The Army West Point Women’s Basketball team and the cadets in the crowd (above) celebrate after a last second failed three-point attempt by Navy secured Army’s 55-52 win, Jan. 19 at Christl Arena. The Army West Point men’s team (right) joined the women in victory with a 72-61 win to complete the doubleheader sweep. See Pages 11 and 12 on Army’s first home doubleheader sweep of Navy since 2005. Photos by Eric S. Bartelt/PV
West Point celebrates a ‘Knight to Remember,’ ‘70s style

By West Point Public Affairs

Sports fans know what it takes to make a team. The massive recruiting effort it takes to get the right players into the right positions is daunting. The process of taking all those individual talents and having them come together for a common purpose is what the Army calls building esprit de corps.

West Point hosted a “Knight to Remember,” a ‘70s-themed get-together with live music, Jan. 12 to build camaraderie, esprit de corps and teamwork across the entire West Point community and to celebrate a successful 2018.

“We wanted as many from the West Point team as possible to come together to appreciate one another and to celebrate our shared accomplishments here at USMA,” Col. Mark Bieger, U.S. Military Academy chief of staff, said.

The DJ hyped the crowd while the band led everyone through the steps to the hustle. The laughter throughout the room reflected a genuine sense of enjoyment, some seldom left the dance floor while others sat at their seats to groove to the music.

“The best part of anytime we perform is watching what music can do to people,” said Emily McAleesejergins, a vocalist for the Benny Havens Band, which performed at the event. “We especially enjoyed watching the superintendent lead us all in the most epic Soul Train.”

The event transported West Point back to ‘70s with platform shoes, bell bottoms and psychedelic colors sprinkled throughout the room. It was an opportunity for everyone to share a time period experience with teammates from across the community in a relaxed environment.

“I would attend again,” said Terry Albritton, U.S. Military Academy chief diversity officer. “It was a wonderful time had by all. The members of USMA Enterprise let their hair down to celebrate a time period of our history in ‘70s fashion. I enjoyed the music provided by the DJ and band, the line dancing, Soul Train Line, ‘70s attire and hair styles.

“We should definitely do something like this in the future,” Albritton continued. “Maybe the ‘80s. Scheduling this after the new year was perfect.”

The next team building event will be in August after the completed integration of West Point Class of 2023—theme, location and date to follow.
Allies come together for annual competition, culture exchange

By Brandon O’Connor  
Assistant Editor

When U.S. Military Academy graduates begin their military careers, a key part of their jobs will be working with allies and partners in areas of combat.

Current West Point cadets were given a jumpstart on building the relationships they will need in their careers during the annual exchange with Canada’s Royal Military College Jan. 17-19. Cadets from West Point made the journey north to spend the weekend at RMC while more than 100 Canadian cadets traveled to West Point.

The exchange gave cadets from the two schools the opportunity to build relationships and exchange ideas by attending classes, touring the campuses and engaging in friendly competition.

Friday at West Point, the RMC cadets had the chance to attend courses along with their West Point counterparts and then Saturday’s schedule included competitions between multiple clubs including the pipes and drums, judo teams and debate clubs. The capstone event of the exchange was the annual hockey game between Army and RMC, which has been played since 1923.

Army trailed 2-1 in the third period of Saturday’s game before two goals in quick succession helped the Black Knights secure the 5-2 win. It was Army’s eighth straight win over RMC.

“It is really important seeing we have allies who are so close that we have opportunities like this to engage with one another,” RMC Cadet Wing Commander Zoe Price said. “As much as it is a morale thing to have the chance to get together and have fun and compete, it is also a networking opportunity. These are people we are very much going to be working with in the future. I think it is a great time to get to know those faces.”

While both RMC and West Point are four-year institutions, they differ greatly in size with RMC having less than 2,000 cadets spread among Army, Navy and Air Force units. The annual exchange between the two military academies gives cadets from both the opportunity to build relationships they can turn to later in their careers while also learning more about how an ally army operates.

“One of the things we get out of this is getting to experience Canadian culture and Canadian military culture, which in a couple different ways is similar and different than ours,” Class of 2019 Cadet Haley Steele said. “We get to figure out how their Army works and how they are organized into different units and work together compared to our similar units. It is useful moving into the future in case we run into them while deployed. We already have an understanding of the language they use and how their units work in the field. That gives us a little edge up on people that wouldn’t otherwise know.”

While building relationships is important, Steele, who is the Pipe Major for the USMA Cadet Pipes and Drums, was also focused on beating her comrades from Canada. This year was the first time the two pipe and drum units competed, but they were also forced to build relationships and a spirit of camaraderie prior to playing together at Saturday’s hockey game.

The ability to balance friendship and competition was one of the many lessons cadets from both academies were able to learn during the weekend.

“I think building relationships now is important because being in college is such a developmental part of your time,” Steele said. “People say your mind gets closed as you get older so getting this multicultural connection now embeds that in you as the way you want to live and learn more about other peoples’ cultures.”

Another vital opportunity for cadets from RMC and West Point to learn from each other came Friday when Price attended a Firstie capstone class on officership along with Class of 2019 Cadet First Captain David Bindon. Both Price and Bindon said the opportunity was special because it enabled them to see the similarities of how their armies operate, while at the same time seeing how opinions can vary widely despite their close geographic proximity.

“You might not think other militaries operate the same way we do, but for the most part they talk about the same issues and things we do in terms of leadership and mission command and control,” Bindon said. “It was awesome to have her in there and see that our allies can participate in all the same conversation we can. You just need to extend your hand and bring them into the conversations.”

While the RMC cadets were visiting West Point, a consortium of USMA cadets were able to visit Canada and get a firsthand look at RMC. Seventy-five cadets made the journey north and spent the weekend attending RMC classes and shadowing their host cadet.

“I think it was relatively similar,” Class of 2019 Cadet Carla Figueroa-Matos said of RMC. “They have a smaller armed force than we do, but everyone there had the same commitment we do. It kind of opens our eyes. We get kind of stuck at West Point seeing our own Army and armed forces. Seeing how they function and what they prioritize was an eye opener that our way isn’t the only way to do something.”

During their visit, the USMA cadets were able to gain a unique experience because RMC is a tri-service academy, so they spent time with future leaders from Canada’s Army, Navy and Air Force.
West Point SAMC welcomes newest members

Story and photos by
Sgt. 1st Class Josephine Pride
West Point Public Affairs NCOIC

The West Point chapter of the Sgt. Audie Murphy Club welcomed seven new members, and one honorary member, during an induction ceremony Jan. 18 in the Haig Room.

The inductees were 1st Sgt. Michael P. Kearny, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Military Academy; Sgt. 1st Class John R. Bartley, Company D, 3rd Regiment, U.S. Corps of Cadets; Sgt. 1st Class Mario J. Espinoza, Brigade Tactical Department, USCC; Sgt. 1st Class Jonathan Higgs, USMA Preparatory School; Sgt. 1st Class Cesilio Martinez, Department of Military Instruction, USCC; Sgt. 1st Class Michael Mullins, Company H, 4th Regiment, USCC; and Sgt. 1st Class Joshua White, HHC, USMA.

Command Sgt. Maj. Thomas C. Kenny, 60th Superintendent at West Point, praised the corps of non-commissioned officers and acknowledged the immense responsibility they have in the Army.

“Here at West Point we talk about living honorably, leading honorably, and demonstrating excellence, and what you see behind me is the very top of that excellence,” Williams said. “I’ve been to many countries but what distinguishes the U.S. Army is our commitment of non-commissioned officers.”

The SAMC, initially established in Fort Hood, Texas in 1986, is a private Army organization that recognizes and rewards distinguished non-commissioned officers who exemplify a special kind of leadership characterized by a personal concern for the needs, training, development and welfare of Soldiers.

The club is modeled after the attributes of Sgt. Audie Leon Murphy, the most decorated Soldier of World War II.

According to its website, the Sgt. Audie Murphy Club spread Army-wide in 1994 and became recognized by U.S. Army Forces Command, U.S. Army Medical Command and U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command to give installations the ability to retain the selection process for their NCOs.

The history of the West Point chapter goes back only a few years. In its inception, it was discovered that none of the major commands could authorize the chapter to align with them, said 1st Sgt. Amanda Weinstein, Keller Army Community Hospital.

While the chapter functions just like the chapters under FORSCOM, MEDCOM and TRADOC, it is unique in that it stands alone and in addition to those major commands.

“The club is a means to recognize outstanding NCOs,” said Master Sgt. Randall Copiskey, Company A-4 Tactical non-commissioned officer, and president of the West Point chapter. “When you carry that medallion around your neck people are going to have high expectations of you. When you meet an NCO, and you hear they are an Audie Murphy member it’s almost like instant credibility.”

For the seven candidates to be considered for membership, they had to perform a variety of warrior tasks and drills before they appeared in front of a board of panel members who would make the final decision.

“I am incredibly proud of all the inductees here today because these non-commissioned officers truly represent the very best in our corps,” said Command Sgt. Maj. Jack Love, West Point’s most senior enlisted leader.

It was no surprise to Copiskey that all candidates were selected to earn a spot in the club. To obtain an assignment to West Point alone says a lot about an individual’s skills.

“We have 19 different military occupational skills in the brigade tactical department alone,” Copiskey said. “To be the one person in your MOS to come work at West Point, we already know that you are going to be a quality NCO. I had pretty high expectations, and I think they were met.”

Newly inducted SAMC member Espinoza, senior enlisted leader for the USMA Brigade Tactical Department, is no stranger to Army competitions.

He competed in the NATO Best Soldier Competition in Croatia in 2015 where his team took seventh place. He also won Brigade Drill Sergeant of the Quarter in 2013.

“It was challenging to balance work and study time, but when you want something you will find the time,” Espinoza said. “Part of what we do here is mentor the cadets on time management, so this was me exercising that.”

For other inductees, competing in the board was more about setting the example for others. Higgs, Tactical NCO, USMA Preparatory School, could have been inducted into SAMC as an honorary member since he was already a Sgt. Morales Club member.

“The Audie Murphy Club was always something I wanted to achieve, and I didn’t want it just to be handed to me because I was a Morales inductee,” Higgs said. “I decided to go through the entire board process to test my mettle and see if I still had the sharpness I had when I was inducted into the Morales club 10 years ago.”

Now that newly inducted members have been formally welcomed into the club, the real work is about to begin.

The West Point chapter works with the local community to raise funds for college scholarships and gives back to those in need.

“Once you get into the club, that’s when the real work starts,” said Copiskey. “We try to embody the stewardship of the profession with the SAMC. To us that means we go out into the community, and we try to give back as much as possible.”

For more information about the Sgt. Audie Murphy Club go to www.audiemurphy.com.
Cadet Club activities

**Crew:** Army West Point Crew competed against the Royal Military College of Canada (RMC) during the annual exchange Jan. 19 at West Point. Army defeated RMC with an overall time of 2:00.47, which was 6 minutes and 30 seconds faster than RMC.

The competition is a series of head-to-head 2,000-meter erg races where the fastest times are aggregated to determine the overall winner.

For this year’s competition, six Varsity Men, three Novice Women, eight Novice Men and one Coxswain competed in seven heats. The event concluded with a mixed relay race and an awards ceremony.

**Catholic Chapel:** On Jan. 17-18, Class of 2020 Cadet Truman Gabriel led 22 cadets from the West Point Catholic Chapel on the fifth annual pilgrimage to the Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C., to attend the Opening Mass for the National Prayer Vigil for Life.

In addition, the cadets took a tour of the Saint John Paul II National Shrine and celebrated Mass with His Excellency, Timothy Broglio, the Archbishop of the Military Services for the United States.

This trip section gave all cadets the opportunity to reflect on two principles that are fundamental to our military profession—the intrinsic value of all human beings and the defense of human life.
Buehler remembered by her colleagues in DMI

This past week, the Department of Military Instruction mourned the loss of one of its own. On Jan. 12 at 3:08 p.m., Mrs. Neania D. Buehler lost her heroic and courageous battle with cancer.

She left an indelible mark on all those she served with, touched and influenced across 28 years of collective Army active duty and civilian service.

Her journey in the Army began in 1978 as a personnel records clerk and then a Radio Telephone Operator. Buehler spent most of her adult life living abroad in Germany, but returned in 2004 to begin her career as an Army civilian.

With over 15 years of incredible service, she served in a variety of administrative and leadership positions including at West Point Stony Child Development Center, the Lee Area Child Development Center and the Keller Army Community Hospital before finally finding her home in the Department of Military Instruction as the department’s Education Technologist.

While serving in DMI, Buehler expertly fulfilled a multitude of roles within the department headquarters.

Throughout her years of service to the department, the university and ultimately to the cadets, she worked tirelessly to make DMI a better place.

Although she made the department more effective and efficient, she will not be remembered for her professional accomplishments—though there were many.

Buehler will instead be remembered for her spirit, her kindness, her devotion and her humanity. She wrote her name on the hearts of those she served with, and for.

To know Buehler was to be inspired by her. The department, the university and our community are smaller without her. She will be missed, but she will never be forgotten.

She leaves behind her husband, Manfred Buehler, as well as two adult children Jonathan (Lubbock, Texas) and Tasha (Columbia, South Carolina) and three grandchildren.

Tax Season coming Feb. 4 to West Point, what you should know before you arrive

By Capt. Hilarie Wiley
Legal Assistance Attorney
Office of the Staff Judge Advocate

West Point has seen a great deal of change in the past year. The West Point Tax Center will also include some much needed renovations. One of the biggest changes will be the location of the center.

This year, the West Point Tax Center will operate on the fourth floor of Building 606 beginning Feb. 4. Hours of operation will be from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Additionally, instead of scheduling appointments, all patrons (except for cadet candidates) will come in person to pick up paperwork to complete.

This paperwork will be available in Building 606 in the hallway outside of regular hours of operation for those who need this flexibility.

After filling out the forms, patrons will meet with a tax preparer, who will review the paperwork for completeness before accepting it.

Clients will leave the paperwork with the preparer and when the tax return is complete, they will be notified to return a second time to sign their tax return and receive a copy of the return for their records.

This year, eligible patrons of the tax center will be limited to include:

- Cadets, cadet candidates and gold-star families and also:
  - Active duty service members and retirees and their dependents who meet the following six qualifications:
    1. Taxable income was under $100,000;
    2. Do not itemize deductions;
    3. Did not receive income from their own business or farm;
    4. Did not receive income from more than one rental property;
    5. Did not receive self-employment income or alimony;
    6. Are not required to file Schedule D for capital gains.

If you are eligible for services at the West Point Tax Center and the center did not prepare your 2017 tax return, then please bring a copy of your 2017 tax return with you.

If you are ineligible for services at the West Point Tax Center, then please consider using one of the following alternative free services: Military OneSource MilTax (www.militaryonesource.mil/financial-legal/tax-services or 800-342-9647); IRS Free File Program (www.irs.gov/individuais/military); TaxSlayer Military (www.taxslayer.com/cfile/discount-military-tax-filing); Turbo Tax Military (https://turbotax.intuit.com/personal-taxes/online/military-edition.jsp).

If you have questions, contact Capt. Hilarie Wiley at hilarie.wiley@westpoint.edu.
Karlin advises on how to build militaries in fragile states

By the Modern War Institute

Dr. Mara Karlin has served under five administrations and Secretaries of Defense. Karlin shared her insights with cadets on Jan. 15 of her time in the Pentagon, and having written a new book, Building Militaries in Fragile States: Challenges for the United States. She discussed how her experience in the Department of Defense shaped her research agenda as a scholar of strategic studies.

About 100 cadets and faculty attended the Modern War Institute Speaker Series event, which was moderated by MWI Director Col. Liam Collins.

Karlin is a nonresident senior fellow at the Brookings Institution and associate professor of strategic studies at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies. At the Pentagon, she previously advised on policies spanning strategic planning, defense budgeting, future wars and the evolving security environment, and regional affairs involving the Middle East, Europe and Asia.

According to Karlin, a key challenge of the post-9/11 era is how to effectively build partner militaries, given the misplaced incentives and global complexities of the current order, but also American sensitivities to casualties, an unpredictable fiscal climate and the greater array of transnational threats.

However, she argued that our record on training and equipping these militaries going back to the Cold War is far from stellar, pointing to failures in South Vietnam, Lebanon, Pakistan and other fragile countries.

U.S. policies should reflect research into sensitive areas of how foreign militaries are run, she added, which includes how they promote capable leaders, how they define the mission and their organizational structure.

“Who runs things matters,” she said. “It’s also important to regularly reassess these militaries and the process of training them.”

An example of a success story of how the US military rebuilt and trained a military in a fragile state is post–World War II Greece, whose ravaged landscape at the time, Karlin said, resembled present-day Syria, and yet the United States was able to train its military to defeat a communist insurgency and professionalize its officer corps.

“These days, the commonly accepted narrative in Washington for security assistance in fragile states can be summed up in one word: ‘more.’ More training, more equipment, more money, more quickly,” Karlin said.

A key component to these missions is mitigating against third-party actors that may want these fragile states’ militaries to remain fragile.

Her message was not merely one of doom and gloom, noting that the United States still can rely on its large number of international allies, unlike our near-peer competitors like Russia or China.

“Initially, I disagreed with her advocacy for increased U.S. involvement in the domestic and military affairs of other nations, but her argument regarding U.S. internationalism made me question why I held those beliefs.” Class of 2021 Cadet Elizavetta Fursova said. “Specifically, her assertion that ‘limited U.S. involvement will yield limited impact’ made logical sense to me, as did the statement that ‘state-building endeavors are inherently political endeavors,’ and we must thus become involved in issues or areas that are often considered ‘too sensitive.’”

Give the Gift of a Lift to assist older adults

“Give the Gift of a Lift.” The Friendly Visitor Program urgently needs volunteers to assist older adults in Orange County.

In our towns, many older adults and those who have disabilities live alone and enjoy their independence. Unfortunately, some are isolated, separated from their families or are in need of a caring friend. In about two hours per week volunteers make a difference by providing: transportation to local appointments, help with grocery shopping and home visits.

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 reestablishes the full North-South Shuttle

Based on feedback from the Corps of Cadets and the West Point community, the Logistics Readiness Center reestablishes 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

Monthly yoga classes

TRIBE will offer free monthly Introduction to Yoga and Mindfulness Workshops and regular classes for active duty and family members. These are available for unit PT sessions or for other unit or team functions and can be 45, 60 or 90-minute functions. Learn the tools of physical practices of yoga and mindfulness that are aligned with the military’s culture from experienced military veterans and trained yoga instructors.

Please contact studio@nOMadwaysatOM.com to schedule or get more information.

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@mssm.edu; and

• Saint Thomas Aquinas—Call Gina Funaro at 845-398-4102 or email 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; and

• Long Island University—master’s degrees in school counseling, mental health counseling and marriage and family counseling—Call Mary Beth Leggett at 845-446-3818 or email marybeth.leggett@liu.edu.

Employee Assistance Program

West Point Garrison offers an Employee Assistance Program that provides free and confidential counseling for civilians, family members and retirees.

The program offers services from 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. The EAP is located at 656 Eichelberger Road.

For details, call 845-938-1039.

DANTES testing

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

Most tests are free of charge to Soldiers. Call the testing center at 845-938-3360 or email gwenn.wallace@usma.edu for details or an appointment.

Army Personnel Testing programs

The Army Education Center at West Point offers Army Personnel Testing programs such as the AFQT, DLAB, DLPT, SIFT through the DA and DLI. Tests are free of charge to Soldiers.

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

Army Career Skills Program

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

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

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

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

OUTSIDE THE GATES

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 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 jkimba@mac.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.

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.

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

Telltale Tracks at The Hudson Highlands Nature Museum

Join the Hudson Highlands Nature Museum at 10 a.m. Sunday at the Outdoor Discovery Center, on Muser Drive, across from 174 Angola Road, to search for Telltale Tracks.

Animals leave traces of their presence everywhere, but many people can’t recognize the evidence.

Search for clues that tell the tale of who lives in the forest and what they do during the winter.

Join a Museum Naturalist on a wintry walk to discover “secrets in the snow” left by winter active animals.

Go on a track “hunt,” learn how to identify animal tracks and create a Track Shirt of your own. However, participants interested in making a Track Shirt must bring their own plain white pre-washed T-shirt.

According to Environmental Educator Carl Heitmuller, visitors learn “how to read the signs of wildlife that are there for all to see, including rubs, scrapes, footprints, chews, nests and scat. Learn how to recognize some simple evidence that reveals who lives in your neck of the woods.”

This program is recommended for adults and families with children ages 5 and older.

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

14th Annual Tribute to James D. McNaughton

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LIVE MUSIC Raffles Much More!
Breakfast has returned to the West Point Club’s Bistro at Arvin Gymnasium, second floor gym.

The Faculty Noontime Volleyball League. All games will be played during Polar Fest. Enjoy a day of skiing, snowboarding, cardboard box derby, snowball fight, big air, contest, wacky races, food and beverage with a DJ and more. To register or for more details, visit victorconstantski.com or call 845-938-8810/6497.

2019 Staff & Faculty Noontime Volleyball League

The MWR Sports Office will conduct the 2019 Staff & Faculty Noontime Volleyball League. All games will be played at Arvin Gymnasium, second floor gym.

Game times will be at 12:15 and 12:40 p.m. Games will be played every Monday-Friday, from Feb. 19 through May 24. Deadline for entries is Feb. 11.

All teams must submit a list of no play dates by the deadline of Feb. 11. There will be no postponements during the regular season since everyone qualifies for the playoffs.

For more details, contact McGuinness at 845-938-3066 or james.p.mcguinness.naf@mail.mil.

FOR THE YOUTHS

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 1:20-30 p.m.;
- Couples Communication Class—The first four Tuesdays of every month from 1:20-30 p.m.;
- Stress Management Class—The first four Mondays of every month from 1:20-30 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, or call Catherine Little at 845-938-0633. Or register online at www.westpointac.ly.

CYS Services Needs Sports Coaches

CYS Sports is looking for coaches for our following fall programs: JK 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.

Whee Ones Open Play Group

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

Whee Read

Whee 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.

Whee 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.

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- Stress Management Class—The first four Mondays of every month from 1:20-30 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, or call Catherine Little at 845-938-0633. Or register online at www.westpointac.ly.

FOR THE YOUTHS

CYS Services Needs Sports Coaches

CYS Sports is looking for coaches for our following fall programs: JK 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.

Whee Ones Open Play Group

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

Whee Read

Whee 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.

Whee Read introduces children to basic literacy skills, books and reading. Pre-registration is not required.

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The SUDC is located in Building 656 and

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in 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, or calling

845-938-7691.

Help KACH reduce, eliminate “No Shows”

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eventually, eliminating “no-shows”—missed

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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.

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PT “Sick Call” at KACH will not be available today-Friday

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

The Physical Therapy Department will be open.

The PT Sick Call will resume Monday 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 today-Friday, 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 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 who 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.

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Applications are now being accepted for the Balfour Beatty Communities Foundation scholarship program for the 2019-20 academic year. All residents living in Balfour Beatty Communities housing—including spouses and children—who are pursuing a degree are eligible to apply.

The Balfour Beatty Communities Foundation Scholarship Program recognizes those residents who are students or aspiring students excelling academically and looking to make a difference both in and out of the classroom.

Scholarship applicants must currently reside in Balfour Beatty Communities housing and plan to attend or already attend an accredited college or university in the fall of 2019, or be enrolled in a program of study designed to transfer directly into a four-year program.

The Balfour Beatty Communities Foundation is a non-profit organization committed to supporting the post-secondary educational goals of residents who live in a Balfour Beatty community.

More than 300 academic scholarships have been awarded to residents, including active duty service members and their dependents, since the program was established in 2009.

Scholarship awards range from $1,000 to $2,500, with the potential for being larger for exceptional submissions. Achievements made by our applicants, both in academics and community participation, consistently inspire us every year.

We’re honored to be able to assist them in their academic endeavors through our scholarship program.

For more details regarding scholarship requirements and to complete an online application, visit the Foundation’s website, www.bbcommunitiesfoundation.org. Applications must be submitted no later than March 22.

National Pie Day: Pies have always been a sweet treat to warm the cold winter days and with the holiday celebrations a fading memory, this is a great way to warm up. Stop by for a slice of pie with ice cream Monday at B126 Washington Road.

No matter how you slice it, pies are a great reason to celebrate.

To register, email jgellman@bbcgrp.com by today.

Snow Sculptures: Enjoy the winter sunshine, fresh air and snowy months. We love to see pictures of any snow sculptures you create.

Take pictures of snowmen, igloos, ice sculptures or anything creative made out of snow and email to jgellman@bbcgrp.com.

Contest continues to the last snowfall of the season.

MOVIES at MAHAN

Theatre schedule at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752.

Friday—“Mortal Engines,” PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday—“Second Act,” PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday—“Aquaman,” PG-13, 9:30 p.m.

(for movie details and updated schedules, visit http://www.aafes.com/exchange-stores/Movie-Guide/showtimes-WestPoint.htm)
Men’s Basketball pulls away in final minutes over Navy

By Matt Tedino
Army Athletic Communications

In a two-point game with 2:48 left to play, the Army West Point Men’s Basketball team went on an 11-2 run to pull away and top service-academy rival Navy, 72-61, in a Patriot League game Jan. 19 at Christl Arena.

The Black Knights (9-10, 4-2 Patriot League) continued their home success, picking up their third consecutive league win at Christl Arena this season after defeating the Midshipmen (6-11, 3-3 Patriot League).

Junior guard Tommy Funk stayed hot and delivered a stellar performance on the court by filling up the stat sheet. The junior tallied a game-high 22 points on 7-of-10 shooting, while knocking down four 3-pointers. He added a game-best seven assists to pair with six boards.

Junior forward Matt Wilson was a bruiser down low in the paint, coming away with a double-double after totaling 17 points and 11 boards to go along with a career-best three blocks.

Sophomore guard Lonnie Grayson was the third Cadet to record double-digit points as the sophomore notched 10 in the win.

Army highlights and game notes

• Army earned its first win over Navy in Christl Arena since Feb. 11, 2012 when the Black Knights took a 69-63 decision in double overtime.
• It was the Cadets’ largest victory over the Mids since a 75-62 win on Jan. 14, 2012.
• Funk posted his second-straight 20-point game and fifth of his career. The Warrington, Pennsylvania, native added his 14th contest with at least five assists this season.
• He tied Alex Morris and Josh Miller for 12th in single-season assists with 119.
• Wilson tallied his fourth double-double of the year.
• His 11 rebounds tied him with Tanner Plomb for 17th all-time at the academy.
• Army recorded single-digit turnovers for the seventh time this season.
• The Black Knights scored 15 points off 13 Navy turnovers.

How it happened

• Despite Navy establishing an early dominance on the glass, the Midshipmen and Black Knights were separated by one point, 36-35, at the half. Both sides shot over 40 percent in the opening frame but struggled to get in rhythm from long range.
• Funk led 34-28 following a 10-2 run with 1:03 remaining, but the Cadets countered with a 7-2 run that was capped by a buzzer-beating three from Funk to close out the half. The junior guard went 4-for-4 from the field and 3-for-3 from deep for a team-best 11 points heading into the break.
• The two sides continued to fight it out on the hardwood for a long stretch and with 2:48 left to play, the Black Knights led 62-60. Despite Navy’s hard-fought comeback attempt late in the game, the Cadets remained composed and outscored the Midshipmen 10-1 to secure the service-academy victory on their home court.
Women’s Basketball holds off last Navy surge

By Matt Faulkner
Army Athletic Communications

The Army West Point Women’s Basketball team used a 16-2 second-half run to pull ahead of rival Navy before holding on for a 55-52 win Jan. 19 at Christl Arena.

Army halted Navy’s five-game winning streak in the series thanks to 15 points and nine rebounds from senior forward Madison Hovren. Rookie forward Lindsey Scamman added 11 points on 4-of-7 shooting.

Freshman guard Alisa Fallon contributed on the boards with a game-high 10 rebounds, while senior guard Jess Lewis finished with eight points and five assists.

The Black Knights shot 41.2 percent from the floor and 38.5 percent from distance in the game.

Navy had three players in double figures with Kolbi Green leading the way with 13 points, while Bianca Roach and Jasmine Bishop had 10 apiece.

Navy shot 33.3 percent from the floor and was 26.9 percent from behind-the-arc.

The win was not for a Star in the Army-Navy Star Series, presented by USAA. The Star will be awarded on Feb. 16 down in Annapolis, Maryland.

Army highlights and game notes
• This was the 72nd all-time meeting between Army and Navy.
• Army halted a five-game winning streak by the Mids and cut the series lead to 37-35.
• The Black Knights won over Navy at West Point for the 15th time in the series.
• The Black Knights were victorious over the Mids at Christl Arena for the first time since the 2013-14 season.
• Head coach Dave Magarity is now 12-14 against Navy during his 13 seasons at Army.
• Sophomore forward Jessica Rawls made the seventh start of her career for the Black Knights.
• Junior guard Morgann Yancey has started in each of Army’s last nine games.
• Freshman guard Sarah Bohn was in the starting five for the third time.
• Hovren reached double-digit scoring for the 15th time this season and 69th time in her career.
• Hovren is in sole possession of fifth place on Army’s all-time scoring list with 1,463 career points and is four points away from Alex McGuire (’09) for fourth place.
• Scamman scored in double digits for the second time in her career.
• Lewis recorded five or more assists in a game for the 13th time in her career and eighth this year.
• Lewis posted over five assists for the eight time this year and her seven in Saturday’s game was one off her career best.
• With those assists she surpassed 200 in her career.
• Four of Fallon’s 10 rebounds came on the offensive glass and the rookie only had one turnover on the day.
• Army won for only the second time when scoring under 60 points.
• The Black Knights are now 8-0 when holding their opponents under 60 points this season.
• Army is now 6-1 when shooting over 40 percent from the floor.
• This was the closest margin of victory for the Black Knight all season.
• All previous 16 games were won or lost by 10 or more points.
• The Black Knights had a 24-18 advantage in points in the paint.
• Army won for the second time this season when trailing at the half.
• The Black Knights have won back-to-back games for the second time this year.

Second quarter
• Neither team was able to get it going early in the second quarter, but Coleman added a three to give Navy a 27-18 lead at the 4:50 mark. Fallon had the first four points for Army in the quarter.

Third quarter
• Army struggle out of the gate in the second half and had two points in the first five minutes, but freshman forward Kate Murray made a nice move for two and then Yancey hit a big three to get Army within one at 35-34 with 4:28 left on the clock in the quarter.
• The Black Knights earned their first lead of the game since two minutes into the contest with Hovren scoring four points in the final minute of the frame. Army then took a 40-38 lead into the final quarter.

Fourth quarter
• Army’s success continued into the fourth quarter with a 10-2 run to start to build its largest lead at 10 points at 50-40 with 3:34 left on the clock. Hovren scored five points to be a catalyst during the run, while Bohn dropped in a three and Scamman hit two free throws.
• Navy got four points back, but Lewis sunk a huge 3-pointer with 2:14 left and then hit a jumper to give Army a 55-44 lead at the 1:26 mark.
• The Mids, however, didn’t go away as Bishop hit a layup and then Morgan Taylor hit a three from the top of the key. She answered again with another three off an Army turnover which cut the lead down to 55-52 with 45 seconds remaining.
• After another Army turnover, Navy had a pair of chances to tie the game in the final 10 seconds but both shots hit iron and Army won 55-52.

How it happened
First quarter
• The Mids got out to an early 10-5 lead thanks to a pair of threes by Roach and Green. Army cut the lead to three at 17-14 with 2:20 left in the quarter before the Mids scored the final seven points of the frame to hold a 21-14 advantage at the end of one.

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Senior forward Madison Hovren scored 15 points and grabbed nine rebounds to help Army West Point defeat Navy 55-52 Jan. 19 at Christl Arena.

(Above) Junior guard Morgann Yancey knocked down two three-pointers, including this shot, and scored eight points total during Army West Point’s victory over Navy 55-52 Jan. 19 at Christl Arena. (Left) Freshman forward Lindsey Scamman puts up a shot for two of her 11 points while shooting 4 for 7 from the field.
Wrestling takes final five matches in win at Penn

By Stephen Waldman
Army Athletic Communications

After being tied at 10 after the first five matches, the Army West Point wrestling team won the final five matches of the evening to capture a 28-10 victory over Penn on Sunday afternoon at the Palestra in Philadelphia.

The Black Knights improved to 5-2 on the season and 5-0 in EIWA matches, while the Quakers dropped to 1-5 and 0-1 in conference.

The heart of Army’s lineup came through once again as the Cadets powered through the matches from 157 to 197 pounds, going 6-0 and outscoring their opponents by a combined 55-14. Army picked up bonus point wins over that stretch from freshman Corey Shie (141 lbs.), junior Ben Harvey (174 lbs.) and junior Noah Stewart (184 lbs.).

How it happened

- 125 lbs.: Carmen Ferrante inj. def. over junior Trey Chalifoux at 4:28 (Penn leads, 6-3);
- 133 lbs.: Sophomore Lane Peters dec. over Doug Zapf, 4-2 (Tied, 6-6);
- 141 lbs.: Shie maj. dec. over Grant Aronoff, 16-7 (Army leads, 10-6);
- 149 lbs.: #14 Anthony Artalona maj. dec. over junior Noah Hanau, 13-3 (Tied, 10-10);
- 157 lbs.: Junior Lucas Weiland dec. over Jacob Lizak, 7-0 (Army leads, 13-10);
- 165 lbs.: Junior Cael McCormick dec. over Evan DeLuise, 12-6 (Army leads, 16-10);
- 174 lbs.: Harvey maj. dec. over Jake Hendricks, 11-1 (Army leads, 20-10);
- 184 lbs.: Stewart tech. fall over Ryan Farber, 15-0 (Army leads, 25-10);
- 197 lbs.: #4 Rocco Caywood dec. over Patrik Garren, 10-7 (Army leads, 28-10);
- 285 lbs.: Ben Sullivan dec. over Ben Goldin, 2-0 (Army leads, 3-0).

Army highlights and game notes

- The Black Knights won their 700th dual in program history.
- Army improved to 5-0 on the year against conference opponents, its best start since 2005-06.
- Stewart earned his fifth technical fall of the season and 19th in his career.
- Caywood notched his 20th victory of the year.

Ward’s words

Head coach Kevin Ward—"Consistency for this team is key, and we are fortunate to have some veteran guys who help provide that. So having them in the lineup whether it’s first or last is good for us. As we continue to strive to improve, our veterans lead the way. Even though we only have one senior in the lineup, we have some strong leaders.”
Hockey shows fight in comeback victory over RMC

By Ally Kiern
Army Athletic Communications

Trailing 2-1 in the third period, the Army West Point Black Knights scored four straight goals in a 10-minute span to secure a 5-2 victory over international rival RMC Jan. 19 at Christl Arena.

The Black Knights continued on to a 12-game unbeaten streak in the series with RMC and now boast an eight-game winning streak.

How it happened
• The Black Knights controlled the first period with a 13-3 shot advantage.
• Sophomore forward Mason Krueger dinged the pipe eight minutes into the frame, but the score stayed knotted at 0-0.
• The Paladins got on the board first scoring with 14:50 on the clock in the second stanza.
• Army evened the score close when senior forward Taylor Maruya stole the puck in the defensive zone and passed it up to senior forward Tipper Higgins. He moved it to sophomore forward Kevin Dineen who had an open shot on RMC’s Brad Van Schubert for the score.
• A minute in a half later, RMC went ahead, 2-1, on a power play opportunity.
• Freshman forward Colin Bilek scored two goals 45 seconds apart to give Army the go-ahead.
• After a string of penalties from the Paladins, junior forward Brendan Soucie received a feed from Bilek and scored on the five-on-three advantage to pad Army’s lead with 1:35 remaining.
• Junior forward Zach Evancho tallied an empty-netter to put the game away.

Army highlights and game notes
• Junior goaltender Matt Penta earned his first start in net and picked up the win after turning aside 16 shots.
• Army posted a season-high 53 shots on the night.
• Bilek tallied three points in the contest on two goals and an assist.
• Two of the rookie’s points were on the power play.
• Dineen notched his first-career point against the Paladins with the Cadets’ first goal.
• Soucie scored his second goal opposite RMC.
• He now has three points against the international rival.
• Evancho tallied an empty netter for his first goal against the Paladins.
• Franco, MacAfee and Fleckenstein were also in the assist column.
• The senior class boasts a 4-0 record against RMC.

Up next
• Army hits the road to take on RIT Friday and Saturday night in Rochester, New York.