

# TO THE POINT

Volume I, Issue I October-December 2004 "We hope you enjoy our 1<sup>st</sup> edition!"

## Army Community Service Center

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[www.usma.edu/mwr/ACTIVITY/ACS/WPACS.HTM](http://www.usma.edu/mwr/ACTIVITY/ACS/WPACS.HTM)



## Future Focus

- Disability Awareness Month {October} A time to speak out for children and families with special needs
- Domestic Violence Awareness Month {October} It takes a community to prevent domestic violence
- Month of the Military Family {November} Honoring those who serve our nation so selflessly and with such commitment and dedication
- Veteran's Day {November 11} Honor America's military heroes
- Thanksgiving {November 25} President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed Thanksgiving a national holiday in 1863
- Holiday Season ❄️ A time to celebrate the joy, spirit, and good deeds that mark the traditions of the season

## Community Spotlight

Submitted by: Mary Ellen Olivia

On August 25th, members of the West Point Community came together at ACS to make yellow ribbons. The ribbons, displayed throughout the installation, are in honor of our Soldiers who are serving abroad. Keep them in your thoughts as you go about your daily activities.

*"The yellow ribbons remind all of us daily of those Soldiers and their loved ones serving our nation".. Anne Lennox*



Supporting our deployed troops

## Meet your ACS Staff

- Jill O'Brien- Director
- Amy Weyhrauch- Administrative Assistant
- Megan Pedrick- Administrative Assistant
- Maryanne Ring- Information & Referral
- Mary Ellen Olivia- Financial Readiness/AER
- Josefa Mandarino- Employment Readiness/ Transition Assistance
- Elizabeth Montanino- Relocation & Mobilization/ Deployment Readiness
- Judy Graham- Exceptional Family Member Program
- Shelley Ariosto- Family Advocacy Program (FAP)
- Carolyn Tiger- FAP Educator
- Christine Knight- Army Volunteer Corps Coordinator

## It Pays to Play with ACS

Unscramble the letters below for a chance to win 2 free tickets from West Point Tours, Inc. The 1<sup>st</sup> person to submit the correct answer to ACS is our winner!

**MAEM DIABR**

\*hint: this person founded ACS in 1965



*Community members gather info at the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Fair*

*ACS would like to thank West Point & the Town of Highlands for making this year's Community Fair a grand success. 140 organizations welcomed over 400 newcomers!*

## Notes & Gloats

ACS welcomes 3 new staff members:

ACS has reconfigured its' Relocation, Mobilization & Deployment Programs. **Elizabeth Montanino**, from Heidelberg ACS, is the Program Manager for the newly combined programs.

**Christine Knight**, Army spouse & former Navy employee, is now the AVCC.

Read more about the new AVC Program in 'Soundbites' below.

Administrative Assistant, **Megan Pedrick**, was hired under the Student Temporary Employment Program (STEP) and is finishing her BA degree at St. Thomas Aquinas.

Expect to see more great things from ACS!

## Soundbites

•Have you heard? Army has renamed the IVC Program the *Army Volunteer Corps*. The change represents the bridge between active & reserve components of the Army. -AVC Program

•What you do should resonate with who you are. If you work towards that end, your career path will be more than just a title set in time & place. -ERP



*Partners in Readiness*

•Identify theft is on the rise! Never carry your SSN card in your wallet. Request annual credit reports from the 3 major reporting bureaus: **Equifax** 800-685-1111; **Experian** 888-EXPERIAN; and **TransUnion** 800-888-4213. -Financial Readiness Program

ACS is seeking submissions for our "Community Spotlight" section. If you know of a group or individual in the WP Community that has done something notable, please call us. Each quarter one submission will be featured.

## A Note from Family Advocacy

Prevention of domestic violence, spouse and child abuse, in our community is everyone's responsibility. If you suspect domestic violence on post, call the Reporting Point of Contact at 845-938-3333. For reporting suspected spousal abuse off post, call the NYS Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-942-6906. To report suspected

child abuse off post, call the NYS Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-342-3720. All calls are confidential and callers can be anonymous. The Family Advocacy Program at ACS has a variety of classes available to the community. Topics include: parenting, stress and anger management, couples communication and more. Call 938-3369/5657, or stop by our offices to learn more. Submitted by: Shelley Ariosto