CBT ends, journey continues

With family, friends and West Point community members cheering them on, members of the U.S. Military Academy Class of 2022, USMA leadership, staff, faculty and graduates completed a 12-mile road march from Camp Buckner Monday, concluding six weeks of Cadet Basic Training. The March Back is the new cadets’ final challenge of CBT. (Above) The Class of 2022 sports its motto on a banner, “For Many, Stand The Few.” (Left) Commandant of the Corps of Cadets Brig. Gen. Steven W. Gilland high-fives the new cadets as they stream into the Victor Constant Ski Slope Monday during March Back. The ski slope is the last stop before the final couple miles from the slope through Washington Gate to Central Area.

Photos by Michelle Eberhart/USMA PAO (above) and Brandon O’Connor/PV (left)
Class of 2022 completes CBT with March Back

Story and photos by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

The 1,192 members of the Class of 2022 celebrated their first milestone by completing six weeks of Cadet Basic Training and marching the 12 miles from Camp Buckner to West Point Monday with a brief rest at the Victor Constant Ski Slope for hydration and the removal of the boots—to let the feet breathe.

“My feet are fine, although I have a couple of blisters and a bruise on my big toe,” Class of 2022 Cadet Lauren Carag, Company E-1, said. “They woke us up at 2 a.m. and we stepped off at 4:30 a.m. The first run was in the dark, so you had to be careful where you walked.”

Carag is a direct admit to West Point and said she enjoyed CBT, but there were some rough spots.

“Rucking,” the Houston native said. “Rucking was rough, especially when you are carrying 40-45 pounds on your back. I am very excited for the coming academic year. Summer was fun but really tiring.”

Carag said she decided to attend West Point when she came here for a visit for swimming, and that is when she met a lot of people who influenced her choice.

“They were all so accomplished and had high goals,” Carag explained. “That’s when I decided to go to West Point.”

Members of the U.S. Military Academy Class of 2022 completed Cadet Basic Training Monday as they marched back from Camp Buckner stopping at the Victor Constant Ski Slope for a brief rest and to hydrate. It is tradition that those completing CBT ring the bell on the golf course as they march to West Point.

USMA Class of 2022 Cadet De Lani Carter, Company E-1 from Bowie, Maryland, had some experience with a military school having graduated from the U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School.

“CBT was quite an experience where you transform from a civilian to military to cadet life,” Carter said.

Carter said that he wanted to go to school for an academic education, but he also wanted military training.

“I wanted to go into the military because of the idea of selfless service,” Carter explained. “You know you are doing something for others. CBT was interesting, the first half is breaking you down (as the cadet cadre will find your weakness) and the second half is team bonding and learning to be a part of a team.”

One of the cadet cadre, Class of 2019 Cadet Daniel Whitfield, enjoyed being company commander of Echo company.

“Echo Company was awarded the best company in basic training,” Whitfield said. “They were a very spirited group. They did what they had to do and they did it every day.”

The command staff, faculty members and graduates also marched with the Class of 2022 from Camp Buckner in support of their accomplishment. One was USMA 1987 graduate Chris Rigoni, who marched in support of his daughter, Class of 2020 Cadet Melanie Rigoni, a squad leader.

“This is the second time I have been here since she was a plebe,” Chris Rigoni said. “I had asked Melanie if she was interested in attending West Point and took her for a visit, and she liked it. She is a member of the Women’s Rugby team. She loves West Point but she did have a hard time in CBT.”

Melanie confirmed that her father was correct and that she did have a hard time, which is why she wanted to be a part of leading CBT.

“One of the things I love about CBT is being a squad leader has changed my perspective on West Point and my leadership skills,” Melanie said. “It is very worthwhile training. I learned a lot about myself and learned to keep a positive attitude and you can change things around. I chose Beast II because I wanted to challenge myself and do another ruck march.”

The Class of 2022 will officially be accepted as members of the Corps of Cadets during Acceptance Day on Saturday, where they will march and merge into their respective companies.
Class of 2022 ready to represent its motto

By Brandon O’Connor
Assistant Editor

“For Many, Stand The Few.”

Five simple words, but for the members of the U.S. Military Academy Class of 2022, it is the motto that will define their time at West Point and their careers in the Army.

The motto was revealed to the 1,192 new cadets in the Class of 2022 Sunday evening as they finished Cadet Basic Training and prepared for the 12-mile March Back to the academy, and Monday, they completed the March Back behind a banner announcing it.

“I actually got goosebumps when they announced the motto because we truly are the few who get accepted here and I am very proud to be here,” Class of 2022 Cadet Tyler Cooper, from Paducah, Kentucky, said.

Cooper previously served four years in the Army, including one at the United States Military Academy Preparatory School, before being accepted into West Point.

The motto was voted upon by the Class of 2022 cadets during Cadet Basic Training, and although there were other options, Jerzi Holly, a new cadet from Washington, said she was in favor of “For Many, Stand The Few,” because of everything it represents.

“I was really looking forward to it from the get go and hoping that would be our class motto. When they finally announced it, I was really happy about it,” Holly said. “That is a huge statement in the Army and I am really glad to say that is our class motto. I think the Army’s whole reason of existing is to stand for those who can’t and the nation.”

Class of 2022 Cadet Harrison Harper, from Mayfield, New York, said as they begin their journey at West Point, the motto will serve as a rallying cry for him and his classmates when times get hard and they need extra motivation to continue to fight.

“When I first heard the motto, it meant that from the many who really seek out something and want something bigger in life, the few of them actually have the grit and determination to end up here,” Harper said. “Beast was a challenge, but later on in our cadet careers, there are going to be many more challenges. In the end, ‘For many, Stand The Few’ carries onto graduation and past that. We got to choose between several mottos and I voted for that one because I thought that was the most inspiring quote and it really lived up to what we all were working for and how we got here.”

Saturday, the new cadets in the Class of 2022 will officially join the Corps of Cadets during Acceptance Day. They will then begin a lifelong journey of living up to the motto they have chosen for themselves.

“The few need to stand up for the many in order for the many to survive,” new cadet Oreofeoluwa Omolade, from New York City, said. “I am going to have to work to better myself so I can benefit others. It is not just me I am working for. I am working for my family, those around me, my company, the rest of the Corps and the rest of the United States.”

Prior to their final year at USMA, the Class of 2022 will be given a ring with their motto and crest on the side as a lifelong reminder of what they have been through during their time at West Point and what they have committed to standing for during their time in the Army and beyond.

“We have a class size of 1,192 right now, which will eventually taper down a little bit so we definitely are the few,” new cadet John Caleb Gordon, from Augusta, Georgia, said. “We are the few. When the going gets tough, boots hit the ground, when there is brass flying overhead, it is the few that stands for the many. I need to make sure that myself and my fellow cadets, we the few, are the best representation of America we can.”
Long Gray Line: The USMA March Back Legacy
Grads return to support new cadets during March Back

By Brandon O’Connor
Assistant Editor

Denny Coll didn’t know if he could do it.
A Class of 1965 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, Coll was looking at a 12-mile hike from Camp Buckner to West Point 57 years after his own March Back following Cadet Basic Training.

He finished the march seven years ago as part of the 50-year affiliate class, but this year was special. He was joining his daughter Shannon Coll Horne, Class of 1995, and his granddaughter, new cadet Kirby Horne, to make three generations marching back together.

“When you have a granddaughter that is coming back, that’s special,” Coll said while fighting back tears. “I am 75, my legs are gone; it was a killer. It was tough. I think I am the third oldest guy who did the 12-miler. It was fun and I am glad I did it. I think Kirby thought it was good that I did it. I told everybody, ‘I don’t know if I am going to make it and if I do, I do. If I don’t, I don’t.’ My daughter picked me up about halfway along and I made it.”

Coll, who served in the Army for five years including a tour in Vietnam, was one of 208 returning graduates to join the new cadets in their March Back from Camp Bucker. Another 49 graduates joined them at the Victor Constant Ski Slope to march the last two miles onto the parade field at West Point.

“My little brother is a firstie right now and my younger sister is coming in as a new cadet,” said 2nd Lt. Emma Smith, who, as a Class of 2017 graduate, was the most recent graduate to return.

“This is the third one, but the first time one of us has been able to come back and experience March Back day with a member of the family.”

Smith said she decided to march the full 12 miles with her sister so she could offer the type of encouragement and support she wished she would’ve had during her own March Back.

“I just remember hating the March Back so much when I went through it, and I really wanted to make sure I was there for her,” Smith said. “To have somebody by your side makes it so much easier. It was great. I got to hear all of her Beast stories, catch-up a little bit and tell her about everything that went on this summer.”

The new cadets were also joined along their march by members of their 50-year affiliate class, the Class of 1972.

“We are the 50-year affiliation class and how can you not do the entire march,” retired Col. Joseph Adamczyk said. “You need to lead by example.”

Adamczyk also said they had the added motivation of being able to march with the granddaughter of their classmate Harvey Jokinen, who was killed in a helicopter crash in Germany in 1978. His granddaughter, Valentina Vincent, is a new cadet.

“It brought back a lot memories,” Adamczyk said. “There were a few times where I thought Harvey Jokinen was up there smiling down on his granddaughter and classmates.”

Adamczyk, who also spent two stints stationed at West Point during his career, said he was inspired by the latest class of cadets who he was able to complete the march alongside.

“My advice would be to make the most of your 47-month experience, take advantage of every opportunity to learn how to become a better leader and a better follower and focus on the main thing leaders do, which is take care of their Soldiers,” he said.

The March Back served as the official end to Cadet Basic Training or “Beast,” and the last hurdle for the nearly 1,200 new cadets before they officially join the Corps of Cadet Saturday during Acceptance Day.

“One of the biggest things I learned is that you are going to fail, but that’s OK,” Smith said of the advice she would give her sister and her classmates. “Everybody fails at something at West Point, whether it is PT or academics or something you struggle with outside of that. You learn and you overcome and it makes you a stronger person and a much better leader when you get out into the Army.”


Photo by Michelle Eberhart/USMA PAO

U.S. Military Academy Class of 1972, the Class of 2022’s 50-year affiliate class, salute the academy leader team, including Superintendent Lt. Gen. Darryl A. Williams, during March Back Monday.

Photo by Michelle Eberhart/USMA PAO
ASP at West Point: Arming our current Soldiers, future leaders

By 1st Lt. Brad V. Ault
653rd Regional Support Group

U.S. Army ammunition operations at the U.S. Military Academy are unique from those conducted in other locations. This uniqueness is due in large part to the fact that all of the ranges for the cadets are conducted during the summer months each year.

The Ammunition Supply Point at West Point processes the same amount of ammunition in about three months as what most Army divisions process in a year. By the end of the summer training this year, this ASP will have issued more than five million rounds of ammo worth over $10.8 million, ranging from various types of 9mm, 5.56mm and 7.62mm rounds to .50 CAL, AT-4s, grenades, mortars and artillery rounds.

To ensure that West Point cadets are prepared to fight and win our nation’s wars, the ammunition community at West Point must be forward-thinking and anticipate the needs of each unit at West Point. The ASP at West Point conducts combined ammunition operations including the receipt, storage, transportation, accountability, inventory, surveillance, maintenance, security and issue of U.S. conventional ammunition.

At the operational level, ammunition managers forecast future requirements and place requisitions to sustain operations without overloading storage space. Ammunition managers also plan the retrograde of obsolete ammunition and explosives to free up storage space.

This mission requires the teamwork of U.S. Soldiers and Department of the Army civilians, including Soldiers from the 163rd Ordnance Company (California Army Reserve), 24th OD Co. (active duty Army from Fort Stewart, Georgia), Chief Warrant Officer 3 Clinton Bohaty from the 295th OD Co. (Nebraska Army Reserve), 1st Lt. Brad Ault from the 653rd Regional Support Group (Arizona Army Reserve), the Accountable Officer civilian Kent Blair, ASP Ammunitions and Explosives Handler civilian Timothy DePetris and a rotating civilian Quality Assurance Specialist Ammunition Specialist (QUASAS).

This team works with the West Point cadets, the West Point liaison Staff Sgt. Christopher Bowman, the transporter Sgt. Ignacia Gonzalez and the other 2nd Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment Task Force personnel to support ammunition requirements from May to August.

The team at the ASP also received a visit from the 79th Theater Sustainment Command Commanding General, Maj. Gen. Mark W. Palzer.

Palzer met with the entire ASP team and answered their questions and inspired them to fulfill their potential in the Army and in their personal life.

He also met with Lt. Col. Adam Sawyer, Task Force commander, and the Chief of Military Education and Training at West Point, who both spoke highly of the superb job the ASP team has done during this mission.

The ASP at West Point is a place of constant change and evolution. In addition to the ongoing processing of ammunition, this ASP is responsible for helping layout and separate 81mm/60mm mortars. By the end of the summer training this year, this ASP will have issued more than five million rounds of ammo worth over $10.8 million, ranging from various types of 9mm, 5.56mm and 7.62mm rounds to .50 CAL, AT-4s, grenades, mortars and artillery rounds.

Communication is very important here,” Spc. Jasmine Guerrero, 163rd OD Co., said. “If you don’t have communication here, then you might mess up on numbers or you might miss a count, so good communication is vital.”

Advanced planning, coordination and meticulous record keeping aids in maintaining accurate accountability for expended resources.

The West Point experience of mentorship and daily on-the-job experience molds well-rounded ammunition Soldiers. These ammunition Soldiers enable West Point to produce outstanding leaders who are trained in various weapon systems and ready to lead our next generation of Soldiers in the United States Army.
Cadets receive instruction on crisis negotiation during WPNP

Story and photo by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

Negotiation is an important component for military leaders at all levels. In fact, negotiations are done every day, whether deployed or at home, even within their own organizations. The West Point Negotiation Project was founded in 2009 under the direction of the Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership in response to feedback from West Point graduates who had taken Negotiation for Leaders (MG390) as cadets and then applied their learning as Army officers.

As part of the WPNP, 32 cadets and two FBI agents took a 40-hour course in crisis negotiation Aug. 6-10. The course was led by FBI Supervisory Special Agents Mike Yansieck and Mark Flores from the FBI Crisis Negotiation Unit-New York Office.

The cadets learned the importance of negotiation in crisis situations, were introduced to a framework for active listening and techniques to calm a situation.

The students analyzed real FBI footage of hostage situations and the Boston Marathon bombing and learned to apply the concepts into role-playing scenarios.

“This course reinforces negotiation as a leader competency,” Capt. Marcus Millen, instructor in the Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership and WPNP director, said. “It enables cadets to systematically analyze negotiation situations, enhance active listening skills and employ those skills to deescalate emotionally-charged situations. The crisis negotiation course complements WPNP’s core ‘Principled Negotiation’ skills by providing proven techniques for resolving conflict in crisis settings. These skills can be applied to any branch that a cadet chooses, or in their everyday life.”

The students underwent several types of crisis intervention. In one role-playing scene, the cadets learned that a terrorist had taken a passenger plane after it had landed with 70 people still on board.

“I was needed so they were able to obtain the manifest to find out who was on board, and from that, they found cell phone numbers to call passengers. That is how they found out the physical description of the terrorist and that he had a backpack, which he said was a bomb.

The students had to set up a communication system, but the terrorist spoke a different language and they needed to be able to understand the terrorist.

Through the Department of Foreign Languages, they were able to enlist help to support the negotiations through an interpreter.

In another role-playing scene, a man barricaded himself wearing a suicide vest. The negotiators were able to find out that he is an Army captain and he was upset with custody issues.

The cadets worked together while attempting to find out what the situation was and what does the person want by asking questions and attempting to calm an emotionally-charged situation.

U.S. Military Academy Class of 2019 Cadet Elizabeth Rodriguez was the WPNP cadet-in-charge and initiated another hostage situation scenario.

“In this situation, we have a 15-year-old holding a classroom hostage,” Rodriguez said. “His parents are about to move and he doesn’t want to, but his parents won’t listen to him. He is comunicación through text message. He is angry and he is threatening to shoot his dad and say it’s an accident. So, we need to find out what is going on.”

Rodriguez said she enjoys the WPNP workshops and has taken the MG390 course, Negotiations for Leaders, that BS&L offers as an elective, which is a more intensive course. The cadets who complete this course receive a certificate and will have the chance to take the MG390 course if they wish.

“This is a way to get cool people skills and understand the eight active listening skills: emotional labeling; paraphrasing, reflecting/mirroring, effective pauses/silences, open ended questions, minimal encouragers, summarize and conclusion. The course is applicable to any military occupational specialty, or MOS. You can actually use it throughout your life.”

The WPNP will be holding its next negotiation workshop in the spring where cadets interact with other students from other military academies and perform role-playing scenes, but in a calmer atmosphere like negotiating a salary for a soccer player who isn’t quite as good as he used to be, but he’s well known and still has fans, and the team needs him.

Community gathers for National Night Out

(Above) Children always love playing “dunk the firefighter” at the annual West Point National Night Out event Aug. 7. National Night Out is a community event that brings community members together with law enforcement personnel, firefighters and others who provide important services to the community. (Right) Children had a great time with the colorful bouncy house during National Night Out. 

PHOTOS BY KATHY EASTWOOD/PV
Twelve members of the U.S. Military Academy Class of 2018 received their diplomas and became second lieutenants during a graduation and commissioning ceremony Aug. 10 at Crest Hall.

PHOTOS BY BRYAN ILYANKOFF/USMA PAO
**Lightning Safety**

Thunder and lightning storms happen all the time. Know what to do to keep you and your family safe when storms strike!

### Outdoor Safety
- If you hear thunder, you are within striking distance of lightning. Look for shelter inside a home, large building, or a hard-topped vehicle right away.
- Do not go under trees for shelter. There is no place outside that is safe during a thunderstorm.
- Wait at least 30 minutes after hearing the last clap of thunder before leaving your shelter.
- Stay away from windows and doors. Stay off porches.
- There is no safe place outside. Places with only a roof on sports fields, golf courses, and picnic areas are not safe during a lightning storm. Small sheds should not be used.
- If a person is struck by lightning, call 9-1-1. Get medical help right away.

**Fast Facts**
Lightning may strike as far as 10 miles from any rain.

### Indoor Safety
- Turn off computers. Step off corded phones, computers, and other things that put you in direct contact with electricity or plumbing. You can wait until the storm passes.
- Do not wash your hands, bathe, shower, do laundry, or wash clothes.

**Safety Tips**

### Before You Enter
- Take a good look. Does the building appear to be in a condition that makes you feel comfortable? Is the main entrance wide and does it open outward to allow easy exit? Is the outside area clear of materials stored against the building or blocking exits?
- Have a communication plan. Identify a relative or friend to contact in case of emergency and you are separated from family or friends.
- Plan a meeting place. Pick a meeting place outside to meet family or friends with whom you are attending the function. If there is an emergency, be sure to meet there:

### When You Enter
- Take a good look. Look for exits immediately. Where you enter a building you should look for all available exits. Some exits may be in front and some in back of you. Be prepared to use your closest exit. You may not be able to use the main exit.
- Check for door exit. Make sure doors are wide enough and not obstructed by doors or furniture. Check to make sure your exit door is not barricaded or chained. If there are not at least two exits or exit paths are blocked, report the violation to management and leave the building if it is not immediately addressed. Call the local fire department to register a complaint.

### During an Emergency
- React immediately. If an alarm sounds, you are in a fire or some other discovered disturbance immediately exit the building to an assembly area.

**Get out, stay out**! Once you have evacuated, stay out. Under no circumstances should you ever go back into a burning building. Let trained firefighters conduct rescue operations.

**Fact**
A fire at 1418 Restaurant in W. Warwick, R.I., February 25, 2003, claimed 18 lives and a the most deadly fire in U.S. History. Since that fire, NFPA has enacted tough new state provisions for fire sprinklers and assisted ventilation in high-rise buildings. These provisions mark sweeping changes to the codes and standards governing safety in assembly occupancies.

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www.upa.org/education/safety/2017
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Diversity and Inclusion Leadership Conference

The West Point 16th annual Diversity and Inclusion Leadership Conference is scheduled for Sept. 5-7. This year’s conference theme is “Achieving Excellence through Diversity and Inclusion.”

The purpose of the conference is to bring together West Point alumni, members of the Army, U.S. Military Academy staff and faculty, cadets and distinguished guests for discussions surrounding best practices moving beyond racial biases, improving retention, building trust and leading diverse organizations through outreach, partnership and development.

The conference’s keynote speakers include NFL Hall of Famer Rod Woodson, retired Command Sgt. Maj. Michele Jones, President and CEO, The Bones Theory Group, LLC; and retired Lt. Gen. Mark Hertling, National Security, Intelligence and Terrorism Analyst for CNN.

West Point is mindful that the work of diversity and inclusion is continuous, and it is vital that the USMA team continues to create forums for conversation that brings us together and deepens our understanding of one another.

To register for the conference, visit http://westpointaog.kintera.org/DLC-Staff. The point of contacts for the conference include Terry Allbritton, Chief Diversity Officer, at 938-7212; Amos Maldonado at 938-3756; Ellen Peterson at 938-7082; or Master Sgt. Richard Oxendine at 938-6745.

EDUCATION and WORKSHOPS

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 Cynthia Laudato at 845-569-3252 or email cynthia.laudato@msmc.edu; and
- Saint Thomas Aquinas—Call Gina Fanaro at 845-398-4102 or email gfanaro@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 jheiney@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.

DANTES testing

The Army Education Center at West Point offers academic testing programs through the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support such as the SAT and ACT. Pearson VUE offers licensing and certification exams.

Most tests are free of charge to soldiers.

Call the testing center at 845-938-3360 or email gwenn.wallace@usma.edu for details or an appointment.

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.

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Military Reenactment Day at Boscobel

Honoring its rich ties to American history, Boscobel House and Gardens—in partnership with The Living History Education Foundation—proudly presents Military Reenactment Day from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 26.

On the grounds of Boscobel House and Gardens, directly overlooking the Hudson River and the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, history comes alive as military reenactors set up encampments from the American Revolution, War of 1812, Civil War and World Wars.

They will demonstrate camp life with inspections, forays, musket firings, artillery demonstrations and drills. There is a fee for this event.

For details, visit www.boscobel.org or call 845-265-3638.

Lighthouse Christian Assembly Fellowship

Lighthouse Christian Assembly cordially invites the West Point community to join its family of fellowship and worship at 9 a.m. Sunday mornings at 134 Old State Road, Highland Falls.

The church has been serving the Fort Montgomery/Highland Falls and West Point communities for more than 30 years. It provides a family atmosphere for cadets, Soldiers, family members and the community. Every effort is made to support our beloved brothers and sisters in Christ with physical as well as spiritual needs.

Additionally, the church is affiliated with the Walter Hoving Home, founded by John and Elsie Benton, in 1967. This Christ-centered home provides a safe space for women in recovery from alcohol and substance abuse.

If you are in need of transportation, contact Robby at 845-661-0339 by 8 a.m. the Sunday morning you will be attending.

The van picks up at Grant Circle. We look forward to welcoming you into our family.

Grace Baptist Church of Highland Falls services

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

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

For details on the Grace Baptist Church, visit www.gracebaptistny.org.
Spartan Race (updated)

Spartan Race is more than a race; it’s a way of life. Test your endurance during this grueling multi-faceted race. You will be put through all manner of obstacles.

This special event is hosted by MWR Aug. 25-26 at the Lake Fredrick Recreation Area, 54 Lake Frederick Road, Central Valley, New York.

For more information and to see registration discount codes for cadets and USAA members, visit westpointarmymwr.com. Discounts are up to 50 percent off your registration fee. Register today at spartan.com.

MWR Summer Movie Series
Join MWR for its outdoor movies shown on a giant inflatable movie screen. Bring your own blankets and chairs. Movie concessions will be available for purchase. Free to the public. The next scheduled movie is “Sherlock Gnomes” at 8 p.m. Aug. 31 at H-Lot Field.

For more information, call 845-938-0123.

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 work 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.

Morgan Farm open to the public
Morgan Farm offers birthday parties and horseback riding lessons to everyone, so come out to the farm today.

Host your child’s next birthday party at Morgan Farm with three different party packages to fit your budget.

Morgan Farm also offers riding lessons that are available for beginner through advanced riders. These lessons are suitable for ages 5 and up. Horse boarding is available at the stables for a nominal fee. For more details, call 938-3926.

FOR THE ADULTS

2018 Staff and Faculty Flag Football sign-ups
The MWR Sports Office will conduct the 2018 Staff and Faculty Flag Football League sign-ups.

All teams and individuals wishing to enter may do so by calling the MWR Sports office at 845-938-3066 or emailing Jim McGuinness at Jim.Mcguinness@usma.edu.

The league is open to all DOD and USMA personnel 18 years of age and older, all departments and/or units. Stewart Marines and 105th Air National Guard are invited to participate.

All department and/or units may combine personnel to form a team. The season will start Sept. 5 with a slate of exhibition scrimmages.

Regular season games will start Sept. 10, but it’s subject to change. Teams will play only two times per week.

All evening times start at 6:45 p.m. at the USMAPS football field. Deadline for entries will be Aug. 24.

For details and reservations, call 845-938-3601.

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Morgan Farm also offers riding lessons that are available for beginner through advanced riders. These lessons are suitable for ages 5 and up. Horse boarding is available at the stables for a nominal fee. For more details, call 938-3926.

FOR THE YOUTHS

Back to School Cruise for Home Schoolers
School Support Services invites all families that will be home schooling their children to cruise the Hudson River from 10 a.m.-noon Sept. 28.

Meet new families and/or reconnect after the summer months. Boarding of the Superintendent’s Boat begins at 9:30 a.m. at South Dock.

This event is free and there is no RSVP required. You are allowed to bring snacks or drinks for your family.

For details or additional information, call 845-938-2092 or email Michi.Carl@usma.edu.

FOR THE FAMILIES

Day trips with Leisure Travel Services
- Lower Manhattan—Saturday. Leave West Point at 8 a.m. Leave NYC at 3:30 p.m. Where American history started for many and the gateway for the future.

- “The Book of Mormon”—Aug. 23. Leave West Point at 4 p.m. Leave NYC at 10 p.m. Nine-time Tony Award winning musical. Located at the Eugene O’Neill Theater, West 49 Street, NYC, Row H Mezz seating, with a 7 p.m. curtain. There is a nominal transportation fee.

For the most up-to-date details, call Family Advocacy at 845-938-0629 or go to www.facebook.com/WestPointArmyCommunityService.

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Keller Corner

KACH Primary Care offers sports/school physicals and immunizations

The Keller Army Community Hospital Primary Care Department is opening a dedicated clinic Wednesday to ensure that incoming children and those unable to make an appointment earlier in the summer have their physicals prior to the start of the school year.

This dedicated clinic is a mass school physical day and you can expect lines at the various stations.

Through recent experience, these lines are usually not long. We are making every effort on this day to have your child see their primary care manager.

This is also the time to review your child’s immunizations, and prepare additional documentation for the administration of medications during school hours or emergency instructions for children with known allergies.

Obtain the necessary forms from the appropriate school nurse, complete the parent’s portion and bring them to your child’s appointment along with all copies of your child’s immunizations.

If there is a possibility that your child’s immunizations are not in their electronic health record, please stop by the Immunizations Clinic prior to your child’s appointment.

The appointments will begin at 1 p.m. Call 845-938-7992 or 800-552-2907 to request an appointment for a school or sports physical.

EDIS to conduct free developmental screenings

Keller Army Community Hospital’s Educational and Developmental Intervention Services (EDIS) will conduct free developmental screenings—for children from birth to 5 years old—from 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Sept. 26.

The screenings, available for both military and civilians, will be conducted at the Stony Child Development Center, 1207 Patrick Trail, West Point, and are by appointment only.

To schedule an appointment, call 845-938-2698 or 845-938-6868.

Not all children develop the same way—some need extra help. If you are a military or civilian family that resides and/or works at West Point and you have concerns relating to your child’s communication skills, motor skills, self-help skills, learning, vision, hearing, behavior, and/or social interactions please join EDIS at the free developmental screening.

Help KACH reduce, eliminate “No Shows”

Keller Army Community Hospital is asking for your assistance in reducing, and eventually, eliminating “no-shows” and missed appointments.

Did you know that in fiscal year 2017, KACH had 3,107 no-shows? Did you know since Oct. 1, 2017, Keller has 2,637 no-shows? At approximately $75 per visit, these ‘no-shows’ resulted in a loss of $233,025 in FY17, and are currently resulting in a loss of $197,775.

There is a saying in the medical community that “an appointment missed by you, is an appointment missed by two.” The appointment missed by the patient, and that missed appointment time that another patient could have had.

We ask that as soon as you realize you will not make your scheduled appointment, call the Appointment Center at 845-938-7992 or 800-552-2907, or visit www.tricareonline.com/, and cancel so we can re-book that slot for another beneficiary needing to be seen.

Thank you for your assistance, and for choosing Keller to provide your high-quality, patient-centered medical services.

KACH Family Readiness Group information

For current 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
  Call 845-938-0115 for all Family Readiness issues.

KACH hosts ROTC cadets for Nurse Summer Training

Three Army Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets, participating in the U.S. Army Nurse Summer Training Program at Keller Army Community Hospital, posed for a picture with the Deputy Commander of Nursing & Health Services and the Officer-in-Charge of the Medical Surgical Unit, Aug. 10, prior to their final presentation.

Cadets Vanessa Ramage (Marquette University), Levi Lindsay (Washburn University/the University Kansas) and Asmita Gurung (Tarleton State University) took part in the NSTP at KACH.

The NSTP is a paid, clinical elective offered at Army hospitals in the United States and Germany, and occurs during the summer between the junior and senior year of college. It gives ROTC cadets the opportunity to develop both their leadership and nursing skills; and it introduces them to the U.S. Army Medical Department and the roles and responsibilities of a U.S. Army Nurse Corps officer.

Under the supervision of an experienced Army Nurse Corps Officer, they obtain hands-on experience.

The cadets’ final presentation was on MHS GENESIS, the new electronic health record.

MOVIES at MAHAN

Theatre schedule at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752.

Friday—“Hereditary,” R, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday—“The First Purge,” R, 7:30 p.m.
Aug. 24—“Antman and the Wasp,” PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
Aug. 25—“Bleeding Steel,” R, 7:30 p.m.
Aug. 31—“Hotel Transylvania 3: Summer Vacation,” PG, 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 1—“Skyscraper,” PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
(FOR movie details and updated schedules, visit http://www.aafes.com/exchange-stores/Movie-Guide/showtimes-West-Point.htm.)

Outdoor Movie Night: WPFH invites everyone to Outdoor Movie Night at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 23 at B126 Washington Road.
What’s better than watching movies under the stars? Watching a family-friendly flick under the stars while eating popcorn and drinking pop.
No registration is required. For your viewing pleasure is the movie, “The Greatest Showman,” which is rated PG.

Cruise on the Hudson: Celebrate the last day of summer before school starts on a Cruise on the Hudson aboard the USMA Ferry boat Aug. 24.
Boarding starts at 1:30 p.m. and from 2-4 p.m. enjoy the majestic beauty of the Hudson River. Light refreshments will be served. To register, email jgellman@bbcgpr.com by today with the number of people that will attend.

Yard of the Month: If you want to participate in the Yard of the Month Program, email jgellman@bbcgpr.com to self-designate participation prior to the 10th of each month.

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• Community Lending Library: Did you know that the West Point Community Lending Library at 126 Washington Road has a variety of books to choose from, such as children books, drama, history, mystery, best sellers, biographies, etc.
The library is open during business hours every day and is ready for visitors to come check out books, study, do homework or stay and enjoy a tranquil reading room.
If you have books that you would like to donate to the library, drop them off at West Point Family Homes Leasing and Management office located at 126 Washington Road.
The West Point Band’s Benny Havens Band will continue the Music Under the Stars concert series at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Trophy Point Amphitheatre with “Red, White and Country,” an upbeat performance of country music with a patriotic twist.

In case of inclement weather, the performance will take place in Eisenhower Hall Theatre.

The event will also be live streamed on the Band’s YouTube channel. The concert is free and open to the public.

Grab your cowboy hat and mosey on down to join the Benny Havens Band as they perform the latest and greatest country hits. Enjoy a picnic on the beautiful banks of the Hudson River and let the crooning voices of Staff Sgts. Jeremy Gaynor and Emily McAleesejergins bring you back to those slow Southern summers spent sipping sweet tea on the front porch. Do-si-do the night away to lively tunes from Brad Paisley, Miranda Lambert, Garth Brooks, Little Big Town and more, plus singles from the Band’s debut album, “Songs That Save Our Lives.”

The Band will be joined by West Point’s own “Country Colonel,” Col. Doug McInvale. Head on over to Trophy Point for a night of good fun.

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.

Also, calling all artists. Participate in the West Point-Town of Highlands Farmers Market Local Art Exhibit Sept. 23. To register, contact Karen Parashkevov at westpointfarmersmarket@yahoo.com
First scrimmage of fall camp

Senior quarterback Kelvin Hopkins Jr. hands the ball off to senior running back Darnell Woolfolk (#33) as the Army West Point Football team took a break from the practice field for its first scrimmage of fall camp Aug. 11. Highlights from the day were senior quarterback Luke Langdon teaming up with sophomore wide receiver Ke'Shaun Wells for a touchdown and senior running back Andy Davidson coming up with a timely blocked punt on special teams.

By Stephen Waldman
Army Athletic Communications

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Photo courtesy of Army Athletic Communications

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Final standings above. Final playoff results to the right.

West Point Summer Softball League champions since 1996

*Below are the participants in the post championship and series length since 1996.

In 2006, there were two tournaments played in June, instead of a full season and playoffs, due to the transition to the H-Lot fields. In general, the upper bracket champion met the lower bracket champion in the post championship. However, this year, the lower bracket champion faced the upper bracket second seed in the semifinal.

- 2018—Garrison vs. LRC/DPW.
- 2017—Garrison defeats ODIA/AOG (2-0).
- 2016—Band defeats Engineers (2-0).
- 2015—("A") ODIA I defeats DPW (2-0).
  "B") Engineers defeats DMI (2-1).
- 2014—Band defeats ODIA I (2-0).
- 2013—("A") ODIA I defeats ODIA 2 (2-0).
  "B") EECS/CLS/DPE defeats Engineers (2-0).
- 2012—ODIA 2 defeats Math (2-0).
- 2011—ODIA I defeats Math (2-0).
- 2010—ODIA I defeats DPE/EECS (2-0).
- 2009—Engineers defeats MEDDAC (2-1).
- 2008—DPW defeats Math (2-0).
- 2007—Stewart Marines defeats Math (2-0).
- 2006—(First tournament championship game)
  BS&L defeats HHC (8-7).
  (Second tournament championship game)
  ODIA defeats West Point Security (20-10).
- 2005—DPW defeats Math (2-0).
- 2004—DPW defeats DPE (2-0).
- 2003—ODIA defeats Math (2-0).
- 2002—ODIA defeats Mint (2-0).
- 2001—Stewart Marines defeats GENE (2-0).
- 2000—("A") ODIA defeats MEDDAC (2-0).
  "B") SOSH defeats DPE (2-1).
- 1999—("A") MEDDAC defeats DCA (2-0).
  (B") Math defeats DFL (2-0).
- 1998—("A") MEDDAC defeats USCC (2-0).
  "B") ODIA defeats DFL (2-0).
- 1997—("A") USCC defeats BS&L (2-0).
  ("B") DOIM defeats 10th Mountain (2-1).
- 1996—USCC defeats HHC (2-0).

South Lower Division Bracket:

- 11th seed Math wins series over 10th seed History/SJA/KACH two games to none -- (7-0, 7-0).
- Eighth seed Task Force wins series over ninth seed Stewart Marines two games to none -- (19-18, 16-3).
- Seventh seed ODIA wins series over 11th seed Math two games to none -- (13-3, 8-3).
- Seventh seed ODIA wins series over eighth seed Task Force, in South Lower Division championship, two games to one -- (10-22, 19-9, 20-10).

North Upper Division Bracket:

- Fifth seed MPs/DES wins series over fourth seed Engineers two games to one -- (12-8, 6-9, 15-3).
- Third seed MEDDAC wins series over sixth seed CLS two games to one -- (2-7, 15-5, 11-1).
- First seed Garrison wins series over fifth seed MPs/DES two games to none -- (13-10, 19-6).
- Second seed LRC/DPW wins series over third seed MEDDAC two games to one -- (3-13, 9-8, 13-9).

South Division Champion vs. North Division Semifinalist Winner:

- Second seed LRC/DPW wins series over seventh seed ODIA two games to none -- (8-6, 18-8).

Post Championship:

- First seed Garrison vs. second seed DPW/LRC. Series in delayed during game one due to rain.