Celebrating 500th Night

Class of 2018 President Cadet Marcos Arroyo, Vice-President Cadet Aleksandr Kauffman, Class Information Systems Officer Cadet Bradley Cho and Vice Director for Strategic Plans and Policy J-5, Joint Staff, Pentagon, Maj. Gen. Richard D. Clarke, stand with the Class of 2018 gift to Clarke, a replica of the 2016 Army-Navy jersey, after his speech during 500th Night Jan. 14 at the Cadet Mess. The jersey has Clarke’s name as well as the number “74,” as Clarke was the 74th Commandant of the Corps of Cadets. See Page 3 for story and photos on the 500th Night event.

PHOTO BY JOHN PELLINO/DPTMS VID
The West Point Modern War Institute held its first speaker series event of 2017, highlighting Medal of Honor Recipient Staff Sgt. Salvatore Giunta, the first Living Medal of Honor recipient since the Vietnam era. Giunta addressed staff, faculty and 300 cadets who greeted him and left him with a standing ovation.

Sgt. 1st Class Carlos Navas, DMI instructor, who was Giunta’s platoon sergeant in Afghanistan, introduced Giunta. “I had the privilege to serve with Sal in Afghanistan,” Navas said. “As Giunta’s platoon sergeant, his medal represents all of our sacrifices and losses because of his position as a rifle team leader, to shoot, move and communicate. No one is more deserving to represent our voices and recognizing that this was something greater than ourselves.”

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“They were dragging Brennan, one by the legs and one by his arms,” Giunta said. “I pursued them, firing at them, killing one and wounding the other, the second Afghan dropped Brennan and fled. I reached Brennan, who was shot and seriously wounded, but conscious and I pulled him back toward the rest of the squad and tended to his wounds and waited for evacuation.”

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Charlie Peddy, (second from right) the Director of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, was awarded the Meritorious Civilian Service Award, the civilian equivalent to the Legion of Merit, for his service to the West Point community.
Class of 2018, Clarke celebrate 500th Night

The Class of 2018 celebrated its 500th Night Banquet Jan. 14 at Washington Hall, marking 500 days until the graduation and commissioning of the Class of 2018. Former Commandant of Cadets, Maj. Gen. Richard D. Clarke, was the guest speaker for the milestone.

Following the receiving lines, invocation, toasts and dinner, Class of 2018 President, Cadet Marcos Arroyo, addressed his class.

“The theme of tonight is time,” Arroyo noted. “Tonight’s magic number is 500. 500 nights is all the time we have left at this Academy.”

Arroyo touched on the fact that over the past 928 days, the number of Class of 2018 cadets dropped from 1,215 to 987. But regardless of adversity, his class has persevered.

“We’ve produced Olympic athletes, Jeopardy contestants, cancer survivors, sapper tabbers, combat divers, mountain schoolers, published authors, and even more, and the best is yet to be seen,” Arroyo said. “We have endured catastrophic lows, with the passing of one of our brothers Mitch Winey, and experienced extraordinary highs like having General Odierno bounce with us to Tsunami during Runback.”

But no matter what, Arroyo told his peers, “I wouldn’t have wanted to pass my time with any other group of people.”

Arroyo then introduced Superintendent Lt. Gen. Robert L. Caslen Jr. who congratulated the class on the milestone and its hard work over the last two and a half years.

“There is one thing I am sure, the Class of 2018 is strong and is doing an outstanding job,” he told them. “And I speak for the entire leadership team when I say that we can be more proud of all that you’ve accomplished and the direction that you’re headed. You’re all doing a great job, and keep it up!”

Caslen then presented Clarke, who currently serves as Vice Director for Strategic Plans and Policy J-5, Joint Staff at the Pentagon in Washington D.C. After graduating from West Point in 1984, Clarke has since led Soldiers at all levels in Airborne, Ranger, Mechanized and Light Infantry units in five different divisions. He has deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan nine times, and served as the 74th Commandant of Cadets from 2013-14.

And while Clarke was the Commandant for the Class of 2018 for just a short time, he says he still feels a bond with the class.

“What I have found in my 32 years, is in the Army, you learn from both successes and failures, you can learn from adversity, when classmates pass away,” Clarke said. “But what I would tell you is, you learn far more from the things with which you have to work the hardest and you learn the most from things in which you have failed.”

Clarke also shared stories of West Point graduates from recent classes who are “performing magnificently” as lieutenants overseas, and with only 500 nights to go, he anticipates that the Class of 2018 is preparing themselves for the next step.

“This time last year, I was in Iraq, I was the division commander of the 82nd Airborne Division,” he said. “Hardly a day went by when I did not see cadets from the class of 2013 or 14 that I helped commission. I had a tough job, but I would tell you that they had the tougher job, I had 32 years of training experience, most of them had less than two, but I would point out to all of you that the foundation that they laid here (at West Point) helped them achieve their successes.”

Clarke finished by telling the cadets that when they commission, they must take what they’ve learned at West Point and lead their Soldiers both confidently and competently.

Following a standing ovation, Class of 2018 Cadets Arroyo, Class Vice-President Aleksandr Kaufman and Class Information Systems Officer Bradley Cho presented Clarke with a replica of the 2016 Army-Navy football jersey. The jersey has Clarke’s name as well as the number “74,” as Clarke was the 74th Commandant of the Corps of Cadets.

“I love the way that he kept his thumb on the pulse of the class, he knew how we were doing, but the way he tied it in at the end and really encouraged us to be focused on our capabilities and how we need to be pushing ourselves and how West Point does all of that,” Class of 2018 Cadet Jonathan Sessions said after the speech.

In addition to enjoying the speech, Sessions added that 500th Night has a great deal of significance to himself and his classmates.

“500th Night is just an awesome time for our class to be together,” he said. “We have so many incredible friends that we’ve made through training, as well as just throughout the academic year, and being able to celebrate 500 days is cool because we look back on the time we’ve had and how incredible it’s been, but also the time that we have coming.”

His date, also from the Class of 2018, Cadet Natalie Dent agreed.

“It’s really a great milestone, something that we’re going to be able to look back on, but also, it allows us to look forward and appreciate the days we have left,” she added.

As of today, the Class of 2018 only has 488 days until their graduation and commissioning.
DPE Faculty Outreach uses combatives to stay active

Story and photos by Michelle Eberhart
Assistant Editor

The Department of Physical Education started the New Year promoting staff and faculty fitness with a combatives workshop Jan. 11. Each month, DPE hosts lunchtime “DPE Faculty Outreach Fitness Sessions” hoping to ensure yearlong wellness amongst U.S. Military Academy staff, faculty and community members despite the colder temperatures.

“We’re trying to incorporate faculty outreach throughout the entire USMA installation,” Capt. Cameron Turner, a DPE combatives instructor and organizer of the event, said. “We picked combatives for January because of the weather outside, and also because it’s something different.”

DPE hosts a new physical activity workshop every month to teach the basics to novice participants, and hopefully a novel trick to the seasoned veterans. In doing so, they hope more people will partake in the event, regardless of skill level.

“Anyone who even has an interest in combatives, maybe civilians, or active duty instructors who want to get back into it, this is a great little segue to come back and integrate with us and then we can get to know them, build bridges and then further develop relationships with them,” Turner added.

Department of Public Works employee Michelle Alva said she got a lot out of her first DPE Faculty Outreach Fitness Session.

“It’s really important, one to meet new people, and two to find some physical activity that we can all learn that can help us,” she said. “I’d like to just expand my experience in combatives, I’m a little rusty, I’m prior service military and I’d like to learn more.”

Alva emphasized the importance of taking the time to get a workout in during the work day.

“It’s good for our welfare as employees here at West Point, it helps motivate us and keeps us in shape, keeps us happy, and keeps us healthy,” she added.

Systems Engineering Instructor Jonathan Belmont agrees.

“For me (combatives) is the most enjoyable kind of physical activity, I feel like I’m getting something out of it,” he said. “I’m learning some practical skills and getting a great workout at the same time.”

Although Belmont is well versed in combatives, he was still able to learn some new tricks.

“I was a level three instructor up at Fort Drum so I taught my own course before,” Belmont said. “But it’s always changing so it was nice to come here and see some new techniques that are being taught in the course’s latest and greatest.”

Both Alva and Belmont plan to return for DPE’s future events.

Next month’s DPE Faculty Outreach Fitness Session will be Aquatics in Crandall Pool at 12:20 p.m. Feb. 22.

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“One day, while I was sweeping the floor at Subway, this radio announcement came on the radio, ‘Come on down, see a recruiter and join the U.S. Army and get a free T-shirt,’” he added. “So I went down to talk to the recruiter. I wasn’t going to join the Army I just wanted the shirt. But the recruiter told me something that I don’t think I was prepared to hear at the time, he told me the truth. ‘You’re an 18-year-old able bodied male and if you want to make a tangible difference for the people of your country, join the U.S. Army.’

“Wow, that sounded cool, to make a tangible difference. But I still wanted the T-shirt and he gave it to me,” Giunta said.

The recruiter suggested Giunta take the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery test or ASVAB which he did and passed. Giunta was told he could do anything he wanted as an enlisted personnel in the Army. Before he knew it, Giunta went into the Airborne Infantry Regiment.

Giunta served in the 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team and worked in a support role of the unit then deployed in Afghanistan.

“There’s something to be said about standing on a plane as a paratrooper,” Giunta said. “It’s not because you are going skydiving, it’s not that you are going to see all the pretty sights going down, it’s that you are going into somewhere that is so dangerous, that we are not going to put a boat, we’re not going to put a tank and we’re not going to put anything on the ground. We’re just going to drop a whole bunch of people from the sky into the unknown. That’s kind of scary.”

“But there is something that is guaranteed,” Giunta told the crowd. “Everyone that is there with you from the first person to the last person is on the same team. You are only as strong as the team you bring to the fight. You have to bring everyone that is important to you to be the best that you can. That commitment, no matter what, you make yourself go because they did. You experience that sort of commitment. That is something pretty amazing. It’s about the team. Sooner or later, you can’t do it yourself; you have to depend on the team.”

Department of Physical Education instructors grapple during the January DPE Faculty Outreach Fitness Session, combatives, on Jan. 11. During the monthly lunchtime events, West Point staff, faculty and community members are invited to partake in a different fitness session.
2016-17 Cadet Club Activities

Skeet & Trap: The Skeet & Trap team traveled to the historic Greenwich Country Club in Greenwich, Connecticut Jan. 14 to compete against the club’s shooters for the first time in more than 20 years.

Despite the competition based on unusual events such as “modern skeet,” doubles skeet and wobble trap, the cadets emerged victorious by a large margin over Greenwich.

After the competition, the cadets were treated to a gourmet lunch in the main historic clubhouse.

Cycling: The Army West Point Cycling team finished an outstanding fourth in team omnium Jan. 14 in Hartford, Connecticut. In its second Cyclocross National Championships, the team had four riders competing in the male collegiate division (Class of 2017 Cadet Tristan Manderfeld, Class of 2018 Cadet Dylan Allen and Class of 2019 Cadets Wyatt Gengler and Ammon Okazaki) and one female (Class of 2019 Cadet Monte Ho) competing in the women’s collegiate division.

Manderfeld finished in 18th position, and Wyatt Gengler finished in 26th out of over 60 competitors. The other riders rode a very tough race and competed with some of the best collegiate cyclists. Ho made her first appearance at Nationals and rode very well rising to the occasion and pushing herself.

Manderfeld also raced in the U23 Pro Men Race and raced with a lot of intensity against the best riders the nation has to offer. Looking back on the season, the team accomplished a lot including a dominant win of the Eastern Collegiate Cycling Conference title, multiple overall season podiums in all categories, and topped it off with a fourth-place finish at nationals as a team.


Photo by Kathy Eastwood/PV
Fine Arts Festival showcases artistic talent at West Point

Story and photos by Kathy Eastwood  
Staff Writer

The West Point Youth Center was again filled with the representations of the artistic skills of about 180 participants from the ages of 6 through 18 at the 14th annual West Point Youth Services Fine Arts Festival co-sponsored by the Boys and Girls Clubs of America’s Fine Arts Program Jan. 13.

The Fine Arts Program encourages artistic expression in multiple mediums such as mixed media, oil/acrylic, multicolored drawing, watercolor and collage for children ages 6 through 18.

“Some of the art comes from children’s artwork from the West Point Middle School, some here at the Youth Center, school age center and the fine arts club,” Aaron Behrman, middle school and teen director at the West Point Youth Center, said.

Behrman said those that win the local arts festival go on to the regional competition held at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Fitchburg and Leominster in Massachusetts between February and April, although an official date has not yet been announced.

Those that win the regional competition will go on to compete in the National Competition in Washington D.C. in May.

The Fine Arts Festival at the Youth Center tends to be a group affair with musical accompaniment, this year with Pekina Matautia singing and Destiny Bryant on keyboard. Members of the Culinary Club, Abigail Benson, Cassidy Smith, Ava Mann and Kathryn Laird prepared and served food presented to everyone who attended the event.

Gretchen Goethals, 12, talked about her submission for the multicolored and monochromatic drawing sections.

“I’m currently in art class and I enjoy drawing people or animals,” Goethals said. “I kept fiddling with this one, (a portrait drawing.) Last year, there was a contest to draw a hall pass for the WPMS and I found out about a month ago that I won. I got the hall pass and a key chain.”

Goethals won for the monochromatic drawing and the multicolored drawing event and will be entering the regional competition.

Pekina Matautia entered the Arts Festival last year as well as provided musical accompaniment. Matautia entertained those at the event with a song by Jason Mraz, “I’m Yours.”

“I didn’t enter anything artistic,” Matautia said. “I wanted to concentrate more on music. I am going to be auditioning for “America’s Got Talent,” at Queens College in about two weeks.”

Winners from the local competition include:

**Ages 6-9**
- Collage: Dominic Boucher, age 8;
- Mixed Media: Emmaline Rhoades, age 6;
- Oil/Acrylic: Ammon Allen, age 6;
- Multicolored Drawing: Beth Reeves, age 8.

**Ages 10-12**
- Collage: Skye Evans, age 10;
- Monochromatic and Multicolored Drawing: Gretchen Goethals, age 12;
- Oil/Acrylic: Bryce Prairie, age 12;
- Watercolor: Emily Gregory, age 11.

**Ages 13-15**
- Watercolor: Marie Gregory, age 14.

Pekina Matautia provided music during the MWR and Youth Center annual Arts Festival Jan. 13. Pekina entered the art contest last year as well as played the piano. This year she wanted to concentrate more on music and sang Jason Mraz’s song “I’m Yours.” Pekina will be auditioning for “America’s Got Talent” show at Queens College in two weeks.
Religious Services at West Point

Religious Services POCs

USMA Chaplain—Col. Matt Pawlikowski at 938-3316.


Jewish Community Chaplain—Capt. David Ruderman at 938-2766/2710.


Website to access services: http://www.westpoint.army.mil/documents/ReligiousServices_rso.pdf

Religious Services

Assembly of God—Sunday, 10 a.m. at 134 Old State Road in Highland Falls.

Church of Christ—Sunday, 10:30 a.m. at the Cadet Interfaith Center, Bldg. 147.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints—Sunday, 10 a.m. at Thayer Hall, Room 144.

Eastern Orthodox—Sunday, 9 a.m. at St. Martin’s Chapel in the Cadet Chapel.

Episcopal—Sunday, 10 a.m. at the Church of the Holy Innocents in Highland Falls.

Jewish—Friday, 7 p.m. at the Jewish Chapel.

Lutheran—Sunday, 10:30 a.m. at the Old Cadet Chapel in the West Point Cemetery.

Muslim—Friday, noon-1:45 p.m. at the Cadet Interfaith Center, Bldg. 147.

Gospel—Sunday, 12:30 p.m. at the Post Chapel.

Protestant—Sunday, 10:30 a.m. at the Cadet Chapel and the Post Chapel. Sunday, 5 p.m. in Robinson Auditorium.

Catholic—Saturday, 5 p.m. and Sunday, 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. at Most Holy Trinity Chapel.
#USMA Social Scene

Instagram & twitter: @westpoint_usma
facebook.com/westpointusma

on_the_ball: If only the next 500 nights could be as good as the last three! #500thNight

armywpgymnastics: IT’S COMPETITION DAY!! WEST POINT OPEN Is HERE!

cenzo1693: Game day face

luisweierbach: Smiling away these last 500 days until graduation
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tax Center seeking volunteers during tax season

The West Point Tax Center is looking for volunteers to assist with tax return preparation during the tax season (January-April 2017). Volunteers will be asked to work at least two half-day schedules per week. Volunteers receive all necessary training and obtain valuable work experience.

We are also seeking volunteers to assist with administrative support during the tax season. No tax training is required.

For details, contact Matthew Baek at 938-6507.

Gospel Service

The Gospel Service at West Point is ongoing. Under the leadership of Chaplain (Capt.) Loy Sweezy Jr., the Gospel Service will be held from 12:30-1:30 p.m. every Sunday at the Post Chapel.

The service is open to all who want to attend. Also, there are many opportunities to serve the ministry with your talents and gifts. For details, contact the Chaplain Sweezy at 938-4246.

Most Holy Trinity West Point Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) Group

Mothers of children ages 0-5 are invited to join us at Most Holy Trinity Catholic Chapel. The purpose of the group is to build friendships and foster community goodwill with other West Point mothers.

Being a mom is hard work, and we all need love and support to encourage us through the journey.

Meetings include time to socialize and discuss the joys and challenges of motherhood, speakers from the community on a variety of topics, and creative activities.

The group will meet from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Cloister Room of the Chapel of The Most Holy Trinity on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month.

There is a registration fee and because the group meets in the evenings, childcare will not be provided.

For registration details, contact Kristin at kristini8513@gmail.com and visit us at our informational table at the WPSC Super Sign Up event today at the West Point Club.

Protestant Women of the Chapel

The West Point Protestant Women of the Chapel (PWOC) meets every Wednesday from 9-11 a.m. at the West Point Post Chapel. Childcare is available.

The evening class meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Post Chapel. Email questions to wp.pwoc@gmail.com and check out PWOC’s Facebook page at West Point PWOC.

Army West Point Gymnastics World Record Event

The Army West Point Gymnastics Program wants to get the entire Corps of Cadets, local schools and gymnastics programs involved in shattering the current world record for the most people performing cartwheels simultaneously.

West Point has been selected as the site for the 2017 NCAA Men’s Division I Gymnastics Championships.

This three-day competition will be held April 20-22, 2017 at Christl Arena.

Thanks the third time since 2005 that West Point has hosted this championship meet.

To celebrate the occasion and demonstrate to the world that all West Point cadets are trained in activities that promote and enhance a healthy lifestyle, physical fitness and movement behavior, the Academy wants to break the current cartwheels record, which is 690.

This event can easily break this record and it’s West Point’s way. This program is for adults and families with children ages 3 and up. There is a small fee for this event. Enjoy free same day admission to the Wildlife Education Center.

For details, visit hhnm.org or call 845-534-5506.

OUTSIDE THE GATES

Hudson Highlands Nature Museum debuts Nature Myths and Stories

The Hudson Highlands Nature Museum will be debuting a new program “Nature Myths and Stories” at 10 a.m. Sunday in Cornwall.

Join Environmental Educator, Kristen O’Hara, at the Outdoor Discovery Center on Muser Drive (across from 174 Angola Road) to hear a tale or two, accompanied by animal pelts, tracks and games.

Come and learn about nature and history in a fun and creative way. This program is for adults and families with children ages 3 and up. There is a small fee for this event. Enjoy free same day admission to the Wildlife Education Center.

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EDUCATION and WORKSHOPS

Navy Education Services

In compliance with Navy policy, current Sailors are instructed to only use Navy Vol Education services.

Navy College members are encouraged to visit the new and improved Navy College Program website at www.navycollege.navy.mil to identify the education resources available to them.

If you are requesting language testing, the Army Education Center can continue to provide that service.

Army Education Center

College courses are offered through the Army Education Center at West Point, located at 683 Buckner Loop.

Undergraduate classes:
- Mount Saint Mary College—Call Shari Seidule at 845-446-0535 or email Sharon.Seidule@msmc.edu;
- Saint Thomas Aquinas—Call Erica Rodriguez at 845-446-2555 or email ERodriguez@stjac.edu;

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

Army Personnel Testing programs

The Army Education Center at West Point offers Army Personnel Testing (APT) programs such as the AFCT, DLAB, DLPT, SIFT through the DA and DLI.

Tests are free of charge to Soldiers. Call the Testing Center at 938-3360 or email gwenn.wallace@usma.edu for details or an appointment.

Employee 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 938-1039.

DANTES testing

The Army Education Center at West Point offers academic testing programs through the Defense Education Support (DANTES) such as the SAT and ACT. Pearson VUE offers licensing and certification exams.

Most tests are free of charge to Soldiers.

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FEATURED EVENT

School District Administrator
Meet & Greet

Community Parents are cordially invited to meet & lunch with local school district leaders.

Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Frank Sheboy
Highland Falls - Fort Montgomery Central School District

Community Superintendent
Ms. Helen Balilo
Mid-Atlantic District, DoDEA Americas

West Point Club
February 28th, 2017
11:30am - 1pm / Pierce Dining Room
Pay as you go lunch if you choose to stay and eat!

Res: RSVP required.
845-938-2092

JUST ANNOUNCED

West Point Racquetball League
The MWR Sports office will conduct the 2017 West Point Racquetball league open to all USMA Personel 18 years of age and older.

The league will be held on the fourth floor of Arvin Gym.

There will be two leagues depending on the participation numbers. One highly competitive and the second open to beginners and moderate competitive division.

League play may be played anytime during the day as long as your opponent can also play at the same time. That includes noontime, early morning before classes or work, evenings and/or weekends.

This will be a monthly league with different formats for each month. The first month will be a blind draw four-person per bracket format.

You will play everyone in your four-person bracket. Then, the top two in each bracket will play in a championship bracket and the lower two will play in a consolation bracket.

Since this is a monthly league, other people may join in upcoming months or you may drop out if the scheduling is too much for you.

When you sign up, include your email, work and cell number so your opponent can contact you to play. You may play one or all three of your bracket matches on the same day if you wish.

All results of your matches results must be emailed or phone in to Jim McGuinness at 845-938-3066 or jim.mcguinness@usma.edu. There will be a master bracket on a bulletin board outside the MWR Office in the second floor basketball gym at Arvin Gym.

2016 U.S. Army Digital Photo Contest

Open to all authorized MWR patrons, with the exception of employees of the Army Arts & Crafts program, their family members and other individuals engaged in the development and implementation or direct execution of this promotion, including Army senior leadership and the marketing staff, may not participate in this promotion.

Participants may enter three photos per category at the Garrison level. Photos should be high resolution jpg files between 150KB and 2MB (maximum size allowed) and high resolution suitable for printing at 300 dpi.

Photos with a date stamp or photographer’s name on the photo will be disqualified. Photos taken for official duty, illustrations, training aids or similar assignments are not eligible.

There are two divisions:
1. Military: Active duty military members;
2. Other eligible participants: Family members, retirees, civilians, contractors, etc.

The contest is open for submissions through Jan. 31.

For all the contest rules and regulations, visit www.armymwr.com/digitalphoto. For details, call 938-4812.

FOR THE ADULTS

Cyberbullying Workshop
The Cyberbullying workshop: For Parents & Caregivers of Children of All Ages, presented by ACS’s EFMP Together, Listening & Building (T.L.C.) is scheduled for 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. today, Building 140, CDC–Lee Area. The snow date is 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday.

Join us for this hands-on workshop to talk about the what, where and how to stop cyberbullying.

For details, call 845-938-5655.

Ski Special Cadet Discount Weeks
• Class of 2019—Yearling Discount—Jan. 30-Feb. 5;
• Class of 2017—100th Night Discount—Feb. 13-19;
• Class of 2020—Plebe Parent Discount—March 6-12.

Hours available to get the discounts: 3-9 p.m. Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday.

For details on special discounts, call 938-8810.

FOR THE FAMILIES

Arts & Crafts January and February classes
• Today—Glass Fusion, 5-7 p.m.;
• Jan. 26—Pallet Painting–4x24 Fixer Upper Sign, 10 a.m.-noon.

Registration is required for all classes. There is a minimal fee for the classes. For more details, call 938-4812.

Father and Daughter Dance
Fathers and their daughters can enjoy a night of dinner and dancing from 6-9 p.m. on either Friday and Saturday at the West Point Club. There will be a dinner buffet with dessert and an onsite photographer to capture this special event. Dress is Sunday best.

There is a minimal fee per couple and an additional fee for each additional daughter.

FOR THE YOUTHS

CYS Services needs sports coaches
Child, Youth and School Services is looking for coaches for its winter recreation basketball season.

There will be four divisions: Little Shooters for 4 year olds, Training League for 5-6 year olds, Collegiate League for 7-8 year olds and Jr. NBA for 9-11 year olds.

Training and Collegiate Leagues will take place between 5-8 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays and the Jr. NBA will take place between 6-8 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Little Shooters will take place from 10-10:45 a.m. on Saturday mornings.

For details, call 938-8896.
KELLER CORNER

KACH PT Dept. provides free running clinic
Keller Army Community Hospital Physical Therapy Department’s will conduct a free running clinic.

The running clinic is scheduled for 3 p.m. today at the PTD.

All runners will receive:
• Slow motion video gait analysis of their running form;
• Short class on running form;
• Running Shoe evaluation;
• Flexibility screening;
• Strength screening;
• Exercises deemed appropriate.

For details or to schedule an appointment/ slot in the course, call the Physical Therapy Department at (845) 938–3324.

KACH EDIS provides free Developmental/Hearing Screenings
West Point’s Educational and Developmental Intervention Services (EDIS) program is scheduled to provide developmental/hearing screenings for West Point children from birth to five (5) years, will be conducted at the Stony CDC (1207 Patrick Trail, West Point, NY) in conjunction with Audiology, EDIS and West Point Schools.

This service is “by appointment only.” To make an appointment, call EDIS at 845-938-2689 or 938-6868. Some children may need help in reaching their developmental milestones in communication skills, learning, behavior and/or social interactions.

The EDIS staff provides parent support and training to assist the child/family in reaching those milestones. EDIS is a voluntary program that encourages parental involvement and participation.

KACH Emergency Department/Room has relocated
The Keller Army Community Hospital Emergency Dept./Emergency Room has relocated to their temporary location to the west/left of the main entry lobby.

Signs will direct emergency patients into Keller’s main parking lot and to enter through the main entry.

A temporary Emergency Room reception and waiting area will be located adjacent to the current Pharmacy waiting area.

The ‘permanent’ Emergency Room is scheduled to re-open in Spring 2017.

The multi-phased, military construction project, to renovate Keller Army Community Hospital, is scheduled to be completed in Fall 2018.

WEST POINT COMMAND CHANNEL

For the week of Jan. 19-26
Army Newswatch
Thursday, Friday and Monday-Jan. 26
8:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Soo Bahk Do promotions
Young martial artists, enrolled in the newly established SKIES Unlimited Soo Bahk Do Program, were recently promoted from the white belt to the yellow belt rank. Instructors, Master Wook Soo Kim and Master Esther Kwon, are celebrating with Brandon, Emma, Sophia, Haley, Evan, Fatima, Blaize, Kayla and Savannah. For details, contact Kirsten Rautter at 845-983-8893 or email kirsten.rautter@usma.edu.

WEST POINT BAND

The West Point Band will present its annual performance of “West Point on the March” at 2 p.m. Saturday at Eisenhower Hall Theatre. Come hear one of America’s greatest marching bands do what they do best, play marches. You’ll hear works by The March King, John Philip Sousa, as well as other wind band favorites, including works by James Barnes, Frank Ticheli and Julie Giroux. This concert is free and open to everyone. In the event of snow, the concert will be held on Sunday. For concert information, cancellations and updates, call 938-2617 or visit www.westpointband.com. West Point Band news can also be found by following us on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube and Twitter.

LIFEWORKS

• Donate your old cell phone: Did you get a new cell phone for the holidays? Wondering what to do with your old one? After you’ve transferred your data to the new one, donate your old phone.

The phones do not have to be usable. Drop off location is B126 Washington Road. Proceeds go toward a great charity.

• Inspire Your Heart with Art Day: Inspire Your Heart with Art Day is a day to celebrate art and the effect it can have on your heart (emotions). Art is valued and appreciated for all sorts of reasons and to honor this day, LifeWorks has planned an activity to inspire your little “heart-ist.” Join us from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Jan. 31 at 126B Washington Road. To register, email jgellman@bbcgrp.com by Jan. 26.

MOVIES at MAHAN

Theatre schedule at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752.
Friday—“Monsters Truck,” PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday—“Allied,” PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 27—“Arrival,” PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 28—“Allied,” PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
(For movie details and updated schedules, visit www.shopmyexchange.com/reel-time-theatres/West-Point-1044343.)
Women’s Basketball grabs 53-51 win over American

By Harrison Antognioni
Army Athletic Communications

The Army West Point Women’s Basketball team erased an early 11-point deficit and held on for a 53-51 Patriot League win over American Sunday at Christl Arena. Army improved to 13-4 overall and 4-2 in the Patriot League with the victory, while American drops to 7-10 and 4-2.

Junior Destinee Morris made her first career start and led all players with 16 points. Junior Aliyah Murray finished with 11 points and eight rebounds, while sophomore Jess Lewis tallied 10 points and a career-best seven boards. Sophomore Madison Hovren added seven points and seven rebounds, and junior Daizjah Morris netted seven points.

Army outshot American, 22-6, at the free throw line, with the Black Knights going 22-of-28 (78.6 percent). Hovren, Lewis, Destinee Morris and Murray all made five free throws on the afternoon.

Maria Liddane led the Eagles with 14 points and five assists, while Cecily Carl had 10 points and nine rebounds. Lauren Crisler contributed 12 points and seven boards.

Army highlights and game notes

- Destinee Morris appeared in the starting lineup for the first time in her 66 games in an Army uniform.
- Sunday’s win was the first time Destinee Morris finished as Army’s leading scorer.
- Hovren’s double-double streak came to an end at five games.
- Hovren played just four minutes in the first half after being sidelined because of foul trouble, and finished with seven points and six rebounds in the second half alone.
- Lewis’ seven rebounds were a career high.

Turning point

- Army trailed 13-2 late in the first quarter and entered the second period down, 13-5. The Black Knights responded with 10 unanswered points to begin a 26-8 run that left them with a 28-21 advantage at the half.
- American came back to make it a two-point game on three occasions late in the fourth quarter, but Army never trailed again after taking the lead at the 6:21 mark of the second quarter.
- The Black Knights kept the Eagles at a distance of at least five points until the 3:59 mark of the fourth quarter, when Carl buried a jumper to make the score 45-41.
- A lay-up from Liddane got American’s deficit down to two, 49-47, with 17 seconds remaining, but Destinee Morris made a pair of free throws two seconds later to boost Army’s lead back to four.
- Emily Kinneston made a jumper for the Eagles to make the score 51-49 with eight ticks left and Destinee Morris answered with two more free throws to give Army a 53-49 advantage with six seconds on the clock.
- Crisler scored the game’s final bucket with one second left and Army held on for the two-point victory.
Army Wrestling surges past Penn for EIWA victory

By Stephen Waldman
Army Athletic Communications

The Army West Point Wrestling team used a four-match winning streak to pull ahead of the Penn Quakers, earning an 18-14 victory over its Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association (EIWA) opponent on Sunday in Philadelphia.

The Black Knights improve to 4-3 on the season and 2-1 in EIWA matches, while the Quakers fall to 0-3 overall and 0-2 in conference.

Army highlights and game notes
• The Black Knights improved to 15-12-1 all-time against Penn.
• This was the first time Army defeated the Quakers since 2013-14 when it earned a 21-13 victory in Philadelphia.
• Head coach Kevin Ward earned the 10th dual win of his career and his team’s fourth of the season, setting a new personal best at West Point.
• Army is currently on a three-match winning streak, its longest since winning four straight in 2013-14.
• Senior Samson Imonode notched his 16th win of the season, tying a single-season personal best set in 2014-15.
• Fellow firstie Trevor Smith notched the 12th win of his senior campaign, tying his single-season high from 2013-14 and 2015-16.
• Smith evened his career record to 38-38.
• Sophomore Conner Ziegler made his season debut in dual meet action and his first-career dual at 133 lbs.
• Ziegler documented the first dual victory of his career.
• Senior Logan Everett notched his 15th win of the season.

Key moment
• Senior heavyweight Trevor Smith took a commanding 5-0 decision which sparked a four-match winning streak to push Army to an 18-7 lead.

How it happened
• 165: Andrew Mendel dec. over Brooks Martino, 10-5 (Army leads, 3-0);
• 174: #10 Casey Kent maj. dec. over Ben Harvey, 8-0 (Penn leads, 4-3);
• 184: Samson Imonode dec. over Joe Heyob, 8-4 (Army leads, 6-4);
• 197: #15 Frank Mattiace dec. over Rocco Caywood, 3-1 (Penn leads, 7-6);
• 285: Trevor Smith dec. over Tyler Hall, 5-0 (Army leads, 9-7);
• 125: Trey Chalifoux dec. over Jeremy Schwartz, 7-2 (Army leads, 12-7);
• 133: Conner Ziegler dec. over Tristin DeVincenzo, 6-5 (Army leads, 15-7);
• 141: #16 Logan Everett dec. over A.J. Vindici, 10-4 (Army leads, 18-7);
• 149: Joe Oliva dec. over Lucas Weiland, 4-0 (Army leads, 18-10);
• 157: May Bethia maj. dec. over Mark Marchetti, 12-4 (Army won 18-14).

Goff medals in two events at West Point Open

By Ally Keirn
Army Athletic Communications

Junior Nathan Goff was runner-up on high bar and third on parallel bars, and classmate Seth Cannon earned the silver on vault turning in Army West Point’s top performances in the individual finals of the West Point Gymnastics Open Jan. 14 at Christl Arena.

How it happened
Penn State and Nebraska, ranked fifth and seventh, respectively, in the Collegiate Gymnastics Association (CGA) pre-season coaches’ poll, dominated the individual finals claiming first and second.

Goff denied them in high bar after turning in a 14.25 to trail Penn State’s Dominic DiFulvio’s winning mark of 14.75. The Army all-arounder’s score bettered his mark of 14.00 that he set in prelims Jan. 13.

In addition to winning a medal on high bar, Goff took third on parallel bars posting a 13.65 where Nebraska’s Daniel Leal (14.67) and Franz Card (14.05) grabbed the top two slots.

Cannon also shined individually turning in a 13.85 on parallel bars, just off the second-place mark of 13.95 earned by Nebraska’s Card as the Huskers went one-two in that event with Daniel Leal crowning the champion behind a 14.6.

Army junior Ryan Wilson also competed on vault where he turned in a 13.55 as three Black Knights were among the individual competitors.

Top teams
Penn State, who defended its Open title Friday night, continued to dominate the meet on Saturday where the Nittany Lions walked off with four individual champions as they went one-two in three of the events.

Nebraska went one-two on vault with Antonio Castro the individual winner (14.05) along with claiming parallel bars in Leal.

Both the Nittany Lions and Huskers are in the Big Ten, and Army is a member of the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC).

Comments
Nathan Goff (reference high bar): “Yes, it was a good set and I have been working on it, and it was satisfying. It was better than the first day.

“I also hit the set on parallel bars, and I hit both cleanly.

“The plan for Penn State is to increase the degree of difficulty, so I will be looking to throw in more skills to get a higher score,” Goff added.

Coach Doug Van Everen: “I am very happy as Nathan (Goff) certainly belongs in the top of the group here and I am super glad he qualified for the Winter National Championships, along with placing so high today.

“Seth (Cannon) did an outstanding vault and Ryan (Wilson) as well. All-in-all, it was very successful tonight. I think we did a great job for all the parents, spectators, athletes and everybody who came to this event,” Van Everen added.