

July changes [as of 7/3]	
C FUND	+ 1.49 percent
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S FUND	+ 1.56 percent

## RCI project back on track

WEST POINT, N.Y. -- On June 29 West Point's Residential Communities Initiative was officially put back in business.

Previously, on March 8, 2007, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers awarded a contract to GMH/Centex Military Communities LLC for the Army RCI family housing project at West Point N.Y.

A disappointed offeror, Forest City Military Communities LLC, filed a procurement bid protest March 26 with the Government Accountability Office.

As required by statute, the contracting officer immediately advised GMH to stop work. Forest City alleged that the government improperly evaluated its proposal in response to the West Point solicitation. The response by the ACOE described the evaluation process and addressed each of Forest City's allegations.

On June 29, the GAO issued

its decision finding that Forest City's assertions were without merit. Following the release of the decision, Monday, the contracting officer advised GMH to begin work.

"We do not have a revised schedule and will not until GMH mobilizes on site," said West Point RCI Project Manager Mike Colacicco. "GMH leadership spoke with me Monday. They will be here as soon as they can. It is my desire to recapture as much of the lost time as possible without jeopardizing the quality of the product -- the Community Development and Management Plan."

The West Point RCI Office is made up of Colacicco, 938-5948; Community Relations Specialist Eileen Kaczkin, 938-2500 and RCI Engineer Paul Merritt, 938-6239.

Colacicco said he will provide the community with additional information as soon as possible.

## BOV visits July 14

WEST POINT, N.Y. -- The Board of Visitors of the U.S. Military Academy will meet July 14 on the fourth floor of Kimsey Center.

The Board will review and receive updates on the academic, physical and military programs.

The Board of Visitors is appointed under the provision of Section 4355 of Title 10, United States Code.

It is the duty of the board to inquire about the academy's morale and discipline, curriculum, instructions, physical equipment, fiscal affairs and academic methods. The board consists of presidential appointees and members of Congress.

Presidential appointees are retired Honorable Samuel K. Lessey Jr., Rebecca Contreras, Dr. Charles Younger, John S. Rainey, William H. Strong and Blake G. Hall.

The senators are the Honorable Jack Reed, the Honorable Kay Bailey Hutchison, the Honorable Susan Collins and the Honorable Mary Landrieu. Representatives include the Honorable John M. McHugh, the Honorable Maurice Hinchey, the Honorable Todd Tiahrt, the Honorable Jim Marshall and the Honorable John Hall.

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## R-Day for the Class of 2011

Monday, 1,307 cadet candidates began their journey as new cadets in the Class of 2011. The six-week-long Cadet Basic Training, or 'Beast Barracks,' will turn the new cadets into plebes. The new class features the highest number of women and Hispanic-Americans in the academy's history. [See related story pages 6-7.]

KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

## House backs 3.5 percent pay raise for civs

WASHINGTON [Govexec.com] -- Members of the House of Representatives approved a 3.5 percent raise for civilian federal employees June 28, a figure equal to the adjustment already authorized in the House for members of the military.

The House approved the raise as part of the fiscal 2008 financial services appropriations bill. The adjustment is half a percent higher than the increase proposed by the Bush administration, which recently issued a policy statement opposing the additional 0.5 percent.

"This arbitrary across-the-board increase would cost agencies more than \$600 million in FY2008 and would not target any specific recruitment or retention challenges," the statement said.

The House's action drew praise

from federal labor unions.

"Fair pay is the single most important factor toward recruiting and retaining quality federal employees," said Colleen Kelley, president of the National Treasury Employees Union, in a statement. "It also would represent a small, but important, step in closing the pay gap between public and private sector employees."

Kelley also praised language designed to ensure employees at the Defense and Homeland Security departments aren't denied the 3.5 percent raise as a result of personnel reforms.

The White House opposed this provision as well, stating that it "backs away from the concept of pay-for-performance and is ambiguous as to how the increase would be applied."

## Post NCO/Soldier of the Year winners

By Sgt. 1st Class  
Roger Jones  
PAO NCOIC

Staff Sgt. Willette Odom and Pfc. Mark Gonzalez, both of Keller Army Community Hospital, were

selected as the U.S. Military Academy Noncommissioned Officer and Soldier of the Year June 29.

Both Soldiers, among others, were featured in a story  
**See WINNERS on page 3**

## READY West Point: Community Emergency Preparedness info

Submitted by  
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### Are You Ready?

Disasters disrupt hundreds of thousands of lives every year. If a disaster occurs in your community, local government and disaster relief organizations will try to help you, but you need to be ready as well. Local responders may not be able to reach you immediately or they may need to focus their efforts elsewhere. You should be ready to be self-sufficient for at least three days. This may mean providing for your own shelter, first aid, food, water and sanitation.

**Develop a family emergency plan.** Gather family members together and discuss the following:

### Escape Routes

Using a blank sheet of paper for each floor, draw a floor plan of your home. Mark two escape routes from each room. Make sure children understand the drawings. Post a copy of the drawings at eye level in each child's room. Establish places to meet in the event of an emergency, such as a fire. One place should be near your

home, for example, the next door neighbor's front yard. The other should be outside your home's immediate area, for example, the neighborhood grocery store parking lot.

### Family Communications

Your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so plan how you will contact one another. Your plan should include contact information for family members, child care providers, your work and school. After a disaster, it's often easier to call long distance than to get a local call to connect. Ask an out-of-town friend or relative to be your family emergency contact. Following a disaster, family members should call this person with their exact location.

A sample form for recording this information can be found at [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) or at [www.redcross.org/contactcard](http://www.redcross.org/contactcard). These Web sites also provide blank wallet cards on which contact information can be recorded and carried in items such as a wallet, purse, backpack and diaper bag for quick reference. Be sure each family member has a copy of your communication plan and post it near your telephone for use in an emergency.

### Plan for Your Pets

Many emergency shelters

will not accept pets, other than service animals, for health reasons. Talk to your veterinarian or local humane society in advance about an emergency plan for your pets. Or, plan to shelter your pet with family, friends or in a pet-friendly motel. If you do have to leave your pet at home, post stickers or signs on doors that are clearly visible from the outside. Specify the number of animals residing in the house.

### Plan for the Mobility-Impaired

Keep support items in the same place, so they can be found quickly. Keep specialized items ready, including extra amounts of items you might need. Be sure to make provisions for medications that require refrigeration.

### Inventory Home Possessions

Make a record of your possessions to help you claim reimbursement in case of loss or damage.

Store this information in a safe deposit box or other secure locations to ensure the records survive a disaster.

### Vital Family Records and Documents

Vital family records and other important documents such as birth and marriage certificates, social security cards, passports, wills, deeds and financial, insurance and immunization records should be kept in a safe deposit box or other safe location.

### Safety Skills

It's important that family members know how to administer first aid and CPR and how to use a fire extinguisher. Be sure all family members know how to use your fire extinguishers and their locations. At a minimum you should have an ABC-type extinguisher.

### School Emergency Plans

Know your children's school emergency plan.

- Ask how the school will communicate with families during a crisis.

- Ask if the school stores adequate food, water and other basic supplies.

- Find out if the school is prepared to shelter-in-place if need be and where they plan to go if they must evacuate.

In cases where schools institute procedures to shelter-in-place, you may not be permitted to drive to the school to pick up your children. Even if you go to the school, the doors are likely to be locked to keep your children safe. Monitor local media outlets for announcements about changes in school openings and closings and follow the directions of local emergency officials.

Every member of the West Point community is part of a national emergency management system that is all about protection -- protecting people and property from all types of hazards. Think of the national emergency management system as a pyramid with you forming

the base of the pyramid. At this level, you have a responsibility to protect yourself and your family by knowing what to do before, during and after an emergency event.

### Are You Ready?

For further information, visit the Department of Homeland Security Ready Web site at [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) or go to the local Red Cross office.

Please send your comments or questions to Henry Cervantes, Emergency Plans Specialist, DPTMS at [henry.cervantes@usma.edu](mailto:henry.cervantes@usma.edu).

## 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](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.

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

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

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

See Solution on Page 10

## POINTER VIEW®

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# Bald eagle removed from endangered species list

By Robert DiMichele

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. [Army News Service] -- The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced the removal of the bald eagle from the list of threatened and endangered species June 28.

The action, called a delisting, came about because the nation's symbol has recovered to the point that it no longer needs the protection afforded by the Endangered Species Act. It becomes effective July 28, 30 days after publication of the final rule in the Federal Register.

Army environmental stewardship efforts played an important role in bringing the bald eagle back from the brink of extinction, according to Michael Dette, chief of natural resources at the U.S. Army Environmental Command.

Fifty-eight Army installations report bald eagles living on or near their properties. In fact, the bald eagle has been the most commonly threatened or endangered species reported on Army installations.

West Point has had an endangered species management plan since 1995, according to West Point Natural Resources Manager Jim Beemer.

He said that by Army regulation, once it is determined that an endangered species has a definite roosting area on the reservation, a plan must be put in place.

A dozen years ago the academy began charting the movement patterns of the bald eagles that wintered here. Beemer said that over the years the birds began to roost here year-round, both on the reservation and along the Hudson River near South Dock.

"The most we ever saw along the river were 28, about five winters ago," Beemer said.

He added that on the reservation proper, the most he had ever seen was eight.

Beemer attributed the growing numbers of bald eagles with an increase in breeding numbers in eastern Canada and New England.

"The young birds come here because of the good feeding in the area," Beemer explained.

The species rebounded in the last 40 years, largely due to the government's banning of DDT in 1972 and the protections provided by listing the bald eagles as part of the Endangered Species Act. Based



**The U.S. Military Academy is one of 58 Army installations that took part in environmental stewardship to help protect the bald eagle. Here, the tag for bird No. 39, can be seen. This particular bird has been tracked as far north as Labrador in eastern Canada.**

PHOTO BY JOE DESCHENES

on the most recent population figures, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service estimates there are at least 9,789 nesting pairs of bald eagles in the contiguous United States.

"Removing the bald eagle, the symbol of our country, from the list of threatened and endangered species is a great environmental triumph. It provides a tangible example of how far our nation and its military have progressed as environmental stewards," said Col. Michael P. O'Keefe, commander of the U.S. Army Environmental Command.

Army installations apply a number of different natural resource-management practices to protect the bald eagle and its habitat, according to Dette. Typically, garrison staffs work to maintain and improve forested habitat for both breeding and non-breeding eagles, minimize

human disturbance in nesting and wintering areas, maintain and improve the availability and quality of food supplies and minimize direct hazards to bald eagles. Installations identify special management areas around eagle nests and evaluate proposed activities within these areas for impacts on the bald eagle population.

For example, on some installations, forest management, harvest and thinning activities are limited to mid-July through mid-December to prevent disruptions to nesting eagles. Army forest-management practices, such as timber rotation and the retention of snags, also improve the eagle-nesting habitat.

In addition, Army wildlife specialists pay special attention to the potential for electrocution or collisions with power or communication lines, installing deflectors, avoidance devices, insulators or perch guards where there is a risk to eagles.

"Bald eagles thrive on our installations because of decades of sound stewardship practiced by Army Soldiers and Civilians. This success story highlights just one of many innovative and diligent efforts going on every day to sustain our precious natural resources," O'Keefe said.

The Army successfully protects more than 170 threatened and endangered species on its installations, to include the red cockaded woodpecker and the gray wolf. The Army and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service celebrated the recovery of the red cockaded woodpecker population on Fort Bragg last summer, five years ahead of schedule.

While the bald eagle has been removed from the list of threatened and endangered species, it will continue to be managed under both the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

On June 5, the U.S. Fish and

Wildlife Service opened a 90-day public comment period on a proposal to create a permit program to authorize limited "take," or accidental killing or injury, of bald and golden eagles where the take is associated with, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities.

When America formally adopted the bald eagle as the national symbol in 1782, as many as 100,000 nested in what would become the lower 48 states. By 1963, though, only 417 nesting pairs remained and the species was in danger of extinction. Loss of habitat, shooting for feathers and poisoning by the pesticide DDT all contributed to its near extinction.

Beemer added that the bald eagle is still listed as threatened by New York State and that the federal delisting will not change the no fly zone over Constitution Island in the wintertime.

**[Editor's Note:** DiMichele writes for the U.S. Army Environmental Command.]

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in the June 29 issue of the *Pointer View*®.

Odom, who is Gonzalez's NCO, trained with her Soldier for hours at a time to ensure they were prepared for the competition held here June 20-22.

The USMA Soldier and NCO of the Year will now head down to Fort A.P. Hill, Va., to compete in the National Capital Region NCO and Soldier of the Year competition, July 15-20.

# Community Features and Photos

## ONAP events

**Aug. 1**

### Superintendent's Seminar

Robinson Auditorium  
8:30 a.m. to Noon

### Lunch

Noon to 1 p.m.  
[on own]

### Community Wellness Fair

Eisenhower Hall Ballroom  
6 to 9 p.m.

### Superintendent's and Garrison Commander's Community Welcome

Eisenhower Hall Theater  
7 to 9 p.m.

**Aug. 7**

### Superintendent's Reception

Quarters 100,  
Grand Ballroom  
3 to 5 p.m.

### Fortification Tours

As part of the Orientation of Newly Arrived Personnel, West Point Fortification tours will be offered July 23 and 27 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. beginning at South Dock.

Anyone interested should contact the History Department's Melissa Mills at 938-3561.

Wear comfortable attire -- you will be walking.

## New Cadet Visitation Day is July 22

New Cadet Visitation Day will be conducted July 22 from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m.

The staff and faculty may sign-up on the USCC Web Page, [www-internal.uscc.usma.edu](http://www-internal.uscc.usma.edu).

Visitation Day provides each new cadet an opportunity to leave the barracks and visit with a family from the West Point community in a relaxed, informal atmosphere.

This is a great opportunity for potential sponsors to gain an appreciation for the sponsorship program and

interact with cadets.

By participating in this program, hosts are not committed to being a sponsor for the next year. Sponsors should report to the bleachers on The Plain, no later than 1 p.m. and should look for seating in the sections according to their last names.

During the course of the afternoon, hosts are encouraged to discuss all aspects of military life, answer questions and discuss life at West Point.

The new cadets will have both the noon and evening meals

provided by the mess hall, so there is no requirement to provide a full meal.

We are sure, however, that the new cadets would appreciate light snacks and refreshments [non-alcoholic beverages only.]

Participants must be military in the rank of Sergeant First Class or above; civilian Title X instructors, GS-9 and above; or competitive sport head coaches.

Participants must also reside on West Point or within the area defined by the following boundaries: North -- Main post

limits, South -- Bear Mountain traffic circle [intersection of Routes 6 and 9W]; East -- West bank of the Hudson River; West -- Route 9W.

Exceptions may be requested through, and approved by, the U.S. Corps of Cadets Chief of Staff.

Incoming personnel not yet assigned to quarters are invited to host new cadets using the academy common areas.

If you have any questions, please contact Steve Stokilo, USCC S-3 at 938-8804.

## GARRISON CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY

Tues., 10 a.m.  
Trophy Point

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Col. Brian Crawford's  
farewell  
9 a.m.  
Cullum Hall

# Videos available for children whose parents deploy

By Jerry Harben  
U.S. Army MEDCOM  
Public Affairs Office

“It’s important to recognize your fear, but not to dwell on it.”

The speaker is Cameron Lucke, 17-year-old son of an Army officer, and he is addressing concerns of other teenagers as narrator of a video, one of three now available to help families and communities deal with the stresses of military deployments.

“Military Youth Coping With Separation: When Family Members Deploy” is a half-hour video of teenagers discussing their feelings and how they cope with issues that arise when a parent is deployed. It is available for viewing at the Army’s behavioral health Web site in the ‘Children’ section, <http://www.behavioralhealth.army.mil> and on the Web site of the American Academy of Pediatrics at <http://www.aap.org/sections/unifsesrv/deployment/ysp-resources.htm>.

“Mr. Poe and Friends Discuss Family Reunion After Deployment” uses cartoon characters to address deployment issues affecting children ages 6 to 11. Both of the videos became available last month for viewing or download.

“Talk, Listen and Connect: Helping Families Cope With Military Deployment” features the Sesame Street character Elmo dealing with the prolonged absence of his father. It is suitable for ages 3 to 5, and is available from Sesame Street Workshop at [www.sesameworkshop.org/tlc](http://www.sesameworkshop.org/tlc).

The videos will be available on DVDs for anyone who cannot download large files from the Web. Watch the Web sites for information on how to get them.

“Our goal is to have a proactive, preventive package in the community before deployment,” said Col. George Patrin, a pediatrician and new commander of the Presidio

of Monterey, Calif., Army Health Clinic, who helped develop two of the videos and undertook related research for his thesis in the Army-Baylor Graduate Program in Health and Business Administration.

At present, at least 700,000 children in the United States have at least one parent deployed for military duty, according to the American Psychological Association February 2007 report.

The American Academy of Pediatrics states that children’s reactions to a parent being deployed may include anger, sadness, fear, confusion and feelings of abandonment, loss, anxiety and depression. These reactions can lead to significant problems such as school absenteeism and failure, social isolation, family emotional abuse and violence, psychosomatic medical complaints and depression.

Patrin said the program will be most effective if an adult facilitator guides a discussion among the children during or after viewing the video. A facilitator’s guide is available for primary-care physicians, teachers, church and Scout leaders, or any other concerned adults, along with the parent, who use the videos to support children as they deal with the stress of deployment separation.

“People often assume the only way they can get help is through the hospital. That’s simply not true. If we collaborate as a community,” Patrin said, “the community becomes the first level of intervention, rather than waiting for a situation to blow up and require social services or the emergency room. With an effective intervention tool like the video toolkit, the amount of child abuse should go down. People will be able to deal with their issues before they begin striking out.

“Ultimately, this is a way the entire United States community can

be a part of the war effort. If you tune in you will get a better idea what military families are going through,” he added.

Major Keith Lemmon, pediatrician and adolescent medicine faculty member at Madigan Army Medical Center [in Tacoma, Wash.], began development of the video for teenagers while at Brooke Army Medical Center [in San Antonio, Texas]. He explained that he became concerned after his deployment to Afghanistan. Despite his expertise in adolescent medicine and his wife’s as an educator, his wife experienced depression and his 4-year-old son was irritable and acted out.

“It soon became apparent that no one is immune,” Lemmon said. “I was concerned; if deployment

affected us this significantly with all our strengths, what might others be facing?”

With help from Patrin and others, he obtained a grant from the American Academy of Pediatrics and arranged to interview teenagers at an Operation Purple Camp operated by the National Military Family Association.

“One 14-year-old boy interviewed on the video later said it was the best thing he had done in his life,” Lemmon said. “He didn’t think that anyone would understand. Being able to talk about it really helped. It was a big burden lifted off him.”

Lemmon said his objectives were to support teenagers and to provide a tool to help them get through the deployment, and also

to sensitize the community to what military children go through during a deployment.

“Families will order it and use it individually. Family resource groups will adopt it as a standard to use to help children understand their feelings with deployment. I hope it will get good media coverage too, so the community will know that military families will definitely benefit from more support,” he said.

“Youth serving professionals say the video tool kit covers an area that just isn’t covered for teenagers. This meets that need. We’re getting a lot of positive feedback,” Lemmon added.

[**Editor’s Note:** Fort Sam Houston News Leader contributed to this article.]

# New cadets march to the tune of R-Day

By Eric S. Bartelt  
Sports Editor

Commands come fast and furious, trying to comprehend everything around you is a colossal chore and a 'deer in headlights' look is par for the course -- it must be R-Day.

More than 1,300 new cadets, most of whom will become the Class of 2011, were welcomed to the U.S. Military Academy Monday by blue skies and temperate weather during Reception Day activities. Unlike the weather, the upperclass cadets offered a rude awakening for these cadet candidates, as the cadet cadre must prepare these new cadets for what will become their lives over the next 46 months and 30 days after day one.

"As a new cadet, you don't have time to really think a lot because you're given plenty of tasks to do in a short amount of time," said Cadet 1st Class Jason Crabtree, Cadet Basic Training I commander [often know as the King of Beast Barracks]. "It's a big challenge to be able to follow directions that are given to you and then [turn around] to get a lot of things done."

Crabtree, who was a first sergeant during last summer's CBT, described how R-Day can be a confusing experience for these new cadets since there are a lot of people to meet, new sights and sounds, plenty of paperwork and plenty of new equipment to sort through.

The CBT I commander said he is honored to be responsible for the new cadets and their training in the course of the next six weeks while taking them through their initial West Point experience.

"It's a phenomenal opportunity to set the tone for not only their experience here at the academy," Crabtree explained, "but their experience in the military. For most of these new cadets, this is their first experience with the military."

For many it is a big transition, and as Crabtree put it, 'a culture shock,' when new cadets have to respond to direct authority. It's at that point during R-Day when the direct authority of the upperclass cadets remind the new cadets of where they are now.

"We hit them hard right away to put a serious face on them,"

said Cadet 1st Class Michael Marano, CBT I cadet cadre member. "I usually start off with a joke that makes them laugh [to calm them down], then ask them where they are, they'll say, 'the U.S. Military Academy,' and that usually hits home.

"But if I ask them that and they're still laughing, I pull out that we have comrades on the battlefield [that takes away the smiles] and that really brings it back home to being serious," Marano added. "You break them down and let them know where they are, then build their confidence back up so they are not disheartened and that usually does the trick."

Learning to salute or reporting to the cadet in the red sash can be terrifying at first, but as Marano said, "We try to recreate the experience that we had as plebes."

Cadet Basic Training has two missions: one -- to prepare new cadets to go from being civilians to Soldiers, and two -- to help the upperclass cadets gain professional development as leaders.

"We develop an institutional knowledge so people understand their roles, responsibilities and priorities that they need to have and maintain as leaders," Crabtree said, "not only here as cadets at West Point, but also once we graduate, are commissioned and serve as lieutenants in the U.S. Army."

At the end of a long day, after saying goodbye to loved ones first thing in the morning, and going through a whirlwind of inprocessing and learning new Army jargon, the new cadets march out to Trophy Point to take the oath from the commandant of the U.S. Corps of Cadets.

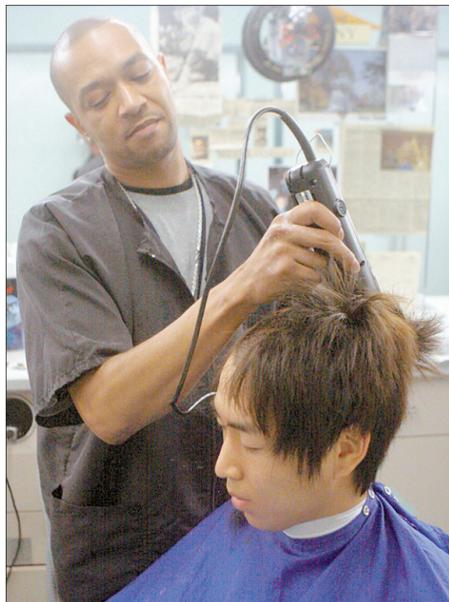
This year, there will be 225 women who make up the more than 1,300 cadet candidates that



A cadet cadre member leads a squad of new cadets across Thayer Walkway to their CBT company area. ERIC BARTELT/PV



Cadet 2nd Class Caroline Miller shows a new cadet how to salute properly. ERIC BARTELT/PV



Barber Tony Davis buzzes off the hair of a Class of 2011 cadet. ERIC BARTELT/PV



Cadet 1st Class Wolf-ekkehard Hindrichs teaches a new cadet on how to report to the cadet red sash. ERIC BARTELT/PV

will line Cullum Road for the Oath Ceremony, which will make it the largest contingent of women in one class in academy history.

Unlike the early years, women are easily accepted at the academy nowadays and, since they comprise 17 percent of this new class, it's a trend that will most likely last.

"It's inspiring to know that there will be a bigger population of females to encourage each other," said cadet candidate Phaneslyn Williams, who spent last year at the U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School. "In the Army and at West Point, there are a majority of males, so you feel

like you're coming into a man's world and that you might be encroaching on something, but it's still inspiring to be a part of this."

Crabtree believes women are an integral part of the academy and that the academy has made a real effort in the past few years to integrate them as equal members of the team.

"We make sure that we take care of the women who are a part of our team in the right way," Crabtree

stated. "We must have the right priorities, ensure their safety and make them feel that they are an equal and valued member [of the unit]."



Cadet 2nd Class Derek Debruhl paces the new cadets through an about face on their first day at the U.S. Military Academy during Reception Day Monday. ERIC BARTELT/PV



Cadet candidates get their first glimpse of their New Cadet Handbook while waiting in line on R-Day. The handbook is packed full knowledge on courtesies and basic Soldier skills needed to get through Cadet Basic Training. ERIC BARTELT/PV



A new cadet takes a leap in the baggage holding area in Thayer Hall. ERIC BARTELT/PV



More than 1,300 cadets lined Cullum Road in front of Battle Monument at Trophy Point as part of the Oath Ceremony, an opportunity for family and friends to see how one day at the U.S. Military Academy can begin to transform their loved ones. PHOTO BY ELIZABETH HOLTAN/PAO

## What's Happening

### Red Cross opening

The West Point Red Cross has an opening for a full-time salaried Community Development Associate. Send resumes to the West Point Red Cross or call [845] 938-4100.

### 10 MPH when passing troops

The U.S. Corps of Cadets and the 10th Mtn Div. have observed personnel with DOD decals on their vehicles passing troops and cadets at a high rate of speed.

USMA G-3 reminds everyone that the speed limit is 10 mph when passing troops.

### PWOC

Summer playground fun sponsored by the Protestant Women of the Chapel is Wed. at the West Point Elementary School playground.

Everyone is welcome.

We will meet from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Look for the balloons and bring water and sunblock for your child.

### WPWC

The WPWC Gift Shoppe,

located next to the MWR Fitness Center, is open on the Web at [www.shopthepoint.com](http://www.shopthepoint.com) and is closed in July and August.

The Shoppe is always open by appointment by contacting Julie at 446-2950 or Pam at 446-2517.

### Fort Putnam open this summer

Historic Fort Putnam will be open throughout the summer every Fri., Sat. and Sun. from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### Puppies Behind Bars

Puppies Behind Bars is hosting training sessions at West Point July 17 and 23 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

These sessions will train volunteers to help these young dogs socialize to the sights, sounds and experiences they can't get in prison.

Once trained, the pups become service dogs for disabled civilians or service members and can even become explosive detection canine. Call [212] 680-9562 to sign up.

### Free summer camp for kids

Operation Purple offers free summer camp for military youth. Camp Deer Run, located in Pine Bush, N.Y., runs until July 14 for children ages 13 to 15 and from July 16-22 for ages 10 to 12.

All applicants must go online [[www.operationpurple.com](http://www.operationpurple.com)] to register.

### Upcoming Triathlons

The 3rd annual Kid's Triathlon is Aug. 18 and the 18th Annual West Point Triathlon is Aug. 19 at Camp Buckner. Register for both at [active.com](http://active.com).



## Yard of the Month winners

The July Yard of the Month winners gathered at the quarters of the Old English area winner the Col. Bryan Goda family Tuesday. Winners in attendance [pictured from left] were the Staff Sgt. Daniel Riley family [Old Brick]; the Maj. Jeff Gribshaw family [Stony II]; the Sgt. 1st Class Matt Wozniak family [Bailey Loop - Band]; the Maj. George Corbari family [Stony I]; the Sgt. 1st Class William Villagomez family [Stony II]; the Maj. Dave Cushen family [New Brick] and the Lt. Col. John Ingram family [Lee - Quints]. Winners not pictured include, the Col. Tommy DeBaradino family [Lusk]; the Lt. Col. Steve Houston family [Lee - Doubles]; the Master Sgt. Newby family [Stony I] and the Sgt. 1st Class D. Rodriguez family [Gray Ghost].

KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

## DPW Notes

### Smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors

Hard-wired smoke detectors, with battery supply back up, are installed in all living units to detect the presence of smoke in all accommodations and common hallways. It is imperative that residents test the back up battery at least twice each year [once a month is better] to ensure that the battery power supply is ample to sound the alarm in the event of a power loss in a fire emergency.

If the battery is no good, go to the DPW Self Help Center to obtain another battery. If that does not solve the problem, residents should call in a service order. Do not remove the battery back up, disable the detector or the alarm mechanism under any circumstance. Your safety and that of your family is dependent upon everyone hearing the alarm and vacating the premises in an orderly and rapid fashion.

So far, during the summer of

2007, the Army has experienced loss of life in Army Family Housing units world-wide because residents removed the battery back up or disabled the smoke detector unit.

Please do not become an Army statistic. Should you detect a malfunction with your smoke detector, report it to the DPW Service Desk as quickly as possible so repairs may be initiated.

This notice applies to all USMA residents regardless of whether you are living in a BOQ, BEQ, Barracks or a Family Housing Unit.

Also, carbon monoxide detectors are available through the DPW Self Help Center, as inventory and funds allow, for resident self-installation in accordance with packaged directions. For CO detectors, residents should also assure that the batteries are tested and replaced on a routine basis to ensure that they are working properly.

### Tour of historic West Point

All community members are

invited to join the Directorate of Public Works and Steve Grove, Ph. D., the USMA Historian, for our Annual Guided Tour of Historic West Point from the Hudson River July 14 from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

The tour is a part of USMA's Earth Day celebration, as we recognize the part USMA's history played in the cultural heritage of America. The tour is open to all members of the USMA community and their guests by reservation only.

The tour departs South Dock at 1:30 p.m. Guests may bring food

and beverages on board with them, as no other refreshments will be available.

The event is free, but due to the limited capacity of the boat, reservations are required. Plan now for an enjoyable, entertaining, yet educational, afternoon for family and friends.

For reservations contact Kevin Kirkpatrick, Environmental Management Division, 938-8000.

### BBQ propane tanks

All USMA residents are

reminded that BBQ propane tanks are considered to be hazardous materials and may not be placed into your regular household solid waste.

If you have a used propane tank for disposal, please contact the Solid Waste Management Branch for instructions on the safe, environmentally friendly way to dispose of the tank.

For information on how to properly dispose of all kinds of household hazardous waste, contact the SWM branch at 938-4074.

# MWR Blurbs

## CYS Boat Ride

Child and Youth Services is offering a party boat ride July 17 from 1:30 to 4 p.m. for students who have completed 8th grade at West Point Middle School, Highland Falls MS, Sacred Heart or Garrison MS.

Call 938-8899 for more information.

## Black and Gold Awards

The Black and Gold Ceremony for Thurs. has been cancelled. Nominations for the Aug. ceremony will be accepted through July 19.

To nominate someone call the Army Volunteer Coordinator, Jen Pagio, at 938-4621.

## Community Fair Aug. 1

The annual USMA Community and Wellness Fair is Aug. 1 from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Eisenhower Hall Ballroom.

The fair promotes individual, family and community wellness. Meet with representatives from agencies, clubs and organizations from West Point and the local community.

Free child care and Youth Services are available from 6 to 9 p.m.

Call 938-3487 for more info.

## Bike Rodeo Aug. 4

The annual Bike Rodeo is Aug. 4 in the West Point Post Exchange parking lot from 10 a.m. to Noon.

This free event is open to all children who reside at West Point and Highland Falls.

Meet McGruff the Crime Dog and learn about bike safety and security. The rain date is Aug. 11.

Call 938-3312 for more info.

## Junior Golf Clinics

Registration is now open for the Junior Golf Clinic Sessions II and III.

Session II is from July 23 to 27. [Registration ends July 20 at 5 p.m.]

Session III runs from Aug. 6 to 10. [Reg. ends Aug. 3 at 5 p.m.]

Ages 8 to 10 meet from 4 to 5 p.m.

Ages 11 to 13 meet from 5 to 6 p.m.

Ages 14 and above meet from 6 to 7 p.m.

Registration is only available at the WPGC Pro Shop. The clinics are open to children ages 8 and above. Call 938-2435 or go to [www.westpointmwr.com](http://www.westpointmwr.com) for more info.

## Arts & Crafts

Classes are ongoing at the West Point Arts & Crafts Shop.

Call for more information,

**NOW SHOWING** in the movie theater at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752  
**Friday -- Shrek the Third, PG, 7:30 p.m.**  
**Saturday -- Pirates of the Carribean: At World's End, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**  
**July 13, 14 -- Pirates of the Carribean: At World's End, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**  
 The theater schedule can also be found at [www.aafes.com](http://www.aafes.com).

# Keller Corner

## Blood Drive kick-off

There will be a Kick-Off Campaign meeting July 20 from 2 to 4:30 p.m. in Bldg. 626, Training Room #1, in preparation for the upcoming Hudson Valley Blood Services Program Aug. 20-23 Blood Drive.

Appointed key personnel from each activity should attend this meeting.

Names of personnel attending should be submitted to Mary Mandia by either calling her at 938-2583 or e-mailing her at [Mary.Mandia@na.amedd.army](mailto:Mary.Mandia@na.amedd.army). *mil* or Capt. Gerald Kellar at 938-6804, [Gerald.Kellar@amedd.army](mailto:Gerald.Kellar@amedd.army). *mil* before July 20.

## Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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

# Command Channel 8/23

July 6 - July 13

### Friday

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

### Monday - July 13

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