Sandhurst competitors come together at West Point

(Above) Army Gen. Robert Brown, commander, U.S. Army Pacific (USARPAC), speaks to hundreds of U.S. Military Academy, ROTC and foreign military cadets during Modern War Institute’s USMA Class of 1999 Sandhurst Conference Monday at Robinson Auditorium. Brown spoke on leadership qualities needed from future leaders such as trust, humility and proper training. The conference serves as the intellectual counterpart to West Point’s 51st Sandhurst Competition—a premier international military academy competition that began in 1967. (Right) A team passes a baton during a relay race before the 51st annual Sandhurst Military Skills Competition at the U.S. Military Academy Monday. The outcome of the race determined the order of march for the 49 teams representing four U.S. service academies, 14 international military academies and 16 ROTC programs, competing in the competition. See Page 5 for more on the Sandhurst Conference. See next week’s Pointer View for story and results of the Sandhurst Competition.

Photos by Sgt. Quentin Johnson/205th Theater Public Affairs Support Element (above) and Staff Sgt. Todd Pruden/205th Theater Public Affairs Support Element (right)
Emergency Preparedness assessments continue until full-scale event

By Luke Pagan
DPTMS Antiterrorism Officer

In today’s world, violence in locations once thought of as safe places—the workplace, on college campuses, military installations and in houses of worship—are more frequent and unpredictable. Yet, in the midst of such uncertainty and brutality, what you do—or fail to do—against a violent act can mean the difference between walking away or being carried away. The choice and the responsibility are yours. Will you be a responder or a victim? Will you add strength to the community response, or will you be a spectator?

Since the beginning of April, West Point has been undergoing emergency preparedness assessments that include Random Antiterrorism Measure compliance surveys, a See-Something-Say-Something assessment and tests of the mass warning and notification system.

This exercise will culminate with a full-scale active shooter response event on April 24.

Worldwide, active shooter response exercises are becoming more commonplace, which is a good thing. However, without proper planning and full community engagement, these well-meaning exercises leave those intended to be safeguarded by the experience no better off—and possibly worse—than before.

If you see something, say something; don’t be complacent. Be proactive and report suspicious behavior. And should the unthinkable—like an active shooter incident—occur here, remember what to do: run, hide or fight. By committing to preparedness, we will make West Point a safer place.

West Point personnel are reminded that the effectiveness of our force protection program depends in large measure on the personal involvement of community members like you. Remain vigilant, maintain situational awareness and immediately report any suspicious activity to the Provost Marshal’s Office at 938-3333.

For further information, contact the West Point Antiterrorism Office at 938-8859.

Always Remember: If You See Something, Hear Something, Say Something.

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Balloon Satellite Launch: Up, Up and Away

By Capt. Lisa Beum
Army Cyber Institute

The West Point Astronomy and Amateur Radio clubs joined forces for their annual balloon satellite launch, April 6. Three faculty members, Lt. Col. Diana Loucks and Dr. Paula Fekete, Officers-in-Charge of the Astronomy club, and Lt. Col. Stephen Hamilton, officer-in-charge for the HAM Radio club, took 13 cadets from across the academic spectrum as well as other HAM operators within the community for an adventure.

“Last year, we had a great mission as we reached the highest altitude, but so many things and instruments didn’t work,” Loucks explained. “This year, the cadets took last year’s AAR to heart and implemented 90 percent of what they said they would do, and it worked. The cadets came up with a lot of the lessons learned on their own: a self-perpetuating machine.”

The official launch time was 13:59:00 EDT from Salt Springs State Park in Pennsylvania, and the last official transmission prior to landing was at 17:27:30 EDT on Limeridge Road, Poughquag, NY, for a total flight time of three hours and 28.5 minutes.

The payload reached an altitude of 103,549.2126 feet prior to the balloon bursting. Within the Styrofoam box were several instruments and gadgets used to collect data and help with research. Among the items were a Geiger-counter, a WiFi detector, weather sensors, imagery devices including the first ever Pi-cam, and perhaps, most interesting of all, yeast.

Hamilton, who is also an OIC for the Cadet Brewing Club, added yeast to the payload to see how atmospheric effects may affect yeast for brewing beer.

“This balloon launch was the 10th one and the most successful launch on all accounts. All the data collection worked, and the recovery was fast,” Hamilton said. “It was also the first time we visually saw the payload prior to it landing.”

Class of 2021 Cadet Andrew Constable developed a code that attempted to predict where it would land based on several variables. Using the simulated predictions and an information package, including altitude, speed, etc., which were sent to the team every two minutes from the satellite itself, the chase team got very close to being at touch down.

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“This last weekend has been one of my favorite weekends of my cadet career,” said Class of 2021 Cadet Emilie Hong said. “I helped set up the launch of the balloon satellite and had the privilege of riding in the ‘chase’ car. Our job in the chase car was to be the first when it was descending… The chase itself was thrilling and I can’t wait until next year to help make the whole experience better.”

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This year’s Sandhurst adds more wrinkles, stress

By Brandon O’Connor
Assistant Editor

Friday, just as the sun finishes rising on the horizon, the first four of 49 teams will set off in the 51st annual Sandhurst Military Skills Competition.

The teams have traveled from far and wide, including crossing the globe from Australia, to put themselves to the ultimate test. Laden with packs weighing in excess of 40 pounds, the nine-member teams, including two alternates, will push themselves to the limit as they navigate from obstacle to obstacle throughout the two-day competition.

Unlike past years when teams were at the minimum given a map to their first few challenges, this year they won’t be told their next destination until they have finished the challenge at their current one.

With more than one route, teams unsure of where to go won’t even be able to try and follow teams ahead of them. If they do, they might just end up at entirely the wrong location.

The goal with the change is to test the teams’ ability to make quick, correct decisions while dealing with exhaustion and all the uncertainties of the competition. When they step off Friday morning, the teams will not know what obstacles are ahead, how far they are going to have to travel or even how many obstacles await them along the route.

“The experience of combat is what we used to frame how the competition should look. We know combat is mentally, morally and physically demanding and we also know it is an extremely uncertain environment,” Maj. Travis Onischuk, officer-in-charge and lead planner for Sandhurst, said. “This year we really tried to increase the amount of uncertainty and the psychological demands on the teams. That uncertainty is something that is as much an obstacle the team has to overcome as any physical task.”

Teams will be competing in both daytime and nighttime challenges to test a variety of military skills and their ability to work together. Tuesday, Wednesday and today, the visiting teams were given the ability to take part in training exercises to prepare for the competition, although the actual challenges were not revealed.

Squad leaders also had the chance to do a recon of the site earlier in the year to gain familiarity with the area. Onischuk said they have worked to make everything as equitable as possible to not give the 15 U.S. Military Academy teams an unfair advantage.

Throughout the two days, the teams will be scored based on their ability to complete the obstacles they face. While speed matters, going too fast could lead teams to incorrectly complete the challenge or even complete the wrong challenge. Onischuk said they tried to strike a balance by developing challenges that would reward teams for being quick, but also force them to be methodical about making sure they are completing challenges correctly.

“It takes more than strength, fitness and knowledge to compete in Sandhurst,” Class of 2022 Cadet Bliss Hutchings, who is competing on Company D-2’s team, said. “Every individual needs an immense amount of mental toughness and motivation to work harder every day. The combined drive to be the best and support each other sets my team apart. I know when the darkest hours hit, our team will rise above the rest of the competition and exceed every expectation. We will win because we are more than a team, we are a family that refuses to let each other down.”

U.S. Military Academy Gold team members carry five-gallon water jugs as part of the “Burden” event during the Sandhurst Military Skills Competition last year.

Along with the team scores, this year there will be a more detailed approach to grading and judging the squad leaders for their performance at each stop along the way.

The squad leader with the highest score will be honored with the Tom Surdyke Leadership Award at the conclusion of Sandhurst. The award is named after a West Point Sandhurst competitor who died in 2016 saving a stranger from a riptide while on vacation.

“The competitions have pushed my limits both mentally and physically and given me the opportunity to participate in world class training,” Company C-3 squad leader Class of 2020 Cadet Daniel Archer, who is competing in his third Sandhurst, said. “We have been working together for almost seven months and have transformed from a group of individuals into a cohesive unit. We all really care about each other so when someone is hurting on a ruck march or during an event there is never a shortage of people who are willing to step in and pick them up.”

While many of the teams competing this year are returning from previous years, including all five of last year’s top finishers, Onischuk said at least a third of the competition is different and the events that are the same have new wrinkles or are scored differently.

Through the two days, teams are expected to cover more than the 28 miles required last year.

Upcoming SAAPM events

- Denim Day—All day Monday. Everyone is allowed to wear denim.

- Take Back the Night—7:30-9 p.m. Monday at Cullum Hall Ballroom. RSVP by Tuesday to Lt. Col. Mindy Kimball at 938-5421.

- Heath Phillips, Survivor Story—7:30-8:30 p.m. April 29 in USCC area and 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. April 30 in USMAPS Auditorium.
Tronsrue Marksmanship Center now open to authorized users

By Brandon O’Connor
Assistant Editor

U.S. Military Academy staff and faculty looking for an indoor range to shoot firearms now have a place on post.

Since the beginning of March, Tronsrue Marksmanship Center, which is located next to Gillis Fieldhouse, is open to authorized users, which include current and former military service members and DOD ID card holders. The center has three ranges including a small-bore range, an air range and large-bore range. The small-bore range is exclusively designed for three position Olympic style shooting whereas everything from pistols to long guns can be shot on the large-bore range.

Opening the center to the public was possible following upgrades to all three ranges including new HVAC systems, painted floors and electronic targeting systems that enable shooters to customize their shooting experience.

The center is currently open 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday through Friday, but there are plans to add evening and weekend hours once more shooters have registered and the interest requires it. The open times will be scheduled around practices for the cadet rifle, pistol and combat weapons teams, who the center is primarily designed to support.

The center allows shooters to bring their own firearms, as long as they are registered with the military police on post or rent guns to use at the range. Currently, they only have handguns for rent, but there are plans to add long guns to the inventory as demand dictates.

To register a firearm, owners can either pick up a form at the range or print the form from the MWR website and then take it to the MP office.

The center is also planning to offer shooting classes for new shooters and people who have shot in the past but may need a fresher course.

“If you are coming back into shooting, but have some experience, we will work with you,” George Kline, West Point Manager of Shooting Sports, said. “We have pistol instructors down here. We will work with new shooters and old shooters alike to help them become better shooters.”

The range is also planning to take advantage of the options available and eventually add evening shooting leagues and possibly host a youth rifle camp over the summer.

More information about the range including the required paperwork and hours can be found at westpoint.armymwr.com/programs/tronsrue-marksmanship-center.
IN FOCUS: CADET ACTIVITIES

Cadet Club activities

Glee: On April 1-2, 25 members of the Glee Club traveled to Washington D.C. to support the funeral of Fredrick V. Malek, USMA Class of 1959. At the funeral, the Club represented West Point with professionalism before a highly distinguished group. At the reception in the historic Anderson House on Embassy Row, the Club performed from a majestic staircase and then mingled with guests of the Malek family.

Company Athletics

This week in Company Athletics in photos:
Grappling.

Photo by Class of 2021 Cadet Rebekah Cutler

MWI hosts fourth annual Sandhurst Conference

By Sgt. Quentin Johnson
205th Theater Public Affairs Support Element

Hundreds of U.S. and foreign military academy cadets gathered together Monday for the Modern War Institute’s USMA Class of 1999 Sandhurst Conference.

This year’s conference was led by three guest speakers and included five break-out sessions, each focused on a specific area of leadership development and led by subject matter experts, said MWI executive officer Maj. Jake Miraldi, who organized the conference.

The conference is designed to test the mental agility of each cadet and serve as the intellectual counterpart to West Point’s 51st Sandhurst Military Skills Competition, he said.

Sandhurst, a premier international military academy competition that began in 1967, is a two-day, approximately 30-mile course filled with individual- and squad-based events designed to promote military excellence of future leaders across the world and will take place Friday and Saturday.

This year, 49 teams will compete in hopes of building relationships with allies and partners, but most importantly serving each other, said USMA Class of 2011 graduate Capt. Nicholas Dockery, commander of Special Forces Operational Detachment-Alpha, who gave the opening talk at the conference.

“You’re in the people business… building a team and taking care of those to your left and right,” Dockery said.

Dockery commented on many aspects of the lessons learned throughout his career including every cadet’s obligation to be a leader, which he describes as “a continuous process.”

Another piece of guidance was based on the importance of training, whether it’s based on a competition or as a leader.

“It’s the value you put on your own training,” Dockery said. “The fact that you are here to compete in this competition says a lot… sacrificing your time to compete in a competition that is focused on realistic training.”

The second guest speaker, Gen. Robert Brown, commander, U.S. Army Pacific, expanded on Dockery’s thought on training saying a good leader needs to train to thrive in ambiguity and chaos to ensure subordinates know leaders care for them.

“Soldiers don’t care how much you know, until they know how much you care,” he said.

Brown went on to link how caring and training of others builds trust, which is something needed during the competition.

“You can’t take (trust) for granted. You have to work it every opportunity you have,” Brown said.

A good leader will always look to build trust whenever they can, which helps in future relationships between allies and different countries, Brown said.

Class of 2022 Cadet Cole Lindell, a member of USMA Gold, understands the value of trust between allies having participated in the Mexican Military “Chimaltalli 2019” competition last month.

Lindell, a first-time participant in Sandhurst, said he hopes to build other relationships during the competition.

“It’s great to build partnerships,” Lindell said. “You get more exposure to the way other teams perform, which could be faster or more productive.”

Lindell was most pleased with Brown’s comments on caring for subordinates and improving himself as a future Army lieutenant.

Team competitor and U.S. ally from the Royal Military College of Canada Officer Cadet Gabriel Kemp said the conference has been helpful with Brown’s focus on trust being the most helpful.

Kemp’s team also competed in the Chimaltalli 2019 and attributed their success to the trust they have between each other.

“Trust really made a difference in our ability to perform and led to us being rather successful” said Kemp, a second-year Sandhurst competitor.

Competition aside, Kemp said the camaraderie and friends developed during Sandhurst definitely take precedence until the competition begins.

“It’s so fun to take a step back and meet other people from different countries, but once the competition starts it’s game on… we are here to win,” Kemp said.

Despite Kemp’s optimism, Lindell said he believes his Gold Team will win.
The Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (EECS) hosted induction ceremonies for the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Eta Kappa Nu (IEEE-HKN), the honor society for electrical engineering, and Upsilon Pi Epsilon (UPE), the honor society for computer science and information technology, April 5 in the Black, Gold and Grey Room of the Cadet Mess Hall. Retired Lt. Col. Dale Henderson was the guest speaker for the joint ceremony. Henderson is a West Point graduate and principal research scientist at Amazon, where his focus is strategic supply chain modeling and analysis. Cadets inducted into the honor societies rank in the top third of their Class for 2019 graduates, top quarter of their class for 2020 graduates and the top fifth of their class for 2021 graduates. The cadets inducted into IEEE-HKN (above left) were Class of 2019 Cadets Birgitta Anderson, Adam Patula, Anna DeVries and James Williams; Class of 2020 Cadets Phil Donner and Grant Levasseur, and Class of 2021 Cadets Peter Howell and Curtis Manore. The Cadets inducted into UPE (below left) were Class of 2019 Cadets Daniel Andrews, Sang Keun Oh, Ryan Brunner and Amanda Roper and Class of 2020 Cadets Will Anderson, Chandler Baker, Judson Beougher, Steven Cilenti, Cooper Cone, Paul Corapi, Liam Furey, Cynthia Garrett, Matthew Houston, Minsung Kim, Tyler Leary, Nicholas Lunsford, Aidan McCarthy, Connor McDonald, Robert Norwood, Kyle Rosado, Mitchell Stiffler and Brandon Tyson. Majs. Eric Sturzinger and Danny Zhu, both instructors in the electrical engineering program, were inducted into HKN along with the cadets.
From the Foxhole: DMI sponsors Spring academic internship to Germany

By Department of Military Instruction

The Department of Military Instruction sponsored 10 cadets as they traveled to Germany during their Spring Break. Led by Maj. Emmanuel Sioson and German liaison Sgt. Maj. Stephen Engel, these 10 cadets visited numerous sites that reflected what Germany was, what it is now and what the country will be.

While many Americans tend to associate Germany for the horrors of World War II, this trip challenged many of these underlying stigmas and provided cadets with a new lens with which to view their ally.

The purpose of this trip was to provide cadets with a broad survey of Germany’s previous strategic context and historical experience to better understand how such context and experiences shapes the current strategic outlook and worldview of the modern Federal Republic of Germany, its defense policies and its military.

Starting on March 8, the cadets traveled to the political concentration camp, Dachau, and learned of the atrocities that occurred during the second world war.

“Powerful” and “eye-opening” were some of the words used to describe the experience.

“When you are physically in the location you’ve already read about in history class, there is this new perspective that creates such a lasting effect,” Class of 2019 Cadet Paul Campuzano II said.

Later that day cadets visited Castle Neuschwanstein, erected in 1892 by King Ludwig II. This elegant castle was one of many examples in which Germans sought to preserve their culture in the most extravagant of ways.

The next day, led by Class of 2019 Cadet Brad Baker, the cadets ran through downtown Munich along the same route Hitler famously attempted his Beer Hall Putsch, a failed coup of the German government.

It was this failure that helped thrust Hitler in the national spotlight. Baker reflected on this stand as a “team building exercise during the run.”

Cadets also toured Walhalla Monument outside of Regensburg. While some Americans remember the site through the well-known photo of Gen. George Patton watching his 3rd Army cross the Danube River, the site is known to Germans as a commemoration of the greatest German minds to influence their country.

Class of 2021 Cadet Elias Mitchell pointed to Albert Einstein as one of such Germans who is forever immortalized in the walls of Walhalla. Class of 2019 Cadet Benjamin Gutierrez led a discussion at the Zeppelin Field in Nuremberg. It was here where Hitler held some of his Nazi rallies.

Gutierrez spoke of the “power of imagery” and the influence propaganda can have on people. While the swastika was blown up after the war, the foundation remains as a stark reminder of the past.

Class of 2021 Cadet Kevin Brazie led a discussion at the Sanssouci Palace and spoke of the Prussian and Bavarian influence in the area. This stand provided a different perspective to the German identity; one of elegance, royalty and greatness.

Cadets also had the opportunity to tour the German Combat Training Center, a parallel to the U.S. National Training Center. They were exposed to advanced simulation technology and foreign doctrine. They were prompted with challenges they might face as future platoon leaders in urban warfare.

After the visiting the CTC, the cadets met with their German counterparts and learned about the processes they undergo as they work toward becoming German officers.

Cadets finished the day with a historical tour of Dresden where they appreciated the centuries of German art and elegance in the palaces and murals.

The Cadets completed their week in Berlin where they visited the Allied War Museum with a discussion led by Class of 2019 Cadet Stephen Jackson. He pointed to the museum as one of the many ways that Germany remembers World War II and how far they have come as a nation.

The Brandenburg Gate, Check Point Charlie, the Stasi HQ and prison were next on the list and each played a significant role in post-war Germany.

“Brandenburg Gate, a symbol of royalty, was tainted by the Nazis,” briefed Class of 2021 Cadet Karen Kim. Class of 2021 Cadet Shannon Villarino spoke of how Checkpoint Charlie, the only access point between East and West Berlin, highlighted the fragility of Germany as it was caught in between the friction of the United States and Soviet Union.

Class of 2019 Cadet Courtney Hill talked of the Stasi HQ and prison as a remnant of the paranoia as Germany tried to brand themselves a new identity between communism and democracy.

The last location on the cadets’ trip was a tour of the German Reichstag. They learned of democracy from an entirely different perspective. The tour was fundamental for the future leaders of America who will be entering an everchanging, geo-political environment.

The cadets also spoke with representatives of the U.S. Embassy and discussed the political challenges the country faces as they interact with their German counterparts.

Led by Sioson and Engel, these 10 cadets experienced Germany for what it was, what it is and what it will be.

Much appreciation on behalf of the cadets goes to the Department of Military Instruction for sponsoring this trip.
Mine Torne Road closure
Mine Torne Road and surrounding training areas will be closed from 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. April 20 due to military training.
For more details, contact Maj. Nick Rinaldi at 938-7621.

The Bass Club at West Point
The Bass Club at West Point is accepting new members. Membership is open to military, DOD civilians, veterans of the Armed Forces and their dependents. For more details, contact toddness@aol.com or go to http://pbswimmer.wixsite.com/bassclubatwestpoint.

Yoga
TRIBE—Teach Resiliency, Increase Balance and Endurance—Yoga, is offering a weekend workshop for certified yoga teachers and active duty military who are interested in bringing the physical and mindfulness practices of yoga to the military.
This is a 12-hour course that is registered under Yoga Alliance for CEC’s. The workshop is scheduled for April 26-27 in Highland Falls.
For more details, email tribeyogamilitary@gmail.com.

Spring Organ Recital at Cadet Chapel
Throughout the spring, West Point will offer organ recitals at the Cadet Chapel. The next two weeks, Sunday and April 21, there are no organ recitals due to Palm Sunday and Easter.
The next recital is 2:30 p.m. April 28 by Bruce Xu (first place, Southeast Region AGO competition).

Employer Assistance Program
West Point Garrison offers an Employee Assistance Program that provides free and confidential counseling for civilians, family members and retirees.
The program offers services from 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. The EAP is located at 656 Eichelberger Road.
For details, call 845-938-1039.

DANTES testing
The Army Education Center at West Point offers DANTES testing programs through the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support such as the SAT and ACT.
Pearson VUE offers licensing and certification exams.
Most tests are free of charge to Soldiers. Call the testing center at 845-938-3360 or email gwenn.t.wallace.ctr@mail.mil for details or an appointment.

Army Personnel Testing programs
The Army Education Center at West Point offers Army Personnel Testing programs such as the AFTC, DLAB, DLPT, SIFT through the DA and DLI.
Tests are free of charge to Soldiers. Call the testing center at 845-938-3360 or email gwenn.t.wallace.ctr@mail.mil for details or an appointment.

Army Career Skills Program
The Army’s Career Skills Program (CSP) prepares Soldiers for civilian employment through first-class apprenticeships, on-the-job training, job shadowing, internships and employment skills training. Soldiers are eligible to participate in an Army CSP up to 180 days prior to separation from the Army and after completion of the mandatory five-day SFL-TAP workshop.
The use of permissive temporary duty (PTDY) to attend a CSP more than 50 miles away from the Soldier’s duty station may be granted at the commander’s discretion.
Interested transitioning service members can contact Drew Miera at drew.m.miera.ctr@mail.mil or stop by the Army Education Center from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Grace Baptist Church of Highland Falls services
The West Point family is invited to attend any and all services at the Grace Baptist Church, located at 54 Old State Road, in Highland Falls. The church is close to Thayer Gate.
The church holds services on Sunday morning (Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service at 11 a.m.), Sunday evening (6 p.m.), and Wednesday evening (7 p.m.), as well as seasonal Bible studies for men, women and college-aged young people. Transportation is provided as needed.
For details on the Grace Baptist Church, visit www.gracebaptistny.org.

Holy Innocents Thrift Shop in Highland Falls
The Highland Falls Holy Innocents Thrift Shop at 401 Main Street, Highland Falls, is open to the public. The shop is open Wednesdays 3:30-5:30 p.m., Thursdays 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Highland Falls Library exhibit
The Highland Falls Library proudly presents an exhibit by photographer Stan Goldblatt, “The Appalachian Trail—Fort Montgomery Project: Portraits of Thru Hikers on the Appalachian Trail,” which is now open and runs through Oct. 4.
The Highland Falls Library is located at 298 Main Street in Highland Falls, and is approximately 4 1/2 miles from the Bear Mountain Bridge, which crosses the Hudson River and connects the Appalachian Trail from shore to shore.
The library and the exhibit are open at 10 a.m. Monday-Saturday with various closing hours daily. For details, contact Leslie Rose at lrose@rcls.org or 845-446-3113.
West Point Brew Fest 2019
Join MWR for its third annual West Point Brew Fest from 7-10 p.m. Friday at the West Point Club.
A special VIP hour is from 6-7 p.m. Vote for your favorite local and national brews. However, the VIP section is sold out.
There is a nominal fee for this event. To register online, visit thewestpointclub.com.

Champagne Sunday Brunch
Join the West Point Club for the Champagne Sunday Brunch. Sunday Brunch is from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Pierce Dining Room and runs through Nov. 17.
Paul will look at everything in and out of the saddle, from good fit to good position to good form.
For more details, call 845-938-6490.

Breakfast returns to the West Point Club’s Bistro 603
Stop by on your way to class or the office and check out the West Point Club’s Bistro 603.
Breakfast is served from 7-10 a.m. Monday through Friday.
For a complete menu, visit thewestpointclub.com. For more details, call 845-938-5120.

FOR THE FAMILIES
Morgan Farm Summer Riding Camps
Registration opens Friday for Morgan Farm Summer Riding Camps. The camps begin June 24.
There are five-day and three-day camps offered for ages 5 and up. For more details, call 845-938-3926.

Morgan Farm Open to the Public
Morgan Farm offers birthday parties and horseback riding lessons, so come check out the farm today.
Host your child’s next birthday party at Morgan Farm with three different party packages to fit your budget.
Morgan Farm also offers riding lessons for beginner through advanced riders. These lessons are suitable for ages 5 and up.
Horse boarding is available at the stables for a nominal fee.
For more details, call 845-938-3926.

Round Pond Recreation Area open for the season
The Round Pond Recreation Area is now open through November and is located off Route 293, only three miles from Washington Gate.
Hours of operation are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday and Saturday.
For more details, call 845-938-2503 or visit MWR on the web at westpoint.armymwr.com.

FOR THE ADULTS
NAF Property Sealed Bid Sale
A Nonappropriated fund bid sale is open for excess golf ground equipment to include: Slasco Speed Roller, Toro Hydroject and Aerifi er.
Items are sold “as is,” with no refunds or guarantees. Bids must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. Friday. Submit your bid in an envelope to FMWR, Attention Services Division, Building 681, Room 206, West Point, NY 10996.
For more details, call 845-938-4632.

Morgan Farm Summer Riding Camps
The first event of 2019 with the Murder Mystery Dinner is the third annual West Point Brew Fest from 7-10 p.m. Friday at the West Point Club.
The center is located at 665 Tower Road, adjacent to the Gillis Field House.
Hours of operation are 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday-Friday. Recreational shooting is open to all DOD cardholders and their guests.
We have gun rentals, ammunition and targets for sale.
For more details and to register, call 845-938-1700 or visit westpoint.armymwr.com.

CPS Family Advocacy classes
Earn a certificate after completing all four classes in the Army Community Service’s Family Advocacy series. The following classes are held at ACS, Building 622:

- Parenting Class—The first four Thursdays of every month from 1-2:30 p.m.;
- Couples Communication Class—The first four Tuesdays of every month from 1-2:30 p.m.;
- Stress Management Class—The first four Mondays of every month from 1-2:30 p.m.;
- Anger Management Class—The first four Wednesdays of every month from 9:30-11:30 a.m.

To register, contact Sara Boychak at 845-938-0629 or email sara.boychak@usma.edu, or call Catherine Little at 845-938-0633. Or register online at www.westpointacs.as.me.

Early Childhood & School Age Hourly Care
Lee Area CYS Facility has space available for hourly care for ages 6 weeks to 5 years and kindergarten through fifth grade.
The mission is to provide a variety of experiences for children through planned developmentally appropriate activities.
Reservations can be made through WebTrac. There is a nominal fee for this service.
For more details, call 845-938-8530/0941.

CYS Services Needs Sports Coaches
CYS Sports is looking for coaches for our following spring programs: running club, flag football, recreational basketball, recreational soccer and modified track and field.
For information on dates and times, call 938-8525.

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Wee Ones Reading Group
The Wee Ones Reading Group is scheduled from 9:30-11 a.m. Monday, April 22, 29; May 6, 13, 20; June 3, 10, 17 and 24 at the Youth Center Building 500.
Wee Ones Open Play Group is designed for your little one to play, learn and make new friends. Simple drop-in and play. Wee Ones invites children, birth through four years of age, and their parents.
No charge for participation. Visit our Facebook for weekly reminders and pictures.
For more details, call 845-938-0629.

Wee Ones Open Play Group
The Wee Ones Open Play Group is scheduled from 9:30-11 a.m. Monday, April 22, 29; May 6, 13, 20; June 3, 10, 17 and 24 at the ACS Building 622 Conference Room.
Each session, the Wee Ones invites you to listen to a story and participate in themed, fun-filled activities that promote speech development and learning.
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Keller Corner

KACH to recognize Sexual Assault Awareness & Prevention Month

KACH will recognize Sexual Assault Awareness & Prevention Month (SAAPM) throughout April with social media posts, participation in West Point’s Denim Day and a speaker event.

The Keller Facebook page will provide SAAPM information every Thursday in an effort to not only reduce, but eliminate sexual assaults and rape… “One is one too many.”

Keller is scheduled to provide a SAAPM information table, in the Pharmacy/Laboratory waiting area, on Monday. Keller will join the West Point community in raising awareness during the “Walk A Mile” event on Wednesday and will participate in West Point’s recognition of “Denim Day.”

Additionally, Keller will welcome Heath Phillips, a military sexual assault victim, during our speaker event at 11 a.m. April 30 at the USMAPS Auditorium.

Phillips has chosen to be a speaker to relay his life, the effects it has had on him, the obstacles he had/must overcome and, most importantly, educate our military with regards to the damage sexual assault and hazing does to anyone (to include males).

The discussion will include sexual terms that may not be appropriate for young children.

KACH Nutrition Care provides weight management sessions

Are you looking to establish a healthier “You” in 2019?

KACH’s Nutrition Care Department can assist you with focusing on weight management.

The Nutrition Care team, which includes dieticians, can assist you with a comprehensive weight management program with a goal of assisting with making permanent changes to your diet, sleeping and activity habits to promote long-term weight loss success.

To schedule an appointment with someone from the Nutrition Care Department, call 845-938-7992 (KACH appointment line) or 845-938-2374 (Nutrition Care Department).

KACH Substance Use Disorder Clinic open

The KACH’s Substance Use Disorder Clinic Care (SUDCC) is open to cadets, active duty service members and beneficiaries who are interested in seeking help independently.

The clinic provides substance use disorder clinical care, including assessment, education, treatment, rehabilitation and aftercare, for cadets, service members and other beneficiaries within an integrated medical and behavioral health model to enhance health and readiness.

It is preferred to have individuals seek education and treatment on their own, in hopes to prevent them from possibly experiencing an alcohol or drug related incident. Seeking education and treatment independently does not require command involvement or an official enrollment into the program.

The SUDCC is located in Building 656 and you can schedule an appointment by walking in from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday or calling 845-938-7691.

MOVIES at MAHAN

Theatre schedule at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752.

Friday—“How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World,” PG, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday—“The Prodigy,” R, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday—“Greta,” R, 9:30 p.m.
Sunday—“How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World,” PG, 7:30 p.m. (Autism Awareness—sensory friendly)


Earth Day 2019

Presented by the Highland Falls Library
And Community Garden at Holy Innocents

April 27, 2019 10 am – 2 pm at The Highland Falls Library

Exhibits, Give Aways
• Composting and Recycling Information
• Gardening Activities for the whole family
• What about Solar?
• Make a Poster for the Library
• How to Save on Energy Costs

For more information contact Olga Anderson 917-509-1200
Olga.anderson2@gmail.com

2019 Palm Sunday, Holy Week & Easter at Most Holy Trinity Catholic Chapel

• 5 p.m., April 13: Mass
• 10:30 a.m., April 14: Palm Sunday
• 5 p.m., April 14: Mass
• 7 p.m., April 18: Mass of the Lord’s Supper
• 7 p.m., April 19: Good Friday Service
• 9 p.m., April 20: Easter Vigil
• 10:30 a.m., April 21: Easter Sunday Mass
April 11, 2019

**New Program at West Point**

**USAG West Point Leadership hotline**

Call 845-674-7693

*This hotline will be monitored 24/7 by a member of the West Point Garrison leadership team.

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**West Point Spring Yard Sale**

**By West Point Public Affairs Office**

WEST POINT, N.Y.—The West Point community will hold its annual spring yard sale from 8 a.m.–4 p.m. Saturday. Shoppers from neighboring communities are welcome to visit the yard sale throughout the designated housing areas on post.

While visitors are welcome, only military residents are permitted to offer items for sale.

Attendees should enter through Thayer or Stony Lonesome gates. Proper identification is required upon entering academy grounds and all vehicles are subject to search.

Visitors are reminded that all housing areas enforce a 10 mph speed limit—please drive safely.

There is no rain date scheduled.

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**Escape Planning**

Plan Ahead! If a fire breaks out in your home, you may have only a few minutes to get out safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Everyone needs to know what to do and where to go if there is a fire.

**SAFETY TIPS**

- MAKE a home escape plan. Draw a map of your home showing all doors and windows. Discuss the plan with everyone in your home.
- KNOW at least two ways out of every room, if possible. Make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily.
- HAVE an outside meeting place (like a tree, light pole or mailbox) a safe distance from the home where everyone should meet.
- PRACTICE your home fire drill at night and during the day with everyone in your home, twice a year.
- PRACTICE using different ways out.
- TEACH children how to escape on their own in case you can’t help them.
- CLOSE doors behind you as you leave.

**IF THE ALARM SOUNDS...**

- If the smoke alarm sounds, GET OUT AND STAY OUT. Never go back inside for people or pets.
- If you have to escape through smoke, GET LOW AND GO under the smoke to your way out.
- CALL the fire department from outside your home.

**FACTS**

- A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire. Install smoke alarms inside every sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area. Install alarms on every level of the home. Smoke alarms should be interconnected. When one smoke alarm sounds, they all sound.
- According to an NFPA survey, only 47% of those who have practiced it.
- While 71% of Americans have an escape plan in case of a fire, only 47% of those who have practiced it.
- One third of American households who made an estimate thought they would have at least 6 minutes before a fire in their home would become life threatening. The time available is often less. And only 8% said their first thought on hearing a smoke alarm would be to get out!

**West Point Fire Department**

x2043 fireprevention@usma.edu

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**LifeWorks**

To register, email jgellman@bbcgrp.com.

- **Yard Sale**: The West Point Community Spring Yard Sale is scheduled 8 a.m.–4 p.m. Saturday, rain or shine.
- **Arbor Day celebration**: Come plant a tree with WPFH from 4–6 p.m. April 26 at B126 Washington Road. Special guest speaker for the event is Jake DeMassi, certified Arborist and president/CEO of Alpine Tree Inc.

The Q&A Session subjects include proper tree planting and care and integrated pest management. Refreshments will be available.

To register, email jgellman@bbcgrp.com. All events are free and open to current West Point residents.

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**Community Events**

- **Yard Sale**: The West Point Community Spring Yard Sale is scheduled 8 a.m.–4 p.m. Saturday, rain or shine.
- **Earth Day Craft**: Not only is it the perfect time to learn about reducing, reusing and recycling, but it’s also a fabulous time to make an Earth Craft to remind us of how lovely our Earth is and the benefits of leading a greener lifestyle and how easy it is to achieve.

Join West Point Family Homes from 2:30–4 p.m. April 24 at B126 Washington Road.
Army Golf places 13th at Clemson Invite

By Matt Faulkner
Army Athletic Communications

The Army West Point Golf team finished in a tie for 13th at the Clemson Invitational, which concluded on Sunday.

The Black Knights ended up with a team score of 888 (+24) and were tied with Elon for 13th place on the team leaderboard. Eighth-ranked Georgia Tech won the invitational with a three-day score of 812 (-52).

Tournament notes
• Senior team captain Nick Turner had a good week and finished in a tie for 33rd on the player leaderboard with a final score of 217 (+1).
• Turner carded a 2-over 74 on Sunday and recorded one birdie in his final round.
• Senior Matt Plunkett ended up 50th overall with a 5-over tournament and a final round 75 (+3).
• Junior Justin Williamson was 7-over after the three rounds and added a 4-over 76 on Sunday, which included four birdies.
• Clemson’s Bryson Nimmer, who is the 15th-ranked player in the nation, won the individual title as he shot under 70 all three days, including an 8-under 64 in the third round.

UP NEXT
Army will have its final tune-up before Patriot League Championships with a visit to the championship course at Colgate for the RTJ Individual Shootout on April 20-21.

Women’s Lacrosse wins Senior Day over Lafayette

The Army West Point Women’s Lacrosse team extended its winning streak to three games after besting Lafayette, 16-14, in a senior day Patriot League showdown April 6 at Michie Stadium. The Black Knights (10-3, 3-2 Patriot League) had seven different goal scorers, including five with multi-goal outings, in the home victory over the Leopards (5-8, 1-4 Patriot League). In one of her final games on the banks of the Hudson, senior midfielder Manuela Cortes put forth a dominant offensive outing after she tallied four goals on just five shots. She also handed out a pair of helpers for six points, tying her career high. Midfielders junior Samantha Stewart and freshman Caroline Raymond also finished with hat tricks, while Stewart added a trio of assists and ground balls to her stat line. The duo of sophomore attack Jackie Brattan and junior midfielder Taylor Andrews combined for four of the Black Knights’ 16 goals after scoring two apiece. In goal, sophomore goaltender Hannah Slomkowski played a major role in the contest, coming away with seven saves and her second win of the year.

Photo by Army Athletic Communications
Men’s Tennis remains undefeated in PL

By Frank Shala
Army Athletic Communications

The Army West Point Men’s Tennis team extended its win streak to seven Sunday at the Malek Tennis Center, as the Black Knights took down Lehigh, 4-2.

After dropping the early doubles point, Army (12-12, 6-0) put its foot on the gas heading into singles play.

Junior Myles Conlin evened the score at one with a dominant 6-1, 6-1 win at No. 1. Lehigh (10-7, 3-2) would get its second point with a win at No. 6.

The Black Knights would reel off the next three points with a trio of three-set thrillers. Senior David Mitchell would provide the clincher with his win at No. 3.

Army highlights and game notes

• Conlin continues to play well at the No. 1 position, picking up his ninth win.
• Freshman Diego Huttpeain also picked up his ninth win this spring.
• Fellow plebe Nikita Larichev moved to 7-6 this season in singles play.

Box score
Singles
• Myles Conlin (Army) def. Harry Wang (Lehigh), 6-1, 6-1;
• Diego Huttpeain (Army) def. Zack Elliot (Lehigh), 6-4, 3-6, 7-6;
• David Mitchell (Army) def. Jack Martin-Dyer (Lehigh), 7-5, 0-6, 6-4;
• Nikita Larichev (Army) def. Bryant Burn (Lehigh), 5-7, 6-1, 6-2;
• Freshman David Gorshein (Army) vs. Jacob Edelchik (Lehigh), did not finish;
• Gary Fishkin (Lehigh) def. senior Grant Patterson (Army), 2-6, 7-5, 6-3.

Order of finish (1,6,4,2,3).

Doubles
• Wang/Elliot (Lehigh) def. Conlin/Larichev (Army), 6-4;
• Auteri/Martin-Dyer (Lehigh) def. Mitchell/Gorshein (Army), 6-4;
• Freshman Alejandro Quiros/Huttpeain (Army) vs. Cooper/Edelchik (Lehigh), did not finish.

Order of finish (1,2).

Up next
Army will host rival Navy at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Malek Tennis Center.
Baseball walks off against Lehigh to capture series

By Kat Castner
Army Athletic Communications

The Army West Point Baseball team earned a thrilling 3-2 extra innings victory over Lehigh Sunday afternoon at Doubleday Field.

With the walk-off win, the Black Knights captured the weekend series, 2-1, after the two teams split a doubleheader April 6.

Junior pinch runner Anfernee Crompton scored Army’s game-winning run after freshman rightfielder Carter Macias reached base thanks to a two-out fielding error.

Sophomore catcher Blake Ledoux singled to kickoff the 11th inning before Crompton came in to pinch run for the sophomore. Junior pinch runner Drake Titus then shifted him to second on a sacrifice bunt before he touched home two batters later.

Junior centerfielder Jacob Hurtubise, sophomore second baseman Tim Simoes and Ledoux each registered two hits in the game. Junior first baseman John McKenna led all players with two runs batted in following his single in the third inning.

Senior pitcher Cam Opp was credited with the win after pitching five innings, allowing just three hits and two walks. Opp struck out five during his time on the hill as well.

Army highlights and game notes
• Army is now 2-0 in extra inning games this year.
• The Black Knights converted on six stolen bases in the game, with Hurtubise swiping two.
• Lehigh registered the contest’s only extra base hit when it notched a solo home run.
• Titus and senior shortstop Trey Martin both recorded a sacrifice bunt.
• Senior starting pitcher Sam Messina gave up only three hits and two runs in six innings on the hill. The righty retired seven of his opening eight batters in order before giving up his first hit and run in the third frame. He also fanned nine while on the mound.

How it happened
• The Mountain Hawks broke the scoreless deadlock in the top of the third with a one-out solo home run to left field.
• Army wasted little time trailing as it put up two runs on three hits in the bottom half. Sophomore leftfielder Andre Walden and Hurtubise found themselves on second and third, respectively, with one out. McKenna then stepped into the batters box and delivered a two-RBI single up the middle to score both runs.

Facts & figures
• Army tallied three runs on 10 hits, while Lehigh finished with two runs on six hits.
• The Mountain Hawks were tagged with the game’s lone error and it came in the 11th inning.
• Neither team was able to break the deadlock in the remaining three innings, forcing extras.
• Army finally broke through in the 11th for its 17th overall win and sixth Patriot League victory.

Photos by Eric S. Bartelt/ PV

Senior starting pitcher Sam Messina (above) gave up only three hits and two runs in six innings on the hill. The righty retired seven of his opening eight batters in order before giving up his first hit and run in the third inning. He also fanned nine while on the mound in Army West Point’s 3-2 win in 11 innings over Lehigh Sunday at Doubleday Field.

**VIEW THE UPCOMING ARMY WEST POINT BLACK KNIGHTS SCHEDULE AT WWW.GOARMYWESTPOINT.COM/CALANDER.aspx?VTYPE=LIST.

Sports calendar

Corps Squad

SATURDAY
NOON—MEN’S RUGBY vs. ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY, ANDERSON RUGBY COMPLEX.

NOON—BASEBALL vs. LAFAYETTE (DH), DOUBLEDAY FIELD.

1 P.M.—MEN’S TENNIS vs. NAVY, MALEK TENNIS CENTER.

SUNDAY
NOON—BASEBALL vs. LAFAYETTE, DOUBLEDAY FIELD.

WEDNESDAY
3 P.M.—BASEBALL vs. HOLY CROSS, DOUBLEDAY FIELD.

3:30 P.M.—WOMEN’S TENNIS VS. ST. FRANCIS BROOKLYN, MALEK TENNIS CENTER.

APRIL 20

NOON—SOFTBALL vs. BUCKNELL (DH), ARMY SOFTBALL COMPLEX.

2:30 P.M.—MEN’S LACROSSE vs. LOYOLA, MICHE STADIUM.

APRIL 21

NOON—SOFTBALL vs. BUCKNELL, ARMY SOFTBALL COMPLEX.

APRIL 24

3:30 P.M.—SOFTBALL vs. RIDER (DH), ARMY SOFTBALL COMPLEX.

3:30 P.M.—BASEBALL vs. MARIST, DOUBLEDAY FIELD.

Junior centerfielder Jacob Hurtubise registered two hits versus Lehigh during Army West Point’s 3-2 win in extra innings over the Mountain Hawks.