Happy 243rd Birthday, Army

In celebration of U.S. Army’s 243rd birthday June 14, members of the West Point community, U.S. Military Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. Robert L. Caslen Jr., the West Point Band, the Military Police Honor Guard and cadets, went to several locations from Yankee Stadium (June 16) to Times Square with Fox and Friends (June 14) to the Belmont Stakes (June 9) to be honored for their service. See Page 3 for a photo page of Army Birthday celebrations.

PHOTOS BY BRYAN ILYANKOFF/VI PAO
West Point Schools close for summer, children rejoice

(Above photos) The last day of school for the West Point Elementary and Middle School children was June 14. Although the children had a full day of school, the tradition of school buses circling the parking lot with children waving continued, and for the last time for children who will be attending another school somewhere else in the fall.
America celebrates Army’s 243rd birthday


The Benny Havens Band from the West Point Band plays in Times Square in New York City on June 14 during the Army’s 243rd birthday celebration. The band, officers and members of the Corps of Cadets also made an appearance of the Fox News show “Fox and Friends.”  

The West Point Band and the Military Police Honor Guard participated in the pre-race festivities, including the National Anthem, prior to the Belmont Stakes in Elmont, New York June 9.  

Photos by Bryan Ilyankoff/VI PAO
From the Foxhole... ‘From the Back 40’

By Capt. Jannelle Allong-Diakabana and 2nd Lt. Cora R. Moody
Department of Military Instruction

WEST POINT, New York—Members of the 2nd Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment from the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) and staff and faculty of the U.S. Military Academy conducted the historic first Combined Arms Live Fire Exercise during Cadet Summer Training June 13-14.

The 2nd Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment from the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) out of Fort Campbell, Kentucky, is currently serving as the 2018 task force for CST.

The officers, noncommissioned officers and Soldiers of 2-502nd Inf. Regt. are leading cadets until the end of CST, scheduled to conclude Aug. 13.

Task Force Falcon was focused on training newly promoted senior and junior class cadets in Cadet Leader Development Training.

CLDT is a graduation requirement that was instituted into Cadet Summer Training in 2008. The design of CLDT has transformed to meet the demands of the current operational environment, yet still primarily serves as the opportunity for coaches, mentors and trainers to assess the new seniors and juniors on their leadership potential, mental agility, comprehension of fundamental doctrine and physical endurance.

Col. Scott Halstead, the director of the Simon Center for the Professional Military Ethic at West Point, served as a cadet mentor and coach this summer for 45 cadets from 1st Platoon, Bravo Company, during CLDT I.

He was responsible for assessing the cadets on physical and mental toughness, field craft, and their comprehension of the Troop Leading Procedures.

“CLDT succeeded in professionally stretching and developing every member of the platoon” Halstead said. “I was really impressed with the tenacity, grit and overall improvement across the platoon.”

He continued by saying that members of the Class of 2019 were, “better postured to lead platoons, companies, regiments and the Corps” for this upcoming academic year, as a result of their CLDT experiences.

At the end of CLDT, cadets gained confidence in their abilities to lead and created teams under challenging conditions. Cadets received evaluations from their peers that according to Halstead gave them “a greater appreciation for their own strengths and weaknesses.”

Once the cadets completed the train-up for and execution of a grueling 10-day field training exercise, they participated and observed Task Force Falcon execute six iterations of a CALFEX.

Maj. Jay Morgan, the Field Artillery branch representative in the Department of Military Instruction and officer in charge of the CALFEX, was responsible for coordination with the 10th Aviation Brigade from Fort Drum, New York, and Maryland Air National Guard for aerial assets.

“The incorporation of these particular assets are essential,” Morgan said, “and it gives cadets a better appreciation for the depth on the battlefield and how platoon leaders and company fire support officers can leverage the firepower of Army and sister service assets.”

This CALFEX incorporated an infantry platoon’s organic weapons, 60 mm mortars, 81 mm mortars, 105 mm howitzers, A-10 fixed wing aircraft and AH-64 Apaches to demonstrate to cadets the effects of synchronized and coordinated surface-to-surface and air-to-ground fires.

This CALFEX was the first training event of its kind in the West Point training area. As a result of extensive redesign efforts this past year, West Point’s Range Control opened a new impact zone in the West Point training area to facilitate this combined arms demonstration. The Range Control officers conducted site surveys, verified surface danger zones, and the capability to absorb the A-10 and AH-64 Apache ammunition.

“Although West Point has a comparatively small impact area, the flexibility and willingness of Range Control to work with units to develop creative training solutions is unparalleled,” Col. William B. Ostlund, director of Military Instruction, said. “In this case, we dug a defense to standard in an area that made tactical sense and we cleared a wooded area to replace remote controlled pop-up targets to be engaged by the defenders while AH-64s and A-10s engaged hard targets in-depth. This is a top-tier training area for combined arms training; we can invite operational units to demonstrate capabilities for the cadets, as well as hone their skills and increase their readiness.

“People in the field and evaluating the future is to expand the capability and perception of the West Point Military Education and Training environment,” Ostlund continued. “America and our Army expect us to maximize the resources and opportunities provided to this institution to better prepare our graduates, and rotating faculty, for the realities they will face throughout their service.”

As a cohort, we will continue to creatively evolve, better our education and training methodologies, finding and effectively using resources, and upgrading our facilities and mindset,” Ostlund said. “At the end of the day, when our nation is in peril, it is our graduates who will be called to defend our nation. We owe our country, Army and graduates nothing less than our very best.”

The 2-502nd Inf. Regt. “Strike Force” Battalion Commander, Lt. Col. Adam Sawyer, commands the Cadet Summer Training Task Force. Sawyer spoke highly of how the CALFEX helps the cadets prepare for an operational environment.

“The CALFEX is an excellent opportunity to show cadets how to integrate direct fire, indirect fire, close air support and attack aviation assets,” Sawyer said. “It also affords us the opportunity to maintain a high level of training readiness, especially because it is not often that we get the opportunity to work with integrated joint fires, namely the A-10s.”

In the prescribed scenario for this training event, a platoon executed an area defense against a mechanized enemy element’s main effort attack. 2nd Lt. Jackie Radford was the platoon leader for 2nd Platoon “Rogue Platoon,” Renegade Company, who served as a key leader in this demonstration.

“The purpose of the CALFEX was for the cadets to broaden their thinking in terms of mission development and fires coordination,” Radford said. “As a platoon leader, you must have a clear understanding of how dynamic the fight is; there is a near fight and there is a far fight. In the far fight, this means echeloning fires and synchronizing all available assets to mass the effects on the enemy.”

Cadets conducted the analysis on terrain and enemy, which enabled them to create an area defense plan that Soldiers of Task Force Falcon demonstrated.

Upon identification of the enemy element, the exercise began with small arms fire weapon systems initiating fire, followed by mortars and artillery, and ended with support from aerial assets, resulting in the destruction of a mechanized enemy force.

Capt. James Harden is the Bravo Battery commander from 1st Battalion, 320th Field Artillery “Top Guns,” oversaw all of the field artillery assets used in the demonstration.

“In preparation for the CALFEX, we completed our section qualification and cross-trained Soldiers on the Howitzers and the Fire Direction Center,” Harden stated. “The CALFEX demonstration builds proficiency in synchronizing the timely and accurate delivery of fires. Ultimately, it builds a relationship with the maneuver commander, and confirms our trusted and lethal reputation as Top Guns.”

Future cadet leaders who participated in CLDT saw what the real fight will look, sound and feel like. The CALFEX truly offers the next level of training for these soon to be second lieutenants—showing how both the art and the science of Joint Combined Arms warfare can achieve victory on the battlefield.

“The CALFEX this summer,” Morgan said, “has established a new baseline for training capability at West Point and the goal will be to continue to enhance the CALFEX and all summer training opportunities for cadets (and operational units) at West Point.”
installed the simulator in an existing range building, but added to the realism by equipping the room with features of an actual observation post—camouflage netting, sand bags and bunkers, which provide the feel of a real observation post overlooking a target area.

“The Call for Fire trainer gave the cadets a hands-on first person experience with Soldier tasks related to field artillery,” Class of 2019 Cadet Rachel Dodaro, 3rd platoon leader, said.

The simulator itself consists of computers that replicate every indirect fire and air-delivered asset owned by the Department of Defense. Realistic details such as weather, environmental conditions and other tactical considerations are reproduced and projected onto a six-foot screen displaying the tactical environment.

The simulator was designed according to a cognitive task analysis of the call for fire procedures, and provides cadets with real-time performance feedback based on the call for artillery fire standards.

The Call for Fire Trainer provides realistic battlefield scenarios that replicate the most updated 3D enemy graphics and worldwide terrain models that enable cadets to quickly learn the basics of how to call for fire on a variety observed enemy threats and increase skill proficiency.

Cadets occupy the simulator just as they would a real observation post. They take their position in the bunker, identify their target on a six-foot projection screen, determine the target’s location on a map, formulate a three-line call for fire, and radio the simulated fire direction center on tactical radios.

An instructor is on the other end of the radio to process the fire mission in the simulator and fire the digital round at the Cadet’s target.

The cadet uses calibrated binoculars to observe the round’s impact on the screen, then determines and relays the corrections needed to adjust the round onto the target.

Class of 2021 Cadet Joe King was among the first cadets to utilize the system.

“The simulator made it all make sense. Getting to practice on the radios, the binoculars, seeing the rounds impact in relation to the target, and getting immediate feedback if we made a mistake was helpful,” King said. “The setup within the room was well done. Being able to see the land when making the call for fire made it seem like the exact same thing the next day when I was on the hill. I was at ease calling for live rounds because of the tactical simulation.”

Bridging the classroom and the field with such systems will result in cadets with both knowledge, experience and confidence in these essential Soldier and leadership skills.
Cadet Summer Training: Heroes of the Week for June 21

Class of 2019 Cadet Gerald Batey, CLDT

As the battalion operations and training officer, Class of 2019 Cadet Gerald Batey is not only very competent, but has also shown incredible dedication to service and resilience. Just last week, Batey had an emergency wisdom teeth removal. However, Batey returned to duty within hours, helping to coordinate CLDT’s vital extraction and recovery operations. Batey’s perseverance and determination has directly led to the success of the detail.

Class of 2019 Cadet Jonathan Taylor, SGR I

Class of 2019 Cadet Jonathan Taylor is the Summer Garrison Regimental Hero of the Week. As a the SGR1 Regimental S4, Taylor expertly fulfilled his duties and ensured all cadets in SGR were properly supplied throughout the detail. Taylor also played an instrumental role in organizing the regimental barbecue events.

Class of 2020 Cadet Liam McCarthy, SLE

Class of 2020 Cadet Liam McCarthy was voted best squad leader by his peers in 2nd platoon. He is always motivated and holds the members of his squad to the highest standard. He promotes a competitive atmosphere while also being respectful. This is the second week in a row he was nominated as Hero of the Week from 2nd platoon.

Sgt. Cameron Williams, TF Falcon 1st Platoon, 2-502 IN

Class of 2019 Cadet Christian Vinson, Air Assault School

As the Air Assault S3, Class of 2019 Cadet Christian Vinson is responsible for the training and operations that occur on a daily basis. He ensures that the training environment for the 101st Mobile Training Team is prepared for the Air Assault candidates prior to instruction. Vinson takes an active role in helping to facilitate evening study halls for the Air Assault candidates in order to prepare them for their phase examinations. He is also responsible for the planning and coordination of the Air Assault graduations.
The U.S. Military Academy will conduct a rehearsal for Reception Day from 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. June 29 on the academy grounds. If you are interested, sign up to be a cadet for a day online.

By the U.S. Military Academy Public Affairs Office

WEST POINT, New York—Can you meet the challenge of West Point? The U.S. Military Academy will conduct a rehearsal for Reception Day from 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. June 29 on the academy grounds. If you are interested, sign up to be a cadet for a day online.

Up to 300 members of the community are invited to assist the Corps of Cadets in preparation for the incoming Class of 2022. Participants will be given the opportunity to experience the initial transformation process from civilian to the military life of a new cadet.

Volunteers must register online at www.usma.edu, on the R-Day volunteer sign-up link at the bottom of the page.

Participants should dress comfortably in proper seasonal attire and bring one piece of luggage or a duffel bag marked with your first and last name.

Should you have questions after you register, call 845-938-8686.

Participants must be 12 and older, in good health and not be a candidate for the Class of 2022. Those attending should enter Thayer or Stony Lonesome Gate.

Volunteers should be at Eisenhower Hall no later than 8:30 a.m. Primary parking is at North Dock (within walking distance of Eisenhower Hall).

The rehearsal begins promptly at 9 a.m. and concludes with lunch in the Cadet Mess Hall from noon-1 p.m.
ICYMI: Summer Training in full swing

Air Assault training, Summer Leaders Experience, Task Force Runkle (CLDT) graduation—Summer in photos

(Above left and right) Cadets rappel from the Black Hawk helicopter June 14 by the Hudson River at West Point during the Air Assault Course. (Above left) High school juniors compete in hand-to-hand combat at Military Day during Summer Leaders Experience June 7. (Right) Cadets graduate from the Cadet Leadership Development Training course, and Lt. Col. Adam Sawyer, commander of the Summer Task Force from 2nd Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, 10th Airborne Division (Air Assault) at Fort Campbell, Ky., receives a saber from members of the Task Force Runkle cadet cadre for his task force’s help during the training.
SMOKING & HOME FIRE SAFETY

The place where we feel safest — at home — is where most smoking-materials structure fires, deaths, and injuries occur. Smoking materials are the leading cause of fire deaths. Smoking material fires are preventable.

Smoking Safety

1. If you smoke, use only fire-safe cigarettes.
2. If you smoke, smoke outside. Most deaths result from fires that started in living rooms, family rooms, and dens or in bedrooms.
3. Keep cigarettes, lighters, matches, and other smoking materials up high out of the reach of children, in a locked cabinet.

Put It Out

1. Use a deep, sturdy ashtray. Place it away from anything that can burn.
2. Do not discard cigarettes in vegetation such as mulch, potted plants, or landscaping, seat moss, dried grasses, leaves, or other things that could ignite easily.
3. Before you throw away butts and ashes, make sure they are out, and dousing in water or sand is the best way to do that.

Smoking and Medical Oxygen

Never smoke and never allow anyone to smoke where medical oxygen is used. Medical oxygen can cause materials to ignite more easily and make fires burn at a faster rate than normal. It can make an existing fire burn faster and hotter.

Your Source for SAFETY Information

West Point Fire Department
s2043.fireprevention@usa.net

MEDICAL OXYGEN SAFETY

Portable medical oxygen in the home has grown over the past decade. Medical oxygen adds a higher percentage of oxygen to the air a patient uses to breathe. Fire needs oxygen to burn. If a fire should start in an oxygen-enriched area, the material burning will burn more quickly.

Homes where medical oxygen is used need specific fire safety rules to keep people safe from fire and burns.

SAFETY TIPS

1. There is no safe way to store in the home when oxygen is in use. A patient on oxygen should not smoke.
2. Candles, matches, wood stoves and even sparking toys can be ignition sources and should not be used in the home.
3. Keep oxygen cylinders at least five feet from a heat source, open flames or electrical devices.
4. Body oil, hand lotion and items containing oil and grease can easily ignite. Keep oil and grease away where oxygen is in use.
5. Never use aerosol sprays containing combustible materials near the oxygen.

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CFL LIGHT BULB SAFETY

Energy-saving compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) are becoming more common in homes and at work. In addition to using less electricity, they also have a positive impact on the global climate. Here are some important safety tips you should know about CFLs.

PURCHASE CFL LIGHT BULBS that have the listing label of a recognized testing laboratory. Light bulbs labeled by a recognized testing lab will ensure that the bulb meets the latest product safety standards.

When a CFL Burns Out

1. When a CFL bulb burns out it may smoke and the plastic base may blacken. This is normal and is not a fire safety issue.
2. CFLs should never be discarded with household trash. The Environmental Protection Agency recommends that consumers use local recycling options for CFLs. Contact your local government or visit epa.gov/cfls/recycling to identify local recycling options.

If a CFL Breaks

CFLs are made of glass and can break. Be careful when removing from packaging and installing or removing from a socket. If a CFL breaks:

- OPEN a window to allow the room to air out for 5–10 minutes.
- People and pets should LEAVE the room.
- TURN OFF forced-air heating and/or air conditioning.
- COLLECT broken glass and visible powder using stiff cardboard, tape or a damp paper towel.
- PLACE the broken in a glass jar or a plastic bag in a safe location outside until you can dispose of it.
- CONTACT your local government to find out how to dispose of the debris.
- CONTINUE airing out the room for several hours.

Your Source for SAFETY Information

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NOTE

Consider checking the Consumer Product Safety Commission (cpsc.gov) for recalls of CFLs that may present a fire danger.

FACT

CFL bulbs contain a small trace of mercury within the glass. When broken, mercury will immediately dissipate into the air. Concentrations of mercury will likely approach zero in an hour or so.
FEATURED ITEM
West Point Commissary open on July 4
The West Point Commissary will be open from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. July 4.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

West Point Vacation Bible School
The West Point Vacation Bible School will be held from 9:30-11:30 a.m. July 31-Aug. 4.

The Bible school will teach about Daniel’s courage while captive in Babylon. Registration is open to children entering kindergarten through fifth grade.

Children in sixth grade and up may register as a youth participant and assist with the younger children.

On Aug. 4, we will celebrate Family Day. Our program is run by volunteers—please sign-up to help out. Volunteers with younger than school-age children should register by June 1 to secure a spot in childcare. Register at vbspro.events/p/wpvbs.

For more details, contact Donna Schlegel at dmschlegel@gmail.com or Desrae Gibby at desraegibby@msn.com. Find us on Facebook at West Point Vacation Bible School 2018.

West Point Lending Library
The West Point Community Lending Library at 126 Washington Road is located on the second floor.

WPFH library has a variety of books to choose from, such as children’s books, drama, history, mystery, best sellers, biographies, etc. The library is now open during business hours everyday and is ready for visitors to come check out books, study, do homework or stay and enjoy its tranquil reading room.

Little Free Library
Hazel Calway, a rising sixth grader at West Point Middle School and an avid reader, started a Little Free Library, located at 306D Alexander Place on West Point. The purpose of the LFL is to share books, bring people together and create communities of readers.

The Little Free Libraries are small, front-yard book exchanges numbering 50,000 around the world in 70 countries. The mission of the LFL is to encourage children to read during the fall months. Hazel’s LFL is open 24 hours, seven days a week. To learn more, visit littlefreelibrary.org.

EDUCATION and WORKSHOPS

Army Career Tracker ‘Lunch and Learn Sessions’
HQDA G3/5/7 is conducting virtual Army Career Tracker (ACT) “Lunch and Learn Sessions” every Wednesday at 1 p.m. The sessions are designed to benefit careerists in all career programs at all levels and grades, enabling them to better leverage ACT for professional development.


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

Undergraduate classes:
• Mount Saint Mary College—Call Cynthia Laudato at 845-569-3252 or email cynthia.laudato@msmc.edu; and
• Saint Thomas Aquinas—Call Gina Funaro at 845-398-4102 or email gfumano@stac.edu.

Graduate studies:
• John Jay College of Criminal Justice—master’s degree in public administration—Call Jennifer Heiney at 845-446-5959 or email jhiney@jjay.cuny.edu; and
• 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.

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 845-938-1039.

Army Personnel Testing programs
The Army Education Center at West Point offers Army Personnel Testing 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 845-938-3360 or email gwenn.wallace@usma.edu for details or an appointment.

Army Career Skills Program
The Army’s Career Skills Program (CSP) prepares Soldiers for civilian employment through first-class apprenticeships, on-the-job training, job shadowing, internships and employment skills training.

Soldiers are eligible to participate in an Army CSP up to 180 days prior to separation from the Army and after completion of the mandatory five-day SFL-TAP workshop. The use of permissive temporary duty (PTDY) to attend a CSP more than 50 miles away from the Soldier’s duty station may be granted at the commander’s discretion.

Interested transitioning service members can contact Drew Mierva at drew.mierva@usma.edu or stop by the Army Education Center from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday.

OUTSIDE THE GATES

Native ladybug release at the Hudson Highlands Nature Museum
Join environmental educators at the Hudson Highlands Nature Museum’s Outdoor Discovery Center, on Muser Drive, across from 174 Angola Road, Cornwall, for the ladybug release at 10 a.m. Saturday.

Enjoy a morning of fun and facts about the ladybug. Learn all about these insects, their adaptations and how helpful they really are.

After a short presentation, help hand-release native ladybugs into the fields and gardens.

This program is recommended for adults and families with children ages 5 and up. There is an admission fee.

In addition, enjoy free same day admission to the Wildlife Education Center after paid attendance to this program.

For more details, visit hhnm.org or call 845-534-5506, ext. 211.

JBK Football conditioning camps
The Junior Black Knights Football team will hold conditioning camps every Monday and Wednesday in June and July.

The camp will be held from 5-7 p.m. at Ficken Field in Highland Falls. These camps are free and open to all boys and girls interested in playing football or cheering.

You do not need to be registered to participate at the camps. However, registration will be available during camps to participate during the season. Like JBKFOOTBALL on Facebook.

2nd Infantry Division annual reunion
The Second (Indianhead) Division Association is searching for anyone who served in the Army’s 2nd Infantry Division at any time.

For details about the association and its 97th annual reunion Sept. 19-23 in Jacksonville, Florida, contact Mike Davino at 2IDA.PAO@charter.net, visit www.2ida.org/2018-reunion/ or call 919-498-1910.

Grace Baptist Church of Highland Falls services
The West Point family is invited to attend any and all services at the Grace Baptist Church, located at 54 Old State Road, in Highland Falls. The church is close to Thayer Gate.

The church holds services on Sunday morning (Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service at 11 a.m.), Sunday evening (6 p.m.), and Wednesday evening (7 p.m.), as well as seasonal Bible studies for men, women and college-aged young people. Transportation is provided as needed.

The church will also hold a Vacation Bible School for children up through 6th grade, free of charge from 6:15-8:45 p.m. July 9-13.

A separate program for teenagers will be held from 6:15-8:45 p.m. July 16-20.

For details or to register for the VBS, visit the church website at www.gracebaptistny.org.

Trailside Discovery: Nature Day Program
There is no better place for your child to spend time in the great outdoors this summer than at Trailside Museums and Zoo. The Trailside Discovery nature day program will be your child’s up-close and personal introduction to local wildlife and ecology. They will have fun and get their hands dirty.

Children will be immersed in the natural world through hands-on activities and exciting games they are bound to enjoy.

Sessions run from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday through Thursday. There is a fee for each session.

• Session 1: July 9-12 (For children entering first and second grades);
• Session 2: July 16-19 (For children entering third and fourth grades);
• Session 3: July 23 - 26 (For children entering fifth and sixth grades);
• Session 4: July 30-Aug. 2 (For children entering seventh and eighth grades).

For details, visit the Trailside Discovery website at www.trailsidedzoo.org/education/trailside-discovery-summer-program or call 845-786-2701, ext. 293.

Bethel Woods participating in Blue Star Museums
The Museum at Bethel Woods will take part in Blue Star Museums, a collaboration among the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense and more than 2,000 museums across America to offer free admission to the nation’s active duty military personnel and their families through Labor Day.

The program provides families an opportunity to enjoy the nation’s cultural heritage and learn more about their community, especially after a military move. A list of participating museums is available at arts.gov/bluestarmuseums.

The free admission program is available to any bearer of a common access card, a DD Form 1173 ID card (dependent ID) or a DD Form 1173-1 ID card, which includes active duty U.S. military—Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, as well as members of the National Guard and Reserve, U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, NOAA Commissioned Corps - and up to five family members.

The museum summer hours are 10 a.m.-7 p.m. through Sept. 3. Also, the Museum at Bethel Woods will offer $5 admission two hours prior to show time for all evening concerts.

Call ahead to verify museum hours after Sept. 3 and on concert days. Access to the grounds is closed on Pavilion concert days.

The monument continues to be open to visitors seven days a week, all year long via West Shore Road.
FEATURED EVENT

Free Fishing Weekend
There is a free fishing weekend on West Point waters Saturday and Sunday. It is open to active duty military members, retirees, DOD civilians and 100 percent disabled veterans only, to include their spouses and dependents.
For more details, call 845-938-2503.

JUST ANNOUNCED

Outdoor Recreation Open House and Military Appreciation Day
The dual event of Outdoor Recreation Open House and Military Appreciation Day will be held from noon-5 p.m. Saturday at the Round Pond Recreation Area. The upcoming dates are:
• Nature Doesn’t Rest: Walk the Park—July 10. Observe animal sightings, interesting plants, the pond and potential animal nests.
• Exploring Essentials—July 12. Making Camp, intent to suggest camping can be fun. Wake up your cars, intro to sounds within the park.
• Homey Habitats—July 17. Explore and wonder about who lives in wild animals live.
• Critters Big and Small—July 19. Encourage the fascination with insects and contribute to breaking down any fears of bugs.
• Wonderful Water—July 24. Observe animals and plants in the water.
• So Many Birds—July 26. What bird is that? Exploring further the characteristics that distinguish one bird from another.
There is a minimal cost per session or pay for all six sessions.
For more details, call 845-938-2503. To register online at http://go.usa.gov/xQewj.

FOR THE ADULTS

Champagne Sunday Brunch
The Champagne Sunday Brunch is 10 a.m.-1 p.m. every Sunday through Nov. 11 at the West Point Club.
Each week the club’s executive chef and his team present a different menu including action stations and desserts.
There is a nominal fee. For details, call 845-938-5120 or visit www.thewestpointclub.com.

Now open—Bistro 603 at the West Point Club
Check out the West Point Club’s new Bistro 603. The Bistro is open from 7 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday through Friday.
Breakfast is served from 7 a.m.-10 a.m., lunch is served from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., while Grab and Go is available all day. It is open to the public.
For a complete menu, visit thewestpointclub.com. For more details, call 845-938-5120.

West Point Golf Course is open for the season
The West Point Golf Course is open Tuesday through Sunday with first tees at 8 a.m., while Mondays it will open at noon or be closed for a private event.
Make your tee times online at www.golfatwestpoint.com or call at 845-938-2455.

West Point Bowling Center’s pizza delivery hours
The West Point Bowling Center delivers pizza seven days a week.
• Sunday-Thursday—3-8:30 p.m.
• Friday and Saturday—3-9:30 p.m.
For details, call 845-938-2140.

FCC provider positions available now
Family Child Care is certified in-home child care for children ages 4 weeks-12 years. FCC providers are authorized family members who operate as independent contractors in housing located on a military installation.
FCC offers flexible hours, a home-like environment and lower adult/child ratios. FCC allows providers to make their own schedule offering a full range of hourly, full-day and part-day care. Child and Youth Services is currently looking for new FCC providers. Family members who live in government quarters on West Point are welcome to apply.
FCC providers receive training and guidance on child care skills and the opportunity to provide child care while staying at home with their own children. We also offer free advertising and referrals.
For details, call 845-938-8528.

Dinner-To-Go Delivery Service for West Point residents
The West Point Club’s Dinner-to-Go program runs Monday through Friday.
Place your order by 2 p.m. that day and specify delivery time between 5-7 p.m. or a pick up time between 4:30-6:30 p.m. and pick up your meal at the West Point Club’s Bennys Havens Lounge. Delivery service is available for West Point Residents only.
There is a 15-minute authorized parking for dinner pickup in front of the club. Servings for four or six are available for a nominal fee.
For pricing and menu items, visit thewestpointclub.com or call 844-446-5506/5504.

FOR THE FAMILIES

Day trips with Leisure Travel Services
• Liberty State Park—July 11. Leave West Point at 9 a.m. Leave LSP at 4 p.m. Enjoy the day at Liberty State Park, take a stroll on the two-mile riverfront promenade or catch the ferry to Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty. In addition, explore the Liberty Science Center that brings the power, promise and pure fun of science and technology to people of all ages.
• Giglio Fest—July 15. Leave West Point at 10:30 a.m. Leave Brooklyn at 5 p.m. In Italian Williamsburg, Brooklyn, the residents of the community look forward to the annual Giglio Feast held every July since 1903. This event is in a neighborhood filled with vibrant shops and eateries.
There is a nominal transportation fee.
For details and reservations, call 845-938-3601.

The MWR Fitness Center CYS Child Care Co-Op
The MWR Fitness Center CYS Child Care Co-Op is looking for new members. The co-op is comprised of CYS eligible patrons with children ages 6 weeks to 5 years, who are looking to workout while having their child participate in a volunteer-facilitated childcare.
In exchange for their child’s participation, co-op members agree to support other members and assist with the supervision of children during co-op hours.
If you are interested in participating, contact the CYS Outreach Services Office at 845-938-3969.

Horseback riding lessons
The Morgan Farm horseback riding lesson program is now open. Lessons are available for beginners through advanced, ages 5 and up. Lesson packages are available.
For more details, call 845-938-3926.

2018 Round Pond Reservations
Round Pond reservations for 2018 are ongoing for all eligible personnel. Reservations can be made between 9 a.m.-5 p.m. every day by calling 845-938-8811.

FOR THE YOUTHS

Arts and Crafts Summer Camps
Arts and Crafts Camps will run from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. the weeks of June 26 and July 10 and 24, Tuesday through Friday each week.
Parents will provide lunch and a snack each day. On each Friday, there will be a pizza party for lunch. There is a fee per child. Open to children entering grades 1-6. For details, visit westpointartsandcrafts.com or call 845-938-4812.

SAC Summer Camp Registration
West Point School Age Center’s Summer Camp registration is ongoing now. You can register your children through militarychildcare.com.
Children in grades K-5 registered with CYS Services are eligible for the camp. SAC offers summer camp care during the months of June through September. Hours of summer camp operations are 6 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

CYS Services Spring Sports Programs
West Point families, as it inches closer to the beginning of the summer season, Child, Youth and School Age Services is excited to announce that it’s adding a new sport.
For the first time, it will offer a youth flag football league for ages 5-6, 7-8 and 9-11, with its T-ball, baseball and soccer leagues. We look forward to seeing you out there.
For details, call 845-938-8896.

Wee Ones Open Play Group
Wee Ones Open Play Group welcomes children (infants through 4 years old) and a parent from 9:30-11 a.m. every Monday at the Youth Center Gymnasium, Building 500, across from West Point Schools. It is a time for the children to play, learn and make new friends. Pre-registration is not required. There’s always something fun happening at Wee Ones.
For the most up-to-date details, call Family Advocacy at 845-938-0629 or go to www.facebook.com/ WestPointArmyCommunityService.

Wee Read
Wee Read welcomes children (infants through 4 years old) and a parent at 9-10 a.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month at the Army Community Service (ACS) Resiliency Center, second floor of Building 526, near Buffalo Soldier Field.
Wee Read introduces children to basic literacy skills, books and reading. Pre-registration is not required.
For the most up-to-date details, call Family Advocacy at 845-938-0629 or go to www.facebook.com/ WestPointArmyCommunityService.

West Point MWR CALENDAR
westpoint.armymwr.com
Keller Corner

KACH Patient Advisory Committee to meet
The next Keller Army Community Hospital Patient Advisory Council meeting will be held from 3-4 p.m. June 28, in the Brian D. Allgood Ambulatory Clinic, Room G59 (ground floor).

As a Primary Care Medical Home, we want input from you, our patients. The Crimson Knight Medical Home holds Patient Advisory Council meetings on a quarterly basis.

A patient advisory council is a bi-directional meeting of the minds and intended to play an active role in how our practice prioritizes and designs changes that will affect the patient community.

Some of the things we would like to focus on include:
• Patient experience;
• Patient safety;
• Policy and Program development;
• Quality improvement;
• Health care deliver redesign;
• Patient education;
• Patient/family communication;
• Marketing;
• Professional education;
• Facility design, supplies and equipment planning;
• Research and evaluation;
• Current events at KACH.

Please consider joining in and bringing your thoughts, ideas, concerns and praise to our monthly meetings hosted by the Primary Care Clinic chief and attended by other multidisciplinary team members.

Our goal is to listen to the thoughts and ideas from the community we serve and make Keller Army Community Hospital a better place for those who come here for care as well as for those of us who provide it.

KACH Family Readiness Group information
For current staff and incoming staff at Keller Army Community Hospital, the following information is provided to assist you with family readiness:
• Family Readiness Group Leader—Tammie Persaud-Cruz Total;
• Army Family Program POC—Sgt. 1st Class Matthew Van Auken.

Contact 845-938-0115 for all Family Readiness issues.

Do you want to change your network provider?
Did you know? If you would like to see a different network provider than the one issued by TRICARE on your referral authorization, you have the option to request a change to another network provider.

Contact TRICARE East at 1-800-444-5445 to see a directory of network providers.

West Point Band presents “American Soundscapes”

Story and photo by the West Point Band

The West Point Band will continue its Music Under the Stars concert series with “American Soundscapes” at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Trophy Point Amphitheater.

This evening of American music will include military marches, patriotic selections and classical favorites.

In the event of inclement weather, the performance will take place at Eisenhower Hall Ballroom. This event is free and open to all. You may RSVP at www.westpointband.com.

The West Point Band and band alumni return to Trophy Point Amphitheater to celebrate the majesty of America through sound. Set atop a stunning Hudson Valley vista, the concert will feature works showcasing the beauty and diversity of the American landscape, from sea to shining sea.


Bring the whole family down to Trophy Point to hear the soundtrack to America’s story on the very grounds where our nation was forged.

For concert information, cancellations, and updates, call 845-938-2617 or visit www.westpointband.com. West Point Band news can also be found by following us on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube and Twitter.
Rosoff, Burggraaf named ACBA/Rawlings All-Region team

By Kat Castner
Army Athletic Communications

Two cadet-athletes from the Army West Point Baseball team were selected to the 2018 American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA)/Rawlings NCAA Div. I All-Region team June 14.

Newly commissioned 2nd Lt. Jon Rosoff and rising senior Daniel Burggraaf were honored after being named to the first and second team, respectively, for the Northeast Region.

Rosoff, who was named the Patriot League Player of the Year while also garnering his second-straight All-Patriot League First Team praise, led the conference with 47 runs batted in.

Burggraaf was a dominate force for Army on the mound this season, holding the second-lowest ERA on the team at 2.90. He compiled seven wins in 17 appearances.

After being converted from a closer position to a starter, the righty made 11 starts, while finishing with 62 innings on the mound. He added one complete game and three saves to his junior year accolades.

Opponents were batting just .213 against the Belfair, Washington native.

Burggraaf garnered All-Patriot League second team honors after striking out 83 batters on the year, including a team-high 53 during conference play alone.

ABCA/Rawlings All-Region First Team selections are nominated for ABCA/Rawlings All-America honors. The ABCA/Rawlings NCAA Div. I All-Americans were announced on June 16.

NCAA Div. I Northeast All-Region First Team

Pos.    Player          Cl.        School     State
P      Sean Mellen     So.    Northeastern MA
P      Mason Feole    So.       UConn          CT
RP     P.J. Poulin     Jr.     UConn          CT
C      Jon Rosoff     Sr.       Army NY
1B     Liam Wilson   Sr.       Canisius NY
2B     Josh Shaw     Jr.       St. John’s NY
3B     Ryan Stekl   Jr.       Canisius NY
SS     Greg Cullen  Jr.      Niagara NY
OF     Ryan Ward   Fr.        Bryant RI
OF     Nick Campana Sr.     Hartford CT
OF     Russ Olive    Jr.    UMass MA
DH     Freddy Sabido So.       Wagner NY
P      Sean Mooney  So.        St. John’s NY

NCAA Div. I Northeast All-Region Second Team

Pos.    Player          Cl.        School     State
P      P.J. Poulin     Jr.     UConn          CT
P      Mason Feole    So.       UConn          CT
OF     Charlie McConnell Jr. Northeastern MA
OF     Jamie Galazin Sr.     St. John’s NY
OF     Isaac Feldstein Sr.   UConn          CT
DH     Griffin Dey Jr.     Yale CT
P      Daniel Burggraaf Jr. Army NY
P      J.P. Stevenson Sr.    Canisius NY
P      Ben Greenberg Sr.    Fordham NY
RP     Aaron Pinto Sr.    Stony Brook NY

Floocks added to Women’s Basketball Staff

By Matt Tedino
Army Athletic Communications

Army West Point Head Women’s Basketball Coach Dave Magarity announced that Liz Floocks will be joining his staff for the upcoming 2018-19 season on June 15.

“I’m excited to have Liz join our coaching staff,” Magarity said. “I have followed her career as an outstanding player in high school and college as well as her time as a head high school coach. Her experience coaching at the Division II and Division I levels makes her a valuable addition to our program.”

Floocks arrives at West Point after spending three seasons at New Jersey Institute of Technology, two as an assistant and one as a director of basketball operations. During her time with the Highlanders, NJIT garnered a pair of Atlantic Sun All-Freshman players.

Prior to joining the NJIT staff, she was an assistant coach at NCAA Division II Pittsburgh-Johnstown from 2013-15.

Before entering the college coaching ranks, Floocks spent the 2012-13 season coaching at her alma mater, White Plains High School.

As a player, she was a four-year starter and three-year team captain at Niagara, where she earned MAAC postseason honors in each of her four seasons.

While with the Purple Eagles, Floocks became the 21st member to join the 1,000-point club and she capped her collegiate career with 1,210 points. The White Plains, New York, native was a constant threat from long range, knocking down 171 shots from deep, which ranks seventh in all-time program history.

Floocks received her Bachelor of Arts from Niagara in May 2011 and her master’s in May 2015 from Liberty University.
Keystone Sports and Entertainment announced June 14 that Army-Navy Cup will return to the venue via a contract extension for five additional seasons. This year’s matchup, a rivalry renewed between the two service academies, is set for Oct. 12. Kickoff time and broadcast information are to be determined.

“Keystone Sports and Entertainment is honored to host this annual match and we are proud that it will return for a minimum of five additional years here at Talen Energy Stadium,” Tim McDermott, chief business officer, Philadelphia Union, said. “We are excited for the 2018 edition of this classic rivalry and look forward to providing first-class hospitality for both military academies, featuring the future leaders of our country.”

Army-Navy Cup has seen significant growth over its six years at Talen Energy Stadium with attendance surpassing 10,000 fans. Following the founding of an Army-Navy Cup host committee, the game has expanded to attract nearly 40,000 fans over the past four editions combined. Last year’s Army-Navy Cup was the third-highest attended college soccer match in the United States.

“We are excited that we have been able to continue this wonderful relationship with Philadelphia and the Union,” Naval Academy Director of Athletics Chet Gladchuk said. “Our coaches and players really enjoy the stadium, and to play our greatest rival in a spectacular and electric setting is fantastic. There have been great crowds, energy, atmosphere and super soccer.”

“The Army-Navy Cup has served as one of our signature fall events for the six past years and has established itself as one of the highest attended games in college soccer,” Boo Corrigan, director of athletics for Army West Point, said. “The atmosphere at Talen Energy Stadium adds to the pride and passion of the Army-Navy rivalry and we are thrilled to return to the Philadelphia area for the next five years. Thank you to the Philadelphia Union, members of the Army-Navy steering committee, as well as PHL Sports, for continuing to show support of our two service academies and the growth of the rivalry.”

Talen Energy Stadium played host to the inaugural Army-Navy Cup in 2012 with the series currently deadlocked, each side holding a 2-2-2 record over the span. The debut edition in 2012 ended in a draw. Navy won in both 2013 and 2014, while Army was victorious in 2015 and 2016 before a second draw in last season’s match.

### West Point Summer Softball League Standings

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