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## Hackers steal info on USAJOBS.gov subscribers

WASHINGTON [govexec.com] -- Hackers have stolen the names, e-mail addresses and telephone numbers of about 146,000 subscribers to USAJOBS.gov, the Office of Personnel Management said Aug. 29.

The hackers accessed the information from the resume database run by Monster.com, which provides the technology for USAJOBS.gov, OPM said. Monster Worldwide told OPM that no Social Security numbers were compromised.

OPM said that because of the breach, job seekers could find themselves targeted by so-called "phishing" e-mails, possibly disguised as Monster.com or USAJOBS.gov messages. Phishing e-mails try to trick people into

revealing sensitive information such as passwords or downloading malicious software.

Monster has identified and shut down the server that was accessing and collecting the information, OPM said.

"The main point everyone needs to be aware of is that USAJOBS will NEVER request personal information via an unsolicited e-mail," according to Paul Scullion, the Director of Information Management at West Point. "Individuals should NEVER provide personal information unless they are 100 percent certain it is a legitimate request.

"If employees received unsolicited e-mails they should not respond and simply delete them," he added.

## AT/FP exercise planned Sept. 13-15

Submitted by Force Protection Office DPTMS

The West Point Military Installation in conjunction with several federal, state and local law enforcement agencies will conduct an Antiterrorism/Force Protection exercise beginning Thursday and ending Sept. 15. The exercise will use several of the West Point ranges as well as the Camp Shea MOUT Facility, the Camp Buckner Cantonment area, Lake Popolopen,

Lake Frederick and the West Point Middle and Elementary School areas.

This exercise is an annual training requirement focused on improving our response and outside agency assistance to an on-post crisis situation that will help to improve West Point's Force Protection and emergency readiness.

To support this exercise, the following measures will be in effect:

### Thursday

Lake Popolopen is closed for all activities.

Lake Frederick remains open, but will have Law Enforcement activity in the area from 2 through 7 p.m.

### Sept. 14

Lake Popolopen is closed for all activities.

Camp Shea is closed in support of the training event.

As part of the exercise, the installation will validate certain

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## MASCAL trains emergency services personnel

Captain David Vollbrecht, a Primary Care registered nurse at Keller Army Community Hospital, performs triage on a young victim during a Mass Casualty exercise Aug. 30 at Michie Stadium. The exercise brought together several outside agencies to include ambulance, fire, police and hospital personnel to mesh with the Keller Hospital personnel and Department of Emergency Services here. [See related story on pages 8-9]

ERIC S. BARTELT/PV

## Army extends level of support to fallen Soldiers' Families

WASHINGTON [American Forces Press Service] -- Families of deceased active-duty Soldiers can receive an extended level of support from a long-term care program the Army launched 18 months ago, the program's chief said.

The Army Long Term Family Case Management program provides long-term support to Families of fallen Soldiers by helping them through the often painful and sometimes arduous steps toward receiving benefits and various other types of support, Lt. Col. Nora Linderman, program chief of Army Long Term Family Case Management, told online journalists and "bloggers" in a conference call Aug. 28.

"My team and I are constantly listening to Families, learning what they need and enhancing and

expanding our program accordingly so that we can do whatever is required," she said.

Casualty assistance officers generally avail themselves to Families at the early stages of the mourning process, at least through a fallen Soldier's interment, Linderman said. But in the months and years following the loss of a loved one, unresolved issues and questions often surface regarding benefits and support services, she said.

To address such issues, a support coordinator with Army Long Term Family Case Management contacts the Family about six months following the loss of a loved one. The coordinator maintains an "open dialogue" with Family members for as long as they find it helpful, Linderman said.

The program also follows

congressional legislation that pertains to benefits programs offered to Families of deceased Soldiers and posts the information on its Web site, <http://www.altfcm.army.mil>.

Launched in February 2006, Army Long Term Family Case Management already has helped more than 5,000 Families identify benefits to which they're entitled, Linderman noted.

"Being able to be there with a support structure for the Families through the months and the years after the loss is a wonderful step in the right direction," she said. "I encourage anyone who has suffered a loss to lean on us."

Information about Army Long Term Family Case Management is available on the program's Web site or by calling a support coordinator at 1-866-272-5841.

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## Letter to the Editor: Do you know Mike?

By Linda Shoop

Mike Dodson is the fellow who loads groceries outside the Commissary and returns the shopping carts to the front of the store every day. He works about 10 hours per day, every day the commissary is open -- in snow, rain or scorching sun. Mike is not a commissary employee. The baggers inside the store give him about \$30 per day from their shared tips; but other than that, Mike relies on our tips for his income.

Mike is scrupulously honest. He has returned more than two dozen wallets and purses over the years -- all containing whatever the owners had in them. Having never had a drink or drug in his life, he is extremely reliable once

he understands his mission. He has great pride in being strong enough to help others in spite of his handicap.

Mike's injury occurred when at age 6 his head was struck by a speeding taxi. Near death in a coma for six days, he remains largely paralyzed on his right side and his speech is slightly impaired. His left eye does not contract in sunlight and he has become largely blind in that eye during the day. His math ability is quite good, however, and he plays a very respectable game of chess. The brother of a West Point graduate, he is a fiercely independent Southerner who will take no direct aid from his family. He has recently accepted Medicaid help for his health care, after refusing any help for 15 years.

Once you become one of Mike's customers, he will learn your face and look for you at each visit, especially if you are older or infirm.

To the best of anyone's knowledge, he has never taken a vacation since he began this service in 1981 at the old commissary. He was off twice with injuries. When his leg was broken in a moped accident in 1983 en route to the commissary, he foolishly finished the day there, working in the snow before going to the hospital.

He has received numerous

letters of appreciation and has been the subject of several articles in the *Pointer View*® and "The Link." When new personnel learn his background through this letter; however, he says they become his customers more often. He has grown proud of the reputation he has achieved on his own through hard work, which allows him to be of useful service. Mike was awarded a certificate of appreciation for his service from the Governor [of N.Y.] in the Spring of 2007.

And thus the reason for

this letter; to introduce Mike to newcomers to West Point. Although others may help us when the sun is shining, it will be Mike outside with us when the snow is blowing. He is always happy to assist you when you feel it is appropriate. Thank you.

Signed,  
Friends of Mike Dodson

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## SAPR-P

The members of the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program are Col. Jeanette McMahan, Shelley Ariosto [Garrison], Maj. Maria Burger [USCC], Maj. Kim Kawamoto [ODIA] and Lt. Col. Robbie Williams [Dean]. Community members can e-mail McMahan at [Jeanette.McMahan@usma.edu](mailto:Jeanette.McMahan@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: Easy

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

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# Local and National News

## Sec. Geren welcomed to Army in arrival ceremony

By Jim Garamone

WASHINGTON [Army News Service] -- Reshaping support to Army Families and rebalancing a force stretched by war will be the priorities for Army Secretary Preston "Pete" Geren.

Geren spoke during an arrival ceremony hosted Aug. 30 by Army Chief of Staff Gen. George W. Casey Jr.

In a nod to Geren's Dallas background, the Army Band played "The Yellow Rose of Texas" during the pre-event concert.

Geren, who represented Dallas in the House of Representatives from 1989 to 1997, has served as the 20th Army secretary since July 16.

"Pete Geren is the right person, at the right time, to serve as secretary of the Army," Casey said in his remarks at the ceremony.

Casey said the U.S. Army is a force at war and is transforming in an era of persistent conflict. "Our force is stretched and out of balance," the general said. "The tempo of our deployments are not sustainable, our equipment usage

is five times the normal rate and continuously operating in harsh environments."

Casey said the institutional elements of the Army -- such as health care, education and Family support systems -- were designed for the pre-Sept. 11, 2001, world. He said those elements have adapted too slowly to the changing world "and they are fraying" under the accumulated stresses.

"Overall, we're consuming readiness as fast as we're building it," Casey said.

Geren arrived at the Pentagon in 9/11 as a special assistant to the Secretary of Defense. In the past six years, he said, he has been in awe of the servicemembers who deploy time and again and of the military Families who have been steadfast in support.

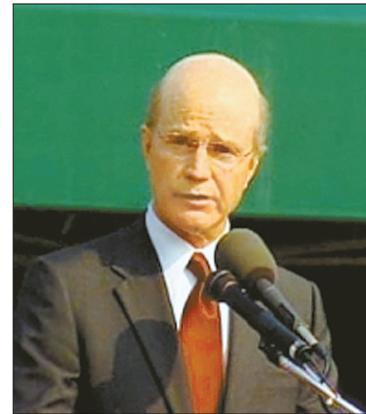
The Army secretary said he and Casey share a heartfelt commitment to Army Families. "We need to provide the support they have earned and deserve in an era of persistent conflict," he said.

The Army's more than one million Soldiers are a national treasure the nation is taxing at

unprecedented levels, Geren noted.

"Our Army, Soldiers and Families are stretching to meet the demands of this current conflict," he said. "We currently have 260,000 Soldiers deployed in more than 80 countries around the world, including 150,000 in Iraq and Afghanistan."

Since the conflict began, more than 550,000 Soldiers have served in combat zones, with 220,000 deployed multiple times. "A Soldier who joined the Army on Sept. 12, 2001, has deployed at least two times -- likely three -- and he or she is getting ready for the fourth one," Geren said. "Yet our resilient Soldiers and their Families -- all volunteers -- continue to serve with courage, professionalism and distinction. Our Soldiers continue to re-enlist and go back to the fight again, and again, and their Families continue to stand with them."



Army Secretary Pete Geren

The Army is growing by 74,000 Soldiers, and the Army Reserve and National Guard are changing from strategic forces to operational forces. Geren said the Army is halfway through its greatest organizational change since World War II and must not lose sight of what's important to the service's future.

"In order to sustain our force, we will do more for our Army Families in these challenging times," he said. "Family support systems, health care, child care, housing and education designed for the pre-9/11 Army must be adapted to sustain an Army at war."

Geren said the Army Family Action Plan will launch this autumn to bolster the support to Families.

"The demanding present and the prospects of an unrelenting future require an overhaul of Family support systems," he continued. "Our Army Families deserve a quality of life commensurate with their extraordinary service."

[Editor's Note: Garamone writes for American Forces Press Service.]

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**800-984-8523**

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Force Protection Conditions. To support these FPCON measures the following measures will be in effect:

Beginning Sept. 14 at 9 p.m. until Sept. 15 at noon, there will be no parking in the following areas: the Cadet Central Area, including Brewerton Road, Scott Place and the Bldg. 720 parking lot; Thayer Hall roof; Thayer Moat; Lincoln Hall Lot and under Mahan Hall.

Building Commandants are reminded that there is no parking within 25 meters of their respective buildings.

Personnel may expect minor delays at the gates, as FPCON measures are elevated late in the day and evening of Sept. 14.

Everyone who usually parks in the Central Post area is encouraged to park in Clinton Lot and the upper 606 Lot.

### Sept. 15

Lake Popolopen is closed for all activities.

From 6 to 10 a.m., helicopter operations are scheduled over the Lee Housing area using the West

Point Middle School soccer field as a landing zone. All residents are asked to stay clear of this area. Additionally, Washington Road at the Barry Road intersection will be blocked. Families living in the USMA Band housing will be allowed access to their area. All other vehicle traffic will be detoured through Merritt Road, Wilby Place and West Moore Loop to use Washington Gate.

Residents are reminded that there will be various federal, state, local and MP Law Enforcement vehicles in and around the installation during the exercise period.

At noon, all previously mentioned parking restrictions are lifted and traffic flow returns to normal.

If you have any questions or would like further information on this planned training event, contact either Lt. Col. Robert Brown, Directorate of Emergency Services [938-8131] or Charles Peddy, Director of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security [938-8845].

## Cadet interrupts studies for AmeriCorps service

By Kathy Eastwood  
Staff Writer

Cadet 2nd Class Brent Bubany interrupted his cadet career to offer his service for one year to the City Year program, a program affiliated with AmeriCorps.

Bubany said he was very much influenced by the founders of City Year, Michael Brown and Alan Khazeie, when they spoke at an American Politics class during his plebe year in 2004. They impressed him so much that it inspired him to take a year off and volunteer.

This is the first time a cadet has volunteered for an AmeriCorps program. The academy does allow time off for religious practices such as the Latter Day Saints, who must perform mandatory missions, which generally last from one to two years.

"I have always been very passionate about community service," Bubany said. "Brown and Khazeie showed me just what I could do and what AmeriCorps could be. Since there are circumstances where a cadet can take time off, I thought I would give one year of service, which I did after my sophomore year."

Bubany became interested in volunteering, especially in community service, as an Eagle Scout. He continued that tradition by resigning and delaying his West Point graduation for a year to volunteer at the LeyVa Middle School in San Jose, Calif., one of the 17 City Year sites and an area that he understood is diverse and underserved.

City Year unites motivated young adults ages 17-24 to complete one year of community service.

"I taught U.S. history and pre-algebra, tutored in a myriad of other subjects including English Language Development and mentored 6th, 7th and 8th grade students," Bubany said. "My team of six corps members developed curriculum and ran after-school programs throughout the school year for the students. We also got the students motivated by starting a large service project at the school -- getting students and their parents involved in painting and neighborhood beautification."

Bubany said he encountered some challenges working with middle school children, especially in an economically depressed area.

"Middle school children aren't as trusting as elementary school children are," he said. "It took nearly a half-year, but we managed to gain their trust through outreach efforts -- to let them know they could come to us with something they didn't understand or anything else. By the end of the year, they started to become more secure within themselves."

City Year volunteers have been

in the LeyVa Middle School for 13 years, with new AmeriCorps volunteers coming in each year.

Bubany said it was a learning experience for him as well.

"I took a lot of West Point with me to the school, but I also brought back a lot from the City Year program," he said.

"We had to survive on a \$200 a week stipend, so I learned to live on a budget, pay bills, shop smart and eat healthy, do laundry and cook. I shared an apartment with five other volunteers, who were in other aspects of the program."

City Year's mission is to build democracy through citizen service, civic leadership and social entrepreneurship. AmeriCorps is a program

of the Corporation of National and Community Service, an independent federal agency created to connect Americans of all ages with opportunities to give back to their communities and their nation, according to [www.americorps.org](http://www.americorps.org).

"City Year is an experience that will benefit me for the remainder of my cadet career as well as my time as an officer -- a priceless complement to the academy's curriculum," Bubany added.



Cadet 2nd Class Brent Bubany took a year off from his studies at West Point to volunteer for City Year and taught in the LeyVa Middle School in San Jose, Calif.

PHOTO PROVIDED

# Child and Youth Services offers a wide variety of activities

By Don Hulst  
MWR Child & Youth Services  
Coordinator

The Child and Youth Services division of MWR offers a wide variety of activities for West Point's youth including after school programs.

On Sept. 15, the Youth Center will host its annual Boys & Girls Clubs Day for Kids. This free event, which focuses on Families spending time together, begins at noon and will run until 4 p.m., at Bldg. 500.

Families are invited to play games, do arts and crafts projects, decorate T-shirts and enjoy the bouncing castles and ice cream sundaes. For more information about this event, call [845] 938-8899.

School Age Services is the branch of CYS that provides care for children in first through fifth grades, while those in grades six through 12 get together at the Youth Center to play games, cook, use the computers, do art projects or simply relax.

## School Age Services -- Open Recreation

This past winter, West Point SAS proudly opened its new facility located in Bldg. 693 on Washington Road. Eligible children can participate in this enriching program that was recently re-accredited by the National After School Association.

During the academic year, before- and after-school care is available Mon. through Fri. The 5,000-square foot facility boasts four large classrooms and a beautiful playground to meet the needs of the

community's children.

The quiet room features reading, writing, math and science centers and is adjacent to the technology center.

In addition to 15 computers and digital equipment, the homework area, also located in the technology center, is where children can receive assistance.

A gross motor room is available for children to participate in dramatic play, foosball, freeze dance, block building and other planned activities.

Healthy snacks are served daily in the cafeteria, which doubles as an art area where children can paint, make clay projects and have a number of other creative experiences.

All patrons interested in the SAS program must complete the registration packet before using the services and are encouraged to take advantage of 10 free hours of service each month, per child, for hourly drop-in care.

Reservations for this hourly program must be made no later than noon the day the services are requested. Hourly care is limited to twice a week.

For reservations, call [845] 938-8530.

## Middle School & Teen -- Open Recreation Program

The Youth Center, located at Bldg. 500 on Washington Road, is now operating Mon. through Fri. from 2 to 5:30 p.m., and Friday nights from 6 to 9 p.m. The Youth Center is also open Sat. from noon to 5 p.m., for grades three through 12.

A CYS annual membership is required to use the open recreation program. Membership



PHOTO BY JODI CABRERA/C&YS

can be obtained by completing the registration packet and paying the registration fee.

The member benefits are vast. Participants are served a snack daily after school and have the opportunity to participate in both structured and spontaneous programs. The Center's technology center has 15 computers and also serves as a quiet space for homework time.

For physical activity, members

play an assortment of games each day in the full-sized gymnasium.

Many Boys & Girls Clubs activities such as art projects, digital video and photography, cooking and gardening are also facilitated by the staff, which is always open to planning new activities and encouraging its membership to contribute their ideas for the program calendar.

The old SAS classroom was converted into the new and improved youth lounge area. Half of this room is the designated game area and the other half is for both arts and crafts and music expression.

The game area has Nintendo Wii, X-Box 360 and Playstation 2 with an assortment of games for each system. Ping-pong, air hockey

and a basketball free-throw are also available in this room.

The other youth lounge will be a place to relax, watch TV or shoot some pool. Please encourage your children to stop by for a tour anytime during operating hours.

For more information, call [845] 938-8525.

## Special Events

Trips, parties, dances, movie nights and barbecues are some of the exciting special events offered at the Youth Center. All off-post trips require pre-registration, a permission slip signed by a parent or guardian and, in some cases, a fee.

For information about the Youth Volunteer program, see the story "The Art of Volunteering at West Point" on page 7.

# The Center for Oral History ramps up

Story and photo by  
Eric S. Bartelt  
Sports Editor

A relatively new center of excellence -- the Center for Oral History -- has been established at West Point. It will advance the study of the history of the U.S. Army and the U.S. Military Academy.

"[We hope] the center will become the world's foremost repository for military oral history," said Lt. Col. Kevin Farrell, chief of the Military History Division and former director of the Center for Oral History. "Its archive of textual, audio and video interviews will grow steadily each year, providing academy instructors rich material for educating, training and inspiring cadets."

Although the oral history concept was the brainchild of former Department of History head, Brig. Gen. Robert Doughty, it was current department head, Col. Lance Betros, who took Doughty's vision and got it running.

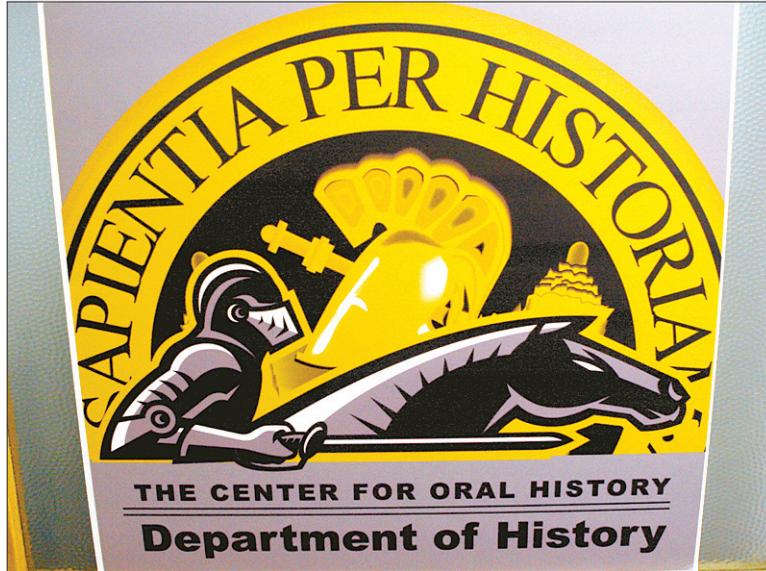
"For a long time, he envisioned some kind of oral history archive center in the department, but it never got much traction," Betros said. "After Doughty left, we got some sizable donations. I've been fortunate to find donors and bring them in."

Thus far, the COH has been endowed with nearly a million dollars, but it'll need an endowment of \$10 million to really get things going.

"We have a director, deputy director and we also want to hire a Web designer and secretarial person," Betros explained. The center began in early 2005, and the early money went to buying equipment to do some initial interviews. Currently, the COH has interviewed 90 people about their U.S. Military Academy experiences and how their lives and subsequent careers were affected.

"We interviewed World War II veterans up to Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom veterans," Farrell explained. "I was the subject of an interview due to my experiences as a battalion commander in combat. A number of our faculty members have also been interviewed."

"We have interviews with cadets who have combat experience, so we'll track their development throughout the years," he added.



"While it's not essential for the individuals we interview to be graduates, it is important for them to be connected in some meaningful way to the academy and how the academy shaped them ... and over the course of their careers, we want to revisit a number of them and see their progress and capture their life experiences."

Two projects that the COH is looking at as it expands its archives involve lifecycle interviews and a Class of 1967 project.

The lifecycle interviews are a way to focus on cadets as they shape their careers as young officers and beyond.

"[After a cadet graduates] we will interview the officer early in his or her career and when that officer returns to West Point in a few years for a reunion, professional conference or whatever, we'll interview him or her again to capture those intervening years," Betros stated. "Then over the course of 15, 20 and 25 years, we'll have a virtual biography on this person and other officers."

"The power in doing that is over time you can see the longitudinal recording of a person's career," he added, "and that's very powerful for researchers to see how a career has changed over many years."

Betros said in the COH's early years they will take on all comers when it comes to interviews and experiences of the interviewees. But, the Class of 1967 project is one that really will kick start the COH.

"So many prominent individuals came out of that class [retired Gen. Thomas Schwartz and former secretary of the Army Thomas White], and it came of age while

the nation was in a period of great transition, great turbulence and experienced the Vietnam War at its height," said Betros about interviews that will be done during the Class of 1967's 40th Reunion this month. "Their lives witnessed the collapse of the Soviet Union and the end of the Cold War and carried on into the beginnings of where we are now with the Global War on Terrorism."

The Center for Oral History is currently housed in Thayer Hall on the first floor, room 136. Accessing the archives is now in the primitive stages, as most of the interviews haven't been fully transcribed.

"Ultimately, the archives or any individual interview will be accessible through the Web," Betros said. "You'll go to the USMA Library Web site or our own Web site [History Department], then access the same way you would look up a book in the library archives. We're still new and developing our operating procedures ... many of our interviews aren't transcribed yet, but once we get the digits and an interview is archived then we can easily post it to the Web."

"But, we don't want to post them until we have at least 30 to 40 of them that can go on the Web at once," he added.

With the ultimate goal of catering not only to cadets, but to instructors, military history researchers and journalists, the department looked for a director and deputy director that would fill the bill in terms of encompassing both the journalistic view of interviews and the importance of history.

Todd Brewster and Patrick Jennings, Ph.D., will undertake the roles of the director and deputy

director, respectively. Jennings' vision of the COH is to expand it to everyone at anytime.

"I want to raise the center to Army wide, national and international consciousness," Jennings said. "Our goal is to create interviews that can not only be accessed by cadets online and used in the classroom, but used by the broader public, used by historians and for scholars and journalists to access it for the same reason they would to plug an interview into a History Channel type production."

While Brewster, who crafted documentary books with the late Peter Jennings, and Jennings, who was a part of a Military History Detachment that went to Afghanistan and Iraq, seek to craft a 200-page book from the Class of 1967 project, they are looking to tell stories of those associated with West Point in a way that grabs the person who searched the material.

"When you hear a Soldier telling a story of a firefight or an operation, it means something," Jennings said. "It means something when a voice trembles or you can hear the pride or sadness in his voice. It makes it that much richer and that much more valuable."

Jennings interviewed nearly 800 Soldiers during his deployments to

Afghanistan and Iraq and feels that the interviews done for the COH will be compelling to all who choose to see them because of the people who are telling the stories.

"We want it to be useful today ... and 50 years from now. That's the greatest value of oral history -- it's not my opinion or my view of the story, it's the person who was there," Jennings stated.

No matter where the COH ends up physically, it's more relative that the stories of West Point graduates, noncommissioned officers who served at West Point and civilian leaders paint an entire picture of leadership here, no matter how the archives are accessed.

"How does one go from being an 18-year-old scared at Beast Barracks to a general in the Army or a CEO of a major corporation," Jennings said. "When telling these stories, I think of the word history and, specifically, that the last part of it is 'story.' The story these men and women are telling us is their own history and it has remarkable value."

"History is moving away from major events and not the history of the whole war in Iraq," Jennings added, "but the history of all the people who were there fighting. These stories take on more and more relevance, a relevance you'll see in the Center for Oral History."

# The Art of Volunteering at West Point

Story and photo by  
Kathy Eastwood  
Staff Writer

Volunteering could be called an American tradition. Volunteers were very active during the Revolutionary War. Men formed committees of correspondence to keep the colonies in contact with each other and joined Militias, while the women served in hospitals rolling bandages, organized food drives, nursed Soldiers and, sometimes, acted as spies.

Today American volunteerism is still strong, especially in the Army. There is a volunteer coordinator on every installation whose job it is to coordinate and facilitate installation volunteer activities and serve as an advocate for volunteers, according to the Army Volunteer Corps Guidebook.

"We [volunteer coordinators] act like a liaison with Command and installation volunteer organizations," said Jennifer Pagio, Army Volunteer Coordinator. "My job is to help train organizations who have volunteers on the responsibilities they have to those volunteers. For example, providing a job description so the volunteers will know what they are to do and

training volunteers."

Pagio said those who want to volunteer can come to her first or go directly to the organizations that have volunteers. If they come to her, Pagio will determine what the volunteers are interested in doing and then steer them to an appropriate organization.

Pagio wants to increase community awareness on volunteering and has plans for an outreach program to educate people on the vast volunteer opportunities available in the community.

"I would like to begin to get more Families involved in volunteering," she said. "Families volunteering will help build on the Family unit, instill volunteerism in youths and help create a life-long affection for volunteering."

There are a number of organizations in the West Point community that use volunteers including the American Red Cross, West Point Schools, Army Community Service, Child/Youth Services, the Directorate of Cadet Activities, community mayors and Youth sports.

"We have the Army Family Action Plan conference coming up October 23-24 and we need volunteers to act as facilitators,

recorders, issue support and delegates," Pagio said. "This is just one example of the need for volunteers and where we need them."

At West Point Child and Youth Services, diverse volunteer opportunities exist for community teens and adults, according to Jodi Cabrera, Training and Program Specialist for the directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

"This year, the youth center teens hosted a hygiene drive, several food drives and sent letters of support to the military children affected by the tornado at Fort Rucker, Ala.," she said. "The program where youth commit the most hours is the School-Age Services Camp Counselor Volunteer Program, which runs annually for nine weeks. This program helps to prepare youths for the workforce and 15 youths volunteered this summer and put in a total of 1,940 volunteer hours."

Youth Services sports programs rely heavily on the participation of parents as volunteer coaches.



Jennifer Pagio

Cabrera said the volunteers must fill out an application, interview for the position and receive six hours of training if selected.

Volunteer opportunities also exist through the American Red Cross.

"We currently have volunteer opportunities at Keller Army Community Hospital to help on the front desk," said Michelle Strom, director of the American Red Cross here. "Teens and cadets may go into the shadow program at Keller. This allows youths an opportunity to see what medical professionals do in their jobs by watching what they do."

"Many of our community retirees volunteer for the KACH library as well as volunteer for our three major blood drives to help escort participants and obtain

information," she added.

Strom said there are 268 active volunteers in the Red Cross. Margaret Vance, one of these volunteers received the volunteer of the year award Aug. 16 for giving more than 3,000 hours of her time at West Point.

"Volunteering is on the upswing throughout America and in the Army," Pagio said. "There are some different trends in volunteering that allow more and more people the time to volunteer, such as short-term volunteering or volunteering for only one or two events or weekends. We are seeing computerized volunteering where people can volunteer from home on their computers."

For more info., on volunteering, call Pagio at 938-3655.

# Preparing for the WORST



Keller Army Community Hospital personnel carefully put a casualty on a backboard to transport him during the ride to the hospital during a mass casualty exercise Aug. 30.

Story and photos by Eric S. Bartelt Sports Editor

Shrieking cries for help, heightened moans from intense pain, mass panic of concerned bystanders and the surge of medical personnel littered Michie Stadium Aug. 30 during West Point's annual mass casualty exercise.

To be prepared for a possible disaster on West Point grounds, Keller Army Community Hospital

personnel teamed up with other aspects of the Department of Emergency Services here and outside medical agencies to form an alliance in a full scale medical emergency.

This year's scenario involved an explosion at an Army football game with possible chemical contamination. Orange County, Putnam County and Mobile Life provided eight ambulances for the exercise in a scenario with 20 casualties.

With such a large casualty count, it was important to have as many medical personnel on hand as possible.

"Without those guys, it would be very difficult to handle a situation like this," said Joseph Pfanztler, West Point Emergency Management director and the MASCAL exercise director.

With the Army home football season starting Saturday, the MASCAL scenario is an opportunity to get everyone organized and



Spc. Lynn Sheppard prepares to put a casualty through the hasty decontamination setup by the emergency room since there is a possibility of chemical contamination.

focusing on a 'what if' proposition that involves a high number of victims.

"We have 38,000 people in one place for terrorists to come and do something for their cause. That's an ideal venue," Pfanztler said. "If something did happen during a football game, at least our people won't have to wonder how to do their jobs."

Pfanztler said this type of training is key because there has been a significant turnover in medical personnel at KACH in the past year.

He added that he was impressed with the preparedness and performance of the Keller personnel at the Michie site and at the hospital where the hasty decontamination site was set up at the emergency room.

"We have a lot of new people and some were wary because they hadn't done this with Keller before," Pfanztler explained. "They were anxious at the beginning, but as they progressed they started to pick up on their duties and did a great job as far as I'm concerned."

Even if a real-life disaster happened without a chemical contamination or the hint of terrorism, operating a

Keller personnel started the day doing round-robin training that touched on everything involved in a mass casualty event from triage, where everyone gets a refresher on how to tag patients and prioritize injuries, to the decontamination operation and how it's set up, plus the role of the emergency operations center.

"By doing the round-robin," said Sgt. 1st Class Deon Dabrio, Warrior Transition Platoon Sergeant and triage medic for exercise, "it gave everybody an insight to how each section plays a part in the whole mass casualty situation."

Centering the MASCAL around Michie Stadium is appropriate not only because West Point is the number two tourist attraction in the State of New York, according to Col. Norvell Coots, KACH commander, but a large crowd of people will be there during a football game.

"There's more bang for the buck if a terrorist would do this," Coots stated. "So we are always prepped for it."

Even if a real-life disaster happened without a chemical contamination or the hint of terrorism, operating a

mass casualty exercise that links assets in the community such as area hospitals and state assets like the state police is important. It help brings all the agencies together on the same page.

"It's critical in times of emergency that we don't have to think about our relationships [with outside agencies]. Those relationships ought to be automatic" Coots said. "What this type of scenario does is it allows us to exercise our emergency management plan and exercise those cooperative relationships, not only with the Department of Emergency Services here on the installation, but also the outside agencies from the police, fire and ambulance services, as well as, the hospitals on the outside."

In a post 9/11 world, Coots sees it as important to have great communication with different agencies.

"We've worked hard to put everybody on the same level of training, plans and communications," Coots said. "When other agencies come in, they will automatically fall into place with where they need to go and what they need to do, rather than asking themselves 'who's in charge, where do we need to be and what needs to go on.'"



A paramedic from Mobile Life Support Services, Inc., tries to stabilize a priority one casualty, which is a patient in the most immediate need of medical assistance.

This was Coots' second MASCAL exercise with Keller. He said he was highly impressed with how his personnel worked the situation laid out to them.

"Everybody is prepared, knows their jobs and knows their area of expertise," Coots explained. "Everybody in the hospital is trained to find everybody else's area of responsibility, so in the event anyone gets mobilized from the manpower pool [those non-specific to triage or decontamination sites] to go and serve in a different area, they're at least familiar with what's supposed to go on in that area."

The exercise went well, but in Coots' mind it may be just as important to make this a bigger scale exercise that would shut down the entire installation.

"I think we do need to do a coordinated exercise among DES, USMA proper, the hospital and the Corps of Cadets," Coots stated. "We probably need to exercise shutting down the entire

installation for a day to really connect everybody on the post and let them know what would happen and look at all the issues with access to the installation and getting off the installation.

"If bombs are going off across the post are all my doctors, nurses and civilian staff who live in the surrounding area going to fully concentrate on taking care of patients wondering what's happening to their kids and family?" he added. "In my estimation, we're at 90 percent solution and that extra 10 percent is that final coordination piece between us and all the activities on this garrison, not just us and DES, but us and USMA, USCC and everybody else on post."

As for those who were a part of this year's exercise, there's a feeling things went quite well but there's a reason why these exercises take place.

"There's always room for improvement in all exercises,"

Dabrio said. "That's why we do mass casualty exercises -- because when it does happen for real you try

to minimize the amount of chaos, confusion and make it as smooth as possible."



Role playing casualties get themselves ready for their roles by pouring fake blood on their bodies to simulate wounds from from an explosion at Michie Stadium during the MASCAL exercise.

## What's Happening

### 2007 Engineering Expo

The USMA Engineering Departments are hosting the 2007 Engineering Expo tonight from 6 to 8 p.m., in Eisenhower Hall's Crest Hall and Promenade levels.

The event is a forum that allows cadets and local high school students the opportunity to interact with professors, cadets and industry professionals on a wide variety of engineering topics.

The event is free, open to the public and will feature an informal pizza dinner.

### Privately owned weapons ranges

In preparation for the big game season, West Point Range Control will host Privately Owned Weapons Ranges for military, military retirees, U.S. Military Academy staff and faculty, DOD employees and their family members at Range 5 across from Round Pond on N.Y. Route 293 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. today, Sept. 21, Oct. 5, Oct. 19, Nov. 2 and Nov. 9.

All personnel must have appropriate identification.

Personnel under 18 years old must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Participants are reminded they must provide their own targets and are responsible for removing brass and debris from the range complex.

### MCCW

The Military Council of Catholic Women's Ladies of Most Holy Trinity group welcomes you to the following events for the month of September.

Please join us and bring a friend. First Friday devotion and Mass is today at 11:40 a.m.

The September Program is a tour of our historic Most Holy Trinity Chapel Tuesday at 9:15 a.m.

The Faith Study meets each Tuesday morning at the Post Chapel from 9:15 to 10:45 a.m.

Light Weigh meets each Wednesday evening at the Catholic Chapel.

The Book Club meets Sept. 24 in the Catholic Chapel.

The Selection is "Ten Dates

Every Catholic Should Know."

Childcare is available for all daytime events.

Please see the Most Holy Trinity Bulletin for more details or call Ines Moxley at 839-1515.

### Community Disaster Preparedness Fair

The Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security will be conducting the West Point Community Disaster Preparedness Fair Tues., from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the main PX.

All are invited to attend the fair to get information that will help prepare you and your family to respond to an emergency in our area. Information tables and static vehicle and equipment displays will be provided by regional and local emergency management agencies, first responder groups and installation organizations.

For more information you can contact Henry Cervantes, Emergency Plans Specialist, DPTMS at [845] 938-4509 or e-mail: [henry.cervantes@usma.edu](mailto:henry.cervantes@usma.edu).

### Book signing

Author Kirsten Holmstedt will be signing her book "Band of Sisters" [American Women at War in Iraq] Thursday from 9 to 11:45 a.m., at the U.S. Military Academy bookstore located on Thayer Hall's fourth floor.

### Margaret Corbin Forum

Author Kirsten Holmstedt will be available for a question and answer period Sept. 14 from 12:50 to 1:45 p.m. in Washington Hall's Room 5300.

The free event is open to the West Point community.

### AT exercise volunteers

Volunteers are needed as role players in the anti-terrorism exercise set for Sept. 15 at 7 a.m., at the West Point Schools. Volunteers must be 18 years or older.

Pre-registration is a must to participate.

Please report to the faculty parking lot of the WPMS by 5 a.m., on Sept. 15 for registration.

### Boy Scout Car Wash

Boy Scouts from Troop 23 will be holding a car wash at the PX Sept. 16 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Proceeds will go toward funding their trip next summer to Florida to attend the high adventure program at Sea Base.

### Retirement seminars

Seats are still available for the CSRS and FERS retirement seminars scheduled for Sept. 19 in the Bldg. 626 training room on the second floor.

The CSRS seminar is from 8 to 11 a.m.

The FERS seminar is from 1 to 4 p.m.

The seminars are free.

Employees who wish to attend should submit a USMA 24-30 to CPAC.

The form can be faxed to [845] 938-2363.

For more info., call CPAC's Kathleen Ridgeway at 938-3704.

### Voting Assistance workshop

West Point will host a Voting Assistance Workshop Sept. 20 in Thayer Hall, Room 442.

The workshop will be presented by personnel from the Federal Voting Assistance Program. There will be two sessions, 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m.

This workshop is for Voting Assistance Officers at the installation and individual unit level.

All VAOs should attend one of the two sessions to ensure they are certified for the upcoming [2008-2009] election year.

## NOW SHOWING

in the movie theater at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752

**Sept. 7 -- No Reservations, PG, 7:30 p.m.**

**Sept. 8 -- Underdog, PG, 7:30 p.m.**

**Sept. 8 -- Bourne Ultimatum, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.**

**Sept. 14 -- Bourne Ultimatum, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**

**Sept. 15 -- License to Wed, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**

**Sept. 15 -- Rescue Dawn, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.**

**Sept. 21 -- The Simpsons Movie, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**

**Sept. 22 -- Rush Hour 3, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**

**Sept. 22 -- I Now Pronounce You Chuck & Larry, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.**

**Sept. 28 -- The Simpsons Movie, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**

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

## DPW Notes

### Parks and playgrounds commission

In the past the West Point community has had a Parks and Playgrounds Commission which was designed to serve in an advisory role in the creation, repair, maintenance and prioritization of the parks and playgrounds on post.

The PPC was developed as the result of the 1999 Army Family Action Plan Symposium with a goal to better address the community's needs, by the community members themselves having an active voice in playground concerns/decisions.

The primary focus of the PPC is to address park and playground concerns in the housing areas, but has expanded its scope to include all playgrounds on post.

In order for it to be successful it is imperative that there be adequate representation from each housing area. The PPC advises the housing division office about the priority of spending monies, reallocation of surplus equipment and future planning.

In the past 24 months, the PPC has lost the majority of its members, including two chairpersons. The Directorate of Public Works and the Garrison Commander are interested in re-establishing the PPC should there be sufficient community interest. We really need at least one representative from each of West Point's housing areas. The larger housing areas should probably have more than one representative.

Volunteers serving on this Commission are essential to its success. The time commitment can be as much as you would like to give, but we estimate work on the Commission would take approximately two-to-four hours of members' time each month.

If you are interested in serving on this important advisory commission contact Martha Hinote, DPW Customer Relations, 938-4407.

### Staffing shortages in Housing Division/DPW interface

The Housing Division Office staffing level is now approximately 50 percent of what it was in April 2007.

The Division Staff discussed ways to fulfill West Point Housing's mission with the current staffing resources.

■ We began an extensive and aggressive cross-training program. This will allow more flexibility in covering for leave and unexpected absences.

■ Inprocessing and Out-processing of military personnel

will be done by appointment only between the hours of 9:30 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m., Mon., Wed. and Fri.

We only have one fully-trained employee in this area at this time.

■ We have only one full-time

Housing Inspector, so residents must contact the Housing Division early to make an appointment for an inspection.

Inspection availability times will be limited.

■ Residents should expect delays in obtaining approvals of modifications to housing units.

■ Coordination and follow up with DPW shops by Facilities Management Branch personnel and Customer Relations may become delayed by time constraints.

■ Residents should be aware that service orders may not flow smoothly between shops as all DPW shops face staffing shortages.

■ Housing Staff and Customer Relations response to phone calls and e-mails will be delayed. While previously we were able to respond to phone calls and e-mails within 24-36 hours, we are no longer able to consistently do that.

We recognize these delays have a negative impact on the quality of life of our customers and we will continue to evaluate our processes for a better, more effective way to streamline the performance of our mission requirements.

We regret this situation but feel it is essential for the community to understand the current Housing/DPW staffing constraints and the impact on our customer service.



### Buffalo Soldier Memorial ceremony

Buffalo Soldier Troopers Ellis Dean [left], Henry T. Washington and George W. Howe were in attendance for Sunday's Buffalo Soldier Memorial ceremony here. The annual event celebrates the heritage of the members of the U.S. 9th and 10th Cavalry for their service on the Western Frontier during the Indian Wars of 1867 to 1891 and for their service at West Point from 1907 until 1946 where they taught cadets riding instruction and mounted drill. PHOTO BY DAVE BRZYWCZY/PAO

# At Your Leisure MWR Blurbs

## Round Pond

Fall Festival and Volksmarch, Sept. 30 at the Bonneville Cabin at Round Pond Rec Area.

Registration in 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Volksmarch ends at 6 p.m.

Discover the scenic trails at Round Pond.

Relax at Bonneville Cabin with an Oktoberfest-style cookout.

Browse local food, jewelry and craft vendors.

For more info, call 938-2503.

## DOD Stewardship

The West Point Recycle Program and MWR are hosting a DOD Land Stewardship Day at Round Pond Rec Area Sept. 22 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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

The event will focus on the beautification of the Nature Trail and surrounding area. Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, adults and children of all ages are invited to volunteer.

Join us for a cookout at noon, volunteers should bring a side dish of their choice.

For more details and to register, call 938-2503.

## Combined Arms Tailgate

The entire West Point Community is invited to attend the Combined Arms Tailgate Sept.

29 at Howze Field, immediately following the home football game.

Pay at the door. Admission includes food and drink.

For more info, contact your branch rep or call 938-4307.

## Shoppette construction update

The AAFES Shoppette gas station construction that was expected to be completed by Sept. 8 has been extended due to weather and construction delays.

The project will now consist of all new equipment and is expected to be completed sometime in mid-September.

For more information, contact Shoppette Store Manager Armond DiPoalo at 446-3666.

## Football child care

The Child Development Center will be providing child care for all home football games.

For more info., call 938-4798.

The next deadline is:

<u>Game</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
Sept. 29	Sept. 19

## Laura Sheposh passes unexpectedly

Laura Ann [Murphy] Sheposh, Lead Clerk at the front desk at the Five Star Inn, passed away suddenly Tuesday at St. Luke's Cornwall Hospital. Born December 22, 1953, in New York City, she was a lifelong resident of Newburgh.

She is survived by her husband of 34 years, James Sheposh of Newburgh; father, Leverett Murphy; and two sisters, Amy B. Murphy and Ellen S. Murphy-

McAndrews.

The term "Team Player" was invented for Laura -- she was the epitome of a team player.

Laura was always an admirable representative of the U.S. Military Academy. She understood that in her role as the Lead Front Desk Clerk, she not only was representing the Five Star Inn, but also the academy itself. Her professional conduct in this area was unsurpassed.

## Command Channel 8/23

Sept. 7 - Sept. 14

### FRIDAY

8:30 A.M. ARMY NEWSWATCH

1 P.M. ARMY NEWSWATCH

6 P.M. ARMY NEWSWATCH

### MONDAY- SEPT. 14

8:30 A.M. ARMY NEWSWATCH

1 P.M. ARMY NEWSWATCH

6 P.M. ARMY NEWSWATCH



## Yard of the Month winners

September Yard of the Month winner Kristi Brown [right] and Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Violet McNeirney gathered at the quarters of the Lusk Area winner, the Col. Greg Daniels family, Aug. 30. Winners in attendance were the Maj. Alan Brown family [Stony II]. Winners not pictured include, the Lt. Col. Steven Merkel family [Lee]; the Staff Sgt. Willetter R. Odom family [Old Brick]; and the 2nd Lt. Kenneth Hines family [Gray Ghost]; the Lt. Col. Paul Stoneman family [Lee]; the Capt. Travis Adkins family [New Brick]; the Sgt. 1st Class James Halterman family [Stony I] and the Maj. Rodney Schmucker family [Stony I]; the Sgt. Maj. Cal Christensen family [Band].

KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

# Army and Community Sports

## Knight Vision provides more features

Story and photo by  
Eric S. Bartelt  
Sports Editor

'Knight Vision' may sound like a new technology designed by the Army to help its Soldiers, but this particular Knight Vision is cutting edge technology offered to Army sports fans.

The [www.GoArmySports.com](http://www.GoArmySports.com) Web site has been a part of the multimedia push for five years with audio streaming, but now video streaming is the next level of getting the Army Sports message to its followers.

For the past year, the Army Sports Web site has video streamed more than 150 live events from sporting matches to football press conferences, and Bob Beretta, Senior Associate Athletic Director for Athletic Communications, said he wanted to continue to build on that prospect.

"The one area I did not feel we were doing very well in with keeping up with our peers was doing feature-type material, such as offering football practice reports, player features and things of that nature as opposed to live events," Beretta said. "With the help of Army Sports Properties, we brought in a young man who is going to help us with it, so now we have two people who are dedicated full-time to this mission. We've been able to launch it with what I think will be a very comprehensive and dynamic look to our site."

There is still a paid subscription on the live events, but the feature material on Knight Vision can be accessed for free and offers a great variety of things for the Army fan.

"We want people to come to our site and be able to get a feature on [football senior fullback] Mike Viti being a regimental commander. That's huge," Beretta explained. "People want to see how our practices are going. It's not just going to be football. We're going to do athletes of the week. We're going to do weekend previews and anything neat that happens at West Point involving the Athletic Department."

The Athletic Communications staff meets as a group to discuss and decide on the features that will get covered throughout the year.

Beretta supervises the stories, while Brian Gunning, Associate Director of Athletic Communications, is a vital source for input.

Rangel Melendez and Chris Perry are the information technology people that make the Knight Vision site work. Rich DeMarco, Army's director of multimedia services, broadcasting and community outreach, and Dennis Trapani, multimedia services, execute the Knight Vision packages and features that cover the entire 25 intercollegiate athletic programs at West Point.

Knight Vision's free feature material began July 3 and will now complement the paid aspect of viewing live events.

"What we've done now is generate a whole department that will focus on producing these features that will be free material to tell our academy story," Beretta stated. "The free stories will provide the impetus for people to come back to our site, purchase subscriptions to watch live events and, ultimately, come here to West Point to see our events."

The proposal that Beretta put forth to Army Athletic Director Kevin Anderson -- to put the free material on Knight Vision to go with the subscription product -- continues to change the landscape of the Internet medium.

"It's a huge transformation. The Internet completely changed the dynamics of journalism," Beretta said. "The first dynamic happened a couple of years ago when we looked at our site as our 'newspaper' where we could put anything we want on there with no one telling us we have only four inches of copy to work with."

"Now, what I think the multimedia function has done is changed the scope of the Internet. Now it's not just our newspaper. It's also our television and radio station," he added. "We've taken the approach that the Internet is also our multimedia source and not just a newspaper."

A couple of other missions the Athletic Communications department started include virtual tours that can be seen through Knight Vision, so people can visit the Kimsey Athletic Center, Randall Hall, Johnson Stadium and

other venues.

"It can be a tremendous recruiting tool -- where a recruit can go and click on the site and get a virtual tour of our facilities," Beretta said.

Messages are also being made available from each athletic coach, crafted to welcome a new recruit or Army fans in a two-minute message.

During the football season, there will be features offered on a daily basis to include highlight packages from the previous week's game, the Tuesday Press Conference and Thursday's Coach's Live Show. DeMarco and Trapani will also host a home post-game show online that will be video streamed like other subscription events.

However, in the end the goal is to increase the volume of live events as well as free features, so that Soldiers and former graduates can enjoy Army Sports in far off destinations.

"One of our primary inspirations for this is to reach our Soldiers who are in theater," Beretta said. "Our former players can't get enough



Knight Vision, seen on the right side of [www.GoArmySports.com](http://www.GoArmySports.com)'s Web site showing Army head football coach Stan Brock's press conference Tuesday, offers free material featuring Army athletes and live events that can be purchased through subscription on the Web site.

information on their teams. They want more and told us that ... If a recent graduate in Iraq or wherever wants to see yesterday's soccer game, they can watch it by buying a subscription. The service we're providing them, along with the free content, strengthens that link with

our graduates, fans and Soldiers who identify with our teams and now have a better way to identify with them."

The Army Sports Web site is offering a special right now to get three free months [15 See KNIGHT VISION, page 15

# Tight ends make mark; team looks to rebound

By Eric S. Bartelt  
Sports Editor

Poor special team's coverage, a couple of crucial dropped passes and an interception returned for a touchdown led to Army's downfall in its season opener versus Akron Saturday.

The Black Knights [0-1] must put their 22-14 loss behind them, look at the positives from last week and focus on their home opener Saturday at 1 p.m., at Michie Stadium against Football Championship Subdivision [formerly Division I-AA] opponent Rhode Island [0-1].

Some positives that flourished in last week's loss were the play of junior running back Wesley McMahan, the resilience of senior quarterback David Pevoto and the strong play of the tight ends.

Senior Justin Larson and junior Mike Evans combined for six receptions last season. In the game against Akron, the tight ends combined for nine receptions and seven of those catches went for first downs.

"[The tight ends] had a solid game all around [last] Saturday," Pevoto said. "They were open on third down and I put the ball where I needed to. Mike made a couple of plays where he broke some tackles

and made long gains and Justin played a heck of a game."

Army head coach Stan Brock had high praise for the duos blocking skills as they also portray sixth and seventh offensive linemen along the line.

"They are great blockers," Brock explained. "You watch them block and they are blocking defensive ends and linebackers who are bigger and faster guys. I'm so happy [with their play] and I'm glad to have them on my team."

Larson was happy to produce in third down situations where he turned into a security blanket for Pevoto when the time arose.

"A lot of my catches were on blitzes where [Pevoto] had to get rid of the ball, so if the receiver downfield wasn't open and he had to get the ball out then I was there," Larson said. "I'm glad he got a chance to throw me the ball ... I love catching the ball, but as a tight end I do take a lot of pride in my blocking."

McMahan solidified himself as the top runner with 21 carries for 84 yards and a touchdown. This week he's looking to get the team back on the winning track, while continuing to get the ball on many occasions.

"I look forward to that kind of workload," McMahan said. "I'm

happy the coaches showed that kind of confidence in me."

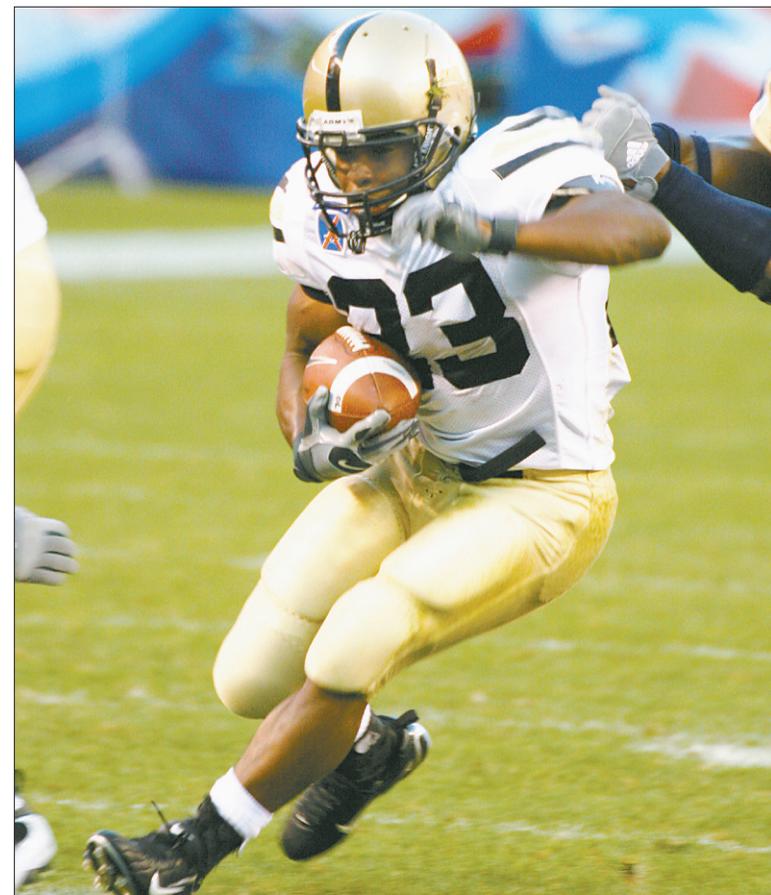
Pevoto took plenty of hard shots last week, including one hit that tweaked his knee, and is looking to change the final outcome against Rhode Island.

After the 74-yard interception that was returned for a touchdown in the first quarter, Pevoto didn't get down on himself, but came right back and led Army on a 10-play, 61-yard touchdown drive.

"You have to come right back after that," Pevoto stated. "We drove [33 yards] down the field [before the INT] and felt we would go back and do it again. That's what we did and scored. We kept our heads in the game."

Brock had high praise for his quarterback, especially after the injury when he wasn't sure if he would be able to get back into the game.

"I'm on the headsets walking up the sidelines," Brock said. "I was talking to the offensive side [after the injury] asking, 'Who's our quarterback? Who's our quarterback?' Then I felt this hit on my chest and it was David Pevoto and he said, 'I'm your [darn] quarterback.' I'm really proud of him for that. I think he did step up and is showing that type of leadership."



Junior running back Wesley McMahan led the offense with 21 carries for 84 yards and a touchdown versus Akron Sat.

The team's leadership will have to step up Saturday as they face a Rhode Island team that is hungry after a 27-23 loss to Fordham that included the winning score with only 15 seconds remaining.

Army will face the triple option or, at times, the gun option. Rhode Island features two running backs, [#28] junior Jimmy Hughes and [#37] junior Joe Casey, who ran for 104 and 84 yards, respectively, versus Fordham. The big thing the Black Knight defense wants to do is create turnovers, which they didn't do against the Zips last week.

"We need to improve on creating turnovers to get things rolling [on defense]," said senior safety Jordan Murray, who tied a career-high in tackles with 12 against Akron. "We didn't force any turnovers against Akron and that could have been a changing point in that game."

Rhode Island created three turnovers last week. Brock thinks Pevoto should keep an eye on Rhode Island senior cornerback [#26] Raji El-Amin, who intercepted two passes in the Rams first game.

Army will be looking to extend its home opening winning streak

to two games after winning last year's opener against Kent State in overtime, 17-14. The team, especially the seniors, is chomping at the bit to get out on the field Saturday.

"Playing for the [Army fans] and representing this academy and knowing that everyone is here to watch us play," said senior safety Caleb Campbell, "is an excitement you can only get at home."

Saturday's game will be aired on ESPN Classic at 1 p.m., with Eric Collins and Bill Curry calling the game. The Army game can be heard on the Army Sports Network through WABC 770-AM New York, WBNR 1260-AM Beacon, N.Y. and WLNA 1420-AM Peekskill, N.Y., with John Minko and Dean Darling as the play-by-play man and color analyst, respectively, and Rich DeMarco serving as the sideline reporter.

Michie Stadium gates will open at 10 a.m., and the Cadet Review on the Plain will also take place at 10 a.m. America's Tailgate at Black Knight Alley opens at 11 a.m., while Black Knight Walk occurs at approximately 11 a.m.



Senior tight end Justin Larson [#80] made six receptions against Akron Saturday. Larson and junior tight end Mike Evans combined for nine catches. It is quite a feat considering both tight ends caught only six passes last season between them.

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**INTERESTING NOTE:** This will be Army's first-ever meeting in football against the University of Rhode Island.

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months total] at the annual price to view live events. For information on specific costs, check the **www.GoArmySports.com** Web site.

“We’re constantly looking at ways to enhance our fans experience,” Beretta said. “We can only promise people that we’re going to stay on top of it and try to be all we can be for all of our fans.”

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