate, whose father [Maj. Gen. George W. Casey Sr.] was a USMA 1945 graduate, understands the



Brigade First Captain Jon Nielsen [right] introduces Gen. George Casey Jr. to Cadet 1st Class Justin Foley, brigade Public Affairs Officer/S-2 [left] and Cadet 1st Class Christopher Hostler, Cadet Honor Captain, [back] prior to breakfast in the Cadet Mess Hall April 20.

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importance of West Point and what the academy provides the Army in strong leadership.

"West Point is such an integral

part of the Army," Casey explained. "I came here to see the future and we have a pretty bright future as an Army with these [cadets]

as our future leaders -- it's quite impressive. I believe that's why West Point exists -- to provide the
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Fourth cadet named East-West Fellow

By Jim Fox
Assistant Editor

Cadet 1st Class Marya Rosenberg was named a graduate fellow at the East-West Center of the University of Hawaii at Manoa last week.

Rosenberg, 22, of New York City, joins classmates Mary Boyle, Heather DiSilvio and Dan Vallone as this year's West Point contingent of E-W fellows and is the 33rd cadet to be named since the academy began competing in 1991. She was named after the other three because she was an alternate in her region.

The Art, Philosophy and Literature major, who was without e-mail for about four days while her computer was being serviced, found out she had been accepted when Boyle congratulated her on being selected.

"I was screaming and jumping up and down shrieking at people



Cadet 1st Class
Marya Rosenberg

for a bit," Rosenberg explained. "I was excited."

Rosenberg will work toward a master's degree in Asian Studies at UH-M.

The future Adjutant General officer said she hopes to one day become a Foreign Area Officer.

"Obviously, it's a good background for becoming a Foreign Area Officer," Rosenberg said. "Even if that doesn't work out, understanding the history and cultures of Asia should be a priority for any Army officer."

According to the Center's Web site it "is an education and research organization established by the U.S.

Congress in 1960 to strengthen relations and understanding among the peoples and nations of Asia, the Pacific and the United States. The Center contributes to a peaceful, prosperous and just Asia-Pacific community by serving as a vigorous hub for cooperative research, education and dialogue on critical issues of common concern to the Asia-Pacific region and the United States.

Funding for the Center comes from the U.S. government, with additional support provided by private agencies, individuals, foundations, corporations and the governments of the region."

Community Point-of-View

Letter from Gen. Petraeus to Families of deployed Soldiers



Gen. David H. Petraeus

By Gen. David H. Petraeus

The following is a letter to Families of Soldiers serving in Multi-national Force-Iraq from Gen. David H. Petraeus, MNF-I commander.

To the Families of Soldiers serving in Multi-national Force-Iraq:

On April 11, Secretary of Defense Robert Gates announced that the tour of duty for Soldiers serving in Iraq would be extended from 12 to 15 months. This was tough news, I know, for those on

the home front -- and also tough, of course, for those on the ground here in Iraq. This was particularly difficult news, as a leak of this action meant that the Army was unable to notify you before the extension was reported by the press.

Needless to say, Lt. Gen. Ray Odierno and I would not have requested maintenance of the surge force levels in Iraq -- the request which led to the tour extensions

-- if we did not view the additional forces as being critical to the ability of Multi-national Force-Iraq to accomplish its mission. That mission -- to help Iraq improve the level of security for its population -- is obviously critical to the effort to give Iraq's leaders an opportunity to resolve the difficult political issues that can enable long-term solutions to Iraq's problems.

I want to assure you that I understand -- and appreciate

deeply -- the sacrifices that you and your Soldiers have made and will continue to make in the future. My Family and I understand the challenge of long deployments. In fact, this tour of duty in Iraq is my fourth year-or-longer deployment since 2001. We know what you and your loved ones have gone through in recent years, and we -- and all Americans -- are grateful to you. You, too, have been "soldiering" along with your favorite trooper.

Thank you for your sacrifice and thank you for your tireless support of your Soldier. You truly are America's unsung heroes.

Sincerely,

David H. Petraeus
General, United States Army
Commanding

SAPR-P

The members of the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program are Col. Jeanette McMahon, Shelley Ariosto [Garrison], Maj. Samantha Ross [USCC], Maj. Kim Kawamoto [ODIA] and Lt. Col. Robbie Williams [Dean]. Community members can e-mail McMahon at 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.

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

Difficulty: Medium

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

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Army with its future leadership.”

He also talked about the high expectations he has for West Point and using it as the Army Center for Excellence for Ethics and Values.

As part of one of his initiatives, Casey wants to adapt the Army’s institutional policy to support the expeditionary Army at war. He said he hopes that helps to create a policy vision for leaders and their subordinates to follow that would deter future transgressions, such as Abu Ghraib.

“What I’m seeing is a lot of very smart folks here who have some time to reflect and think about the hard issues [that have occurred] and they can contribute largely to the Army,” Casey said. “We will make West Point the Center for Excellence for Ethics and Values ... it’ll take a couple of weeks to work out the methodologies, but I’m convinced that the idea feels so right to me that we’re going to go ahead and do it.”

Cadet First Captain Jonathan Nielsen got to spend some time with Casey during his trip here, which included a 45-minute physical training session. Nielsen came away awed by the 36-year Army veteran, who spent the last 2 1/2 years as the commander of the Multi-National Force-Iraq.

“I was very impressed by how respectful he was and appreciative he was of all of the cadets, and

not only the cadets, but young Soldiers in general, given the current situation,” Nielsen said. “He told us it is a tough battle that we’re in and our leadership and everything we’re doing while we are here day-to-day will definitely be used -- whether it’s academic, military or physical.

“It’s an all equal-tiered leader that will succeed over there,” he added.

Nielsen, who served three years in the infantry before arriving at West Point, said he likes the chief’s vision of continuing the move from a heavy mechanized force to a lighter, more modular force. That force, Nielsen said, can fight at the brigade level and is what he’ll see as a platoon leader next year.

“To see the Army as the same machine, whether it’s this year or 10 years down the road, and keep pushing it in that direction will only make us better,” Nielsen stated. “Gen. Casey sees the large picture. He has great ambitions for not only improving the Army as an organization, but improving the Army for the individuals who serve.

“I feel fortunate to have gotten the opportunity to meet him and talk to him,” he added. “It’s something I’ll always remember.”

As Nielsen reflected on Casey’s visit, he remembered a bit of advice the Army Chief of Staff wanted to leave for the academy’s top cadet

and the other 4,300 cadets who will one day serve the Army.

“The first and foremost thing that your Soldiers need from you, especially in combat, is competence,”

Casey said. “They need to learn the skills of their specific branches as they go forward.

“The second most important thing is candor,” he added. “Look at

problems and call them as they are because your Soldiers need to know that when the going gets tough that you’ll make the right call and do the right thing.”



Army Chief of Staff Gen. George Casey Jr. [right] answers a cadet’s question while sitting in on an American Politics, Policy and Strategy class April 20.

ERIC S. BARTELT/PV

Foreign cadets visit USMA as part of FAEP

Story and photos by
Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

Fifty-seven cadets from 25 countries visited West Point April 12-21 in the visit phase of the Foreign Academy Exchange Program. Two countries, India and Romania, participated for the first time this year.

"This is the 49th year that the U.S. Military Academy has hosted foreign exchange cadets," said Carol Miller, the foreign actions administrator in the G-3 office here.

"The program began in 1959 with Mexico and since then the program has grown tremendously."

In the 10-day USMA host phase, the foreign exchange cadets attend classes with West Point cadets, exchange gifts with USMA Superintendent Lt. Gen. Buster Hagenbeck and go sightseeing in Washington, D.C., Kings Dominion, Mount Vernon and New York City. On the last day of the visit, FAEP participants join each other for a formal dinner where photos are snapped and good-byes are said, according to Miller.

"The purpose of these visits and our cadets' visits to foreign academies is to have an exchange of cultures and ideas," Miller said. "Many cadets form lasting bonds of friendship with their foreign counterparts and could very well meet again. Some cadets from the visit two years ago are still in touch and many of them e-mail each other."

Many of the FAEP participants said there were both similarities and differences between their respective academies and the U.S. Military Academy.

"There are a lot more people here compared to our academy," said Jeremy Kespate, a second year cadet from the Ecole Spéciale militaire de Saint-Cyr, near Paris. "I think it is a bit stricter here [and the cadets have] less freedom [than we do]."

A few of the foreign cadets have been to West Point before.

"I was here at Buckner once," said Antonio Elizondo of the Libertador General Bernardo O'Higgins military academy in Chile. "I think we have more discipline than at West Point. We always need to salute, even other cadets who are in a higher year."

Cadet 1st Class Christian

Merz, a FAEP cadet escort, said the exchange program is a great experience for them and for their foreign counterparts.

"It's great to have the chance to meet and to understand our allies around the world," he said. "Their academies are similar to ours and the cadets are dealing with much the same things we are here. A lot of the academies may have more military instruction and less academics than we do and many of them have [fewer] people attending, but they are also similar in academics, discipline and military instruction."

The exchange cadets had the added advantage of meeting other cadets from all over the world while learning a little American history by visiting the museums and monuments in Washington, D.C. and Mount Vernon.

"I enjoyed Washington, D.C., especially the museums," said Jorge Tkacz, a cadet from Argentina. "There is a lot of history displayed in the monuments."

Above top: Cadet 2nd Class Sierra Okold [left] listens to Cadet 3rd Class Nicholas Goupee, while he is speaking to Senegal cadets A.K. Gueye [left] and M. Faye. Right: Thai cadets Ch. Panuphong [left] and W. Thankorn [right] walk to class with their escort Cadet 4th Class Chinnawoot Thongpila.



Army releases new OPSEC regulations

By J.D. Leipold

WASHINGTON [Army News Service] -- Changes to the Army's operations security regulation address accountability, new technology and the inclusion of all Army personnel in OPSEC practices.

The revised Army Regulation 530-1, "Operations Security," provides updated definitions; aligns the Army's policies, terms and doctrine with the Defense Department; and brings Army Contractors into the fold while addressing the role Army Family Members have in OPSEC.

"The change includes Army Civilians and Contractors, who are not subject to the Uniform Code of Military Justice," said Maj. Ray Ceralde, the Army OPSEC program manager and author of the revision. "The reason we included Contractors in the regulation is they're more involved in operations today than ever before. If you have all your Soldiers and DA Civilians practicing OPSEC and your Contractors -- who are an integral part of your operations -- aren't ... well, you have a gaping hole in security that could affect everyone's lives."

Ceralde said OPSEC is a "total Army concept" and includes Families and friends though he acknowledged they aren't subject

to a commander's orders.

"We felt it necessary to actively encourage those demographics," he said. "Much of the practice of OPSEC will be conveyed from the commander down to the Soldier who we hope will pass on the importance that what a Family Member or friend puts up on the Web can unwittingly be used against us."

Regulation changes also address how technology, specifically the Internet, has changed the face of OPSEC since the last major revision to the regulations in 1995. A 2005 revision addressed new technology, but the latest revision addresses technological concerns not covered in the 2005 revision.

"The Internet, personal Web sites, blogs [Web logs] -- those are examples of where our adversaries are looking for open-source information about us," Ceralde said. "Open-source information isn't classified and may look like nothing more than innocuous bits of information, a piece here, a piece there, like pieces of a puzzle. But when you put enough of the pieces together you begin to realize the bigger picture and that something could be going on."

Outside of technology, Ceralde cited an example of how "innocuous" bits of information can give a snapshot of a bigger picture. He described how the Pentagon

parking lot had more parked cars than usual on the evening of Jan. 16, 1991, and how pizza parlors noticed a significant increase of pizza deliveries to the Pentagon and other government agencies. These observations are indicators, unclassified information available to all, Ceralde said. That was the same night that Operation Desert Storm began.

While Army personnel may maintain their own Web sites or post information on blogs, Ceralde said they have to be careful about what they write and what they post because even unclassified information can provide significant information to adversaries.

"For example, photos of deployed Soldiers to share with Family and friends are acceptable. However, when the photo includes a background of the inside of

their camp with force protection measures in plain view, an adversary who is planning to attack their camp and sees a photo like this on the Internet now knows how to counter their force-protection measures," Ceralde said.

The regulation also puts a greater emphasis on commanders' responsibilities to implement OPSEC.

"We tell commanders what they must do to get their people to understand what's critical and sensitive information and how to protect it, but commanders have to make that perfectly clear in the form of orders and directives," Ceralde said. "The other part of this tells Soldiers that if they fail to comply they may be punished under article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice for disobeying a lawful order."

Other key changes to the regulations include the addition of punitive measures for violations of specific directives, the designation of "For Official Use Only" as a standard marking on all unclassified products that meet at least one exemption of the Freedom of Information Act, directing

encryption of e-mail messages that contain sensitive information on unclassified networks and emphasizing operations security in contracts and acquisitions.

"OPSEC is not traditional security, such as information security like marking, handling and classifying information; it's not the physical security of actually protecting classified information though they're all related and part of OPSEC," Ceralde said. "OPSEC is different from traditional security in that we want to eliminate, reduce and conceal indicators, unclassified and open-source observations of friendly activity that can give away critical information."

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AT/FP exercise postponed

The Anti-terrorism/Force Protection exercise previously scheduled for Thursday has been postponed until further notice.

8th annual Projects Day Thursday

By Michelle Gerdes
Academic Affairs Specialist
Office of the Dean

The U.S. Military Academy will celebrate the 8th annual Projects Day at various locations throughout the academic area Thursday. Since its inception in 2000 the event has grown each year. With 11 USMA departments and students from five other colleges participating in more than 200 presentations, we are excited about the display of intellectual capital at this year's event.

Senior class members present their senior thesis, capstone projects or research activities in either an individual or collective capacity. Students make presentations to fellow cadets, faculty, clients and,

in some instances, to a group of guest evaluators. Highlights include the capstone design projects, competition projects, poster displays, video displays and presentations on various topics relevant to the Army and our social world.

The public is invited to attend all of the presentations, which are scheduled from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. in various academic buildings throughout the post, including the West Point Club Ballroom, Mahan Hall, Washington Hall, Taylor Hall, Law Conference Room, Thayer Hall, Bartlett Hall and Lincoln Hall.

Although students from the U.S. Military Academy comprise the largest group of presenters, students from visiting schools have become more pronounced in

the event during recent years. Presently, students hail from a variety of other schools, including Bard College, George Mason University, the U.S. Air Force Academy, the University of Arkansas and the University of Virginia.

All guests who will be attending Projects Day are welcome, especially the guest evaluators and judges, students and faculty from visiting schools. Additionally, we welcome several special guests of the West Point Association of Graduates. They are members of the Lifetime Giving Societies and have made valuable contributions to West Point.

For more information, please visit the USMA Web site at www.usma.edu and click on the Projects Day link.

Community Features and Photos

Firsties welcomed into Engineering branch ranks

By Maj. Tom Bryant
Public Affairs, XO

Joseph Gardner Swift, the first West Point graduate, began a legacy of engineering distinction that included railroads, harbors and bridges that literally shaped the future of the United States.

More than 205 years later, that tradition of excellence was celebrated during the 2007 Engineer Branch Send-Off held April 18 in Eisenhower Hall to honor the 136 cadets slated to be commissioned as Engineers in May.

"This is a welcoming, congratulatory event for the newest members of the Army Engineer family," said retired Col. Jack O'Neill, executive director of the Army Engineer Association. According to O'Neill, it is also an opportunity to reflect on the accomplishments of combat engineers in every conflict the country has been involved in since the Revolutionary War.

For the cadets, the night's activities were a fitting capstone to a tough four years spent earning a degree in one of America's premier engineering programs.

Cadet 1st Class Aaron Saari, a mechanical engineer from Lakota, N.D., said pursuing an engineering education at West Point was "the best decision I ever made" and the technical skills he's learned will pay dividends as he prepares to lead a platoon of combat engineers.

Cadet 1st Class Jennifer Hansen, a civil engineer from Tampa, Fla., echoed Saari's comments.

"The toughest thing about West

Point and Engineering is that every day is a challenge. You can never slack off -- everything requires your best effort," Hansen said. "I think [West Point] does all it can to prepare us for the situations we'll face after we leave here."

The dinner is jointly hosted by the Society of American Military Engineers and the Army Engineer Association. Maj. Gen. Ronald L. Johnson, deputy chief of Engineers and deputy commanding general, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, was the guest of honor.

Johnson said the Engineer leader must be a pentathlete, capable of adapting to a dynamic operating environment and employing a broad range of engineering skills to accomplish the most complex missions. He also shared his experiences as the first commander of the Gulf Region Corps of Engineers command, responsible for managing the reconstruction effort in Iraq.

Johnson's advice to the cadets was simple: stay in shape and remember the values internalized during their West Point days.

"Maintain your level of physical fitness because that will sustain you throughout your career," said Johnson, a 1976 West Point graduate and former assistant professor of mathematics here. "Your Soldiers are going to expect you to lead from the front."

This third annual engineer event gave the soon-to-be Engineer lieutenants a snapshot of the next step in their professional education process.

"These cadets will complete an

extremely robust training program that covers the full spectrum of engineer roles -- from combat engineering tasks, to construction, to topography. It's a very realistic, tough regimen that will prepare them to thrive in all conditions," said Maj. Lynn Ray, Engineer branch representative and DMI instructor.

Just as West Point engineers shaped the infrastructure that enabled the rapid expansion of the U.S., Dr. Robert D. Wolff, SAME executive director, said today's military engineers are working hand-in-hand with industry partners to mold the future of Iraq and Afghanistan.

"Military engineers have always had an alliance [with business]," Wolff said. "It's even more prevalent in Iraq and Afghanistan with the ambiguous nature of the fight."

The cadets believe their technical expertise has prepared them for the full spectrum of engineer missions in theater, from route clearance to imagery analysis to IED interrogation. Their next challenge will be leading

professional engineer Soldiers in these vital roles.

Johnson offered a simple leadership principle to guide the cadets in their next duty position.

"The key is taking care of Soldiers," he said. "You learn from and take care of them, they will learn from and take care of you -- nothing else matters."



Cadet 1st Class John R. Davis receives the Super Sapper Spirit Award from Maj. Gen. Ronald L. Johnson during the 2007 Engineer Branch Send-Off April 18. The award is presented to the top West Point Engineer cadet by the Army Engineer Association.

PHOTO BY MAJ. LYNN RAY/DMI

41st annual Sandhurst competition Saturday

Compiled by Linda Mastin
Editor

Nearly 400 cadets from several U.S. and foreign military academies will compete in the 41st annual Sandhurst competition Saturday, from 5:30 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Teams in this year's competition include 32 teams from the U.S. Military Academy; two from the United Kingdom's Royal Military Academy at Sandhurst; and one each from Canada's Royal Military College, the U.S. Naval Academy, the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, the U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School and, for the first time, the National Military Academy of Afghanistan.

Each USMA cadet company and visiting team selects a nine-member Squad [at least one member must be female] with two alternates. This squad is required to perform a series of challenging military tasks during a rapid, non-tactical move along a partly-prescribed 9-kilometer route, in less than three hours.

A parachute demonstration will take place in the vicinity of Washington Statue at 4:50 p.m. followed by the Awards Ceremony held on the steps of Washington Hall at 5 p.m.

TIPS when attending Sandhurst

West Point is a U.S. Army installation that enforces 100 percent identification verifications and security checks for all personnel wishing to enter the premises. It is important that you are properly prepared. Once you are on campus, you will be directed to specific areas the Dept. of Military Instruction has set up for the competition.

- Have photo identification with you at all times

- Bring lots of water and hydrate before the competition

- Be prepared for inclement weather

- Be prepared for vehicle searches unless you have military car tags

- Enter through Thayer Gate

- Tell the Gate Guards that you are going to the Sandhurst Competition

- Park at Buffalo Soldier Field

- From BSF take a shuttle bus to Daly Field and get directions to the Sandhurst Visitor's Booth, located at the Gen. MacArthur Statue.

- Personnel at the Sandhurst Visitor's Booth will give you all the information you will need about the competition [including maps and information to guide you in following teams through the course.]

NOTE: Some of the sites can only be reached by foot and the

terrain to those sites can be very physically demanding. Please ensure you are physically able to meet these physical demands before attempting to follow a team to a site not readily accessible by car/bus. While there will be medical personnel available during the competition, their mission is to support the competitors.

There will be shuttle buses starting at Daly Field circulating the sites for anyone that wishes to observe the teams. You may use your own car around the sites and West Point, but understand that you and your vehicle will be subject to security inspections every time you enter any of the gates.

You may also experience some parking difficulties both at the sites and in the parking lots on post. We recommend using the shuttle buses.

Bus availability:

1) Clinton Lot to Mine Torne [Snake Pit]: 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.

2) Range 4/5 to Water Treatment Plant 6:45 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Complete Route:

6:45 a.m. to 2 p.m.

1) Clinton Lot

2) Start Point [Mine Torne Road -- Snake Pit]

3) Long Pond

4) Range 4/5

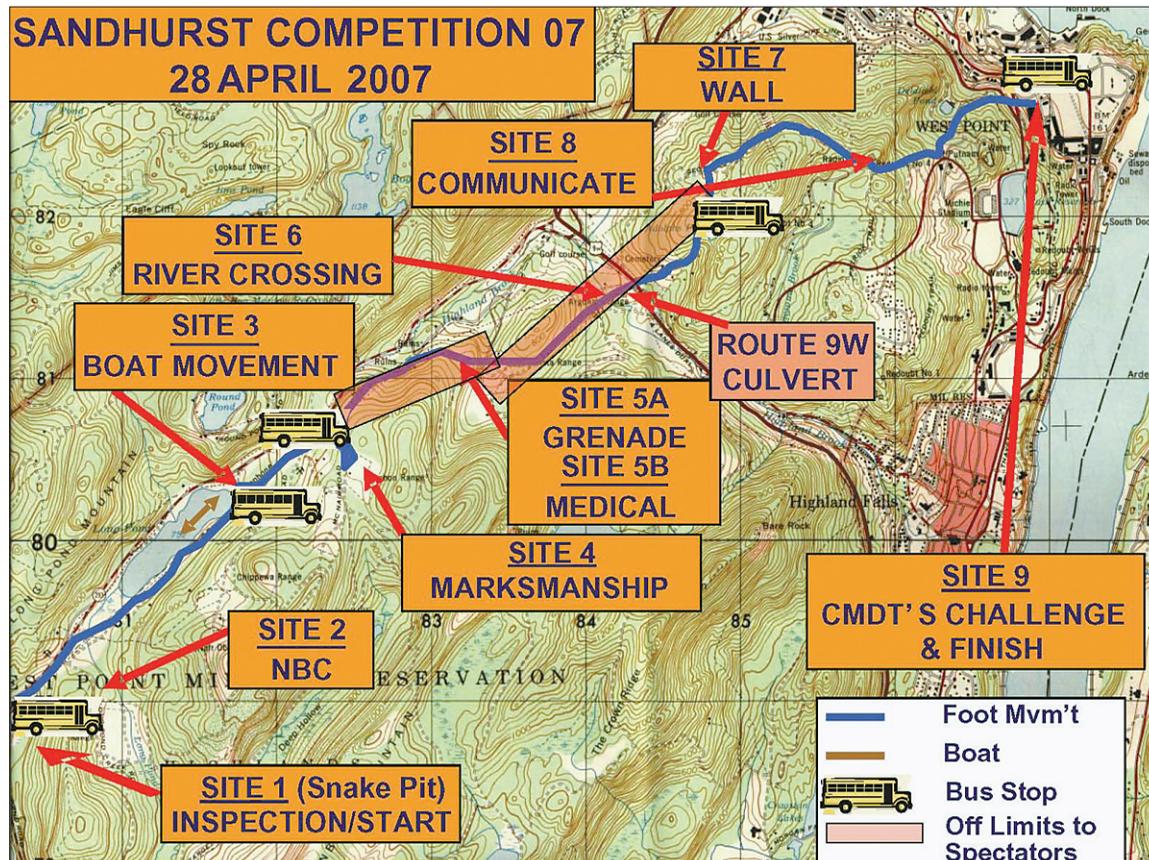
5) Water Treatment Plant [Vicinity -- Child Development Center]

7) Clinton Lot

** A visitor's center will be located in the vicinity of MacArthur

Statue to facilitate information to spectators.

The primary spectator areas for Sandhurst are in front of Quarters 100, Long Pond and the Range 4/5 Complex.



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Spring Turkey hunting season opens Tues.

By James A. Beemer
Natural Resources Manager

Spring turkey hunting season opens Tuesday and West Point hunters will be pursuing one of America's grandest game birds. During the spring season, only bearded birds are fair game [the tom turkeys, mainly].

West Point hunters need to possess a New York hunting license, a West Point hunting or combination hunt/fish permit and a New York turkey permit. Only shotguns and bow-and-arrows are allowed. Shooting can only occur from one-half hour before sunrise until noon.

Most of the hunting will occur in the areas west of U.S. Route 9W. Sign-in/sign-out will occur at the hunter shack located in the Range Control parking lot on N.Y. Route 293.

One change that occurred with the latest revision to the USMA hunting regulation 215-5 is that it allows the hunting of spring turkeys in Hunting Area J2/J3 with bow-and-arrow ONLY.

Area J2/J3 is located on top of the ski slope on the hill above the PX. Shooting will only be allowed until 9 a.m.

Questions regarding access to West Point's hunting areas should be directed to Range Control at 938-3930.

Questions about hunting licenses, permits and USMA Regulation 215-5 should be directed to MWR Round Pond Recreation Area at 938-2503.

Questions regarding wild turkeys should be directed to the DPW Natural Resources Branch at 938-3857.



The Eastern Subspecies of the Wild Turkey, which is the largest subspecies in the West Point hunting areas. PHOTO BY MASLOWSKI/NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION

Community Features and Photos



Cadet 1st Class Mike Free [left], USMA Superintendent Buster Hagenbeck and Adrienne Strom display 'the check' for \$2,552,464.61 which represents the dollar amount of the 117,745 hours donated to USMA by all of the many volunteers at the annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony held at the West Point Club Monday. The ceremony introduced a new award this year, the 'Superintendent's Volunteer Leadership Award,' which was awarded to 10 volunteers. Five 'Volunteers of the Year' received awards. Free and Strom were two of the five Volunteers of the Year.

KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

Recycling center kicks off Earth Day celebration

Story and photo by
Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

The West Point recycling center hosted its annual Earth Day celebration April 20 to remind people of the importance of recycling and to educate youths with topical coloring books, demonstrations and exhibits.

The center also gave out hot dogs, popcorn and Earth Day T-shirts and held a poster contest for children.

The recycling center crushes cardboard and other recyclable paper products and sells them to companies who buy this refuse to re-use in recycled paper and other products. The center also donates a portion of their profits to the community.

"In fiscal year 2006, we recycled 2,840 tons of material down from last year, which produced 3,595 tons," said Kevin Kirkpatrick, a Directorate of Public Works environmental engineer here. "We were able to donate \$10,000 to the Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation. This represents nearly 555 tons of recycled material [that was sold to potential end users]."

Kirkpatrick said community

participation, employees, cadets and residents must do more to improve

the amount of items recycled at West Point and is requesting the

community to inform the recycling center on ways it can assist them in this improvement.

Many children are already aware of the importance of recycling, as they are taught about it through school activities about Earth Day.

"It's important to recycle things like paper because if we cut down too many trees, we won't have enough oxygen," said eight-year-old Naomi Campbell. "We need to balance things out with nature."

Since 1970, when the Earth Day celebration began, the nation's air is much cleaner, the trend of annual loss of wetlands has been reversed and restoration and redevelopment

of abandoned industrial sites is accelerating, according to <http://earthday.gov/>.

"That is what Earth Day is about," Kirkpatrick said. "It's about learning how to protect the Earth and how recycling can [have a positive] affect on the environment."



Jennifer Butkus, Chief of the Environmental Division of DPW, and Garrison Commander Col. Brian Crawford congratulate youths receiving first place for the Recycling Plant's Earth Day celebration poster contests: DeAnthony Hall [left], Philip West and Olivia Manus [back].

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Red Cross classes

To register for any of the classes



APRIL/MAY MWR COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>West Point Bowling Center - Delicious Pizza on Post! 2 large plain cheese pizzas for \$14*</p> <p>Hours of Operation: Mon & Thurs 11:30 am-9pm Tues & Wed 11:30 am – 8 pm Fri 11:30 am-11pm Sat 11 am – 11pm Sun 12 pm – 9 pm</p> <p>*Limit 1 offer per person, per visit. Additional toppings extra. Expires 5/4/07</p>					<p>27 Dinner in Little Italy/ Chinatown, 5-11pm, ITR</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Month of the Military Child Picnic, 11-2pm, Ski Lodge</p>
<p>29 Tour NYC, 9am-5pm, ITR Dollar Night, 6-9pm, WP Bowl</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Wee Ones Play Group, 9:30-11am, ACS Parent & Me, 9:30-10:45am, YC Part Day Preschool Registration, 7:30am-4:30pm, CDC (thru May 4) Mixed Leagues, 6-10pm, WP Bowl</p>	<p>MAY 1</p> <p>Defensive Driving, 8am-3pm, ACS (May 1 & 2, register at ITR) Staff & Faculty Volleyball, 11:50am-1pm, Arvin Gym (thru May 18)</p>	<p>2 AFTB Level II, 5:30-7:30pm, ACS</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Learn Adobe Photoshop, 2:15pm, YC</p>	<p>4 Department Night w/Pasta Bar, 6-9pm, WP Club Scout Jamboree, Lake Frederick (thru May 6) Galactic Bowling, 5-11pm, WP Bowl (Friday Nights)</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Registration for Spring Scramble Begins, Military Only, WP Golf Galactic Bowling, 5-11pm, WP Bowl (Saturday Nights)</p>
<p>6 Tour NYC, 10am-6pm, ITR Armed Forces Volleyball Tournaments, Gillis Field House, (thru May 13)</p> <p>Dollar Night, 6-9pm, WP Bowl</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Wee Ones Play Group, 9:30-11am, ACS Parent & Me, 9:30-10:45am, YC Mixed Leagues, 6-10pm, WP Bowl</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Spinning, 5:40am, Cardio Blast, 5pm, PiYo, 6:45pm, Tuesdays at the MWR Fitness Center</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Dress for Success, 12-1pm, ACS</p>	<p>10 Black & Gold Award Ceremony, 10am, ACS Parent Advisory Group Meeting, 12pm, CDC Theater Van to Broadway, 5-11:30pm, ITR</p>	<p>11 Muffins for Moms, 7-7:30am, SAS Iron Core 1/2 hr, 9am, Spinning, 5pm, Fridays at the MWR Fitness Center</p>	<p>12 International Food Tour, 9am-5pm, ITR</p> <p>Registration for Spring Scramble Begins, General Public, WP Golf</p>

Eisenhower Hall Theatre

Friday, April 27, 8 p.m. 1964 -- The Tribute
 Sunday, May 6, 7 p.m. Montgomery Gentry
 Friday, May 11, 7 p.m. Jerry Seinfeld [SOLD OUT]
 Saturday, May 19, 8 p.m. Ethel Merman's Broadway

For more info., go to www.ikehall.com.

Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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

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Command Channel 8/23

April 27 - May 4

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

Monday - May 4
 8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch
 1 p.m. Army Newswatch
 6 p.m. Army Newswatch

Meadows in the Mid-day

There is a new way to find out what's happening on and around West Point. Tune in to the Command Channel or WKDT 89.3, Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. until noon, and listen to the mid-day show with your host Sgt. Chris Meadows. Listen to all your favorite music and get all the command information you can handle with Meadows in the Mid-day.

At Your Leisure

DPW Notes

Household hazardous waste collection

Orange County DPW, Division of Environmental Facilities & Services and the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation will sponsor their annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day May 5 at the Orange County Airport, 500 Dunn Road, Montgomery, N.Y. from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Orange County residents can dispose of normal household hazardous waste in an environmentally friendly manner. Acceptable items for collection are: adhesives, aerosol cans, automotive products, corrosives/cleaners, creosote, driveway sealer, dry wall compound, fluorescent light bulbs, inks, joint compound, mercury, oil based paints, pesticides/herbicides, pool chemicals, roofing tar, rubber cement, solvents/thinners, varnishes/shellac/stains and wood preservatives.

They will not accept: air conditioners, refrigerators, freezers, LP tanks, tires, water based paints or electronics.

Proof of residency must be provided at the time of participation.

For information on disposal of unacceptable items or other questions please call 845-291-2643 or 800-328-4804 or go to the Orange County web site at www.orangecountygov.com/efs.

DPW support for community service projects

The West Point community has always offered community service projects to improve the facilities here. DPW is committed to supporting these community-focused projects within budgetary limitations. The following outlines the procedures needed to get DPW support for all community service projects including both group and individual [e.g., Boy Scout Eagle Projects] projects:

■ Submit DA Form 4283 via e-mail to the Business Operations & Integration Division at the following address boidp&p@usma.edu. If you do not have access to the form, please e-mail BOID request one. Fill out the work description portion of the form with as much detail as possible, including an attached material listing and any drawings or sketches that support your project.

Please remember -- the more detail you provide, the quicker your request will be processed.

■ When a request is received, BOID will review it, assign a work number and assemble a package for review.

You will receive an e-mail from BOID with the work number for your records and tracking.

■ Your requests will be reviewed by the necessary DPW organizations depending on the scope and requirements of your project. Each organization will provide comments to ensure that your proposed project will not affect our historic landmark, need any environmental reviews or any permits. **You need to plan for at least a 60-day lead time** to ensure our review and comments prior to receiving approval to proceed with the project.

■ Once this process is

completed, the job order will be released to the DPW Self Help Center authorizing the issue of the materials needed to complete the job. You will be notified via e-mail of the status of the job at that time.

■ Self Help personnel will assist you in the actual project by providing guidance and other requested help to complete your project.

■ When your project has been completed and accepted by the Self Help Center, please e-mail BOID so the job order can be closed in our work control system.

For further information, please contact Rich Crisci, Business Operations & Integration Division, Planning & Programming Branch at 938-4805.

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

April 27 -- Music and Lyrics, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

April 27 -- 300, R, 9:30 p.m.

April 28 -- Wild Hogs, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

April 28 -- Zodiac, R, 9:30 p.m.

May 4 -- Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, PG, 7:30 p.m.

May 4 -- Black Snake Moan, R, 9:30 p.m.

May 5 -- The Last Mimzy, PG, 7:30 p.m.

May 5 -- 300, R, 9:30 p.m.

The theater schedule can also be found at www.aafes.com.

Information tables at housing draw

Community organizations are invited to provide information tables at the USMA Annual Housing Draw, June 4 and 6, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in the lobby of Robinson Auditorium, Thayer Hall.

The information provided should focus on information new residents can use to smooth the transition into the USMA community. A representative should be available to answer any questions.

This service is for community organizations only, no businesses will be allowed.

Interested organizations should contact Martha Hinote, DPW Customer Relations, at 938-4407 to receive a copy of the operating procedures.

Watering your lawn

The recommended time for watering your lawn is early in the morning [5 to 9 a.m.], when humidity is high and temperatures are lower. The next best time to water is late in the day [6 to 9 p.m.]

NCO, Soldier of the Quarter



Sgt. Matthew A. Flores



Sgt. Melissa A. Holiman

MEDDAC respiratory technician Sgt. Matthew A. Flores and practical nurse Sgt. Melissa A. Holiman [recently promoted] were awarded the NCO and Soldier of the Quarter for the Third quarter April 19.

KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

What's Happening

Vet Clinic closed

The West Point Vet Clinic, Bldg. 630, is closed today and Monday. Call 938-3817 for more information.

Sacred Heart play

Sacred Heart School in Highland Falls presents "Honk, Jr." tonight and Sat. at 7 p.m.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Advance tickets can be purchased at SHS or at the Church Rectory. Call 446-2674 for more information.

Holy Motorcycles!

There will be a Blessing of the Bikes Sat. at 1 p.m. at Most Holy Trinity Catholic Chapel parking lot. Access to the parking lot is off Merritt Road.

This is a nondenominational event that is transparent to race, creed or brand of motorcycle!

On-post protective equipment requirements: DOT helmet, goggles or full-face shield, long-sleeved shirt or jacket, long trousers, full-fingered gloves, brightly colored outer upper garment or a reflective upper garment, leather boots or over the ankle shoes.

Tattoo Sunday

The U.S. Military Academy will host the 27th annual Tattoo Sunday from noon until 6 p.m. at the Trophy Point Amphitheater.

The Tattoo features more than 20 pipes and drums bands, the Cadet Pipes and Drums and the West Point Band. Local bands include the AOH Pipes and Drums of Orange and Rockland Counties, Hudson Valley Regional Police Pipes and Drums and the Westchester Firefighters Emerald Society Pipes and Drums.

The event is open to the public. Guests should enter the academy through Thayer and Stony Lonesome Gates. All adult visitors are required to show valid photo identification to enter the academy grounds.

Asian-Pacific Festival

The Asian-Pacific Awareness Club invites the West Point community to the Asian-Pacific Heritage Month festival May 4 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Trophy Point Amphitheater.

The free event will feature entertainment, martial arts demonstrations and free food.

In the event of inclement

weather the festival will be in Robinson Auditorium.

WPWC

The WPWC Gift Shoppe, located next to the MWR Fitness Center, is open on the Web at www.shopthepoint.com and is open Wed. from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The Shoppe is always open by appointment by contacting Julie at 446-2950.

The Moms and Tots monthly Social "Taking Time for Mom" is Thursday from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the Jewish Chapel.

WPWC is forming a relay team for the Army Community Services Relay for Life June 1.

Contact Marilee Turner at 446-3698 or turnerjamey@msn.com for more information.

BOSS resale lot moved

Are you looking to sell your automobile, van, truck, motorcycle, boat, trailer, or small motor home? Are you an Active Duty service member, DOD civilian, retiree or a family member?

For \$20 a month, the BOSS Resale Lot has slots available for rent.

The BOSS Resale Lot is now located on the left side of the Commissary parking lot.

All vehicles, boats, trailers and motor homes must be less than 24 feet. For more info., call 938-6127/6497.

WP School Board Elections

All interested community members are encouraged to submit petitions to run for a position on the West Point School Board. There are three vacancies on the School Board for the May 2007 election.

To be eligible to run for a seat, individuals must be residents of the West Point community. Petitions are available from Eileen Ellingsen, Office of the Superintendent, Bldg. 705, at 938-3506, or by e-mail at Eileen.Ellingsen@am.dodea.edu.

Petitions are due back in the office listed above by Monday.

Book signing

Brian Steidle will be signing his book "The Devil came on Horseback" May 7 from 10 to 11:45 a.m. at the USMA Bookstore.

Orange County College Night

The 53rd annual Orange County College Night is May 9 in Eisenhower Hall Ballroom and Crest Hall from 7 to 9 p.m.

At Your Leisure

Representatives from 235 colleges nationwide will meet with interested students from the surrounding communities.

Contact Newburgh Free Academy Guidance Counselor Tony Scully at [845] 563-5506 for more info.

WP School PTO Board Nominations

Calling all elementary school and middle school parents and guardians! We need YOU!

WPS PTO needs volunteers to fill PTO Board positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and School Board Liaison for SY 07-08.

Nomination forms are available in both school offices or by contacting Lisa at lachance6@earthlink.net or 446-2707. The nomination deadline

is Monday.

Operation Wounded Heroes

Operation Wounded Heroes is collecting donated telephone calling cards and backpacks to send to wounded veterans at Walter Reed Army Medical Center at the Village Hall in Highland Falls for the month of April. Additionally, the Post Exchange and Commissary will have volunteers collecting donations Sat. and Sun., from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day. For more info., call 446-3400.

Vacation Bible School

West Point Vacation Bible School this year is June 25-29, from 9 a.m. to noon daily.

VBS needs volunteers in all areas; crafts, games, drama, kitchen, crew leaders, set up/clean

up, decorating and registration.

Call Jen Lyle to volunteer at 446-5542.

Registration runs until June 22 and forms are available at any church on post or at the Post Chapel Annex.

Call 938-2003 for more information.

Cadet Toy Drive

Cadets from Company H-4 are collecting new or gently used elementary school age toys, sporting equipment and school supplies to send to units in Iraq and Afghanistan to give to local children.

There will be drop-offs boxes in the various academic department areas and outside the Cadet Bookstore, Thayer Hall, 4th Floor until May 18.

U. S. Military Academy Band
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 The U.S. Military Academy
 Concert Band and the New
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Eisenhower Hall Theatre
Free and Open to the Public
 See schedule at
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Army and Community Sports

Diamond success exudes from Dinga, Hill

Story and photos by
Eric S. Bartelt
Sports Editor

Army baseball is beginning to heat up again much like the weather outdoors after taking three of four games last weekend against academy-rival Navy.

Last season, the Black Knights fell short of reaching their goal of three consecutive Patriot League championships, but it wasn't without trying as they won 17 of their last 21 games.

This season, things are beginning to pick up after Army was swept by Lafayette in their first four conference games and now they have finally evened their conference record at 7-7 [16-18-1 overall] with the three wins versus

the Midshipmen.

The team is made up of scrappy, young players who have been focused and have done the necessary things to succeed on the field. The team is led by two seniors, Milan Dinga and Nick Hill, who have a high work ethic and a long list of school records that keeps everything grounded.

Leftfielder/pitcher Dinga, who has been fighting a bad hamstring recently, is the heart and soul of the club. Along with his brimming enthusiasm comes his wealth of talent that may lead to him being drafted this spring by a Major League Baseball organization.

Dinga currently is third on the team in batting with a .288 average while leading in home runs [3] and runs batted in [26].



Senior pitcher Nick Hill has 30 career victories and is the first Army hurler to strikeout more than 300 batters in a career. He is 4-3 with a 1.69 earned run average this season.

He led the team last year with a .385 batting average and is the Black Knights career leader in hits [242], runs scored [155] and triples [14], plus he ranks second in RBI's with 132.

But, with all the offensive accomplishments he's achieved, his greatest gift may be on the mound.

The Tampa, Fla., native is 2-0 this season with two saves, but more importantly has not given up a run or a walk while striking out 14 in 12.1 innings pitched in 2007.

"You have to go in with the mindset of a closer -- when you go into the game that [the opposition] will not score more runs," Dinga said. "The team has put me into the situation to help them win, so when I go in there I go in with the mentality that the game's going to be over."

Not only is Dinga the Army's career leader in saves with 23, but he has also only given up two earned runs over 46.2 innings during the past three seasons.

What makes Dinga so good? Army head baseball coach Joe Sottolano calls him one of the best 'make-up' kids he's ever coached in his 17 years here, with the last eight as Army head coach.

"The thing about Milan is his confidence is extremely high, but there's no arrogance, which is very difficult to come across," Sottolano said. "He's a tremendous young man who, no matter what the situation is, doesn't just say he's going to succeed, but he truly, wholeheartedly believes it and knows it's going to happen."

"He's exactly who you want your [team] around. He's exactly the kind of person you want leading your program," added Sottolano, about his team's co-captain. "He's vocal, positive and energetic, and I've learned a lot from Milan throughout the years. I'm certainly glad that he's wearing that name 'Army' across his chest and he's representing West Point."

Left-handed pitcher Hill has been every bit as successful as Dinga through his four years at the academy. The two-time Patriot League Pitcher of the Year is 4-3 with a 1.69 earned run average and has struck out 76 batters in 64 innings in 2007.

Hill is the only Army pitcher



Senior leftfielder/pitcher Milan Dinga leads Army in home runs [3] and runs batted in [26]. However, his greatest strength is on the mound with a 2-0 record and two saves while not allowing an earned run in 12.1 innings pitched in 2007.

in school history to strikeout more than 300 batters [312] and is second in wins with 30. With all that he's achieved, his greatest asset is his team-first attitude, which showed after he came within two outs of getting a no-hitter against Bucknell April 8.

"Winning is all that matters," said Hill, who branched Engineers and will be assigned to Fort Lewis, Wash, if he decides not to play professional baseball. "It would have been nice [to have the no-hitter] and put that little feather in my cap. But as long as I'm helping the team win, whether I'm throwing a perfect game or winning 11-10, and keep them in the ball game, that's what I'm trying to do."

Like Dinga, Hill played in the Cape Cod League last summer, but he would also earn a spot for Team USA in the International University Sports Federation championships.

The 47th round 2006 MLB draft pick of the Boston Red Sox

finished the tournament with a 4-0 record with 1.48 ERA in seven appearances, but as great as it was helping the team win the gold medal was the fact that he got to represent his country at the tournament.

"It was an honor to play on that team," Hill explained. "I had a lot of fun all summer playing for our country, although I feel I get to play for my country every day when I'm playing for Army."

Dinga and Hill have been on a great ride, both personally and team wise, since their arrival to the academy in the summer of 2003.

The 2004 and 2005 seasons brought NCAA Tournament appearances to Army, which also included a school-record 39 wins in 2005.

Dinga and Hill both feel the 2005 season was the most special of them all and the importance of what they achieved will be felt for a long time at West Point.

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Army Triathlon team finishes fifth at championships

By Cadet 4th Class
Peter Bauleke
Army Triathlon Team

The Army Triathlon team raced against more than 1,000 athletes representing 77 colleges at the 25th annual Collegiate National Championships Saturday at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

This year the team was able to secure an impressive third place finish in the men's competition, just four points from the first place team [Navy]. The women's team finished ninth in the nation and combined, the Army's men's and women's teams secured fifth place in the nation.

The main effort on the men's side and the top three finishers for the team were senior Nick Dason and sophomores Nick Vandam and Nick Sterghos. All three of them

finished in the top 30 overall, which is very significant considering that the top three finishers receive an invitation to compete for a spot on the 2008 U.S. Olympic team.

Dason finished fifth overall with a time of 1:55:13. His goal was to go under two hours and he did after being in Iraq for nine months before the spring season.

Vandam finished 14th overall with a time of 1:57:36. Sterghos finished 29th overall with a time of 2:02:12. Sterghos joined the team in January and performed phenomenally in only his fourth triathlon.

For those who were not in the top three, there were many great achievements. A strong group of underclassmen provide hope for next year's team.

On the women's side, the top three finishers from the team were freshman Ashley Morgan, senior

Tracy Wilson and junior Erin King.

Morgan placed 19th overall with a time of 2:19:45. Wilson placed 46th with a time of 2:26:20. King placed 60th in the triathlon, only two seconds ahead of fellow teammate, sophomore Emily Sfeir, who finished in 61st place. With a ninth place finish for the women, next year is looking pretty promising for them as well.

Although the main season is over, there are still more races yet to come this spring and into the summer. On May 6, many of the triathletes will participate in the New Jersey Devilman, a Half Ironman. In the summer, many members on the team will be competing in races across the U.S. to include the Age Group Nationals and the greatly anticipated West Point Triathlon Aug. 19. Registration for the latter is open at www.active.com.



Sophomore Nick Vandam finished 14th in the men's competition with a time of 1:57:36, which also made him the second-best finisher of all Army triathletes. The men finished in third place at the 25th annual Collegiate National Championships while the team finished fifth overall.

PHOTO PROVIDED

Army Pistol aims high, takes second at Nationals

By Capt. Ramit Ring
Army Pistol Team OIC

The Army Pistol Team, coached by retired Lt. Col. Duston Saunders and managed by Cadet 2nd Class Grant Hewins, hosted the 26th annual National Intercollegiate Pistol Championships at Tronsrue Marksmanship Center over Spring Break.

This year's championships differed from past years, as only 10 teams made the cut and received invitations to Nationals.

The teams including the U.S. Military Academy, U.S. Naval Academy, U.S. Coast Guard Academy, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Ohio State University, University of Utah, U. S. Merchant Marine Academy, The

Citadel, Missouri State and Texas A&M.

As the reigning national champions, Army returned several of last year's team members and posted some outstanding individual scores to finish second overall.

In the Open Free Pistol Team event, where competitors fire 60 precision shots in two hours, the team of Cadets 2nd Class Casey Miller [508], Marc Eskew [500] and Daniel Hickok [515] and Cadet 1st Class and Team Captain Jameson Boscaw (515) shot a combined score of 2038 points to take the team Gold.

Runner-up MIT took the Silver with a score of 2012 and Navy

took the Bronze with a 1982 score. Individually, Boscaw overcame a nine-point deficit from the 60-shot preliminary match by shooting a 10-shot final round score of 89 to earn the Silver Medal.

In the Standard match, which entails shooting twenty rounds in four series of five shots each in 150 seconds, the same in 20 seconds and again in ten seconds, the team of Miller, Eskew, Hickok and Boscaw placed third with a score of 2103, behind Navy [2137] and MIT [2128]. Cadet 3rd Class Ryan Dowd, shooting as an individual, shot a 538 to tie for third place, but fell one point short during a shoot-off, to finish fourth overall in the

Standard competition.

In the women's events, the team of Cadet 3rd Class Kimberley Shultz and Cadets 1st Class Hannah Leadbetter and April Furr placed second in the Sport Pistol event, which consists of shooting a .22 caliber semi-automatic pistol in both precision and rapid fire series.

The women's Air Pistol team also posted some outstanding scores. Newcomer Cadet 2nd Class Rebekah Vaughan shot a 360 out of a possible 400 in her first pistol nationals to enter the individual finals in third place. She then shot a 95.5 out of a possible 109 and finished in fourth place.



One, two, three punch

Boxing Club team captains, Cadets 1st Class Reggie Smith [2006 185 lb. National Champion - left] and Mike Benedosso [2007 112 lb. National Champion], met Vitali Klitschko [WBC world heavyweight champion prior to his retirement in 2005] at the Golden Gloves Championships April 20 at MSG, where the team was recognized by the crowd for a successful season during intermission.

PHOTO BY MAJ. ERIC BULLER/BS&L

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“I think we finally made a name for ourselves at our second regional at Florida State,” said Dinga, who branched Armor and has been assigned to Fort Bragg, N.C., if he decides to forego a professional baseball career. “The first night, Nick threw a great game when we lost 3-2 to Florida State, a break here or there and we win that game. We were right in the game with them and we could have easily won.”

“The next day when we beat South Alabama, personally, was my happiest day of the weekend because the whole team got to celebrate the victory,” he added. “We played a hell of a game and put ourselves on the map to show we could compete with schools from the South or pretty much anywhere in the country.”

Hill felt finishing the regular season with a 17-3 record and taking both Patriot League Tournament games handily was his top moment at the academy.

“The way we played that weekend was [total domination],” stated the Bluff City, Tenn., native. “There was no question about who was the best team in the league. For me, knowing that we were head and shoulders above the rest [of our league] was a great feeling and we just keep going into the post season when we went down to Florida State.”

They still have a shot to make new memories as the season winds down and the team tries to finish in the top three in the Patriot League to get a shot at the championship.

Junior rightfielder/pitcher Cole White, sophomore shortstop Tony Capozzi and freshman first baseman Bo Cipra, according to Sottolano, have stepped up and they’re doing many good things to help the team get better as the season has progressed.

He credits the team’s composure as the reason why the Black Knights have maintained an even keel, especially after losing senior shortstop and former 2005 Patriot League Player of the Year Kyle Scogin to administrative actions early in the season.

“We are a team that scraps, fights, produces, manufactures runs, comes up with timely hits, bunts and does whatever it takes to push across runs [and plays solid defense],” Sottolano said. “The guys just go forward and just play the game with what they have.”

Sottolano is very proud of his players as they’ve worked through the ups and downs of this season, and he and his coaching staff are grateful to get a chance to be an integral part of their development as players and as future officers in the U.S. Army.

“We may play a very small part in their developmental process, but our players aren’t going on to do little things. These individuals are going on to be the greatest leaders our country has to offer,” Sottolano stated. “To share, even in the littlest way, in their development is something I take very seriously. It’s awesome. I can’t think of a better place than West Point to be able to do that. It’s outstanding.”

Sports Notes

■ There will be orienteering instruction and a competition May 5 at Ringwood State Park in Ringwood, N.J. The Hudson Valley Orienteering Club is offering free beginner instruction starting at 10:30 a.m.

Course times for beginner and advance courses begin between 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, visit the HVOC Web site at www.hvo.us.orienteering.org.