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**November 12 Minutes at Paesanos in Belleville**

The November meeting of the West Point Parents Club of St. Louis was called to order by President Mike Collins at 12:30 a.m. during the half-time of Army vs. UMass View our meeting pictures: [http://www.west-point.org/parent/wppc-st\\_louis/IClubMeetings.htm](http://www.west-point.org/parent/wppc-st_louis/IClubMeetings.htm)

1. 2009 Plebe Parent Badges are now in and will be mailed.
2. Our club is in good financial position thanks to the donations of past & present members and our sales of Troop bracelets.
3. Our club has 70 bracelets left; they sell easily at church, school, etc. functions. Please call Mike Collins to order them.
4. The club approved donations – \$500 for Wheels for Warriors and \$100 for [www.west-point.org](http://www.west-point.org) who host our website.
5. Mike Collins will contact Charlie Brennan of KMOX to see if they can provide donations for wounded vets in Landstuhl.
6. Our club sent 7 boxes or 50 lbs of “boodle” to troops in Iraq. Donations of items were from many people in Mount Carmel IL; our club paid for the Freight Charges or SAM mail. Thanks to Marge McCullough for her efforts.
7. **With Veterans Day just passed; please take the time to thank a vet. They are the ones who made our freedom possible.**
8. *Treasurer's Report: We have a balance as of November, 2005 of \$4,557.50*

**All Academy Ball**

The All Academy Ball will be held on **Friday, December 23, from 6:00 to 12:00 p.m.** It will be at the same place as last year in Clayton, MO but has been renamed to the Crowne Plaza hotel. Invitations have been sent; if you know of someone who was not invited please call Mary Larson (636-947-8347) or Sarah Collins (314-993-8755). Let's show that the Army rules by having a lot of cadets, grads & parents at this ball! And if you wish to help in decoration, planning, etc please call.

**Membership Committee**

A new committee for membership was formed and will be chaired by Nancy Cook; also on this committee will be Leann Roehm and John Hilkenkamp. The object of this committee will be to retain existing members and to encourage new families to join. Thanks Nancy, Leann & John with efforts like this our club will continue to remain active and help in support of the USMA.

**Montel Williams Show - SI Yellow Ribbon** (WEVV-44 Evansville 9:00am & KMOV-4 St Louis 10:00am).

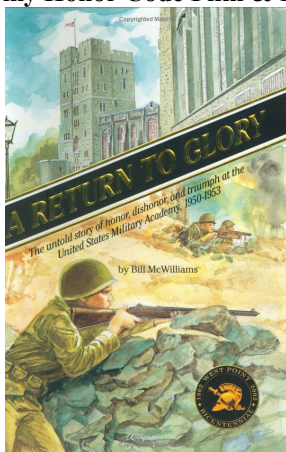
On December 2, Montel will interview Amy Oxford of Southern Illinois Support Group about her efforts to support our men & women stationed around the world. Montel graduated high school in 1974 & joined the Marines; in 1975 he became the first black Marine selected to the Naval Academy Preparatory School. In 1976, he received a presidential appointment to the Naval Academy where he studied Chinese & graduated with a BS in General Engineering & minor in International Security Affairs in 1980.

**2006 Branch Night**

Congratulations to the following St Louis Area Cadets who received their Army Branches on Sunday November 13.

Tom Cai	Aviation	Charles Felker	Infantry	Sarath Rednam	Medical
Mike Collins	Infantry	Nick Fullmer	Aviation	Joseph Sanfilippo	Field Artillery
Tirzah Eskew	Medical	Michael Miller	Armor	Robert Vietor	Armor

**Academy Honor Code Film & Book**



On Saturday December 10 at 8-10pm CST; ESPN & ESPNU will premier a film about the Academy's honor code called “CodeBreakers”.

Initially thought of as a controversial film about the Class of 1951 cheating scandal and it was rejected by USMA and AOG. They now have seen that it is an excellent video portraying the Academy Honor code correctly. Based on the book titled Return to Glory, it was written by Bill McWilliams Class of '55. We believe there are only 500 left out of initial printing of 2,500. Check the website [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) for further information. You may also review this book on Amazon.

Return to Glory: The Untold Story of Honor, Dishonor & Triumph at the United States Military Academy, 1950-53 (Hardcover) \$39.95. by Bill McWilliams

And on December 6 at 7-8pm CST, ESPN2 will premier a documentary film “Faces of Sports: Brave Old Army Team” about Army Football history & the Honor Code.

### **USMA student recruitment**

A meeting with USMA officials was held in St Louis on November 8 to encourage area students to attend the Academy. USMA officials noted that Parent clubs and Cadet/Graduate parents are instrumental in the survival of the Academy. They need our support and assistance to find and encourage young people to consider the Academy. Even if you visit one local high school you will make a difference in someone's life. Please contact Mike Collins to obtain literature and a program explaining the Academy.

### **Shortage of Army Captains**

The Army is trying to find ways to reduce the shortage of Army Captains. Several ideas have been proposed so be attentive and supportive of your cadet and/or graduate plans. Cadets can select their branch and duty station without regard to grades for extra commitment to active duty time; and grads can receive bonuses and grad school payments for the additional time. For further information please visit our website at [http://www.west-point.org/parent/wppc-st\\_louis/ldocuments.htm](http://www.west-point.org/parent/wppc-st_louis/ldocuments.htm)

### **Musical CD by Army Ranger**

All proceeds from this special CD will benefit the Special Operations Warrior Foundation (SWOF). Keni Thomas, an Army Ranger and lead singer of the country rock band Cornbread, wrote "Hero" several years ago as a tribute to a fellow soldier. The Hero Fund was started to raise awareness for the SWOF, which provides scholarships and educational grants for the children of personnel killed in training or real world combat and is committed to sending over 400 children to college. You can purchase the CD and hear some of the songs from: <http://www.cdbaby.com/cd/keni/from/blackdog>

### **OSOT - Wheels for Warriors**

Our club will donate \$500 to this worthy cause, Vets who have been seriously injured and have returned to the USA. Part of OSOT – Operation Support our Troops helps these men & women obtain specially configured vehicles so they can get around. You can also make donations at OSOT-Wheels for Warriors, P O Box 404, North Kingstown, RI 02852. You can also check our website at: [http://www.west-point.org/parent/wppc-st\\_louis/OSOT.htm](http://www.west-point.org/parent/wppc-st_louis/OSOT.htm)

### **OSOT – Landstul Germany & Afghanistan**

OSOT needs items for these men & women **injured** in battle and are recuperating at the Landstul Hospital. You can send cash donations, tennis shoes, Phone Cards, DVDs and CDs. OSOT needs items for these men & women serving in this remote and primitive country. You can send cash donations, **fleece blankets**, Phone Cards, DVDs and CDs; check our website at: [http://www.west-point.org/parent/wppc-st\\_louis/OSOT.htm](http://www.west-point.org/parent/wppc-st_louis/OSOT.htm)

### **Christmas time for the troops**

You will have until November 26, 2005 to send items to Iraq, Afghanistan & Korea for using SAM (Space Available Mail) mail (15 lbs) and December 5 for Priority mail and 1<sup>st</sup> class mail and December 19 for Express mail military service (EMMS). Ruth Hemmann has suggested we can send “needle point” items please call her at 314-822-8540.

### **Army-Navy on TV at Syberg's Westport**

Kickoff at 1:30 p.m. / Doors open at 1:00 p.m.

Syberg's Westport - located at I-270 and Dorsett Road on the north outer road attached to the Best Western Westport

No COVER / HAPPY HOUR PRICES!! Complete menu available for dining / cash bar

Please RSVP if attending to ensure Syberg's is adequately staffed to [kevin.kaveney@nmfn.com](mailto:kevin.kaveney@nmfn.com) or 314-322-0767

### **February 12, 2006 Meeting – Scott Air Force Base**

Hopefully we will have our meeting at Scott if someone will help get through the security nightmare. We need a person currently serving in the military who will sponsor us. A few hours are needed with 1 visit to the base to provide a list of attendees. Last year David & Roberta Rose helped us get in (Thanks Dave & Roberta). We will also nominate officers for the 2006-2007 academic year.

### **Brag News**

Lt Col Robert Massie '83 is in the Reserves and has returned from Kuwait; he is now stationed at Scott. Robert is the son of Charles & Karen Massie.

Maj Thomas Shea '92 has moved to Ft Bragg, SC where he will join Special Forces. Thomas is the son of Tom & Martha Shea.

Maj Jay Broemmel '95 is pursuing a Masters Degree in Defense Analysis - "National Security Studies" at the Naval Post Graduate School in Monterrey, CA. Jay is the son of Bo & Judy Broemmel.

Capt Chris Simpson '96 is out of the Army after serving in Iraq (1 ½ years) and Bosnia & Kosovo (1 ½ years); he is now teaching ROTC at U of Cincinnati. Chris is the son of Howard & Clara Simpson.

Capt James O'Boyle '99 is squadron commander of 4<sup>th</sup> Troop 6<sup>th</sup> Cav at Ft Lewis WA; while at USMA he was a member of the Football team who went to a bowl game. James is the son of Michael & Sharon O'Boyle.

William Harryman '03 is in Germany with Air Defense Artillery (ADA) William is the son of Bill & Susan Harryman.

Will Eberle '04 is in Iraq with the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division. Will is the son of Phillip & Michiko Eberle.

Sarah Penn '04 was test control officer at the MEPS (Military Entrance Processing Station) in Miami, FL, for the past year. In January she will be Company XO for NATO Southern Command in Naples, Italy. Sarah is the daughter of Dale & Rhonda Penn

Mike Miller '06 was at Ft Campbell KY for CTLT training this summer. Mike is the son of Marcus & Janalyn Miller.

Sarath Rednam '06 is waiting for the East-West Fellowship in Hawaii. Sarath is the daughter of Krishana & Chandra Rednam.

Robert Vietor '06 is waiting to be accepted to Medical School. Robert is the son of Robert & Mary Vietor.

Jacob Cook '07 is Exchange student at the Spain Military Academy. He has been there several months and is just starting academics; Spain emphasizes military training. Jacob is the son of Gregg & Nancy Cook.

Nolan Cork '07 was an intern with the New York City Police Dept detective unit this summer. Nolan is the son of Brian & Pam Cork.

Matt Roehm '07 completed Airborne training this summer; went to Korea for Helicopter AIAD training and has earned the German Proficiency Badge. Matt also is the radio announcer for West Point games. Matt is the son of Charles and Leann Roehm.

Trevor Saunders '07 was hurt this summer with a leg injury but is back at 100% now. Trevor is the son of Jimmie & Paula Saunders.

Aroyn Borries '08 ran in the NY City marathon & finished in the top 10% at 3:38. Aroyn is the son of Dennis & Sue Borries.

Sean Flachs '08 is a member of the Army Rugby Team who made the NCAA New England semi-finals. Sean is the son of Patrick & Lorraine Flachs.

John Hughes '08 declared Spanish as his major & will visit the Mexico Military Academy at spring break. John is the son of Mike & Kathy Hughes.

Monica Shea '08 declared Sociology as her major & will run in a Marathon for Army next summer. Monica is the daughter of Tom & Martha Shea.

Tyfani Hulse '09 is on the NCAA track team; she will run the 200 & 400 meter runs. Tyfani is the daughter of Eddie & Kym Hulse.