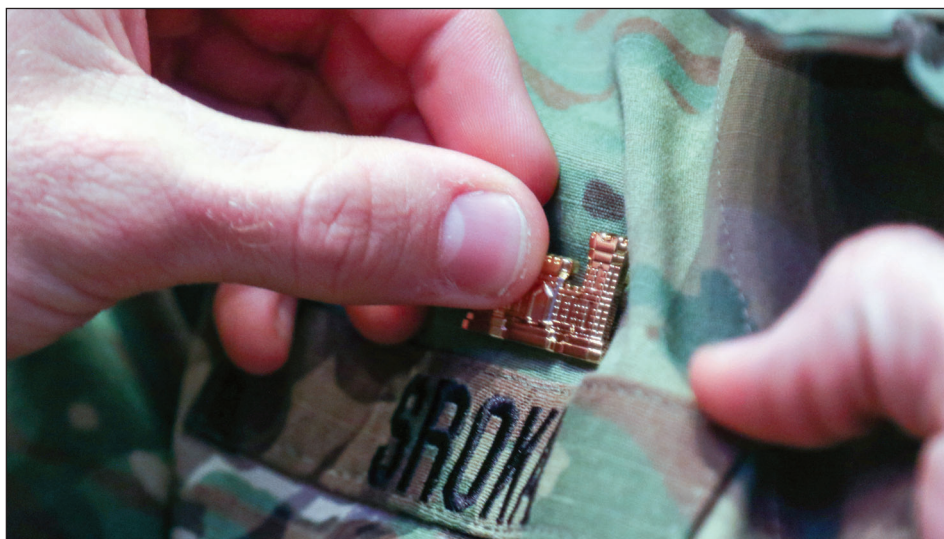




## Class of 2019 receives branches



Class of 2019 cadets received their official branch notifications during the annual Branch Night Ceremony Nov. 14 at Eisenhower Hall. Of the 1,020 members of the class, 81 percent were branched or branch detailed into a combat arms branch. Above, members of the class react after opening their branch notification envelopes and learning their branch. Left, Class of 2019 Cadet Jacob Sroka is pinned with the Engineers' insignia representing his branch during the branch night ceremony. See Page 3 for story and photos.

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# Cadets gain experience during radiation detection exercise

By Lt. Col. Keith McManus  
Assistant Professor of Nuclear Engineering

Thirty nuclear engineering majors and minors from the Department of Physics and Nuclear Engineering participated in an Applied Radiation Detection Exercise at the Aachen MOUT site on Nov. 1.

Cadets in NE452, the nuclear instrumentation and shielding course, were required to participate in the exercise as part of a laboratory requirement for the course.

They organized themselves into search elements and volunteer leaders developed hasty plans for four scenarios.

Teams had to choose the proper detection gear for the scenario, conduct pre-mission equipment and radio checks and develop a plan for the actions they would take on each objective.

The detachment commander, Class of 2019 Cadet Andrew Solomonides, and his team chiefs, Class of 2019 Cadets Hollis Shoptaw and Mitchell Brown, briefed their plans to Col. Mark Weathers, the USMA G3, prior to each team moving down range with their selected radiation detection equipment.

The Department of Civil and Mechanical Engineering also provided the use of a Polaris MRZR, which was employed for ultra-light ground tactical movement as well as to simulate constrained air insertion where seating is limited.

In addition to the cadets, several other groups participated in the event. Members of the West Point Fire Department HAZMAT team visited the site to observe training and see the advance radiation detectors.

Researchers from Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory and a USMA-bound student studying at UC Berkeley tested and demonstrated scene data fusion (SDF) onboard an unmanned ground vehicle on loan from the USMA Robotics Research Center. SDF combines gamma-ray data with location data acquired by visual and LiDAR sensors to create a 3D map of the radiation field.

During the after action review, cadets stated how much they appreciated the legitimacy of the scenarios, the access to advanced radiation detection equipment on loan from DTRA Contingency Operations Department, the use of the Polaris MRZR and the chance to execute hasty planning under ambiguous conditions.

Additionally, the use of role players speaking foreign languages and the requirement



**Class of 2019 Cadet Maxwell Mueller attempts to identify the radioactive source after his teammates initially used larger equipment to detect the presence of a source.**

PHOTO BY CLASS OF 2022 CADET FRANK FLORES

to don tactical gear down range added to the realism and depth of the exercise.

The recommendations for improvement will be incorporated in to next year's event and should give cadets more hands-on time and possibly involve other entities such as the Department of Military Instruction, the Department of Foreign Languages and maybe even the Army West Point Grill Club.

"This was by far the best practical exercise that I have participated in in my time as a cadet," Class of 2019 Cadet Maxwell Mueller said after the exercise. "This detection exercise gave us the opportunity to apply academic knowledge in real-world scenarios. The ability to use detectors that we have studied in class truly gave us perspective and insight not only into nuclear engineering, but also the complex counter-WMD missions that the military encounters."

Lt. Col. Keith McManus, the course instructor and deputy program director, based the scenarios loosely on historical incidents involving radiological or nuclear material. The first scenario involved an informant with knowledge of terrorists with ties to Abu Sayyaf that were trafficking special nuclear material.

He employed Class of 2020 Cadet



**A Filipino villager, played by Class of 2020 Cadet Jesson Penaflor, shares his knowledge of suspicious shipping casks being stored in the village with Class of 2019 Cadet Reniel dela Cruz. Both are exchange cadets from the Philippines. PHOTO BY CLASS OF 2022 CADET FRANK FLORES**

Jesson Penaflor, an exchange cadet from the Philippines majoring in nuclear engineering, as an informant and allowed him to speak only Filipino. The search team adjusted quickly and tasked Class of 2019 Cadet Reniel dela Cruz to head down range to translate.

A plutonium-shipping container with Cyrillic markings provided by the DTRA Nuclear Science and Engineering Center (NSERC) was loaded with sources that mimicked plutonium well enough to cause a medium resolution detector to alert the user to the suspected presence of plutonium.

Since no plutonium was actually present, this provided a teaching opportunity regarding false positives and techniques to improve data collection.

The second scenario was based on an actual incident that took place in Iraq in late 2003. Two large activity sources were mistakenly taken when looters removed large poles from a radiological testing site for use in their villages for field irrigation.

McManus used a Quick Erect Antenna Mast (QUEM) on loan from the Logistics Readiness Center to simulate the large pole and secured a source of nearly 1 curie in the end.

Cadets were told that an individual reported

to a nearby hospital with signs of radiation sickness and interviewed a neighbor played by Class of 2020 Cadet Demar Gale, a nuclear engineering major, who only spoke Arabic.

The team had to find the source, estimate its activity and determine the limits of the radiation area where it was safe for public access until the source could be properly shielded and removed.

The third scenario used the Urban Assault Course (UAC) Station's four multi-story building as a former nuclear research facility. The commander sought to use it as his headquarters for the multi-month mission of surveying the nearby nuclear infrastructure.

Cadets were required to determine if the building was safe to occupy. Teams identified and mitigated a dozen sources located throughout the building.

The fourth scenario involved sources that were known to be missing from an inventory of a facility and were suspected of being hid in nearby tunnels. The UAC tunnel complex was used and three sources of varying strength and energy were placed in the tunnel system.

Cadets had to think through the size and configuration of the detection systems they chose, while still meeting the requirements to detect, locate and identify the sources.

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# Class of 2019 cadets receive branch notifications during annual Branch Night

Story and photos by Brandon O'Connor  
Assistant Editor

The outbreak of emotion was instantaneous. As soon as he ripped open his envelope, pulled out the branch notification card and flipped it open to reveal a cyber pin, Class of 2019 Cadet Grayson Gordon fell to the ground.

Surrounded by his best friends, his fellow cadets who for more than three years have stood by his side every step of the way, Gordon let 41 months of hard work and determination break free into raw emotion. In the midst of celebrating his own selection as a member of the transportation corps, it was fellow Class of 2019 Cadet Matthew Suarez who wrapped his arm around Gordon, raised him to his feet and shared in the moment.

"I am very completely overcome," Gordon said of receiving cyber as his branch. "The amount of effort it takes to get to this point in any cadet's career is an unbelievable amount of work. I think what cyber contributes to the force here and what we have the ability to do and what it provides the Army as a mission set is so critical.

"It is always something I have wanted to be a part of. It was something I wanted really badly and I didn't know if it was going to work out for me. I did my absolute best to get here," Gordon added. "To open this up and see the cyber insignia for me was a culmination of a lot of work and a lot of support I have had from my family and friends."

Nov. 14, 1,020 members of the Class of 2019 received their branch notifications of what path they will follow at the beginning of their careers. The class was divided into 17 branches with 81 percent, once branch details are added in, starting their careers in one of the six combat arms branches.

"I came to West Point for a very specific reason and that was to lead from the front and be in the field," Class of 2019 Cadet Perry Huang, one of more than 200 cadets in his class to branch infantry, said. "I think infantry is one of, if not the only, branch where you can really truly experience that leadership and have that one-to-one connection with your Soldiers. It is a lot of responsibility and accountability finally being in this moment. The pressure is on and that is exactly what I have been looking forward to."

During the ceremony, each of the cadets in the class was presented with a card and gold pin announcing the branch he or she had been placed in.



Class of 2019 Cadet Grayson Gordon, above, celebrates along with fellow Class of 2019 Cadet Matthew Suarez after receiving a branch notification placing him in the cyber branch during branch night Nov. 14. Suarez received the transportation corps as his branch. Below, members of the Class of 2019 react after receiving their branch notifications.

That piece of metal was then pinned to their chest marking a major step toward taking command of a platoon of their own.

"It was a life-changing moment," Class of 2019 Cadet Taylor Horne said of having her quartermaster pin attached to her uniform. "This is the first step of us out the door. This is your branch and in a few more months we are about to be graduating. It became really real that this is what you are going to do in the Army. It feels like this was an eye-opening moment to our classmates. You just got your branch so you need to prepare and make sure you are the best leader for the Soldiers who are coming. Whether or not you like the branch you got tonight, it is still going to happen so you need to prepare yourself to be the best leader."

Of the more than 1,000 members of the class, nearly 95 percent of them were placed in one of their top five branch choices during the ceremony. For many of them that meant a moment of instant joy upon opening their branch notification cards.

After being handed their envelopes by their tactical officers, the members of the Class of 2019 were told to hold them above their heads before being given the order to open them as a collective group by Commandant of Cadets Brig. Gen. Steve Gilland. Once the envelopes

were ripped open and their branch notification cards were revealed, the theater was filled with screams as cadets jumped, cried and hugged in joy.

"My roommate and I, we both wanted the same branch so everybody was instantly screaming and my envelope got stuck because I was really nervous," Horne said. "As soon as I got it open, it was pretty awesome because now me and my roommate, we are going to the same branch and this was my number one choice."

Once the initial excitement of seeing their branch died down, cadets turned to friends and mentors to have their branch pins attached to their uniforms on their right chests, above their names.

"Those are my closest friends here," Gordon said of having his friends pin his branch on him. "They have been through it all with me. They have seen this through with me from the very beginning. Frank Woo, who branched infantry, he helped me through my very first IT class and now I am able to branch cyber. It has been a very incredible experience and I am so glad to have shared it with them."

The members of the Class of 2019 will take another major step toward starting their Army careers in February during Post Night where they will pick their first duty stations.





# Cadet Club activities



**Equestrian:** The Army West Point Equestrian Team competed at their fifth IHSA horse show of the season Nov. 11. The team traveled to the North Jersey Equestrian Center in Pequannock, New Jersey to compete against 10 highly competitive colleges in the northeast region.

The team garnered seven top three finishes in multiple categories of competition.

Some of the most notable placings are as follows: Class of 2021 Cadet Anna Jerald won her open flat class and earned second in her open over fences class, Class of 2019 Cadet Matilda Brady earned second in her intermediate flat class, Class of 2021 Cadet Madyson Paul earned second in her novice flat class, Class of 2022 Cadet Karissa Stubblefield earned third place in her advanced walk-trot-canter division, Class of 2020 Cadet Cira Wolf won her walk-trot-canter division, Class of 2021 Cadet Lucy Harrill earned third in her walk-trot-canter division and Class of 2021 Cadet Emma Lawson earned third

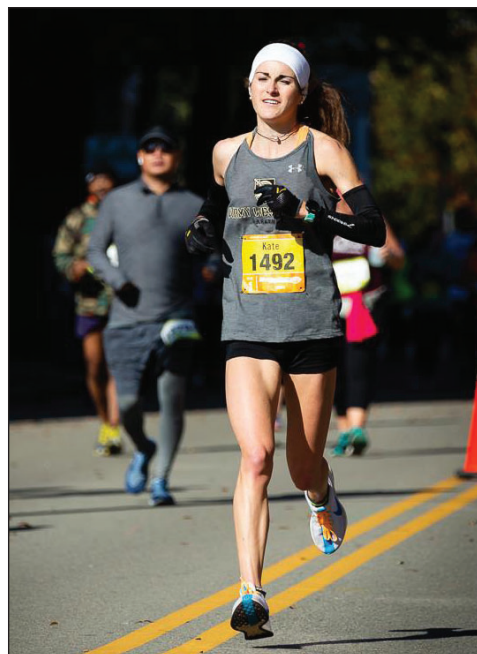
in her walk-trot division..

**Marathon:** On Nov. 10, the West Point Marathon Team travelled to Richmond, Virginia for the annual Anthem Richmond Marathon. One of the team's newest members, Kate Sanborn, Class of 2020, competed in her first marathon this weekend. Due to copious amounts of training both individually and with her teammates, Kate completed the marathon in an astonishing 2:44:04, earning third place in the overall women's category.

When asked by the overall male winner how many marathons she had competed in before, Kate responded "one" with a large grin on her face knowing all her hard work had finally paid off. Not only did Kate win a medal, she also qualified for the Olympic Trials held in February 2020 in Atlanta, Georgia.



**Women's Handball:** West Point Black Women's Team Handball traveled to Houston, Texas to play against the Houston Firehawks women's team handball club. They played three hard fought games with Army prevailing in all three. Both teams improved their timing and attacks during the first game, but Army capitalized on several missed shots with fast breaks and outscored the Firehawks 10 to 4. The second game was quite the battle as the teams were neck-to-neck throughout, but Army scored in the last 10 seconds to win with a score of 13 to 12. The youth and depth of Army carried them through the final game where they won 12 to 7. Both Black and Gold are preparing to continue winning at the Northeast Team Handball League tournament here at West Point on Sunday.



## New York Giants salute Soldiers

Lt. Gen. Darryl A. Williams, superintendent of the U.S. Military Academy, Command Sgt. Maj. Jack Love, USMA Command Sergeant Major, the Cadet Glee Club, cadet leadership, Benny Havens Band and West Point Brass Quintet participated in the Salute to Soldiers events during the New York Giants game against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers Nov. 18. Above, Williams and Love serve as honorary captains during the coin toss. Below, Cadet Brigade Command Sgt. Maj. Joseph Mannino and Cadet Deputy Brigade Commander Tony Smith ring the bell prior to the start of the game. Bottom, the Benny Havens Band and Cadet Glee Club perform during halftime of the game. PHOTOS BY BRANDON O'CONNOR/PV





# Meeting the needs of the Army for the Class of 2019 and beyond



**By Maj. Jared Sunsdahl  
and Maj. Ryan Leach**

From its founding in 1802, graduates from the United States Military Academy have earned a reputation as the core of the Army's Officer Corps. The quality of USMA graduates, as a result of the resources committed to this

institution and the extensive training and education cadets receive during their 47-month immersive experience, is unparalleled. The Army's recent experience across the greater Middle East and Southwest Asia has reinforced this hard-won reputation, with USMA graduates leading formations—large and

small—with distinction in Iraq, Afghanistan, Syria and surrounding countries.

The character and professionalism of recent graduates is not lost on Gen. Mark Milley, Chief of Staff of the Army. Milley, like Chiefs of Staff before him, sees West Point as central to the Army's leadership core.

Milley's trust and confidence in USMA is evident in his vision for the Academy and its role in filling the operational force. For the Class of 2019, Army Leadership directed USMA to increase the number of graduates serving in combat arms branches. Based on the Army's directive 81 percent of cadets from Class of 2019 will begin their Army service as commissioned officers in a Combat Arms branch.

These branches include Infantry, Armor, Field

Artillery, Air Defense, Engineer and Aviation. This is a 5 percent increase from last year's graduating class and likely the first of a series of increases in USMA's combat arms branch allocations over the coming years. As it always has, USMA will adapt to respond to the ever-changing needs of the nation and Army to ensure its graduates are prepared to lead America's sons and daughters in the complex global operating environment.

The Class of 2019 is trained and ready to meet this challenge. They completed a rigorous Cadet Leader Development Training, participated in West Point's first Combined Arms Live Fire Exercise and led the Corps through an arduous iteration of Cadet Summer Training. Following Branch Night and throughout the

second semester, USMA staff and faculty will capitalize on summer training successes and continue preparing the Class of 2019 for their transition from cadet to commissioned officer through the Department of Military Instructions' Small Group Branch Education and Mentorship Program.

As the Academy continues to develop leaders of character for their future roles within the operational Army, it is continuously evaluating and evolving, seeking to be at the cutting edge of leader development. Over the past year, we've worked extremely hard with our stakeholders and partners to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of our military training program here at the academy, including a long overdue overhaul of our training facilities and building strategic partnerships with the Army's Centers of Excellence

and Cadet Command.

While still evolving, the results have been promising. Across West Point and the nation, we're building a team of teams that is dedicated to ensuring USMA graduates are able to meet the needs of the nation and continue to be the core of the Army Officer Corps. As West Point's contribution to combat arms branches increases—and leadership within all branches is sought—so too must our efforts to prepare our cadets for the rigors of war.

In order to accomplish our sacred duty we must redouble our efforts and attack leader development and training with renewed vigor and commitment.

As Secretary of Defense James N. Mattis poignantly stated, "America has no pre-ordained right to victory on



# Modernization, people needed to drive Army's cyber capabilities

By Devon L. Suits  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON -- With an increase in digital connectivity and a rapid development of technologies, such as advanced computing, big data analytics and artificial intelligence, the character of war has changed, making cyberspace a critical battlefield of the 21st century and beyond, U.S. Military Academy superintendent Lt. Gen. Darryl A. Williams said last week.

Near-peer strategic competition -- not terrorism -- has become a threat to national security, said Williams.

Army senior leaders must continue to prioritize efforts, he said, that directly support readiness, modernization and lethality in line with the Defense Department's National Defense Strategy.

"For us old-timers ... when we talked readiness and modernization, it is typically in conventional terms -- better tanks and weapons, improved precision fires and missile defense,

and aircraft," Williams said.

"Today, you can't talk about either readiness or modernization without addressing cyber and space."

Williams spoke during the International Cyber Conference on Cyber Conflict U.S., or CyCon U.S.

For the past three years, CyCon has provided opportunities to communities of interest to gather and discuss the critical topics surrounding cyber conflict.

"The first shots of the next war will likely be fired in cyberspace, and likely have devastating effects," said Williams, paraphrasing a previous statement by Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Mark A. Milley.

"The Army is engaged daily in the cyber domain to achieve and maintain superiority against our adversaries," he added.

"Our adversaries aim to separate alliances and challenge our traditional methods of deterrence by conducting operations that make unclear the distinctions between peace and war."

Training and retaining cyber

professionals to support a growing mission continues to be a significant issue for the DoD and NATO Cooperative Cyber Defense Center of Excellence allies, according to Gen. Riho Terras, Estonia's chief of defense.

"All the people that we train go to Microsoft and Apple ... and get three times more money," he said. "How can we deal with it?"

Further, the U.S. and its allies must continue to collaborate and partner with industry and academia to prepare for any conflict in the borderless domain, Williams said.

"People are important. People are the key to the response," Terras added. "Everybody has to be a cyber specialist. Every soldier, every military in the defense forces need to first know everything about cyber hygiene. Cyber defense starts from cyber hygiene."

This year's CyCon theme was Cyber Conflict during Competition. CyCon U.S. seeks technical, legal, political and military positions and



**West Point cadets attend the International Conference on Cyber Conflict U.S. Nov. 14 at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington, D.C. The Army Cyber Institute at West Point hosts CyCon U.S. annually.**

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research related to Cyber Conflict during competition.

It provides a venue for fresh ideas, relevant and actionable content, insight into future trends and access to industry, government

and military leaders, as well as cyber innovators and pioneers in the discipline. The conference promotes multidisciplinary cyber initiatives and furthers research and cooperation on cyber threats and opportunities.

## Pershing Barracks reopens



**Pershing Barracks reopened during a ceremony Nov. 13. The barracks, constructed between 1891 and 1895, were recently renovated as part of the \$600 million Cadet Barrack Upgrade Program. Left, Maj. Gen. Jeffrey L. Milhorn, Commander, North Atlantic Division U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, tours a newly renovated room along with Bill Wright, acting area engineer with the Corps of Engineers, and Tim Leonard, resident engineer for the Cadet Barrack Update Program.**

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**Daniel Menihan Jr. a member of the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Council of Connecticut, was the guest speaker and presented Master Sgt. Michael Holmbert with a gift for West Point given in the spirit of friendship**

# West Point celebrates National American Indian Heritage month

**Story and photo by Kathy Eastwood  
Staff Writer**

Daniel Menihan Jr., a member of the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Council of Connecticut, spoke to cadets, faculty and community members Nov. 19 as the keynote speaker for the annual National American Indian Heritage Month luncheon.

Menihan talked about the history of his tribe, beginning with a major battle with English colonists and other Native American tribes, the Mohegan and Narragansett tribes, who were supportive of the English to destroy the Pequot, who were successful in fur trading.

“This massacre took place in Mystic and it happened in 1638 while the Pequot were on a hunt,” Menihan said. “They came by boat. The English pulled up in a place called Rachel’s Rock. At the time, the Pequot were considered very powerful people. The English along with Native American supporters attacked and took as many Pequot as they could.”

Because the Pequot made so many enemies fighting over the control of the fur trade during that time, no other tribe helped them. Between 300 to 700 Pequot, mostly women and children, were trapped inside as the fort was set ablaze. The period was called the Pequot War and lasted for roughly two years.

“In 1638, the Hartford treaty was signed,” Menihan said. “I call it a document because a treaty is actually agreed upon. The Hartford treaty doesn’t have a Pequot signature. This is actually the first organized document of a slave trade. It legally enslaved the Pequot tribe, the warriors were killed and women and children were sent to other tribes or to the West Indies and Bermuda.

“Today, they are a very proud people. After 400 years they still practice ceremonies and the

spirituality of the Pequot tribe. We have contact with families in Bermuda and have a lot in common. Through enslavement we continued to unite.”

In the 20th century, the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe grew, and today, the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation owns and operates one of the largest and most successful resort casinos in North America—Foxwoods Resort Casino—along with a variety of other enterprises. The history and the story of Pequot redemption and restoration is found at the tribe’s world-class Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center.

Ownership of Foxwoods began in 1970’s when the Pequot reservation was deserted, except for one family, and the government was about to revoke federal recognition and confiscate the land. The grandson of that family filed a lawsuit in 1976 to recover Pequot land and the case was settled in 1983 when federal recognition of the Pequot was issued. With federal recognition came the right to open a gambling casino.

At the close of his speech, Menihan talked about the crafts that he does to represent the entire people he comes from and presented West Point with a gift.

“We have a protocol we like to share,” Menihan said. “I will be handing out some gifts today that is part of our culture, when someone accepts you into their house, we share or do something meaningful.”

Menihan presented Master Sgt. Michael Holmbert, equal opportunity advisor, a length of material with 26 figures.

“This is a replica of 26 people representing Pequot,” Menihan explained. “I will give you half or 13, and keep half as a remembrance. This is 13 people, which also represents the 13 moon cycles.”



## FEATURED ITEM

### 2019 Health Benefits Open Season

The 2019 Open Season for health, dental and vision insurance and flexible spending accounts will be held through Dec. 10.

The annual open season gives federal employees and retirees the opportunity to review their health plan choices and make changes for the following year. It also allows eligible employees to enroll for coverage.

For additional information, visit <https://www.opm.gov/healthcare-insurance/healthcare/> and <https://www.abc.army.mil>.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Sunday organ recital event at the Cadet Chapel

The upcoming event at the Cadet Chapel through 2018:

- Sunday, 3:30 p.m.—60th annual Handel's Messiah with Cadet Choir, Combined Choirs and Orchestra.

More recitals will be posted when information is available. Check them out on Facebook at West Point Cadet Chapel Organ Recitals.

### West Point Band Holiday Show

Ring in the winter season with the annual West Point Holiday Shows Saturday and Sunday at 1:30 p.m. in Eisenhower Hall Theater.

This spectacular, family-friendly production features the talented vocalists and instrumentalists of the West Point Band as they perform festive holiday songs in a variety of musical styles. Whether you're looking to sing along to "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer," or hear a fun jazz take on The Nutcracker, we promise you won't be disappointed!

The performance will conclude with a visit from Santa and is free and open to the public. No tickets are required, but please RSVP at <http://westpointband.army.mil/holiday-show.html> so that we can save you a seat!

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### Hanukkah Celebration

A Hanukkah Celebration will be held Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Jewish Chapel. All are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Chaplain David Ruderman at [David.ruderman@usma.edu](mailto:David.ruderman@usma.edu) or (845) 938-2710.

### Garrison Awards and Retirement Ceremony

The West Point community is invited to attend the Garrison Awards and Retirement Ceremony on Wednesday, Dec. 12, at 2 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the West Point Club. Please be seated no later than 1:50 p.m.

### Commissary holiday hours

The West Point Commissary will be open on Monday, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The West Point Commissary will be closed Tuesday, Dec. 25 for Christmas. The West Point Commissary will be open regular hours Wednesday, Dec. 26, through Sunday, Dec. 30.

The West Point Commissary will be open on Monday, Dec. 31, New Year Eve, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. West Point Commissary will be closed Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2019. West Point Commissary will be open regular hours Jan. 2, 2019 through Sunday, Jan. 6, 2019.

## 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](mailto:cynthia.laudato@msmc.edu); and

- Saint Thomas Aquinas—Call Gina Funaro at 845-398-4102 or email [gfunaro@stac.edu](mailto:gfunaro@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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:drew.mierva@usma.edu) or stop by the Army Education Center from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday.

## OUTSIDE THE GATES

### AWANA Program

Join the AWANA Program to learn more about God, memorize bible verses, game time and fun.

The program is scheduled from 4:15-5:45 p.m. Sunday evenings for Kindergarten-12th grade at the Youth Center and 3-year-olds and 4-year-olds at the Post Chapel Nursery.

The program runs through May 5. For details, contact Jane Kimbrell at [Jtkmamacita@gmail.com](mailto:Jtkmamacita@gmail.com).

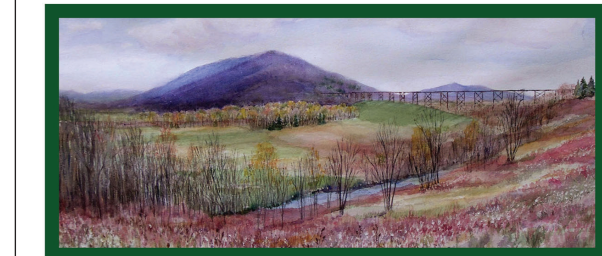
### Grace Baptist Church of Highland Falls services

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](http://www.gracebaptistny.org).

## Cornwall Public Library presents "Seasons of the Hudson" work by Dorian Remine



Art reception  
Saturday • December 1  
12:00-3:00pm

on display through December



### Art show at Cornwall Public Library features local artist

The Cornwall Public Library will host local artist, Dorian Lee Remine, for its December art exhibit, entitled Seasons of the Hudson Valley. A reception will be held on Saturday from noon until 3 p.m. and her work will be on display through the end of December.

Remine, an award-winning artist, has lived in New York's Hudson Valley since childhood. She draws on the beauty of the area in addition to her pets and family as inspiration for her art. She has been commissioned to paint many historic buildings and landmarks.

### Poker Nite and NFL Sundays at Fireside in Highland Falls

Poker Nite at Fireside Restaurant includes multiple prizes available weekly and all-season long, including a trip to qualify for a Main Event in Las Vegas. It is free to play. There are tournaments at 7 and 9 p.m. every Wednesday. There are drink specials available. Also, all NFL games are available at Fireside during the season. Wings and drink specials available during the games.

Fireside Restaurant is located on 3 Mountain Avenue in Highland Falls. For details, contact Kevin at 845-325-6724 or email [k.schoff@live.com](mailto:k.schoff@live.com).

### Holy Innocents Thrift Shop in Highland Falls

The Highland Falls Holy Innocents Thrift Shop at 401 Main Street, Highland Falls, is open to the public. Come find a great selection of clothes, books, sports equipment, jewelry and other household items. The shop is open Wednesdays 3:30-5:30 p.m., Thursdays 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-1 p.m.





# WEST POINT MWR CALENDAR

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## FEATURED EVENT

### Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony

In conjunction with the grand re-opening of the Post Exchange, the 2018 Tree Lighting Ceremony will be hosted from 6-8 p.m. Monday at the PX.

Join us for carols performed by the Protestant and Catholic Cadet Chapel Choirs, magnificent lights as well as refreshments, crafts and giveaways provided by AAFES. There will also be a visit from Santa Claus.

**Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony**  
At the West Point Exchange  
December 3, 2018 | 6-8PM

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For more info: [westpoint.armymwr.com](http://westpoint.armymwr.com) or (845) 938-6497

## JUST ANNOUNCED

### Ski Lessons Program Registration Dec. 3

Sign-up is available online and in person at the Ski Rental Building. Sign-up for lessons is broken down into three categories.

Monday, Dec. 3 - Active Duty, Reserve and National Guard Military Personnel, and Dependents.

Tuesday, Dec. 4 - All other Authorized Users (Including DOD Civilians and Military/Civilian Retirees).

Monday, Dec. 17 - General Public. There is a nominal fee for the ski lessons. To register and for more information, call (845) 938-8810 or in person at the Ski Rental Building or online at: <https://go.usa.gov/xPAAY>.

## FOR THE ADULTS

### Murder Mystery Dinner Theater at the West Point Club

Join the West Point Club from 7-10 p.m. Friday for an evening

of crime and cuisine during the Murder Mystery Dinner.

This full immersion experience will delight and intrigue guests as everyone tries to solve the murder mystery. Actors are seated among you so you never know what will happen next.

Hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar start at 7 p.m. Dinner and show at 7:45 p.m. There is a nominal fee for this event.

Purchase tickets at [thewestpointclub.com](http://thewestpointclub.com). For more details, call 845-938-5120.

### Ski Swap & Sale

Save the date! A Ski Swap and Sale is scheduled from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday at the Victor Constant Ski Area.

Open to the public. For more details, call 845-938-8810.

### MWR General Skate Program (new date added)

The MWR Sports office is conducting the 2018-19 Community General Skate Program at Tate Rink. It is open to all West Point personnel, DOD personnel and families. All skaters must supply their own skates. The dates for MWR Community General Skate are as follows:

- Sunday, Dec. 9, 16 and 30—3:30-5:15 p.m.;
- Jan. 20, 27, Feb. 3 and 17 and March 3—3:30-5:15 p.m.

There will be one skating date during Christmas break from 12:30-2:15 p.m. Dec. 28. For more details, call the Skate Hotline at 845-938-2991.

### West Point Club's Spirit Luncheon for Navy

Tickets are on sale for Army West Point Football Spirit Luncheon at the West Point Club's Administration Office, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Doors open at 11 a.m. with the luncheon beginning at noon for the last luncheon of the season Tuesday for the Navy game.

Buy early for reserved seats and save! Each luncheon is a Pep Rally for that week's game held in the Club's Grand Ballroom.

There is a nominal fee for each luncheon. For details, call 845-446-5504.

### Morgan Farm Pet Boarding Army-Navy Weekend Special

Get three nights of boarding for the cost of two during Army-Navy Weekend. Drop your dog or cat off Dec. 7 and pick up on Dec. 10. This special offer is for military, retired military and DOD only.

To make reservations, call 845-938-3926 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

### Holiday To-Go Dinners from the West Point Club

Celebrate with Holiday To Go Dinners with pickup from the West Point Club! Pickup Dec. 6-8, 13-15 and 20-22. For availability please contact our Catering Department at (845) 446-5545. All orders must be placed a minimum of four days in advance and a specified pick up time must be noted. For a complete menu visit [thewestpointclub.com](http://thewestpointclub.com).

### Operation Body Rock

Join MWR for Operation Body Rock at 10 a.m. every Wednesday at the MWR Fitness Center. This is a three-month small group personal training series with Shannon. A small fee will cover the initial baseline appointment, weekly workouts and templates, videos, meal plan and grocery list ideas, recipes and more. To register, call 845-938-6490.

### 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.

## FOR THE FAMILIES

### Trips with Leisure Travel Services

• Radio City Christmas Spectacular—Tuesday. Leave West Point at 1 p.m., leave NYC after the show.

You have been waiting a whole year for this! Enjoy this iconic Radio City event with family and friends. Orchestra seating, 5 p.m. curtain. Second show is Tuesday, December 11, leave West Point at 4 p.m., leave NYC after the show. Orchestra seating, 8 p.m. curtain. There is a nominal transportation fee for these trips and shows. For details and reservations, call 845-938-3601.

### ACS Family Advocacy classes

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

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

To register, contact Sara Boychak at 845-938-0629 or email [sara.boychak@usma.edu](mailto:sara.boychak@usma.edu); or call Catherine Little at 845-938-0633. Or register online at [www.westpointacs.as.me](http://www.westpointacs.as.me)

## FOR THE YOUTHS

### CYS Services Needs Sports Coaches

CYS Sports is looking for coaches for our following fall programs: JBK travel soccer, youth hockey, recreational volleyball and recreational soccer. For information on dates and times, call 938-8525.

### 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](http://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 626, 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](http://www.facebook.com/WestPointArmyCommunityService).



# Keller Corner

## WANTED: Greater West Point-area runners for research study

Researchers at Keller Army Community Hospital are looking for Greater West Point-area runners to participate in a study testing a wearable shoelace pod for its ability to predict running-related injury risk.

The project is entitled, "START: Simple Technology Analyzing Running Technique in DoD Beneficiaries." Participants will be asked to wear a lightweight (13 grams) shoelace pod for six weeks of physical training and running.

To be included you must:

- Be a DoD beneficiary (active duty, cadet or family member)
- Be between the ages of 18-50
- Run at least six miles per week

You cannot participate if you are currently on running restrictions or have a history of a pregnancy in the last six months.

You will need to come in for three sessions totaling approximately two hours of study participation.

After the study, participants are entitled to a free wearable shoelace pod along with directions of use for how to track running form, mileage, cadence and foot strike pattern.

For more information or to be a part of the study, contact Col. Donald Goss at (845) 938-3067 or (910) 420-0543, or at [runwestpoint@gmail.com](mailto:runwestpoint@gmail.com).

## KACH has modified schedule for the holiday season

Keller Army Community Hospital will have a modified schedule for Christmas and New Year's.

The Primary Care Clinic, Laboratory and Pharmacy will be closed for: Christmas on Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 24-25, and New Year's on Monday, Dec. 31, and Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2019. The Emergency Dept. will be open 24 hours. If you have an emergency, call 9-1-1.

## KACH Immunization clinic accepts eligible 'walk-ins' for flu vaccine

Keller Army Community Hospital would like to say "Thank You" to the nearly 800 people that received the influenza vaccine

during one of our two flu drives. If you did not receive your flu vaccine, you still can.

The Keller Immunization Department—located on the first floor of Keller—is accepting "Walk-in's" for eligible beneficiaries (active duty, dependents and retirees).

Immunization is open from 8 a.m.-noon, and 1-3:30 p.m.. There will be no walk-ins accepted after 3:30 p.m. The goal is to vaccinate our entire community, so we are encouraging all beneficiaries aged 6 months and above to come out.

Please help us vaccinate 100 percent of our population and win the battle against the flu this year.

## KACH Substance Use Disorder Clinic open

The Keller Army Community Hospital's Substance Use Disorder Clinic is open to cadets, active duty service members and beneficiaries who are interested in seeking help independently.

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

It is preferred to have individuals seek education and treatment on their own, in hopes to prevent them from possibly experiencing an alcohol or drug-related incident.

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

## Help KACH reduce, eliminate "No Shows"

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

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 by going to <https://www.tricareonline.com/>, and cancel so we can re-book that slot for another beneficiary.

10 Tips

Get Ahead of the Winter Freeze

It's not too early to begin preparing for the heating season. Check these 10 tips off your list and get ahead of the winter freeze.

- ☐ Our **furnace has been inspected and serviced** by a qualified professional during the last 12 months. (A furnace should be serviced at least once a year.)
- ☐ Our **chimneys and vents have been cleaned and inspected** by a qualified professional. I have checked for creosote built-up. (Not cleaning your chimney is the leading cause of chimney fires from built up creosote. This service needs to be done at least once a year.)
- ☐ Our wood for our fireplace or wood stove is **dry, seasoned wood**.
- ☐ Our **fireplace screen is metal or heat-tempered glass**, in good condition and secure in its position in front of the fireplace.
- ☐ We have a **covered metal container** ready to use to dispose cooled ashes. (The ash container should be kept at least 10 feet from the home and any nearby buildings.)
- ☐ Our children know to stay at least **3 feet away** from the fireplace, wood/pellet stove, oil stove or other space heaters.
- ☐ Our portable space heaters have an **automatic shut-off**.
- ☐ Our portable space heaters will be **plugged directly into an outlet** (not an extension cord) and placed at least three feet from anything that can burn; like bedding, paper, walls, and even people. (Place notes throughout your home to remind you to turn off portable heaters when you leave a room or go to bed.)
- ☐ We have **tested our smoke alarms** and made sure they are working. (You need smoke alarms on every level of the home, inside each sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area. For the best protection, the smoke alarms should be interconnected so when one sounds, they all sound.)
- ☐ We have **tested our carbon monoxide alarms** and made sure they are working. (Carbon monoxide alarms should be located outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home.)



West Point Fire Department

[x2043.fireprevention@usma.edu](mailto:x2043.fireprevention@usma.edu)



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# MOVIES at MAHAN

Theatre schedule at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752.

Friday—"Ralph Breaks the Internet," PG, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday—"Bad Times at El Royale," R, 7:30 p.m.

(For movie details and updated schedules, visit <http://www.aafes.com/exchange-stores/Movie-Guide/showtimes-West-Point.htm>.)



• **Letters to Santa:** Write a letter and then drop it in our very special North Pole mailbox at 126 Washington Road before Tuesday, Dec. 18, for a guaranteed delivery to Santa before Christmas.

We will make sure it gets to the "Big Man" at the North Pole just for you. Make sure to check your mail box for your letter back from Santa, please include your age, gender and address.

• **Help Decorate our Wall of Warmth:** Bring new mittens, hats, gloves and scarves to help decorate our Holiday Wall of Warmth. Make the holidays special for someone in

need and feel good by doing it. We will be collecting donations at B126 until Dec. 20.

We are counting on each of you for the success of this heartwarming event for local families in need during the holiday season.

• **Melody in Motion:** Join Miss Desrae at B126 from 9:30-11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11, for some Christmas and Hanukkah music and fun. Ring jingle bells, fly with the reindeer, spin a dreidel, play in a bell choir, march with the three kings, dance with the sugarplum fairies and sing songs from around the world. To register, please email [jgellman@bbcgrp.com](mailto:jgellman@bbcgrp.com) on or before Dec. 6th.





Freshman guard Aaron Duhart (23) tied for the team lead in assists against Miami (OH) with three. Sophomore guard Tucker Blackwell (11) finished the game with six points and an assist.

PHOTOS BY MADY SALVANI/ARMY ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS

# Cadets Drop Road Tilt to Miami (OH) 85-55

By Matt Tedino  
Army Athletic Communications

OXFORD, OHIO – The Army West Point men’s basketball team dropped a non-conference game to Miami (OH), 85-55, on Saturday afternoon at Millett Hall.

The Black Knights (2-5) were led offensively by Jordan Fox, who put in 15 points on 5-of-10 shooting. Matt Wilson also reached double-digits in the scoring column after totaling 12 points to pair with a team-best six rebounds.

Tommy Funk added eight points versus the RedHawks (3-3) and tied Aaron Duhart and John Emezie for the team lead in assists with three.

### Highlights and game notes

- Army assisted on 59 percent of its made shots.
- Wilson reached double-digit scoring for the sixth time this season.
- Fox’s 15 pints marked the fourth time this year he reached double-figures in the scoring column.
- The senior is now 19 points shy of 1,000 for his career.
- The Cadets scored 51 percent of their points from inside the paint.
- Today’s contest marked the first meeting between the Black Knights and RedHawks.

### How it happened

- After getting out to a 7-2 lead to start the game, the Black Knights found themselves trailing by double-digits after Miami (OH) went on a 22-5 run that lasted over seven minutes. During that stretch, the RedHawks shot 8-of-13 from the field, including a trio of 3-pointers.
- Miami (OH) continued to knock down shots and extend its lead.



The RedHawks’ advantage grew as large as 20, 37-17, with 5:06 left in the half once Bam Bowman scored from inside to cap an 8-0 run. Army answered by outscoring Miami (OH) 9-2 to trim the deficit at the half to 14, 40-26.

- The RedHawks wasted no time pushing their lead back over 20 once they began the second half on an 11-2 run. They did not slow down and the lead proved to be insurmountable for the Black Knights as the RedHawks went on to secure the home win.

### Up next

Army hosted Binghamton Wednesday night and will host Fairfield Saturday at 1 p.m. at Christl Arena.

## Sports calendar Corps Squad

**FRIDAY**  
7:05 P.M. — HOCKEY VS. CANISIUS, TATE RINK.

**SATURDAY**  
TBA — MEN’S AND WOMEN’S TRACK AND FIELD, CROWELL OPEN, GILLIS FIELD HOUSE.

NOON — MEN’S AND WOMEN’S SWIMMING AND DIVING VS. NAVY, CRANDALL POOL.

1 P.M. — MEN’S BASKETBALL VS. FAIRFIELD, CHRISTL ARENA.

4:05 P.M. — HOCKEY VS. CANISIUS, TATE RINK.

**WEDNESDAY**  
7 P.M. — WOMEN’S BASKETBALL VS. FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON, CHRISTL ARENA.

**DEC. 8**  
3 P.M. — FOOTBALL VS. NAVY IN PHILADELPHIA.

**DEC. 11**  
7 P.M. — WOMEN’S BASKETBALL VS. YALE, CHRISTL ARENA.

**\*\*VIEW THE UPCOMING ARMY WEST POINT BLACK KNIGHTS SCHEDULE AT [WWW.GOARMYWESTPOINT.COM/CALENDAR.ASPX?VTYPE=LIST](http://WWW.GOARMYWESTPOINT.COM/CALENDAR.ASPX?VTYPE=LIST).**



# Black Knights drop road contest at Binghamton

By Matt Faulker  
Army Athletic Communications

BINGHAMTON, N.Y. — Binghamton erased Army’s two-point halftime lead in the third quarter and held on to earn a 60-47 victory on its home court on Sunday night against the Black Knights.

Jess Lewis led all scorers with 16 points and was 3-of-7 from distances in the loss. Kate Murray earned another start and scored 11 points and added five rebounds. The Black Knights shot 28.6 percent from the floor and was 3-of-12 from beyond-the-arc.

The Bearcats had balanced scoring with three players in double figures. Olivia Ramil and Rebecca Carmody had double-doubles for the home squad.

Ramil added 12 points and 11 boards, while Carmody scored 10 and grabbed 12 rebounds. Carly Boland chipped in with 11 points and seven rebounds for the Bearcats.

Highlights and game notes

- This was seventh all-time meeting between Binghamton and Army.
- Binghamton leads the series at 5-2 and has won three of the last four meetings.
- Army remains winless at Binghamton in the series at 0-3.
- Rookie Alisa Fallon made her first collegiate start for Army.
- Lewis reached 16 points for the second time this year.
- Murray scored in double figures for the second time this season.
- Libby Tacka came off the bench and



Senior guard Jess Lewis (3), pictured earlier this season, led the Black Knights in scoring with 16 points against Binghamton.

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- scored a season high eight points.
- Madison Hovren is now five points away from reaching the top 10 in all-time scoring at Army and is at 1,226 after tonight’s four points.
  - Army was out rebounded for the second time this season as Binghamton had a 45-31 advantage.
  - Points in the paint were a difference in the game with Binghamton scoring 34 to Army’s 18.

How it happened  
First quarter

- The teams were going back-and-forth for the first three-plus minutes and then Binghamton closed out the quarter on a 10-2 run to make it 16-8 in favor of the Bearcats after the first 10 minutes.

Second Quarter

- The Black Knights came out on the second quarter and outscored the Bearcats 16-6 to take a 24-22 lead into the half.
- Army went on a 12-2 run to take the lead thanks for back-to-back 3-pointers from Jess Lewis and she led the Black Knights at the half with nine points.

Third quarter

- Binghamton started the third quarter quickly and outscored Army 21-7 in the frame to gain a 41-33 advantage going into the fourth quarter.
- The Bearcats were 8-of-12 in the quarter from the floor and hit three 3-pointers to expand the lead to eight heading into the final frame.

Fourth quarter

- The Binghamton run continued into the fourth quarter with an 11-2 run to the 4:33 mark of the final period and had its largest lead at 54-33.
- Ramil added six of the 11 points scored during the run.
- Army answered with a quick 10-2 run to get the lead down to 11 at 54-43 with Tacka hitting two free throws with under two minutes remaining.
- However, Binghamton closed out the game for the 60-47 victory.

Up next

- The Black Knights were back at Christl Arena on Wednesday night as they welcomed St. Francis Brooklyn. They will travel to Texas Christian in Fort Worth, Texas Sunday.

# Brigade finals held in five sports



Company Athletics Brigade Finals were played Nov. 14 with championship being held in soccer, basketball, flag football, functional fitness and submission grappling. Company B4 won the basketball championship, Company D1 won the submission grappling championship, Company B1 won the soccer championship, Company G1 won flag football and Company F1 won functional fitness.

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Senior Forward Tipper Higgins (19), above, controls the puck near the Niagara net during the Black Knight's 5-1 victory. Below, Junior Forward Dominic Franco (11) sets up near the Niagara net. Franco scored the first hat trick in two seasons for the Black Knights, the last coming from Michael Wilson against Bentley last February.

PHOTOS BY PAUL RADER

## Franco's Hat Trick Sends Army Past Niagara 5-1

By Ally Keirn  
Army Athletic  
Communications

After falling to Niagara 3-1 on Friday night, the Army West Point hockey team was fueled by a hat trick by Dominic Franco and a pair of goals by Colin Bilek as they sailed past the Purple Eagles, 5-1, on Saturday evening.

Franco scored the first hat trick in two seasons for the Black Knights, the last coming from Michael Wilson against Bentley last February.

Bilek notched a pair of goals in the win for a career-high, while Zach Evancho contributed a career-high three helpers.

### How it happened

The Black Knights scored on the power play to kick off the night.

After a scramble for the puck in the right corner, Dalton MacAfee and Evancho pushed the puck to Bilek in the right circle who had an open lane to goal and fired it past Brian Wilson.

Evancho set Army up for the second goal of the game in a similar way.

Both teams started the second period with a penalty and the

Cadets capitalized on the 4-on-4 play when Evancho snagged the puck off a faceoff and fed it to Franco who backhanded a shot over Wilson to pad Army's lead, 2-0.

The Purple Eagles answered back however with a goal at the 8:21 mark.

Franco netted two more in the frame for his first-career hat trick.

For Army's third goal, Franco won the faceoff working it back to MacAfee. The defender one-timed a shot from the blue line and Franco tipped it in past Wilson just five seconds into a power play opportunity.

To close out the period, Franco tipped in yet another shot to put the Black Knights ahead 4-1.

Evancho passed the puck up the boards to Alex Wilkinson who took the initial shot. Franco tipped it in past Wilson on the doorstep for the score.

Halfway through the third, Andrew Quetell one-timed a shot from the right point and Bilek flipped home the rebound to give Army a 5-1 advantage.

### Highlights and game notes

Franco netted the hat trick to mark the first time an Army player

scored three goals in a game since his classmate Wilson did a season ago.

Two of Franco's three goals came on the power play to mark the second time a Black Knight has done so this season, the last being Wilkinson against UConn.

Franco tallied three points on the night. It is the sixth time in his career to have a three-point performance.

The junior is the only Army player to have multiple games with more than one goal this season.

Franco boasts 14 multi-point games in his three-year career at Army.

He tallied the game-winner with his first score of the evening. It was his second game-winner of the year and third in his career.

Bilek's two goals tonight was also a career-high.

The rookie scored the first and last goal of the evening with the first coming on the man-advantage.

Bilek has tallied five goals on the season and has seven points.

Tonight's goal was his second power play score this year.

Evancho's three helpers was a career-high. The last player to post a trio of assists was John Zimmerman in last year's win over

Sacred Heart.

Evancho now boasts two games with two assists in his career, while the junior improves to 10 multi-point games.

Tonight marked the first win for Army with Evancho not in the goal column.

MacAfee recorded his eighth multi-assist game in his career tonight.

He now leads the team with 15 points this season. MacAfee owns a stat line of two goals and 13 helpers, while also posting 25 blocks.

Quetell, Wilkinson and Brendan Soucie also aided on the scoring tonight.

Jared Dempsey preserved the win by making 17 saves.

He now owns a record of 2-3-0 in conference play.

Quetell gained his second assist of the season tonight, while Wilkinson added his 12th of the season and Soucie his fourth.

### Up next

The Black Knights will be back in action at Tate Rink next weekend to host Canisius. Friday's game will be at 7 p.m., while Saturday's will be another matinee at 4 p.m.

