Members of the Army West Point Cadet Parachute team (above) won multiple gold medals and set a new national record Dec. 26-31 at the 2018 U.S. Parachute Association National Collegiate Parachuting Championships, the oldest and biggest collegiate skydiving event in the world, held at Skydive Arizona in Eloy, Ariz. See Page 5 for story and photos.
Host of changes to UCMJ take effect

By Gary Shetlock
Army News Service

FORT MEADE, Md.—A host of changes to the Uniform Code of Military Justice became effective Jan. 1, modernizing definitions for many offenses, adjusting maximum penalties, standardizing court-martial panels, creating new computer-crime laws and much more.

The changes strike a balance between protecting the rights of the accused and empowering commanders to effect good order and discipline, said Col. Sara Root, chief of the Army’s Military Justice Legislation Training Team.

“We’re pretty excited,” Root said. “It’s a healthy growth of our military justice system.” Root and three members of her team spent the last year traveling to 48 installations to train 6,000 legal personnel and law-enforcement agents about the changes.

Her two-day classes included everyone from judges to law clerks and privates to generals, she said, and even 600 from other military services.

Codifying changes

Many of the changes came about after a review by the Military Justice Review Group, consisting of military and criminal justice experts whose report made recommendations to Congress.

“We’ve had a lot of changes to our system (over the years) but piecemeal,” Root said. She explained that the Review Group convened to take a thorough and holistic look at the system to standardize military law and update the Manual for Courts Martial.

Many of the MJRG’s changes were incorporated into the Military Justice Act of 2016, the 2017 National Defense Authorization Act and then Executive Order 13825 signed by the president March 8. Additionally, Secretary of the Army Mark Esper signed a directive Dec. 20 that clarifies definitions for dozens of offenses taking effect this week.

“We’ve really needed that much time,” Root said, from 2017 to now, in order to train all members of the Army Judge Advocate General’s Corps. Those attending her classes then needed time to train commanders and others on the installations, she added.

Adultery changed

One of the changes replaces the offense of adultery with “extra-marital sexual conduct.” The new offense broadens the definition of sexual intercourse, which now includes same-sex affairs. The amendments also now provide legal separation as a defense.

In the past, service members could be charged with adultery even if they had been legally separated for years but were not divorced. Now legal separation from a court of competent jurisdiction can be used as an affirmative defense, Root said.

Also in the past, prosecutors had to prove traditional intercourse to obtain a conviction for adultery, Root said. Now oral sex and other types of sexual intercourse are included.

Protecting junior Soldiers

UCMJ Article 93a provides stiffer penalties for recruiters, drill sergeants and others in “positions of special trust” convicted of abusing their authority over recruits or trainees.

The maximum sentence was increased from two years to five years of confinement for those in authority engaging in prohibited sexual activities with junior Soldiers. And it doesn’t matter if the sex is consensual or not, Root said, it’s still a crime.

Article 132 also protects victims and those reporting crimes from retaliation. An adverse personnel action—such as a bad NCO Evaluation Report, if determined to be solely for reprisal—can get the person in authority up to three years confinement without pay and a dishonorable discharge.

Computer crimes

Article 123 provides stiff penalties for Soldiers who wrongfully access unauthorized information on government computers. Distributing classified information can earn a maximum sentence of 10 years confinement, but even wrongfully accessing it can get up to five years in jail. Unauthorized access of personally identifiable information, or PII, is also a crime.

Intentionally damaging government computers or installing a virus can also bring five years in the clinker.

Article 121a updates offenses involving the fraudulent use of credit cards, debit cards or other access devices to acquire anything of value. The penalty for such crimes has been increased to a max of 15 years confinement if the theft is over $1,000.

If the theft is under $1,000 the maximum penalty was increased from five to 10 years confinement, and this crime also includes exceeding one’s authorization to use the access device, for example, misusing a Government Travel Card.

Cyberstalking is also now included as a stalking offense under Article 130 of the UCMJ.

Courts-Martial

A “bench trial” by a judge alone can now determine guilt or innocence for many offenses. Almost any charge can be referred to such a forum, except for rape and sexual assault, which requires referral to a general court-martial.

However, if the offense has a sentence of more than two years, the accused has a right to object to such charges being referred to a bench trial and could request a special or general court-martial.

If found guilty at a bench trial, Root said a Soldier cannot be given a punitive discharge and the max sentence would be limited to no more than six months forfeiture of pay and no more than six months confinement. The judge can still adjudge a reduction in rank.

“It’s a great tool that we’re really excited to see how commanders use it in the formations,” Root said.

More than half of the cases in the Army actually are settled by plea agreements in lieu of a contested trial, Root said. Commanders have always had the authority to limit the max sentence with a plea agreement, but she said now they can agree to a minimum sentence as well. This might result in a range for the judge to sentence within, for example, no less than one year confinement, but no more than five years confinement.

If a case goes to a non-capital general court-martial, the panel has now been standardized to eight members. In the past the size of the panel could vary from five to an unlimited number, but often around 10-12 members.

Now each general court-martial must begin with eight panel members, she said, but could continue if one panel member must leave due to an emergency during trial.

Special courts-martial will now be set at four panel members. A court-martial convening authority can also authorize alternate members to be on a special or a general court-martial, she said.

Capital offenses such as murder require a 12-member panel.

For a non-capital court-martial, three-fourths of the panel members must agree with the prosecution to convict the accused, she said.

Expanded Authority

Congress expanded judges’ authorities to issue investigative subpoenas earlier in the process, for example, to obtain a surveillance video from a store. One of the most significant changes is that now military judges can issue warrants and orders to service providers to obtain electronic communications such as email correspondence.

In the past, trial counsel had to wait until preferring charges to issue investigative subpoenas. Now, with the approval of the general court-martial convening authority, trial counsel can issue subpoenas earlier to help determine whether charges are necessary.

For electronic communications, the government previously had to rely on federal counterparts to assist with obtaining electronic communications.

“Being able to have these tools available earlier in the process is going to be helpful for overall justice,” Root said.

The changes also call for more robust Article 32 hearings to help the commander determine if an accused should go to trial, she said. For instance, a preliminary hearing officer must now issue a more detailed report immediately after an Article 32 hearing’s conclusion.

In addition, both the accused and the victim now have the right to submit anything they deem relevant to the preliminary hearing officer within 24 hours after the hearing specifically for the court-martial convening authority to consider.

More changes

More changes to punitive offenses also take effect this week. For instance, the definition of burglary has changed to include breaking and entering any building or structure of another, anytime, with the intent to commit any offense under the UCMJ. In the past, burglary was limited to breaking and entering the dwelling house of another in the nighttime.

The penalty for wearing unauthorized medals of valor has increased from 6 months to a max of one-year confinement along with forfeiture of pay and a bad-conduct discharge.

This includes wearing an unauthorized Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star, Purple Heart or valor device.

The maximum penalty for wearing any other unauthorized medal is still only six months.

All members of the JAG Corps are trained in the changes and ready to go, Root said.

“We’re pretty proud that our commanders are really at the center of this,” she said, “and it just gives them some more tools for good order and discipline.”

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West Point celebrates, honors life of Martin Luther King Jr.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day will be observed Monday, but Tuesday, Jan. 15, marked what would have been his 90th birthday. In remembrance of King and his legacy on his birthday, the U.S. Military Academy’s Office of Diversity, Inclusion and Equal Opportunity hosted its annual Martin Luther King Jr. Observance at the West Point Club.

The luncheon featured Class of 2021 Cadet August St. Louis speaking about the meaning of King’s “I have a dream” speech to him and a keynote address by Sgt. Maj. Dakhalfani Boyd, the force management sergeant major for the Army Reserves.

While defining the meaning of King’s speech to him, St. Louis talked about the progress America has made in being more inclusive of people of every race, gender and sexual orientation, while also pointing out how far there is still to go.

“To better ourselves today, I believe Dr. King would urge us to engage in civil discourse constantly to ensure greater understanding between differing viewpoints,” St. Louis said. “It is important to talk about celebrating our differences. We have come very far, but much of the road is still ahead of us. Through peaceful communication, we can achieve the dream Martin Luther King Jr. strived for in 1963.”

Boyd continued the sentiment of highlighting the progress that has been made, while also calling on those gathered to continue striving to accomplish more.

He opened his address by calling on people to do more than simply celebrate the day with a parade, luncheon or gathering at church and instead actively live out King’s message and work to make real change. He grounded his speech in history, discussing how it seems so far away that water fountains, restaurants and more were segregated, and interracial marriage was illegal, although it was only 50 years ago.

“Today is special because we are celebrating the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King on his birthday, a day on not a day off,” Boyd said. “So many people give lip service to the most superficial dimensions of his legacy and life, but few people take the time to take Dr. King seriously. To take Dr. King seriously is to commit institutionally to his life, to his ideas and the notion of service.”

“A day on, not a day off,” was a recurring message throughout Boyd’s speech as he called on people to use King’s legacy and the holiday not simply as a day of remembrance and off work, but as a spur to action. He highlighted the struggles King faced from the arrests and attacks by dogs and firehoses and encouraged people to fight for change.

“Today, I want you to celebrate the legacy of Dr. King, yes, but I want you to do more than that,” Boyd said. “I want you to question yourself and be honest about your answers. I want you to educate yourself about history and read books and essays from perspectives that are not yours. I want you to make an effort to combat injustice and talk to people with a different background and a different ethnicity.”

Following his speech, Boyd was presented with a replica cadet saber letter opener in thanks. The next diversity luncheon, which is in honor of African-American History Month, will take place Feb. 13 at the West Point Club.
Merrill travels to Antarctica, reaches South Pole

By Brandon O'Connor
Assistant Editor

Stepping off the plane decked in a heavy parka, wool lined boots and litany of other cold weather gear, U.S. Military Academy Class of 2019 Cadet William Merrill entered one of the most inhospitable places on the planet.

Thanks to a prank played on Merrill and his peers from the Coast Guard and Naval academies, the full assortment of cold weather gear may not have been necessary, but for their first moment in Antarctica it was better to be safe than sorry.

“They knew we were new guys,” Merrill said of the flight crew’s instructions on the plane ride from New Zealand to Antarctica. “We all got outfitted in our cold weather gear and it is 10 to 20 degrees on the runway, so it wasn’t that cold. We were in gear rated for negative 50 so we are just hobbling around. Then we get on this huge bus and everybody is just looking at us like, ‘who are these guys?’”

Through an internship program offered by the National Science Foundation, Merrill spent Christmas break in Antarctica at McMurdo Station. The three service academy students were on the continent from Dec. 16-30 learning about the science being conducted as well as the operational logistics it takes to run multiple bases in an area not designed to support human life.

Merrill’s trip marked the fourth time in five years a cadet has been able to participate in the program.

To be eligible for the program, which is facilitated through the Department of Geography and Environmental Engineering, cadets must have completed either the climatology or meteorology elective courses.

Prior to heading to Antarctica, Merrill first traveled to Christchurch, New Zealand where he was outfitted with cold weather gear for the trip to the arctic. An issue with their plane delayed the journey to Antarctica briefly, but after touching down and “hobbling” in the cold weather gear, it didn’t like long for the moment to set in.

“When we stepped off the plane, it is really hard to describe, but it hits you that you are on the continent of Antarctica and you look around and it is just stark whiteness just everywhere,” Merrill said. “There is just nothing. The nothingness is overpowering.”

Throughout the two weeks at McMurdo, Merrill and his peers were introduced to everything it takes to make the station run year-round.

Being there in the summer meant cold, but bearable temperatures in the 20s and 30s with wind chills in the teens to single digits for most of the trip, but in the winter those temperatures plunge into the negatives with temperatures of negative 20 degrees and a wind chill pushing negative 30.

“They told us not to run because the South Pole is at 10,000 feet so it is super high altitude,” Merrill said. “Everything is really flat, but it is over two miles of ice. So, you don’t think you are at super high altitude, so we ran anyway, and we got there and were huffing and puffing trying to catch our breath.

“It was amazing being there at the bottom of the world,” Merrill continued. “We were taking a bunch of pictures and on a really tight schedule and it didn’t really hit us until after we got back on the plane and were flying away that we just did that.”

While the purpose of the trip was education, two weeks on Antarctica also lended time to sightsee and enjoy a once in a lifetime experience. A week and a half in, after much hopeful searching, Merrill finally saw a penguin. Although it did nothing exciting, it was still one of those moments that brought home just where he was and what he was experiencing.

“We finally saw one just standing on the sea ice,” Merrill said. “We watched it for like 20 minutes. It didn’t do anything. It just stood there, in the snow and looked one way not moving at all. We thought it was the coolest thing ever.”

The group also had the chance to take a hike to a formation called Castle Rock where they were able to take in a sweeping view of the continent. The vista enabled them to see the point where the ice meets the Southern Ocean and also take in the full-scope of Mount Erebus, the southernmost active volcano.

“It is incredible because it just raises 15,000 feet straight up,” Merrill said of Mount Erebus. “You can see all the way to the top with the smoke billowing out of the caldera and you could look around and see the flat expanse of sea ice. Seeing that view was one of the most memorable things.”

Merrill said that while he enjoyed learning about the science being conducted, his biggest takeaway from the trip was a newfound understanding of what it takes to survive and thrive in an inhospitable environment from a logistical and management perspective.
Cadet Parachute Team earns golds, national record at NCPCs

By Nancy Koreen
Director of Sport Promotion for U.S. Parachute Association

Members of the Army West Point Cadet Parachute skydiving team won multiple gold medals and set a new national record at the 2018 U.S. Parachute Association National Collegiate Parachuting Championships, the oldest and biggest collegiate skydiving event in the world, held Dec. 26-31 at Skydive Arizona in Eloy, Arizona.

This year’s championships drew more than 70 collegiate skydivers from around the country to compete for the title of national collegiate champion in four spectacular skydiving disciplines: Formation Skydiving, Vertical Formation Skydiving, Sport Accuracy and Classic Accuracy.

West Point cadets won gold in the two-way, four-way and six-way formation skydiving events, as well as novice sport accuracy.

In formation skydiving, the team leaps from an aircraft more than two miles above the ground and then races against the clock to form prescribed geometric formations in freefall before opening their parachutes.

Two-way team members were Class of 2021 Cadets Zach King and Evan Peterson. Four-way team members were Class of 2019 Cadets William Derrick, Johnathon Muraski, Thomas Rounds and Jeremy Stanley. The six-way team included those on the four-way, along with Class of 2019 Cadets Michael Colella and McKenzie Bell.

The six-way team also set a new national record by completing the six-person formation in a mere 8.56 seconds after exiting the airplane.

In addition, Class of 2021 Cadet Rachel Kinnison won gold in the novice sport accuracy event. In this event, skydivers try to land their parachutes as close as possible to a target while flying across the ground at high speeds.
Receiving branch in Spain while taking language abroad

By Class of 2019 Cadet Jason Ricardo Pulido

These past few months, some U.S. Military Academy cadets have studied abroad at the Military Academy in Zaragoza, Spain. For me, as one of them, it has been an experience I believe will forever enrich my military career. The military has always been a people’s business, in that in order to find success, we as leaders must have the ability to connect with people and attempt to understand people different from ourselves.

One instance that demonstrated this concept of shared understanding is when I found out my branch. Being part of the class of 2019, my classmates found out their branch last November together in Eisenhower Hall.

Though I wanted to be part of that experience with my classmates, the second best thing was sharing this moment with my Spanish friends.

Even though their branching is different from ours, they wanted to share every moment with me. Class of 2020 Cadet Mark Barker made me an envelope containing my branch—similar to the ones my classmates had. He then gave my envelope to the Spanish cadets so they could present my envelope to me.

I opened it in front of them, the people that I was alongside during hard and long summer training events, classes and briefs in Spanish that they had to often translate, and in various Spanish cities where they showed me things that would be unique to my time here.

They knew I wanted Military Intelligence and when they saw my excited face as I opened my envelope, they cheered alongside me, knowing I would be an intelligence officer.

Another fond memory is when my roommate, 2nd Lt. Alférez Iago Neira Soto invited me to Barcelona with some of the people in our company.

They had never been to Barcelona, so for us all, we were exploring an amazing city, trying to find the iconic tourist spots as well as staying true to authentic Spanish culture. And even though it was also their first time in Barcelona, they ensured I was enjoying my time, because they still thought of me as their guest in their home.

The friendships I made, the training I completed with them, the cities they showed me, all of it was significant because I was building relationships with future Spanish officers, leaders I hope to work with again.

“Sam” Grant at West Point: The reluctant cadet who “loved the Place”

By Sherman Fleek
USMA Historian

Few cadets had the same experience as one particular young man did in June 1839, when he arrived at the U.S. Military Academy. Born as a Hiram Ulysses Grant in 1822, whose initials were “HIG,” he later insisted on Ulysses Hiram Grant as his proper name. But his Ohio congressman erroneously thought the name of the young man representing his district was Ulysses Simpson Grant, taking his mother’s maiden name as his middle, a very common practice in those days. Yet, soon his fellow cadets simple called him “Sam” Grant, short for Uncle Sam Grant.

Thus, began the cadet experience, life and career of one of the greatest Soldiers in American history, the first four-star general in Army history and 18th president of the United States.

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Grant did graduate on July 1, 1843, 21st in his class of 39, whereas with some 43 others who did not graduate. He was an average cadet with no great achievements in scholarship, in fact he preferred reading novels to studying his lessons, “I devoted more time to these (novels) than to books relating to the course of studies.”

Grant excelled in one area—horsemanship. Growing up as young boy in Ohio, he had a keen sense and talent for horses, and his ability at riding and jumping at West Point became legend. The day before graduation in 1843, with many guests and the Board of Visitors present, Cadet  Grant was called on to mount a feisty horse and attempt a very high jump, which he and the horse did with ease. The crowd was astounded.

The connections he would make at the academy would affect his entire life. He married Julia Dent in 1848, after his service in Mexico, who was the sister of his roommate Frederick Dent. He met future comrades in Union arms, such as George Thomas and William T. Sherman, both Class of 1840, as well as others who fought against him, namely, Simon Bolivar Buckner, who surrendered his Confederate Army and Fort Donelson to Grant in February 1862.

( Editor’s note: This is the first in a series on Ulysses Grant until his statue dedication at West Point on April 25.)
Keller leads MEDCOM in satisfaction survey, receives 5-star rating

By Robert K. Lanier
Public Information Officer Keller Army Community Hospital

Keller Army Community Hospital was No. 1 in the U.S. Army Medical Command (MEDCOM) for patient satisfaction, as documented in the TRICARE Inpatient Satisfaction Survey (TRISS) for Fiscal Year 2018, Fourth Quarter.

Keller was ranked number one, out of 19 hospitals in MEDCOM, and is the only hospital to receive a five-star rating.

“I would—first—like to thank the beneficiaries whose input is integral in Keller’s ability to continually improve upon the services we provide,” said Col. Brett H. Venable, commander, Keller Army Community Hospital. “I would also like to recognize the dedicated men and women of Keller who understand (medical) readiness of our Soldiers and beneficiaries remains the Army’s and Keller’s number-one priority.”

These surveys measure beneficiary user satisfaction with inpatient experiences. The TRISS reports on the experiences of adults who receive medical, surgical and inpatient services from the Military Health System’s direct care MTFs and through the Military Health System civilian network of providers purchased care arrangements.

The survey is conducted for TRICARE’s Defense Health Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation division.

“The patient experience starts with a Soldier or beneficiary walking into the hospital for care, and concludes with their full recovery,” said Col. Sarah Williams-Brown, Keller’s deputy commander for Nursing & Health Services. “The entire Keller team has a part in Keller’s five-star rating. This is a phenomenal accomplishment and something to be extremely proud of. I want to personally thank the staff for their dedication and the outstanding care of our Soldiers and beneficiaries.”

The TRISS instrument incorporates questions developed by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for the Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) initiative.

The goal of the HCAHPS initiative is to uniformly measure and publicly report patients’ experience with their inpatient care through use of a standardized survey instrument and data collection methodology.

The information derived from the survey can be useful for internal quality improvement initiatives, to assess the impact of changes in operating procedures and to provide feedback to providers and patients.

Comparison of this data, with the results from previous surveys as well as comparisons to civilian benchmark data, will measure Department of Defense progress in meeting its goals and objectives of high quality healthcare.

Star ratings stem from algorithms based on CMS. In order to be rated, Keller must have at least 100 returned surveys back within four quarters.

The star rating is based on the following overall satisfaction: Communication with Nurses; Communication with Doctors; Responsiveness of Hospital Staff; Pain Management; Communication about Medicines; Discharge Information; Care Transitions; Cleanliness of Hospital Environment; Quietness of Hospital Environment at night; Overall Hospital Ratings; and Recommend the Hospital.

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Our volunteers have an impact on the life of their neighbors. Friendly Visitor volunteers are trained and go through a background check at no charge to them and are insured while they volunteer. The Friendly Visitor Program partners with Orange County Office for the Aging and the Jewish Family Services of Orange County.

I lived in Fort Montgomery from 1969-2014 and have recently become a volunteer with the Town of New Windsor Friendly Visitor Program. I know there are numerous individuals within the Town of Highlands that could benefit from this program. I also know residents of Fort Montgomery, Highland Falls and West Point always come together to assist anyone in need. “No one can do everything but everyone can do something.”

To register for training or for more information, contact Paula Blumenau, outreach and volunteer coordinator, at 845-341-1173, ext. 305 or email pblumenau@jfsorange.org.

Thank You,
Patricia A. Reynolds
New Windsor Friendly Visitor Program
Advisory Board Member
FEATURED ITEM

Logistics Readiness Center reinstitutes the full North-South Shuttle

Based on feedback from the Corps of Cadets and the West Point community, the Logistics Readiness Center reinstituted the full North-South Post Shuttle effective Jan. 7 to include more stops along Thayer Road, Cullum Road and Washington Road, as well as reintroducing stops in Highland Falls at Spellman Hall/Visitors Center, and stops at the Child Development Center, PX and Commissary on Stony Lonesome.

The belief is this change will provide better transportation support to the Corps of Cadets and the entire West Point community.

For more details or questions about the new schedule, contact the LRC supporting TMP contractor, Akima Support Operations, at 845-938-2018.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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The Armed Services Blood Drive is scheduled from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. today at Eisenhower Hall. For more details on eligibility, visit www.militaryblood.dod.mil or call 706-787-1014.

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Monthly yoga classes

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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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Soldiers are eligible to participate in an Army CSP up to 180 days prior to separation from the Army and after completion of the mandatory five-day SFL-TAP workshop.

The use of permissive temporary duty (PTDY) to attend a CSP more than 50 miles away from the Soldier’s duty station may be granted at the commander’s discretion.

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

OUTSIDE THE GATES

Town of Highlands Chamber of Commerce 2019 Banner Program

Honor your veteran, active-duty, reservist or national guard service member in this very special way with a military tribute banner. These beautiful, patriotic 24”x48” banners honoring our heroes will be displayed from May through November 2019 along the main streets in the Town of Highlands.

Your family name or business name is printed on the banner as the proud sponsor of your military hero. Sponsorship orders will be taken through March 30.

For more information or to sponsor your military banner, visit highlandschamberofcommerce.com.

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 Chapel Nursery.

The program runs through May 5. For details, contact Jane Kimbrell at jhkmanacita@gmail.com.

Grace Baptist Church of Highland Falls services

The West Point family is invited to attend any and all services at the Grace Island 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 all ages.

For details on the Grace Baptist Church, visit www.gracebaptistny.org.

Holy Innocents Thrift Shop in Highland Falls

The Holy Innocents Thrift Shop in 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.

Additionally, the shop accepts gently used clothes, DVDs, jewelry, and small household and kitchen items.

Feast For Feathered Friends at HHNM

Join the Hudson Highlands Nature Museum for a Feast for Feathered Friends at the Museum’s Outdoor Discovery Center, located on Muser Drive, across from 174 Angola Road in Cornwall, at 10 a.m. Saturday.

Nature normally supplies food for northern birds during the winter months, however, providing a little extra energy in winter can be helpful—especially if you want to invite your feathered friends in for a closer look.

Join HHNM educators to learn all about Hudson Valley winter birds and how to attract them to your backyard. Join HHNM to learn more and to make a natural bird feeder to bring home that will help them find extra calories for the cold nights. In addition, receive free same-day admission to the Wildlife Education Center after paid admission to this program.

For more details, visit hhnm.org or call 845-534-5506, ext. 204.
**FEATURED EVENT**

**Polar Fest**
Bring the entire family out to the Victor Constant Ski Area from 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Feb. 9 for a day filled with fun activities and events during Polar Fest. Enjoy a day of skiing, snowboarding, cardboard box derby, big air contest, food and beverage with a DJ and more. To register or for more details, visit victorconstantski.com or call 845-938-8810/6497.

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**JUST ANNOUNCED**

**Valentine’s Day Sunday Brunch**
Perfect for a family celebration. Come to the West Point Club for its annual Valentine’s Day Brunch from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Feb. 10. There is a nominal fee for this event.

Register online at thewestpointclub.com. For more details, call 845-938-5120.

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**FOR THE ADULTS**

**Badminton Tournament**
The Family & MWR Sports office will conduct a “New” 2019 Noontime Badminton Tournament open to all USMA personnel 18 years of age and older. The league will be held at the Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center’s middle court of the second floor basketball courts. Tournament play will be held on Mondays and Thursdays from 12:10-1 p.m. with make-ups on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at the same times.

Sign-ups are accepted by email at james.p.mcquinness.naf@mail.mil or by calling the MWR Sports office at 845-938-3066. Include your email and work and cell phone numbers.

Deadline for entries will be Friday, with tournament play starting Monday.

**MWR General Skate Program**
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, Jan. 27, Feb. 3 and 17 and March 3—3:30-5:15 p.m.

For more details, call the Skate Hotline at 845-938-2991.

**Bridal Show at the West Point Club Jan. 27**
Join the West Point Club from 1-4 p.m. Jan. 27, for their annual Bridal Show. Spend the afternoon with the West Point Club as we explore the wonderful land of bridal bliss.

Let the Grand Ballroom set the stage for this year’s wedding season with vendors and exhibitors dedicated to creating your perfect day. Complimentary hors d’oeuvres, action stations and wedding cakes are available to sample.

For more information, call 845-938-5120.

**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 4-12 years old. FCC providers are authorized family members who operate as independent contractors in housing located on a military installation.

FCC offers flexible hours, a home-like environment and lower adult/child ratios. FCC allows providers to make their own schedule offering a full range of hourly, full-day and part-day care. Child and Youth Services is currently looking for new FCC providers. Family members who live in government quarters on West Point are welcome to apply.

FCC providers receive training and guidance on child care skills and the opportunity to provide child care while staying at home with their own children. We also offer free advertising and referrals. For more information, call 845-938-8528.

**FOR THE FAMILIES**

**Father-Daughter, Mother-Son Dances**
Calling all dads, grandfathers, moms, grandmothers, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles and friends to the West Point Club’s annual Father-Daughter and Mother-Son Dances.

The Father-Daughter Dances will be held from 6-9 p.m. Jan. 25 and 26. The Mother-Son Dance will be held from 6-9 p.m. Feb. 15.

Enjoy a dinner buffet with dancing and an on-site photographer for both events. Don’t forget to dress in Sunday best. There is a nominal fee for both events. For more information, call 845-938-5120.

**Victor Constant Ski Area is now open**
The Victor Constant Ski Area is now open. Hours of operations are 3 p.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

For details, call the ski sales office at 845-938-8810.

**Part Day Preschool Openings**
Spaces are still available in the Stony Child Development Center Tuesday and Thursday session of Part Day Preschool. Class hours are 9 a.m.-noon. The program utilizes the Creative Curriculum to facilitate the development of social, emotional, literacy, fine and gross motor skills. Fees are based upon total family income. A USDA CACFP approved snack is served each day.

Questions please contact Parent and Outreach Services at 845-938-4458.

**Early Childhood & School Age Hourly Care**
Lee Area CYS Facility has space available for hourly care for ages 6 weeks to 5 years and kindergarten through fifth grade. Their mission is to provide a variety of experiences for children through planned developmentally appropriate activities. Reservations can be made through WebTrac.

There is a nominal fee for this service. For more information, call 845-938-8530/0941.

**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 1:20 p.m.;
- Couples Communication Class—The first four Tuesdays of every month from 1:20 p.m.;
- Stress Management Class—The first four Mondays of every month from 1:20 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, or call Catherine Little at 845-938-0633. Or register online at www.westpointacs.as.me

**CYSlitters Babysitting Certification Course**
The CYSlitters Babysitting Certification Course is designed to familiarize teens with the responsibilities of babysitting and also teach skills and techniques needed for sitters to become competent and caring.

Students will receive training materials, a certificate of completion and a wallet size babysitting course card.

The free course for 11-year-olds takes place from 3-6 p.m. Jan. 25 at the Youth Center, Bldg. 500.

The course for 12-year-olds and above is 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Jan. 26 at the Lee CDC with a nominal fee.

For more information and to register, call 845-938-4458/0939.

**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.

**School Age Center’s After School Programs**
School Age Center offers programming with several different themes and activities for grades kindergarten through fifth grade. If you are interested in a before and after school program for your school age child, please sign up today.

School Age Center also offers hourly options for children who would like to come on an hourly or daily basis.

Call the Lee Area CYS Facility Front Desk for more information at 845-938-8530.

**Wee Ones Open Play Group**
Wee Ones Open Play Group welcomes children (infants through 4 years old) and a parent from 9:30-11 a.m. every Monday at the Youth Center Gymnasium, Building 500, across from West Point Schools. It is a time for the children to play, learn and make new friends.

Pre-registration is not required. There’s always something fun happening at Wee Ones. For the most up-to-date details, call Family Advocacy at 845-938-0629 or go to www.facebook.com/WestPointArmyCommunityService.

**Wee Read**
Wee Read welcomes children (infants through 4 years old) and a parent at 9-10 a.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month at the Army Community Service (ACS) Resiliency Center, second floor of Building 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.
Keller Corner

PT “Sick Call” at KACH will not be available Wednesday-Jan. 25

The Physical Therapy Sick Call, held at Keller Army Community Hospital for active duty members and their dependents, will not be available Wednesday-Jan. 25.

The Physical Therapy Department will be open.

The PT Sick Call will resume Jan. 28 for musculo-skeletal injuries on a walk-in basis—without an appointment at 7:30 a.m.

The intent of this program is for members of the West Point community who sustain new injuries to be able to quickly receive an evaluation, diagnosis and plan of care as soon as possible and without the need for a referral. Research suggests that the sooner people with certain types of injuries see a PT, the sooner they recover.

The PT will assess the need for X-rays, other diagnostic studies, or other specialty care required.

This time is not intended for chronic conditions that have been ongoing for weeks or months.

For these more chronic conditions, routine appointments can be made (also with or without referral) by calling 845-938-3324.

With the exception of Wednesday-Jan. 25, PT Sick Call is held at 7:30 a.m. Monday through Friday, except on federal and training holidays, and periodically as announced.

EDIS to conduct free developmental screenings

Keller Army Community Hospital’s Educational & Developmental Intervention Services (EDIS), in conjunction with West Point Schools, will conduct free developmental screenings—for children from birth to 5 years old—from 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Feb. 27.

The screenings, available for 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 938-6868.

Not all children develop the same way—some need extra help.

If you are a military or civilian family that resides 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 for the free developmental screening.

KACH Immunization clinic accepts “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.

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.

We thank you for your assistance, and for choosing Keller for your medical services.

KACH Nutrition Care provides weight management sessions

Are you looking to establish a healthier “You” in 2019?

Keller Army Community Hospital’s Nutrition Care Department can assist you with focusing on weight management.

The Nutrition Care team, which includes dieticians, can assist you with a comprehensive weight management program with a goal of assisting with making permanent changes to your diet, sleeping and activity habits to promote long-term weight loss success.

To schedule an appointment with someone from the Nutrition Care Department, call 845-938-7992 (KACH appointment line) or 845-938-2374 (Nutrition Care Department).

West Point Band kicks off Masterworks Concert Series

Story and photo by the West Point Band

The West Point Band will kick off its 2019 Masterworks Concert Series with a performance titled “American Journey” at 2 p.m. Saturday at Eisenhower Hall Theatre.

In the event of inclement weather, the performance will move to 2 p.m. Sunday. This concert is free and open to all.

However, starting in 2019, all West Point Band concerts at Eisenhower Hall will be ticketed through Eventbrite. Reserve your free tickets in advance by visiting www.westpointband.com, or at westpointband.eventbrite.com.

Join the West Point Band for its first performance of the year with “American Journey,” a melodic mix of American music from masters of our time, including selections from John Williams’ American Journey, Set No. 3 of Timothy Broege’s Three Pieces for American Band and Alex Shapiro’s celebratory Homecoming.

We’ll also travel across the pond with a performance of British composer Peter Graham’s sentimental and virtuosic euphonium solo Brilliante, featuring Staff Sgt. Phil Broomoe.

A sprinkling of Sousa marches along with some vocal jazz tunes sung by Master Sgt. MaryKay Messenger round out this entertaining program by the Army’s oldest band.

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• Snowball Event: Your kids don’t have to wait for an actual snow day to have some wintry fun—when the weather is chilly outside, we will have snowman crafts that will be perfect projects for kids stuck indoors.

The event will take place from 2-3:30 p.m. Monday at B126 Washington Road.

To register, email jgellman@bbcgrp.com by Jan. 24.

• Seed Swap Day: Spring is on its way, so let us help you be prepared to have the best garden.

Join us as we decorate flower pots and exchange seeds from 2:30-4 p.m. Jan. 30 at B126 Washington Road. To register, please email jgellman@bbcgrp.com by Jan. 28.

MOVIES at MAHAN

Theatre schedule at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752.

Friday—“Spiderman: Into the Spider Verse,” PG, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday—“Ben is Back,” R, 7:30 p.m. 

Saturday—“The Mule,” R, 9:30 p.m.

(For movie details and updated schedules, visit http://www.aafes.com/exchange-stores/Movie-Guide/showtimes-West-Point.htm.)
Men’s Swimming & Diving bests Bucknell

By Matt Tedino
Army Athletic Communications

Coming fresh off a Friday win, the Army West Point Men’s Swimming and Diving team continued to stay in rhythm and secured a 203.5-91.5 victory over Bucknell Jan. 12 in a Patriot League dual meet in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

The Black Knights (4-2, 2-1 Patriot League) won 12 events opposite the Bison (3-4, 3-3 Patriot League) en route to their second consecutive league victory.

Army notables
• The Black Knights got off to a strong start once sophomore Brian McKenrick, junior Brady Almand, junior Kevin Doo and sophomore Josh Zock came up with a win in the 200 medley relay after finishing at 1:32.49.
• In the 100 back, it was McKenrick topping the field with a first-place time of 50.88.
• Army made it five-straight event wins after freshman Evan Zhang was victorious in the 100 breast. The freshman posted a time of 56.42.
• The run did not stop there as the Cadets swept the 200 fly, led by junior Peter Mikheyev’s time 1:50.43. Sophomore James Bilbrey (1:50.87) and junior Arthur Fan (1:53.83) followed.
• Another sweep ensued as Zock paced the 50 free at 20.72. Senior Brandon McCredie came in second at 20.72.
• The top-three spots in the 100 free, Doo was the first swimmer to finish once he posted a time of 46.30. Junior Nathan Hein took second with a time of 46.83, before sophomore Billy Webber rounded out the top-three at 47.06.
• McKenrick continued his successful day in the pool and the sophomore claimed the win in the 200 back at 1:52.17. He was followed by Mikheyev (1:52.24) and senior Jay Yang (1:52.96).
• Zhang (2:02.01) and Ty Dang (2:06.10) finished first and second, respectively, in the 200 breast.
• The top-three spots in the 500 free were captured by Army once Ottman (4:34.00), Lin (4:36.65) and freshman Jack Venker (4:44.45) paced the event.
• Doo highlighted the 100 fly with a first-place showing. He won the event at 49.47, while Bilbrey followed at 50.56 to seal the meet win for Army.

Wender’s words
“It’s been a challenging stretch for our team after reporting to training camp on Dec. 29,” head coach Mickey Wender said. “We challenged everyone in training at a new level and we’ve put in a lot of hard work that will pay off at the league meet in 28 days. Picking up a pair of Patriot League wins feels good.”
Davis, Casanova shine in WPO individual finals

Army West Point Gymnastics places third at West Point Open

By Ally Keirn
Army Athletic Communications

The Army West Point Gymnastics team was well represented in the West Point Open individual finals Jan. 12 at Christl Arena.

Freshman Mathew Davis and senior Cole Casanova finished in the top-6 in all the events they qualified for.

Army highlights and meet notes
- Casanova represented the Black Knights in four events, while Davis competed in three.
- Casanova set a season-high mark on the vault with a 14.000. He tied for second in the event.
- Davis captured second on the floor with a 13.850 and third on high bar with a 12.650.

Competition
- On high bar, junior Alejandro Tombrink was also successful for the Black Knights with a 12.600 to tie for fourth.
- Casanova placed third on parallel bars by turning out a 13.000. The senior captain registered a 13.350 on still rings and a 12.400 on pommel.
- Davis was sixth on vault with a 13.800.

Upnext
- The Black Knights host Penn State Saturday at the Lou Gross Center. The meet will begin at 2 p.m.

By Ally Keirn
Army Athletic Communications

The Army West Point Gymnastics team placed third at the 28th annual West Point Open team finals Jan. 11. The Black Knights combined for a team score of 392.100.

Senior Cole Casanova finished second in the All-Around with an 80.050 which ties his career-high.

Freshman Mathew Davis placed sixth in his collegiate gymnastics debut with marks of 76.200.

Army highlights and meet notes
- Casanova posted two career-highs in the competition.
- The senior captain notched a 13.800 on still rings to place seventh and then a 13.500 on pommel for seventh as well.
- Davis’ best finish was second on the floor exercise with a personal best 14.300.
- Junior Erik Del Cid led the way for the Cadets on vault with a career-high 14.350 score while capturing second place.
- Junior Rex Scott was Army’s top finisher on high bar with a 12.800 score for a career-best.

Competition
- Davis placed second on floor exercise and advances to Saturday’s finals round.
- Scott (12.800) captured the seventh-place position on high bar and was followed by Davis (12.700) and junior Alejandro Suarez (12.650) who also finished in the top-10 and advanced.
- Casanova paced the team on parallel bars with marks of 13.500 and competed in the individual finals event.
- Sophomore Taka Giese (12.350), senior Elijah-Ty Phelps (12.200) and Davis (10.700) all posted personal best scores on the parallel bars.
- Three Black Knights placed in the top-10 on pommel horse in Casanova (7th-13.500), senior Brandon Shively (9th-13.300) and Scott (10th-13.250).
- Still rings saw Casanova leading the way with a career-high 13.800, while sophomore Matthew Martin posted a career-high 12.950 to place 17th.
- As a team, the Black Knights captured a 66.300 on rings, just shy of a program record in the event.
- Del Cid’s personal best 14.350 on vault led the way for Army. Davis and Casanova tied for seventh with 13.900 marks.
- Giese turned out a career-high 13.000 tonight.

Individual finals qualifiers
- High Bar—Suarez, Davis, Scott;
- Floor Exercise—Davis;
- Pommel Horse—Casanova;
- Still Rings—Casanova;
- Vault—Casanova, Davis, Del Cid;
- Parallel Bars —Casanova.
Wrestling dominates over Binghamton on mat

Sophomore Lane Peters excited the Army crowd as he recorded a first-period pin of his opponent, Zack Trampe, during Army West Point Wrestling’s 30-7 victory over Binghamton Sunday at Gillis Field House.

By Stephen Waldman
Army Athletic Communications

The Army West Point Wrestling team opened its home dual schedule with a 30-7 victory over Binghamton Sunday at Gillis Field House.

The Black Knights improved to 3-2 on the year and 3-0 in duals against Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association opponents.

Army jumped out to an early 9-0 lead after the first two matches with junior Trey Chalifoux earning a 7-1 decision over Audey Ashkar and sophomore Lane Peters exciting the Army crowd with a first-period pin against Zack Trampe.

The Black Knights won eight of the 10 matches on the day with three bonus point victories.

How it happened
125 lbs.—Junior Trey Chalifoux dec. over Audey Ashkar, 7-1 (Army leads, 3-0);
133 lbs.—Sophomore Lane Peters pinned Zack Trampe at 2:46 (Army leads, 9-0);
141 lbs.: Anthony Sparacio dec. over freshman Corey Shie, 8-2 (Army leads, 9-3);
149 lbs.—Junior Noah Hanau dec. over Frankie Garcia, 5-3 (Army leads, 12-3);
157 lbs.—Freshman Markus Hartman maj. dec. over Dylan Wood 14-1 (Army leads, 16-3);
165 lbs.—Junior Cael McCormick dec. over Aidan Monteverdi, 8-7 (Army leads, 19-3);
174 lbs.—Ben Harvey dec. over Vincent DePrez, 7-2 (Army leads, 22-3);
184 lbs.—#8 Lou DePrez maj. dec. over junior C.J. Morgan 10-1 (Army leads, 22-7);
197 lbs.—#5 senior Rocco Caywood tech. fall over Anthony DePrez, 16-1 (Army leads, 27-7);
285 lbs.—Freshman Ben Sullivan dec. over Joe Doyle, 7-4 (Army leads, 30-7).

Army highlights and game notes
• Army has defeated Binghamton in each of their last four duals dating back to the 2012-13 season.
• The Black Knights open their EIWA dual season 3-0 for the second time in three years.
• Head coach Kevin Ward notched his 15th dual victory against an EIWA opponent while at Army.
• Chalifoux posted his 15th win of the season.
• Peters earned his personal-best fourth pin of the season.
• The Uhrichsville, Ohio, native collected his fifth career dual win.
• Hanau improves to 2-0 on his career in dual matches.
• Hartman and Sullivan notched their first collegiate dual wins.
• McCormick picked up the fifth dual win of his career.
• Harvey secured the team victory for the Black Knights with his 15th career dual victory.
• Caywood documented his 70th career victory.
Army Hockey, Air Force skate to 2-2 draw

By Ally Keirn
Army Athletic Communications

The Army West Point Hockey team skated to a 2-2 draw with Air Force Jan. 12. It was the first time in program history that both games of a series ended in a tie, including the Jan. 11 tie. The Jan. 12 game was the 10th time this season, Army garnered multiple power play goals. Freshman forward Colin Bilek and senior defenseman Dalton MacAfee each netted goals for the Black Knights. MacAfee also added an assist in the game, while junior forward Dominic Franco dished out two helpers.

How it Happened

• The Black Knights had a standout first period controlling the puck on both ends of the ice.
• Army had the only power play of the frame and took advantage scoring one minute in to the extra-man opportunity. Franco and MacAfee helped change ice dropping the puck to the right circle.
• Bilek was waiting and beat Billy Christopoulos on his glove side.
• The Falcons netted a goal halfway through the second period to tie the score at 1-1.
• The lead was short lived as the Black Knights were able to net another on the power play with 2:50 on the clock.
• Freshman forward Eric Butte won the faceoff and got the puck to Franco behind the net.
• Franco wrapped it around the boards to MacAfee and, as the seconds were ticking down on the power play, the senior captain scored five-hole on Christopoulos with no angle.
• Air Force scored an even-strength goal nine minutes into the third period to re-tie the game at 2-2.
• The Black Knights took their first penalty of the game with eight minutes remaining in the third.

Army highlights and game notes

• Bilek netted his sixth goal of the year and third on the power play.
• The freshman boasts 13 points so far this season.
• MacAfee returned to the score sheet for Army with his third power play goal of the year and an assist in the other scoring play.
• The senior leads the Black Knights with 20 points after his goal and assist tonight.
• It was MacAfee’s eighth multi-point game in 2018-19 and 13th in an Army sweater.
• MacAfee now boasts six career points opposite the Falcons.
• Franco posted his fifth multi-assist game in his career tonight.
• It was the first of the season for the junior also marking his 15th career multi-point game.
• Sophomore goaltender Jared Dempsey turned aside 24 shots on the night.
• The Black Knights and Falcons tied both games in a series for the first time in program history.
• Overall, the two service academies are tied 1-1-8 in overtime contests.

Senior defense man Dalton MacAfee scored a goal and also added an assist as Army West Point Hockey finished in a 2-2 tie against Air Force Jan. 12 in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Photo provided by Army Athletic Communications