In the Zone

USMA Black Knights Parachute team triumphs

By Class of 2017 Cadet William Scott

Not since 1974 have three service academies come together like they did over the Easter Weekend as the U.S. Air Force Academy Wings of Blue and the U.S. Naval Academy Parachute team were hosted by the U.S. Military Academy Black Knights Parachute team at West Point for the inaugural Inter-Service Academy Meet.

On April 18-19, the three sister academies competed in the fields of sport accuracy, 4-way formations and 6-way speed competitions.

When all was said and done, the Black Knights triumphed overall, taking five of the top six places in sport accuracy, second place to Air Force in the 4-way competition and first place in the 6-way speed time at just under 19 seconds.

Without a doubt, the competition served as a reminder of the camaraderie among the academies, as well as a development opportunity for all three programs.

The competitors arrived throughout the day April 18, with safety in-briefings, equipment checks, orientation jumps and team introductions being just a few of the items on the busy itinerary.

Early morning April 19, the teams met on the fields of friendly strife on West Point’s iconic Plain, and the intensity of the competition only increased as the weekend went on.

Though heavy winds delayed the event at times, the three teams remained persistent, aggregating over 200 jumps in just two days and using the two 2nd Aviation Detachment’s Lakota helicopters to their fullest.
Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month

Submitted by the Garrison Safety Office

In recognition of May as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, the Garrison Safety Office reminds motorists and motorcyclists alike to “share the road” conscientiously and courteously to help prevent motorcycle crashes which remain one of the most prevalent causes of death and injury on our local roads.

Safety is a mutual responsibility for motorists and motorcyclists alike. Motorcyclists are about 30 times more likely to die in a crash than passenger vehicle occupants, so whether you are sharing the roadway with a car, truck, van, SUV, school bus, or motorcycle, you should always be alert for motorcycles.

Drivers must be aware that a motorcycle, as one of the smallest vehicles on the road, can be ‘hiding’ in your vehicle’s blind spots. Always check blind spots, use mirrors and signal before changing lanes or making turns. Motorcyclists have responsibilities, too. Riders should obey all traffic laws and be properly licensed, alert to other drivers, and conscious at all times, never ride impaired or distracted and always wear a Department of Transportation compliant helmet and other protective gear.

This safety advice is particularly timely as motorcycle fatalities in 2011 showed a continued increase to 4,612. Motorcycle fatalities accounted for 14 percent of total highway deaths for the year despite motorcycle registrations representing only about 3 percent of all vehicles in the United States.

The following tips are offered for drivers to help keep motorcyclists safe on our roadways.

• Remember, a motorcycle is a vehicle with all of the rights and privileges of any other motor vehicle. The person under that helmet could be a mother, brother, doctor or friend;
• Always allow a motorcyclist the full lane width—never try to share a lane;
• Perform a regular visual check for motorcycles by checking mirrors and blind spots before entering or exiting a lane of traffic, and at intersections;
• Always signal your intentions before changing lanes or merging with traffic;
• Don’t be fooled by a flashing turn signal on a motorcycle—motorcycle signals are often not self-canceling and riders sometimes forget to turn them off. Wait to be sure the motorcycle is going to turn before you proceed;
• Allow more following distance—three or four seconds—when behind a motorcycle to give the motorcyclist time to maneuver around obstacles in the roadway, or stop in an emergency;
• And never ride distracted. Motorcyclists can increase their own safety by:
• Wearing a DOT compliant helmet;
• Using turn signals for every turn or lane change, even if the rider thinks no one will see it;
• Signaling intentions by combining hand signals and turn signals to draw more attention to themselves;
• Wearing brightly colored protective gear, and using reflective tape and stickers to increase conspicuity;
• Positioning themselves in the lane where they will be most visible to other drivers;
• And never riding while impaired.

The message to all drivers and motorcyclists is “help to share in the responsibility of keeping all road users safe, and do your part by safely sharing the road.”

The Corps Has ... A Migraine

By Class of 2015 Cadet Aaron Pell

Got a migraine. And a splitting one at that. The kind that comes from the combination of too little sleep, not enough caffeine, bright lights and too much noise.

Recently, we returned from a needed week away from the hallowed ground of the Cadet Area, and members of the Corps of Cadets driving onto post were welcomed by the sight of cranes and other construction equipment rising amidst the iconic snapshot of Eisenhower and MacArthur Barracks with the Cadet Chapel in the background.

A typical day for the construction projects progresses like clockwork. Around 6:30 a.m., the workers arrive to fire up all of the machine engines. A little past 7 a.m., the penetrating slap of metal on rock begins and continues seemingly unimpeded until about 4:30 p.m.

The pleasing cacophony of slamming and slicing of various earth materials naturally creates an environment conducive for both studying and sanity, well at least for some members of the Corps.

Class of 2015 Cadet Zachary Lord purports that the dissatisfaction of some of the cadets with these projects likely arises from the privilege of enjoying the growing pains of the construction without partaking in the end result—perhaps an underlying sense of envy for the future members of the Long Gray Line. Nevertheless, the need exists, and most cadets will admit to it. The building of the new barracks and the improvement of the old ones will ideally become safe and responsible members of the hunting community.

The 2014 Spring Wild Turkey season begins May 1. As always, remember to follow all New York State Hunting Guide rules and regulations. These regulations can be found at http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/8366.html. Hunters must sign out/in using the West Point Hunt Tracker located at http://hunting.usma.edu. West Point reminds and additional information:

• Hunting Area Access: Utilize the Hunt Tracker for both signing out and returning from your hunt. Most gates and range roads will remain open throughout the Wild Turkey hunting season.
• Restrictions: Certain hunting areas require signing out a key (not to exceed 48 hours) at Range Operations, Bldg. 1403, located on Route 293. These areas are tightly controlled due to training and safety operations. Refer to the Hunt Tracker for a more detailed list of these restrictions.
• Early Scouting: Access to the training complex begins today. The Youth Wild Turkey Hunt weekend will be held Saturday-Sunday. The Youth Wild Turkey Hunt is an excellent opportunity for junior hunters (ages 12-15) to spend time with experienced adult hunters gaining the necessary knowledge and skills to become safe and responsible members of the hunting community. Refer to http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/27836.html for detailed rules on Youth Turkey.

Turkey hunting season opens May 1

By Alec Lazore
Range Manager

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We look forward to the great stories and pictures we receive from young hunters and their adult companions and wish everyone a safe and enjoyable hunt. Send your photos to peter.spinning@usma.edu or call 845-938-3007.
Twice published, Schumacher earns top award
*Gen. Pershing Reflective Essay Awards recognize inspired writing from Class of 2014*

**Story and photo by Kathy Eastwood**

Staff Writer

The MX400 Officership course is the capstone experience for a cadet at the U.S. Military Academy and a requirement for all graduating seniors. Beginning in 2007, cadets were assigned to write an essay reflecting on their four years at West Point—and a chance to receive one of 36 awards for the General of the Armies John J. Pershing Reflective Essay Awards.

The eighth annual award presentation was held April 14 at the West Point Club and is sponsored by the William E. Simon Center for the Professional Military Ethic and the West Point Association of Graduates. Retired Lt. Gen. John H. Cushman, a Class of 1944 graduate and one of the founders of the competition, presented awards to members of the Class of 2014.

Thirty-two bronze medallions were presented as company level awards, three silver medallions presented as regimental awards and one gold medallion was given to the overall brigade winner.

The silver medallions were presented to Class of 2014 Cadets Christen Constantino, Co. E-1; Chance Carrick, Co. B-2; and Zachary R. Williams, Co. A-4.

Class of 2014 Cadet Luke Schumacher, Company D-3, received the gold medallion for his essay titled “The Dedicated Moral Compass: The Price of a Salute.”

Schumacher, an American Politics major, has twice been published in academic journals, writing on the contemporary Islamic doctrine of jihad and the effects of Egyptian regime change on the country’s prospects for war and peace.

“To be selected for an award named in General Pershing’s honor and presented by a man as accomplished and respected as Gen. John Cushman is nothing short of inspiring,” Schumacher said. “Reflection remains integral to the lifelong education of an officer, but we are rarely afforded the time and space to think critically on our transformative experiences, lessons learned and future goals. I cherish every opportunity to do so and hope to continue thinking and writing in the future.”

Schumacher said he hopes to contribute to the social science literature and Army professional publications in the next few years. His essay reflected on the moral questions he wrestled with—and still wrestles with after a devastating football injury and resulting complications. The following is an excerpt from his essay:

“The series of misfortunes forced me to consider the realities of joining the profession of arms. In many respects, I matured by considering these questions. I was growing up fast at an institution that requires its pupils—at 18 years old—to commit the next 12 years to an ideal. Yet, the nature of the pondered issues smacked of backtracking; only now, after deciding on West Point, did I tackle foundational inquiries concerning self, purpose and future. Perhaps I rested somewhere in the middle, reconciling boyish tendencies with manhood realities.”

“Eventually, I landed on concrete difficulties. I spent a sleepless night engaged in inner-conflict, evaluating the morality of killing enemy combatants in war. With time and conversations, I’ve accepted the morality of depriving life in pursuit of a just cause and the Soldier’s obligation to defend against aggression. Still, the resultant questions persist: Can a Soldier fight a war that he doesn’t believe is just?”

The essay competition is endowed by Cushman and Anne Mudd Cabaniss, widow of Cushman’s friend and classmate, Jelks H. Cabaniss, Jr., through the West Point Association of Graduates.

**Four scholarships awarded to Class of 2014 cadets**

**Staff Reports**

Class of 2014 Cadet Alexander Bastoky was named as a 2014 Fulbright scholar, and is the ninth recipient since the academy began competing during the 2004-05 academic year.

The future Armor officer will pursue a master’s degree at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in Israel this fall.

Bastoky, an honors history and Arabic major, hopes to continue his research in Islamic history and plans to study Krav Maga—a self-defense system developed for the military in Israel that consists of a wide combination of techniques, and volunteer at an archaeological excavation during his time in Israel.

“He is an outstanding young scholar who is conducting original and important research on Islamic military tactics during the Crusades,” Maj. Robert Chamberlain, officer-in-charge of the Fulbright program here, said. “I am incredibly proud of the hard work that Alex put in to his application and I’m thrilled that things have worked out for him.”

The Fulbright U.S. Student Program provides grants for individually designed study/research projects or for English Teaching Assistant Programs. A candidate will submit a Statement of Grant Purpose defining activities to take place during one academic year in a participating country outside the U.S.

**National Science Foundation scholars**

Three senior cadets were recently named as National Science Foundation scholars.

Class of 2014 Cadet Stuart Baker, from Quincy, Calif., is a double honors major in electrical engineering and mechanical engineering.

He has conducted research in developing autonomous ground vehicles, stemming from his summer spent at Lincoln Laboratory working in their robotics division.

In addition to leading both the Electronics Experimenters Group and the Amateur Radio Club, he regularly organizes events to educate girls and boys on the importance of science, technology, engineering and mathematics and what jobs they can pursue studying those topics.

He will be attending the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to earn an MSC and a Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering.

Baker was also selected for the Naval Postgraduate Research Fellowship, and an MIT Lincoln Laboratories Military Fellowship.

Class of 2014 Cadet Damon Paulo, from Keller, Texas, is a computer science and math major.

His research interests have focused on social network analysis and cyber security related topics.

He is currently a cadet battalion commander and will be branching Infantry following graduation May 28.

Paulo’s father, Daniel, is a 1983 U.S. Military Academy graduate, and his brother Augustin is a first lieutenant and 2011 U.S. Military Academy graduate. His sister, Blaise, hopes to follow both brothers’ footsteps next year.

Class of 2014 Cadet Geoffrey Moores, from Gaithersburg, Md., is a computer science and physics major, and he hopes to get a master’s degree in computer science.

Moores comes from a military family, his father Leon is a 1984 U.S. Military Academy graduate, and his brother Alex is in the Class of 2016.

His mother, Lisa, is a medical officer and both sisters are lieutenants. Following graduation, he will branch Infantry and will be posting to Vicenza, Italy.

“The National Science Foundation selects undergraduate and graduate students from across the nation from over 17,000 applicants annually, and requires work well beyond the standard courses taken by cadets at the U.S. Military Academy,” Lt. Col. Michael Benson, officer-in-charge of the National Science Foundation here, said. “Cadets Stuart Baker, Damon Paulo and Geoffrey Moores represent more than just high academic performance—in addition to their standard required courses each has undertaken significant levels of research that demonstrate their potential for success at the graduate level. Close collaboration with faculty members in the Electrical Engineering, Computer Science, Physics and Mechanical Engineering programs contributed to the successful scholarship that each cadet included in their application files.”
Congressional SIMEX tests political prowess

A political battle royale ensued at Arnold Auditorium as the Department of Social Sciences conducted its spring session of the Congressional Simulation Exercise.

The SIMEX, by way of enrollment in the Intro to American Politics (SS202) course, is a requirement for all cadets and is generally taken as yearlings.

Department of Social Sciences instructors oversee the exercise which allows cadets to experience a condensed day on Capitol Hill as they become legislators, presidential aids, journalists and lobbyists.

It starts with a rousing speech on energy reform by the president, each time portrayed by a different academy leader, like the superintendent, brigade tactical officer and commandant. What often follows appears chaotic as cadets maneuver their way through party caucuses, press conferences, floor debates and voting, using political capital to influence others.

Most enter the SIMEX with a somewhat cynical view of politics and emerge with a validated opinion and broader appreciation for what occurs daily in the D.C. arena.

“While our system is flawed—and no system is perfect—we do have the best system in the world,” Class of 2016 Cadet R.K. Barker said. “This helped me to really understand just why nothing gets done, for the most part; this was like herding cats that are all only thinking about themselves.”

As the majority whip, Barker played the part a little too literally, carrying an “Indiana Jones” type whip on his belt for effect. Perhaps it helped.

“I feel that I was successful at my job,” he said. “I supported my party leader and ensured that everyone voted as they were supposed to, and that they were properly compensated for their loyalty to the party.”

Cadets quickly learned that preparation was key to success during rapid-fire negotiations and power plays as alliances developed and crumbled within hours.

“Before the actual SIMEX, we had a caucus meeting where most of the foundation was laid,” Barker said. “The various committees discussed the options for the bill, and party leadership at this time discussed what they wanted the bill to look like and this helped to influence the committees’ decisions.”

Class of 2016 Cadet Audra Morrow, the minority leader, said two preparatory labs gave them time to organize, but most of the deals were being made outside the classroom.

“There would be some nights when I would be running around, having four to six meetings a night in addition to other homework,” Morrow said.

The SIMEX enables cadets to practice political leadership in a setting where understanding individual and group behavior can not be understated.

In the end, she said, it was important not to take the experience too personally, and the advice she would offer the next group of yearlings: “Never underestimate anyone. Everyone has an agenda.”

“My initial opinion on politics still holds true, that politics requires a certain level of cunning, negotiation and persuasiveness to be success, and I suppose that’s why I’m not cynical,” Morrow said. “We’ve studied our government in depth this semester and contrasted it with other types of government and I am of the opinion that this is the best way to do it, thus far. Not to say that we can’t always try to improve, but the SIMEX has made me appreciate our government more.”
CADET ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Cycling: The West Point Cycling Team competed April 12-13 at Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H., and at the University of Vermont in Burlington, Vt.

The disciplines were Individual Time Trial (ITT), Criterium Circuit Race (Crit) and Road Race. West Point performed well with Class of 2017 Cadet Thomas Hendrickson finishing 10th place in the Men’s D2 ITT and Class of 2017 Cadet Kiana Frick placed fourth in the Women’s D ITT, fifth in the Crit and second in the Road Race. Class of 2016 Cadet Jinny Yan finished sixth in the Women’s D ITT and fourth in the Crit; Class of 2017 Cadet Lisa DeLacey placed 10th in the Women’s D ITT, eighth in the Crit and 10th in the Road Race.


Sailing: The Army Sailing Team competed at Cornell University April 12-13. The cadets fared well against the competition considering the team’s limited practice time out on the water prior to the event. Class of 2016 Cadets Colton Currall and Colin Gray and Class of 2017 Cadet Henry Holmes performed well as newcomers to the sport. Class of 2016 Cadets Andrew Beckmann and Brian Bui did exceptionally well and finished fifth within their division. Overall, the team placed ninth out of 14 but will significantly improve once they are able to practice on the Hudson every afternoon.

Women’s Boxing: The West Point Women’s Boxing team earned their second consecutive U.S. Intercollegiate Boxing Association Championship at the University of Miami Boxing Club April 3-5.

Class of 2017 Cadet Sarah Soliven, Class of 2014 Cadet Kelsey Smith and Class of 2015 Cadet Melissa Box all won their respective weight classes.

Climbing: The West Point Climbing team traveled April 17-20 to Melbourne, Fla., and placed fourth overall at the National Collegiate Climbing Series.

The competition included representatives from 33 different collegiate teams across the nation. West Point took the Armed Forces Cup, decisively defeating the Naval Academy Climbing team. Individually, team captain Class of 2016 Cadet Julian Barker finished sixth overall in the Bouldering Finals. Class of 2014 Cadet Daniel Spies looked solid as he took eighth in Speed Finals.

Class of 2016 Cadet Zhaina Myrzahchanova demonstrated her climbing prowess as the National Champion for Speed Climbing. She had a time of 8.87 seconds, beating her second place opponent by almost two seconds.

Speech: The West Point parliamentary debate team competed at the International Public Debate Association national tournament at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Domestic Affairs Forum travels to D.C.

By Class of 2016 Cadet Regina Parker
Domestic Affairs Forum

The Huffington Post recently published an article titled “Time to Send Congress to West Point,” that argues how the U.S. Military Academy could “reverse Congress’s dysfunction and turn the misfiring engine of American governance into a smoothly running machine.”

While policy-makers might learn a few things from West Point, cadets can also learn from its government. The Domestic Affairs Forum, led by Maj. James Golby and Class of 2014 Cadet Colin Mansfield, exposes cadets to politics on the international, national, state and local levels through annual trips to Canada, Washington, D.C., Baltimore, New York City and Newark, N.J.

Last week, 16 “DAFers” embarked on a three-day trip to the nation’s capital. Ranging from plebes to firsties, the cadets met with dignitaries across the nation’s capitol—from representatives and senators on the Hill, members of the judiciary, professional staffers in the White House, to think-tank analysts, lobbyists and defense strategists in the Pentagon.

Highlights of the trip included an hour-long discussion with Chief Justice John Roberts in the Supreme Court, a lunch with Secretary Eric Shinseki at the Department of Veterans Affairs, and a Q&A session with Dr. Kathleen Hicks, a senior fellow at the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

The cadets also met with David Urban, the CEO of American Continental Group; Alex Gallo and Bill Sutey, members of the House and Senate Armed Service Committees; and staffers in the offices of Rep. Raul Labrador, Rep. Chris Gibson and Sen. Claire McCaskill.

The trip concluded with a moment of silence in the Pentagon’s 9/11 Memorial following a discussion with the Chairman’s Action Group.

“I am so blessed to have so many opportunities—at West Point, in the Army, in America,” Class of 2016 Cadet Sarah Soliven said. “A lot of bad things happen in the world, every day and all the time, but I am optimistic that we can make things better.”

Although the semester is winding down, Class of 2014 Cadet Michal Cantrell wants to encourage all cadets to participate in the Domestic Affairs Forum in the future.

“DAF is so valuable because it allows cadets to understand how the Constitution that they will support and defend is put into practice, and to learn from leaders both inside and outside of the military,” he said. “DAF has invaluably complemented my coursework here at West Point.”

The West Point team put in a dominant performance with three of the four semifinal teams to split the national championship between Class of 2015 Cadets Ken Voet and Will Moore, Class of 2016 Cadet Meyer Ungerer and Class of 2017 Cadet Nathan Hernandez.

Class of 2016 Cadet Matthew Waldrep was named top speaker in the professional division; a division largely comprised of other teams’ debate coaches. West Point earned the third place trophy for the entire tournament.
Studying economics of poverty in Honduras
Company D-3 cadet engages community leaders in microfinance initiatives, sustainable options

By Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

Class of 2014 Cadet Harrison Florence, an economics major in Company D-3, was applying for a Rotary International scholarship when he happened to mention in his paperwork how he was interested in the economics of severe poverty.

That statement stirred the interest of Theodora Keyserling, managing director of Meridian Group Partners. Keyserling is a member of Rotary International and has been working in Honduras to provide the rural region with water, sanitation and a means to sustain themselves through microfinance.

"Being that the topic was something that Florence had recently studied and was relevant to his economics major, he was naturally curious about what I was doing in Honduras," Keyserling said. "After my trip to the region in November, I called Florence just to bounce an idea off of him. Our conversation snowballed and the next thing I knew, we were scheduling a trip for him to see with his own eyes what could be done to lift this region out of extreme poverty."

The trip coincided with spring break and Florence said he jumped at the chance to travel to Honduras as he saw it as an opportunity to see for himself what third world countries need to pull out of poverty.

"I felt excited to be a part of something bigger than myself," Florence said. "It’s not that we accomplished anything while we were there, we were just setting the stage for future help. Even though I didn’t get the scholarship, it was a silver lining to get involved in the project."

"Keyserling introduced microeconomics to Honduras," Florence added. "We started seeing what we could do to plan future operations."

During the grueling five-day (four days in rural communities) visit to Honduras working in 104-degree heat, Florence spoke with local community leaders and business owners about microfinance initiatives in the region as a possible means of lifting themselves from poverty. Florence, a Roswell, Ga. native, worked with the Roswell Rotary and Rotary International to strategize ways to bring fresh water and sanitation to remote villages.

Florence said they began to identify what they should start with and looked at ways to establish sustainability in providing clean water, community development, establishing microcredit and to help communities help themselves.

"Rotary International is a not-for-profit organization," Florence said. "They help to provide low-interest loans to help them grow and understand the structure of the economic system."

Florence said interest rates on loans are absurdly high and many rural communities are already living below the poverty line and do not have access to reasonable loans.

"One of the first things that needs to happen in the community is to ensure they have access to clean water," Florence said. "Down the road, we will look at plumbing and sanitation in houses. Most housing in Honduras does not have indoor plumbing. The Rotary International will be hands-on and provide loans at a low interest rate to help the community establish clean water. Once that is completed, loans may be granted for improvements in housing, business and education. The more important structures need to be in place before loans are granted for other structures."

Florence said he studied economic development and learned about overarching help.

"Every region is different," he said. "There is no blanket policy and there are different challenges in different areas."

The future aviator said he hopes to carry on humanitarian work while in the Army.

"I am very passionate about this—to get involved in funding a community," Florence said. "It has been going on for awhile in the Army. Aviators do a lot of humanitarian work, too."

"Keyserling scheduled a meeting with the U.S. Ambassador to Honduras and several officials from the U.S. Agency for International Aid during their visit with the goal to establish partnerships with both government and non-profits in the area. Florence was cited during that meeting as the “intellectual horsepower.”"

"Florence interviewed small business owners and entrepreneurs in his four days in the region and met with potential nonprofit organizations to partner with for the large water and sanitation project," Keyserling said. "Florence handled himself with the poise and decisiveness of a seasoned leader."
Exchange brings nine USMA cadets to Kazakhstan

By Maj. Matthew Ellett
Department of Foreign Languages

Nine U.S. Military Academy cadets recently visited the Almaty Defense Institute in Almaty, Kazakhstan, to experience the daily life and training of Kazakh cadets.

The Russian-speaking cadets visited Kazakhstan as part of a U.S. Army Central Command-sponsored initiative to transform officer education in Central Asia. USMA and ADI now have a 16-year history of exchanges through CENTCOM.

The ADI, officially named the Almaty Higher All-Arms Command Institute, or AVOKU in Russian, was established in 1969 and provided both the Soviet Union and Kazakhstan with high-quality junior officers.

While at ADI, the cadets were able to experience the similarities and differences in how the Kazakh cadets live, study and train. This included simple and routine tasks, such as cleaning and maintaining their barracks, formations, PT and organized sports, snow removal and eating in the mess hall. This also included more exotic experiences, such as learning vehicle operations and maintenance on Russian-made armored personnel carriers, firing AK-74s and an RPG-7, and CBRN training.

The cadets were also given a cultural tour of Almaty and an opportunity to visit with a few local families and experience traditional Kazakh culture. The key to these experiences was conversing almost entirely in Russian. “I will never forget being put in charge of one of their evening formations, and attempting to report in Kazakh to a colonel so intimidating the (Kazakh) cadets referred to him as the ‘tiger colonel.’ Luckily, the colonel thought it was hilarious,” Class of 2016 Cadet David Hill said.

The exchange left a lasting impression on each of the cadets. “I had an amazing time in Kazakhstan,” Class of 2016 Cadet Nicholas Truax said. “Being my first time traveling, I didn’t know what to expect. But the people at ADI really went out of their way to show us everything they had to offer.”

Speaking of the cultural experience, Class of 2016 Cadet John Geiger said, “I really enjoyed the evenings that we would have together to play songs on the guitar and learn about the popular culture and day-to-day life that you just can’t get in a textbook.”

Class of 2016 Cadet Thomas Batina summed up his experience by saying, “The opportunity to experience another culture, learn about another nation’s military and to meet and interact with great people was incredible.”

As a part of the exchange, USMA will host several Kazakh cadets for Cadet Field Training this summer.
A few of the 55 cadets inducted into the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society squeeze into frame for a photo opportunity with Dean of the Academic Board Brig. Gen. Timothy Trainor inside the Haig Room April 16 after the induction ceremony.

Class of ‘14, ‘15 cadets inducted into Phi Kappa Phi
Story and photo by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

Fifty-five cadets from the Class of 2014 and 2015 were inducted into the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society April 16 in the Haig Room of Jefferson Hall along with nine staff and faculty.

The 2014 Scholastic Achievement Award was presented to Class of 2014 Cadets Ellen Chamberlin, Department of English and Philosophy, and Chloe Drummond, Department of Mathematical Sciences. Three instructors or assistant professors received Scholastic Achievement Awards for their departments. The awardees were: Lt. Col. Remi M. Hajjar, Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership, and Dr. Kendall Williams and Lt. Col. Shaw Yoshitani, both from the Department of Mathematical Sciences.

Dr. Lynn Fielitz received the award for the associate or full professor category for the Department of Physical Education.

Twenty-two Class of 2016 cadets received awards for outstanding yearlings and 12 Class of 2017 cadets received the awards for outstanding plebes. These cadets will be considered for induction into the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society when they become juniors and seniors.

Admission to the honor society is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter in accordance with the bylaws of both the chapter and the national organization.

Seniors must be in the top 10 percent of their class while juniors must be in the top 7.5 percent of their class. Each chapter may elect a limited number of faculty, staff and alumni.

Outgoing president of Phi Kappa Phi, Dr. Kenny McDonald, briefly spoke to the attendees about the award bestowed on the U.S. Military Academy Chapter 204.

“We have achieved the 2012-13 Chapter of Excellence, one of 18 out of 300 to be awarded this distinction,” McDonald said. “And it is the first time that West Point achieved this distinction.”

The new president-elect of the society is Lt. Col. Jeff Starke, environmental sequence curriculum coordinator for the Department of Geography and Environmental Engineering.

Dean of the Academic Board Brig. Gen. Timothy Trainor presented the certificates to the inductees and spoke to the cadets about the history of West Point and the exceptional training and education cadets receive at USMA.

“You have strived for excellence and that is demonstrated by this award (induction),” Trainor said. “That is what makes this place so successful, your success. Gen. Colin Powell once referred to West Point as the ‘wellspring of our profession.’”

The guest speaker at the induction ceremony was Cyrus Vance Jr., district attorney for New York County in New York City.

“I am proud to say there are strong bonds between West Point and my family,” Vance said. “My father, after whom I am named, was Secretary of the Army in the 1960s. The Army holds a special place for my father, and to be able to come here tonight and see his portrait provides many memories for me and I thank you for that.”

Cyrus Vance Sr. was also secretary of state during President Carter’s administration and the 1993 Thayer Award recipient.

Vance said he does not have military experience, but said he became a DA because he thought he had something to offer and it would be meaningful to him.

“As future graduates of West Point, following graduation, you will devote a significant part of the next stage of your life to service to our country,” Vance said. “I expect many of you wanted to do this and give your life meaning and that is why you chose this school, the school that presents a great paradox of leadership, of service and makes you leaders.”

Two cadets represent USMA at “Winter Academy”

Class of 2014 Cadets Daniel Bryce and Robert Fetter, both International Relations and Russian Language majors, traveled to Prague, Czech Republic, to attend the annual NATO-Russian Federation conference named “Winter Academy.”

This year, policy experts from Russia’s Institute for Political and Military Analysis and the Russian Association for Euro-Atlantic Cooperation met with representatives from NATO’s Secretary General and Policy Diplomacy Division and non-profits like Policy Association for an Open Society to discuss conflict resolution and cooperative engagement. The latest events in Ukraine sharpened the focus of this year’s discussion.

“The conference was hugely beneficial for me in more than a few ways,” Bryce said. “This event was a perfect convergence of my double major in Russian Language and International Relations. I had an excellent opportunity to see substantive political discussion between Western nations and Russia. I also got to visit one of the most beautiful and historical cities in Europe and get in a lot of Russian practice.”

Being the only two Americans at the conference, he said the U.S. and even Western Europe were dramatically under-represented. This demanded all their language skills, regional knowledge and cultural insight.

“I learned more about the political structure and conditions of Europe than at any other event during my time at West Point. Interactions during and after planned meetings proved just as rewarding,” Fetter said. “I now have friends from all over Russia and the post-Soviet world that I’m able to ask directly about latest events. They have very different views from ours, and it’s an incredible experience to debate them and learn about the way they think.”

Travel for the cadets was arranged by the Departments of Social Sciences and Foreign Languages.
The long, hard and extremely cold winter has
turned to spring, and anglers have suffered through
what is referred to as “cabin fever.”

Over the course of the winter, many anglers
have sorted through their tackle, reorganized tackle
boxes, strung new fishing line, tied flies and made
sure their fishing poles were in order several times
in anticipation of spring and the opening day of trout
fishing April 1.

For the opening day, the bitterly cold winter
left several inches of ice on all ponds, lakes and
reservoirs at West Point, leaving only one stream with
open water for trout fishing. Now the good news:
the ice is gone and trout fishing couldn’t be better.

Recently, I spoke with a couple of fishermen that
were enjoying a day at Round Pond. They indicated
that they have had good luck so far this spring
and were surprised that more anglers were not out
because the fishing was good.

The West Point Wildlife Biologist and team have
stocked trout twice already totaling 6,680 Rainbow,
Brook and Brown Trout in Bull Pond, Popolopen
Brook, Round Pond and Lusk Reservoir.

The first stocking provided nice fish in the 12-14
inch range.

The second stocking provided by New York
State Department of Environmental Conservation
released 8-9 inch Brook and Brown Trout not only
in the previously mentioned bodies of water but also
including Highland Brook.

The last stocking is scheduled for later this month
and will provide the largest fish (Trophy Rainbow
Trout) in the 14-16 inch range in Bull Pond and
Lusk Reservoir.

Take those phoebes, rooster tails, power baits and
nymphs and any other secret bait and give it a try. The
weather is warming up, so get out there and have fun.

As a reminder, Round Pond (Outdoor Recreation)
no longer sells New York State fishing licenses. They
will continue to sell West Point permits.

Fishing licenses are available online at https://
aca.dec.accela.com/dec/ or in person at various local
locations including offices of the Town of Highlands,
Town of Cornwall and the Town of New Windsor,
or via telephone at 866-933-2257.

Don’t forget, the Annual MWR Kids Fishing Derby
is scheduled for 9 a.m.-1 p.m. May 17 at Round Pond.
It is open to all anglers’ ages 5-15 who are residents
of West Point, Stewart, Town of Highlands or a child
of a West Point employee.

For details, call 938-2503.
Sherman Fleek, the U.S. Military Academy’s command historian, has a daunting mission.

One of his tasks is to compile information from every department and entity at West Point listing all of their events for the year. Any significant event, including command changes and deployments must be documented for historical reference.

Army regulations require annual historical reports from major units and Army agencies. There are 26 Military History Detachments in the Army and some 700 full-time historians in the Army commands, which Fleek refers to as a shadow Army. Every unit in the Army must compile and send yearly command histories and West Point is no exception.

“From 1890 to today, for 124 years, we have been required to produce a historical report to the Superintendent of West Point and write a historical overview,” Fleek said. “The report used to be called the Annual Report to the Superintendent.

“This is where I make a request, generally in May or June by sending Form 5, the staff action form, to every department and entity at West Point,” Fleek added. “I ask them to send me all the information they have on their particular department, including Keller Army Community Hospital, Garrison, faculty departments and various offices. All the major agencies are required to submit an annual report of their activities and significant events.”

Fleek said that although submitting yearly historical reports is an Army regulation, he is working on past years because from 1989-2008, the reports were not completed.

“I arrived here in 2009 and have completed nearly five years of history,” Fleek said.

West Point is missing some 18 years of annual histories that were not completed prior to Fleek’s arrival. For three years, the 311th Military History Detachment and now the 52nd MHD were the heavy lifters, each compiling an annual history in one week.

Fleek’s task was made easier with the arrival of Capt. Lydia Alicia Cristobal from Yale University and her Army Reserve history detachment, the 311th MHD, last month.

“It was a great experiential learning to work with Mr. Fleek,” Cristobal said. “During our annual training from March 16-21, we were able to successfully assist in the compilation and organization of the U.S. Military Academy’s academic annual histories. While executing this mission, we increased our knowledge and understanding of USMA’s rich history that will serve as a background for our future oral interviews and other historical collections.

“It is a given that the current students (at West Point) will be the future leaders of the U.S. Army,” Cristobal added. “Therefore, it would be a great opportunity for the cadets to be aware of our existence and mission as a force multiplier. Furthermore, by gaining an understanding of our roles and responsibilities, we would have increased support in the future as we record history for future generations to learn from.”

Cristobal’s team included Capt. Collin McNulty, 52nd MHD, and Staff Sgt. Christopher Pisano and Staff Sgt. Kyle Reeves of the 311th MHD who worked on the project.

Compiling history reports is part of the Mission Essential Task Lists or METL, for the history detachments’ annual training requirements as reserve units.

Once the reports from the departments at West Point are received, Fleek reads, edits, outlines, formats and revises them. Information from departments and entities often include art, diagrams and graphs.

Once the history is completed and reviewed by the staff and key leaders, Fleek sends out 20-30 copies of the historical report, which looks more like a history book with 280 pages or more. Included in the report are graduates who were killed in combat during the reporting year and a list of essential people such as the Dean and Commandant of Cadets and other key positions.

The completed report is then sent to the Superintendent, the U.S. Corps of Cadets, library and garrison; Chief of Staff of the Army; Secretary of the Army and the U.S. Army Center of Military History at Fort McNair in Washington, D.C.

“This was a training mission for them (the Military History Detachments),” Fleek said. “They compiled and integrated 30-40 chronologies of West Point. I wanted to combine them into a master chronology. I am also developing a bibliography of all the hundreds of articles and books written about West Point, which McNulty worked on for his week here. All agree it has been a wonderful project giving reserve historians a real-world history project,” Fleek added.

Fleek said the chronology for historical events is the skeleton and once you get the outline of what happened, then he can begin to form a story.

“There are dozens and dozens of West Point topics and Cristobal and the others were very helpful and they will be back in July to continue their work,” Fleek said.
Dr. Frank Wattenberg assists students from O’Neill High School operate a drone after plotting a navigational flight course on a computer during a workshop April 9 hosted by the Department of Mathematical Sciences.

O’Neiill H.S. students apply math to technology

Story and photos by Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor

The Department of Mathematical Sciences invited dozens of students from O’Neill High School to Thayer Hall April 9 for a high-tech workshop.

Since April is Math Awareness Month and it’s been some time since the department has hosted such an event with the local high school, Col. Gerald Kobylski thought the timing was perfect.

“We’re finding it so important right now to make connections,” Kobylski said. “Not only within disciplines, but also trying to stem between high school and college whether it’s English, chemistry, math or whatever the subject might be. It’s great to have the chance to give them the big picture on multidisciplinary studies early on so they can see the value in it.”

The workshop provided hands-on experimentation with drone flight, mobile robotics, creating and dismantling complex knots and projectile motion. Each station demonstrated how mathematics can be applied to other disciplines like mechanical engineering and technology, yet provide enough of a “wow” factor to engage students for a few hours.

“It’s a way we can motivate them to learn, give them something to aspire to,” Kobylski said. “It’s about realizing when you text a message or work on a computer, mathematicians were part of that development.”

Kobylski said a passion for math is innate in many students who simply develop an interest in numbers.

“But for those who don’t have that passion, that’s the challenge for teachers,” he said.

Considering how STEM education is being promoted in schools, it’s the mathematics component that factors into all the others—science, technology and engineering.

“It’s been said that mathematics is the language of all sciences, and it really is the building block for a lot of what we do,” Kobylski said.
FEATURED EVENTS

Holocaust Remembrance Day/ Days of Remembrance
The U.S. Military Academy and U.S. Corps of Cadets Equal Opportunity offices and the Simon Center for the Professional Military Ethic will be hosting this year’s 2014 Holocaust Remembrance Day/Days of Remembrance Observance Luncheon from noon-1:30 p.m. Monday at the West Point Club’s Grand Ballroom.

This year’s theme is “Confronting the Holocaust: American Responses.” There is a fee and tickets can be purchased in advance from your unit/department representative or at the door. This event is free for cadets, however, they must sign up online at CIS.

For details, call Sgt. 1st Class John Walker, USCC EOA, at 938-8456 or Master Sgt. Byron Lewis, USMA EOA, at 938-7082.

Child Safety Seat Check event
The West Point Fire Department and the Orange County Child Safety Seat Program will be conducting a Child Safety Seat Check event from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. May 7, rain or shine, at Stony Lonesome Fire Station 2.

For details, call Fire Inspector Paul Cheski at 938-7484.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Protestant Women of the Chapel welcomes you
Join the members of the Protestant Women of the Chapel from 9-11 a.m. each Wednesday at the Post Chapel.

Fellowship is awesome, worship is beautiful and childcare is provided. Grow your knowledge and love of God with them.

There are also many service opportunities.

A retreat is scheduled for Friday-Sunday at Camp-of-the-Woods in the Adirondacks.

Contact PWOC by email at wp.pwoc@gmail.com or on Facebook at facebook@WestPointPWOC.

Torch Run for the 2014 Special Olympics
The Torch Run for the 2014 Special Olympics will start at 9:20 a.m. Saturday at the Highland Falls Rite Aid parking lot and will proceed through Highland Falls (main street, the side with all the shops) through the gates of West Point and down to Shea Stadium for the event.

The Torch Run will consist of some local fire/police departments, a motorcycle vanguard and the runners.

Army Spring Open Regatta
Enjoy the spring weather and cheer on the home team during the Army Sailing team’s home spring open regatta. Racing will occur from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday.

The event can be observed from Donahue Memorial Park in Cornwall-on-Hudson, adjacent to the Cornwall Yacht Club.

For details, call Capt. Matty Haith at 845-674-7591.

Kosciuszko Memorial Observance and Conference
The U.S. Military Academy will conduct its annual Kosciuszko Memorial Observance May 3 at the Kosciuszko Monument, immediately following the Cadet Review at approximately 12:30 p.m.

The American Association of the Friends of Kosciuszko at West Point will hold its annual conference from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. May 2 at the Thayer Hotel. All are invited to attend these events.

For a detailed schedule, visit www.kosciuszkoatwestpoint.org. For details, contact Steve Olejasz at stephen.olejasz@us.army.mil.

Military Retiree Appreciation Day
The 40th annual West Point Military Retiree Appreciation Day is scheduled from 7 a.m.-3 p.m. May 3.

The day starts with a breakfast at Eisenhower Hall’s Ike Cafe. Throughout the day, several events will take place including a Cadet Drill Team performance, Cadet Review and a Cadet Sports Parachute Club demonstration.

Reservations are required by April 24. For details, contact the Retirement Services Office at 938-4217/2355 or email rso@usma.army.mil.

Keepers of the Peace Powwow
The Cadet Native American Heritage Forum is hosting the fourth annual Keepers of the Peace Native American Powwow from 1-6 p.m. May 4 at Trophy Point Amphitheater.

In case of inclement weather, the rain location is Eisenhower Ballroom. The purpose of the powwow is to show the youth that West Point celebrates and honors diversity. The event is free.

There will be native American food sold, as well as Native American crafts.

For details, call Lt. Col. Mark Smith at 938-3136 or visit www.usma.edu/cfa/SitePages/NAHF.aspx.

West Point’s Global Assessment Tool Campaign
West Point’s Ready and Resilient Campaign has launched an effort focused on the Global Assessment Tool or GAT 2.0. On the May 10, in conjunction with the MWR annual 5K/10K and Youth Fun Run, West Point’s R2C will conduct a prize drawing for members of West Point Community who have completed the GAT 2.0.

All Soldiers, family members and civilians are eligible to participate. You can complete the Global Assessment Tool 2.0 at http://oef2army.mil/takegat.html. Bring your certificate on the day of the race to the Ready and Resilient table for the prize drawing.

For details, contact the West Point Ready and Resilient Campaign at 845-938-0582.

2014 Graduation Regimental Reception volunteers needed
This year, Lt. Gen. and Mrs. Robert Caslen Jr. will host four receptions for all graduating cadets, families and guests in the Superintendent’s Quarters 100 Garden.

An event like this takes a great deal of work. There is a need for your help, as a volunteer, to create a memorable experience for our guests. Volunteers will represent the superintendent as servers for the event, serving beverages and light snacks at each of the refreshment tables.

If you are a civilian, the reception location is your official duty station during the session you volunteer for.

There are four shifts to choose from:

• Shift 1—1-3:30 p.m., May 25 (1st Regiment);
• Shift 2—3-3:30 p.m., May 25 (2nd Regiment);
• Shift 3—1-3:30 p.m., May 26 (3rd Regiment);
• Shift 4—3-3:30 p.m., May 26 (4th Regiment).

For details in donating your time as a server, contact Jesse Hernandez at jesse.hernandez@usma.army.mil.

Counseling available
The West Point Family Life Chaplain mission is to enrich relationships by providing preventive and therapeutic pastoral counseling that is 100 percent confidential.

Chaplain John Manuel is an associate professional counselor and a licensed marriage and family therapist associate.

He offers counseling for individuals, couples and families on issues of grief, anger, stress, pre-marital preparation, communication, parenting, post-traumatic stress and spiritual growth. For an appointment, call 938-3875/2003 or email john.manuel@usma.edu.

Army Athletics Sports Camps
Army Athletics offer a variety of Day and Overnight Summer Sports Camps. Campers participate in a full day of learning, fine tuning fundamental skills, chalk talks, videos, organized games and have around-the-clock supervision.

For details, visit goarmysports.com/camps. To contact a specific sport camp for more details, visit http://register.armysports camps.com/help.

EDUCATION and WORKSHOPS

ACAP Transition Assistance Workshops
Army Career and Alumni Program Transition Assistance Workshops are five-day events designed to assist separating or retiring service members and their family members in preparing for a smooth transition to civilian life.

The workshops provide information on entitlements and services available, including the Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans’ Benefits Briefing.

In the Department of Labor also conducts an extensive Job Assistance Workshop. Service members who are retiring can begin the ACAP process 24 months prior to release from active duty, and those separating can begin 18 months prior.

The upcoming ACAP schedule is:

• June 9-13;
• June 23-27 (executive series — retirement focused);

Registration is required. For details or to register, contact the ACAP Office at 845-938-0634.

Lunch and Learn Series with ACAP Financial Planner
The Army Career and Alumni Program is providing a Lunch and Learn series with an ACAP Financial Planner about Borrowing Smart from noon-1 p.m. May 6 at the SFAC Conference Room, second floor, Bldg. 626.

This month we will be looking at our debts. We’ll start by trimming the use of credit cards, the most frequent kind of debt and move to look at the broader picture of any other debt you may be carrying, such as a mortgage. We’ll end with a discussion on protecting your identity.

For details or to register, call Sherly Conklin at 938-0631 or email at Sheryl.conklin@usma.edu.

ACAP Transition Track Workshop
Following the completion of the five-day Transition Assistance Workshop, service members and their family members can take advantage of targeted Transition Track Workshops.

These are designed to support Soldiers’ and family members’ post-military plans and include topics such as entrepreneurship, higher education and technical training.

An higher education workshop is May 15-16 and a Boots to Business Workshop is June 18-19. To register and for details, contact the ACAP Office at 938-0634.

Army Education Center
College courses are offered through the Army Education Center here at West Point.

Schools offering undergraduate classes are:

• Mount Saint Mary College—Shari Seidule at 845-446-0535 or Sharon.Seidule@gmsmc.edu;
• Saint Thomas Aquinas—Erica Rodriguez at 845-446-2555 or ERodriguez@stac.edu;

Schools offering graduate studies are:

• John Jay College of Criminal Justice—Master’s Degree in Public Administration—Jennifer Heiney at 845-446-5959 jjcwestpoint@yahoo.com;
• Long Island University—Master’s Degree in School Counseling, Mental Health Counseling and Marriage and Family Counseling—Mary Beth Leggett at 845-446-3818 or marybeth.leggett@liu.edu;

The Army Education Center is located at 683 Buckner Loop (between The Fitness Center and Subway).

Keller Corner
Got Drugs? Prescription Take Back Day
The Army Substance Abuse Program and the DEA will host a Prescription Take Back Day from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday at the Military Police Station at 616 Swift Road.

Turn in medications that are no longer needed or expired. Turn in fluids in their original container.
WEST POINT MWR CALENDAR

JUST ANNOUNCED

Outdoor Recreation Equipment Center Open House
Come check out the new MWR Outdoor Recreation Equipment Center (Bldg. 648) from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. May 2. The Center has camping and backpacking gear, mountain bikes, rock climbing gear, kayaks, paintball gear, tables, chairs and party tents all available for rent at daily and weekly rates. There will be light refreshments for those in attendance.
For details, call 938-0123 or email wesley.judd@usma.edu.

MWR Summer Softball League
The MWR Sports office will conduct a summer softball league open to all eligible USMA personnel 18 years of age and older. Personnel interested in entering a team, contact Jim McGuinness at 938-3066 or email jim.mcguinness@usma.edu. Deadline for team entries is May 13. Games are played at 6 p.m., 7 p.m., 8 p.m. and 9 p.m. Monday-Wednesday. League play will start June 2.
For details, call 938-3066.

Kids Fishing Derby
MWR and the Bass Club present the Kids Fishing Derby from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. May 17 at Round Pond Recreation Area. It is open to all anglers ages 5-15 years old who are residents of West Point, Stewart Air Base, Town of Highlands or a child of a West Point employee.
There will be a safety clinic, lunch and awards. Pre-registration is recommended. For details, call 938-2503.

CYS Services Volunteer Camp Counselor Application
Volunteer at the CYS Services School Age Center and spend your summer gaining valuable work experience while having fun. Volunteers must have completed eighth grade, attended the required training from 3-5 p.m. June 18 to volunteer one week (optional training date to be determined). Applicants will be interviewed prior to selection and have completed a full background check if selected. Background check information will be required to be submitted by May 21. All volunteers must be registered with CYS Services. Application can be found at www.westpointmwr.com and must be completed and turned in by May 16.
For details, call 938-0089/8889.

Arts and Crafts Summer Camp
The MWR Arts and Crafts Center (Bldg. 693) will host three, one-week Art Education camps beginning July 15. Sessions will include impressionism, expressionism and abstract art and cubism. The camp will run from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday-Friday. Registration opens June 1 for children ages 5-13. There is a fee for attending these camps.
For details, call 938-4812 or visit www.westpointmwr.com.

Family Child Care Program seeking providers
Are you interested in providing child care in your home? The Family Child Care Program is designed to provide quality child care for children 6 weeks through 12 years.
FCC providers provide small group child care in a home setting for full, part day and hourly patrons. FCC provides the opportunity to care for children in your home and supplement your family’s income.
For details about becoming an FCC provider, call Erin Faherty at 938-0086.

FOR THE FAMILIES

Outdoor Recreation Equipment Center April activity
• How to Plan a Backpacking Trip—6-8 p.m., Friday. Come learn how to plan a backpacking trip. We will go over trip planning logistics that include travel, meal planning, and extra things to consider. There is a minimal fee for these activities. For details, call 938-0123/2503.

Earth Day Open House
Join the West Point Recycling Center from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday to celebrate Earth Day. This event will feature a display about local wildlife, provide you with ideas for making the world a “greener” place, crafts, giveaways and food. For details, call 938-8229.

Arts and Crafts upcoming class schedule
The Arts and Crafts Shop is offering many classes during its April and early May schedule. The upcoming classes are:
• Quilting class on how to create jelly rolls—1-6 p.m., Tuesday and 1-6 p.m. May 1;
• All new pint-sized Picasso art education classes for ages 5 and older. Classes are held every Tuesday from 10:30-11:30 a.m. and 3:30-4:30 p.m. There is a minimal fee for these classes.
• For details and to register, call 938-4812.

West Point 5K/10K & Youth Fun Run
The annual West Point 5K/10K is scheduled for May 10. The 5K and 10K starts at 8:30 a.m. and Youth Fun Run kicks off at 8:45 a.m. Registration is now available on active.com, and it’s open to the public. For details, call 938-4690.

Mother’s Day Brunch
Join the West Point Club May 11 for its Mother’s Day Brunch. Two seatings are available. The first seating is at 11 a.m. and the second seating is at 1 p.m. Remember to enter your mom in our “Mother of the Year” contest.
For details on the contest, visit westpointmwr.com/club.
For details and pricing, call 938-5120.

FOR THE ADULTS

N.Y. State Hunter’s Education Course
The two-day New York State Hunter’s Education Course is scheduled from 6-10 p.m. May 2 and from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. May 3 at the Bonneville Cabin, Round Pond.
Hunters must attend both classes to receive credit. To register, call 938-2503.

Military Spouse Appreciation Day celebration
The West Point Club thanks you for the vital role you play in keeping our Army strong. Join the Club May 9 for Military Spouse Appreciation Day.
With your purchase of a full-price meal, your military spouse dines half price. Lunch is served from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in the Pierce Dining Room. Gift bags will be given to all spouses.
For details, call 938-5120.

Ready and Resilient Family Resiliency Training
Ready and Resilient Family Resiliency Training will take place from 3-4:30 p.m. May 15 at ACS, Bldg. 622. Family Resiliency Training can be tailored to meet the needs of your group or organization. Contact FRT to set up a time and place that meets your needs.

FOR THE YOUTHS

Spring Story Hour at the West Point Library
The Spring Story Hour at the West Point Library runs through May 1. It is held at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Thursdays.
It is open to all West Point community children ages 3-5. Children must be signed up prior to the start of the story time.
Parents can register their children at the library (Bldg. 622) or by calling 938-2974.

Morgan Farm Summer Riding Camps
Morgan Farm Summer Riding Camps run from June 30 through Aug. 15. Each week, three-day and five-day camps are offered for ages 5 and older.
Five-day camps run from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday. Three-day camps run from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday-Friday.
Children will learn English and Western style riding, grooming, tacking, mucking and proper care. There will be a horse show every Friday.
For details and to register, call 938-3926.

Ongoing

ACS closures
Army Community Service and the ACS Resiliency Center will be closed from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday for the Emergency Family Assistance Center exercise.

AER Bake Sale
The Army Emergency Relief Bake Sale is scheduled from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday at The Exchange. Come get delicious baked treats and support your 2014 West Point AER Campaign.
All proceeds go directly to the campaign.
For details, call 938-0636 or Allison.Walker@usma.edu.

2014 Army Emergency Relief Campaign update
There are only three weeks left to contribute to the 2014 West Point Army Emergency Relief (AER) Campaign. So far, $44,853 has been contributed. Last year’s Campaign raised $68,000.
In 2013, $145,000 in emergency financial assistance was given back to the West Point Community, almost $60,000 being sent out in the form of a grant. Help support this outstanding organization and your Community by contributing to the 2014 West Point AER Campaign.
The campaign ends May 15. See your unit representative or call 938-0636 or Allison.walker@usma.edu for more details regarding the campaign or AER.
• Earth Day Open House—The West Point Recycling Center will hold its Earth Day Open House from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday. The event will include a Home Depot workshop sponsored by Balfour Beatty Communities, Recycling Center tours, free hot dogs, T-shirts, giveaways and the awarding of the Earth Day Poster Contest. The West Point Recycling Center is located off Route 293, Bldg. 1379.

• National Walk at Lunch Day—BBC invites you to join the National Walk at Lunch Day at noon Wednesday at 132 Bartlett Loop. A brown bag lunch and water will be provided. This day was created to improve personal health and to start your new daily walking routine, helping you to improve your health step by step. To register for this event, email jgellman@bbcgrp.com by Monday. Strollers are welcome. The first 10 registrants will receive a pedometer.

• Million T-shirt March Against Bullying—Join Family Advocacy for the second annual “Million T-shirt March Against Bullying” from noon-2 p.m. May 2, with start and finish at North Dock. Design your own T-shirt and march, run, walk, roll, hop or skateboard to show your support. For details, call Shelley Ariosto, Family Advocacy Program manager, at 938-3369 or email shelley.ariosto@usma.edu. Refreshments for this event are provided by Balfour Beatty Communities’ Life Works program.

Hunting for Eggs

Nine-year-olds Edward Narramore, Timmy Viles and John Saltysiak (above) inspect their egg baskets after collecting eggs April 17 at the Boundless Playground. The Easter Egg Hunt was sponsored by Balfour Beatty Communities. Treats and small school supplies, such as erasers and stickers, were inside most of the eggs. Some eggs also contained candy. Ava Clapper (right), 5, inspects her Easter eggs. Children were allowed to collect eight eggs at a time.

PHOTOS BY KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

West Point Schools

Re-registration and New Registration

For School Year 2014–15

It’s re-registration time at West Point Elementary and Middle Schools. Re-registration for both the elementary and middle schools will be held at the Elementary School Conference Room. From 9 a.m.-3 p.m. today and 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Friday, the school information assistants will be available to register students for the 2014-15 school year. Personalized registration packets were sent home with current WPES/WPMS students. Returning families are asked to bring completed packets to the school during re-registration week.

Only withdrawal forms will be accepted from students if sent back to school. New student packets will be available at registration or pre-register online at https://registration.dodea.edu/. Detailed information will be available on each school’s website and in the cover letter of the packet. Re-enrollment and class assignment are dependent upon registration being completed.

Call the student information assistant at either school with any questions about school registration at 938-2313 (WPES) and 938-2923 (WPMS).
Army Lacrosse holds on for 8-7 win at Colgate

By Tracy Nelson
Army Athletic Communications

Sixteenth-ranked Army extended its win streak to five games with an 8-7 victory at Patriot League foe Colgate April 18 under the lights at Andy Kerr Stadium in Hamilton, N.Y. Junior attackman John Glesener paced the Black Knights’ attack with his 13th career hat trick. The Black Knights improved to 9-3 overall and 7-1 in Patriot League action. Colgate dropped to 8-5 and 4-4, respectively.

Army freshman attackman Cole Johnson tallied two goals, while sophomore attackman Connor Cook, senior midfielder Alex Carros and sophomore midfielder Luke Poulos each netted single goals in the win. Carros, junior long stickman Jimbo D’Aprile, sophomore midfielder Alex Daly and sophomore attackman Will Mazzone added assists.

Colgate’s Brendon McCann, who scored two goals over the final five minutes to keep things close, ended the game with a team-high three goals.

Colgate outshot Army 31-21 and held a 28-26 advantage in ground balls, including four from Army senior close defenseman Pat Hart. The teams went a combined 1-for-10 EMO with the Raiders scoring once in six tries, five of which came in the second quarter.

Army senior goaltender Bobby Sincero went the distance and made eight saves, as did Colgate’s Brandon Burke.

The Raiders drew first blood with a Ryan Walsh goal 5:10 into the contest. After nearly 10 minutes of scoreless play, Poulos leveled the score at 1-1 with his second goal of the season with 5:18 remaining in the opening stanza.

Junior attackman John Glesener’s 13th career hat trick led Army to a 8-7 victory over Colgate April 18 in Hamilton, N.Y. Glesener’s first goal of the contest, scored after shaking his defender with authority at the 1:32 mark, gave the Black Knights a 2-1 lead that stood at the end of the first.

The teams played scoreless through the first 10 minutes of a choppy second period, one that featured five of Army’s six penalties on the night. Glesener’s second score of the game, a turnaround shot at 4:50, marked the only goal of the frame and gave the Black Knights a 3-1 halftime advantage.

Colgate scored two of the first three goals of the second half, all of which came in a busy first three minutes. Glesener got his third of the night unassisted at 13:19, and the Black Knights later pushed the lead to 5-3 at the 8:45 mark, a D’Aprile fed Johnson in stride for a pretty transition goal. Carros followed with his first goal of the season, taking full advantage of a rebound shot with 5:34 remaining in the period.

Colgate stopped the modest two-goal spurt, scoring on a rebound of its own at the 1:52 mark to pull within 6-4 at the end of 45 minutes.

The Black Knights reestablished a three-goal advantage, 7-4, as Daly won the face-off and fed Johnson for his second score of the night just seven seconds into the final quarter. Colgate’s Walsh answered with the only EMO score of the day, beating Sincero high at 12:01 and pulling the Raiders within 7-5. The Black Knights retaliated in a hurry as Cook scored over the shoulder on a feed from Mazzone. Cook’s lone goal of the night, scored at 11:14, gave the visitors an 8-5 edge.

A pair of unassisted Colgate goals over the final 4:52 kept the game interesting, but Army hung on for its seventh Patriot League victory and fourth on the road. Army earned the No. 2 seed in the upcoming Patriot League Championships, giving the Black Knights a bye into Friday night’s semifinal round. Regular-season champion and top-ranked Loyola, which edged Army 7-6 during the regular season, will host the semifinal and championship games, Friday and Sunday, at Ridley Athletic Complex.

All three games will air live on CBS Sports Network. Depending on this Tuesday’s first-round outcomes, Army will face Bucknell, Colgate or Lehigh in next Friday’s semifinals. Tickets are on sale now at www.LoyolaGreyhounds.com/tickets. Live statistics and Knight Vision audio links are available on the lacrosse schedule page of www.goarmysports.com. Periodic scoring updates will be posted at @Army_Lacrosse on Twitter.

Women’s Tennis falls to BU in PL Championships

By Harrison Antognioni
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The second-seeded Army women’s tennis team saw its streak of nine-straight Patriot League Championships come to an end on Sunday, as it dropped a 4-1 decision to top-seed Boston University in the Patriot League title match at Bucknell’s Varsity Tennis Courts. The Black Knights finish the season 23-4, while the Terriers improve to 14-6.

Boston University’s No. 3 pairing of Madison Craft and Kim McCallum collected an 8-1 decision to give the Terriers a 1-0 advantage in doubles competition before Army’s top two duos secured wins to award the Black Knights the doubles point.

At No. 2, senior Jamila Paul and sophomore Carolyn Pitman topped Boston University’s Lauren Davis and Barbara Rodriguez, 8-2, to improve to 23-0 as a tandem this season. Army senior Della Taylor and junior Elle Taylor posted an 8-4 win over Johanna Hyoty and Leonie-Charlotte Athanasiadis in the deciding No. 1 doubles contest. Athanasiadis took a 6-1, 6-1 win at the third singles spot to deadlock the match at 1-1 before Hyoty collected a 6-2, 6-1 victory at the top position to put the Terriers ahead, 2-1.

Army freshman Nancy Porter, who clinched match wins in the quarterfinal and semifinal rounds, kept play close with McCallum before eventually taking a 6-3, 6-4 setback at No. 6.

The second singles match was the final one to finish, with Davis grabbing at 6-2, 6-1 decision to secure the win for Boston University.

Army Prep trumps Navy in Lacrosse

By Cadet Candidate Micah Brown and Cadet Candidate Sarah Holzworth

The U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School Lacrosse team delivered a resounding defeat to its U.S. Naval Academy Preparatory School counterpart in the long-awaited Army Prep-Navy Prep lacrosse game April 11 at West Point.

Army Prep displayed a balanced attack as five players scored three goals each: Pat O’Brien, Teddy Glesener, Jimmy Tenbrink, Bennett Bradley and Thomas Crabtree as Army Prep defeated Navy Prep 19-10. This scoring was supplemented by Dakota Jones’s two goals and a goal apiece from John Ragno and Sean Badua.

Great defense played a key role in the victory, as well, with Johnny Rhudy and Dom Ricca leading the way, while goalie Paul Newbold stopped nine Navy shots on goal. Additionally, Army won the faceoff challenge 18-15 despite facing a highly touted opponent; Kia Kizzie, John Ragno, and Bradley provided this margin of victory.

USMAPS secured an early lead in the game, ending the first quarter with a five point margin over Navy and breaking the record for the quickest goal in Army-Navy competition when Crabtree scored the first goal in eight seconds.

After beginning the game in such strong fashion, Army Prep faced numerous challenges from Navy. Meeting these challenges was helped greatly by the enthusiastic battle of cadet candidates in attendance; their passion for the game and motivation contributed significantly to the success of the team.

By the end of the game, Army had secured a hard-fought 19-10 victory over its rival. The game concluded with the presentation of an award to Army Prep for its victory and the singing of each school’s Alma Mater.

Army “sang second” and plans to do so again next year.

Sports calendar

April 24-May 1
Corps Squad

Friday-Sunday—Men’s Tennis, Patriot League Championships, Malek Tennis Courts, Times TBA.
Saturday-Sunday—Men’s Golf, Patriot League Championships, West Point Golf Course, All Day.
Davidson throws shutout to clinch series sweep

By Ryan Yanoschak
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Sophomore pitcher Brock Davidson fired a three-hit, complete-game shutout to lead the Army Baseball team to a 3-0 victory over Holy Cross Sunday and a four-game series weekend sweep of the Crusaders.

Phil Reese (2-4) took the loss for the Crusaders (11-27, 3-11 PL). He gave up two runs, one of them earned, on four hits. Reese struck out six and walked three.

Andrew Barry collected two of the Crusaders’ two hits. Holy Cross’ third through ninth batters went a combined 0-for-22.

The Black Knights broke through in the second inning on an RBI double by Jensen. The inning was set up by a hit batter and an error. Army had a chance to do further damage, but left the bases loaded.

Smith drove in the second run of the game with a single to left center in the fourth inning. Cortes led off the inning with a single, moved to second on a passed ball and went to third on the throw to first base after a third strike that got away from the catcher.

Jensen plated the game’s final run in the eighth with an RBI single. Sophomore center fielder Jacob Page started the rally, getting hit by a pitch. He moved to second on a ground out and moved up another 90 feet on a wild pitch.

Holy Cross put a runner on third in the first inning, but Davidson induced an infield pop up to end the threat. Davidson retired the side in order in six of his nine innings of work.

Army has now swept two of its first four Patriot League opponents (Lafayette).

Army improved to 27-12 overall and 11-4 in the Patriot League. The Black Knights will enter next weekend’s final conference series at Navy in second place with a 3.5-game lead over the third-place Mids. The top two teams will host the best-of-three Patriot League semifinals series on May 10-11.

Davidson’s nine-inning, complete-game shutout was the first of his career and the Black Knights’ second of the weekend. Army did not utilize a relief pitcher in any of the four games.

Davidson (4-1) allowed only three hits, striking out seven without issuing a walk. He faced just three batters over the minimum, allowing only one runner to reach third base. Davidson retired 16 of the final 17 batters he faced.

Army scored the only run it would need in the second inning. It added insurance markers in the fourth and eighth. Junior shortstop Alex Jensen, who had two hits, including a home run in the opener, went 2-for-3 with two runs batted in.

Sophomore catcher Ben Smith was 1-for-2 with an RBI. Senior right fielder Jon Crucitti, junior third baseman Harold Earls and junior left fielder Daniel Cortes all had one hit apiece.

By Mady Salvani
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Freshman pitcher Kristen West allowed one run on six hits in going the distance as Army defeated Lafayette, 3-1, Sunday afternoon at the Softball Complex for its second win of the three-game Patriot League weekend series after splitting the first-day doubleheader.

A fielding error by the third baseman with two outs in the bottom of the first inning allowed two unearned runs for all the scoring needed.

Sophomore Kasey McCravey drove in an insurance run in the third inning as the Black Knights collected seven hits in the contest. Freshman Alex Rashenskas went 2-for-2 and scored twice and Alex Gaff was 2-for-3 in pacing Army’s attack.

Army (19-22, 7-5 PL), taking advantage of a hit, walk and error, took a 2-0 lead in the first inning keyed by the two-run error. With two outs, sophomore Bernadette Cardon’s shot was mislaid by the third baseman and allowed leadoff batter senior Amanda Nguyen, who beat out a bunt and went on to steal second, and Rashenskas, who drew a walk and moved up a base on a sacrifice bunt, to score.

The Black Knights plated an insurance run in the third on McCravey’s two-out single that knocked in Rashenskas, who laced a hit up the middle and moved to third on senior April Ortenzo’s groundout.

Lindsay Cherry (2-9), who recorded Lafayette’s win in the middle game on Saturday, denied Army insurance runs in the fifth inning stranding a pair of runners following back-to-back singles with one out on a fielder’s choice at home plate and groundout.

Lafayette scored a run in the top of the fourth inning to cut Army’s lead to 3-1. Kelly Lallis led off with a triple to right field and was brought home by Kristyn Marinelli’s single up the middle. West, going the distance for just the second time this season, denied a second run in retiring the side on a popup and groundout.

Army’s freshman hurler worked her way out of a jam in the fifth inning stranding runners at first and second and did not let the Leopards into scoring position over the final two frames as she scattered six hits, struck out two and did not issue a walk in picking up her second win of the season.