The U.S. Military Academy Class of 2019 had its Post Night, Feb. 6. During Post Night, cadets such as Class of 2019 Cadet Hannah MaKuch (above) select their U.S. Army posts they will report to upon commissioning and after their Basic Officer Leadership Course. See Page 4 for story and photo.

Photo by Brandon O'Connor/PV
We are the Infantry, follow me

By Capt. Stephen McCarthy
Department of Systems Engineering

The West Point Chapter of the National Infantry Association hosted the annual Infantry Ball Feb. 1 at Eisenhower Hall.

More than 200 infantry-branched cadets participated in this year’s event, which offers the opportunity for the future officers to learn about the history of the branch and spend an evening with past and present infantry leaders.

“For me, being an infantryman means putting others before yourself and leading by example,” Class of 2019 Cadet Drew Zagula said. “In order for this example to be a good one, you must care for your Soldiers more than you care about yourself.”

When asked about what it means to now be a part of the infantry lineage, Class of 2019 Cadet Nik Patterson said, “Shared hardship. You are able to push yourself beyond your limits because you know that your Soldiers are feeling the exact same way as you and they are still moving forward. Your Soldiers won’t let you down and you won’t let down your Soldiers.”

The Order of Saint Maurice for outstanding contributions to the infantry was presented to several past and current infantry leaders, including Col. Todd Woodruff, Maj. Ben Flores, Capt. Patrick Ryan, Capt. Stephen McCarthy, Capt. Samuel Herbert, Capt. James Villanueva, Sgt. 1st Class Mario Espinoza, Sgt. 1st Class Jonah Herd, Sgt. 1st Class Michael Mullins, Robert Milmore and Jim Loughran.

In addition, the Shield of Sparta, an award for spouses who contribute significantly to the Infantry, was presented to the Elizabeth Woodruff, Stephanie Flores and Julia Milmore.

The annual West Point Infantry Ball was held on Feb. 1 at Eisenhower Hall. (Above) This year’s Order of St. Maurice and Shield of Sparta recipients.

Maj. Gen. Walter E. Piatt, 10th Mountain Division commander, delivers the keynote address to over 500 attendees at the 2019 National Infantry Association Ball.

Piatt used the example set by the gritty Soldiers of the 10th Mountain Division to stress the importance of enduring hardship in training in order to be ready for war.

Piatt shared the words of his former commander and the 57th West Point Superintendent, retired Lt. Gen. Franklin Hagenbeck, with those in attendance: “Our nation will not ask us to be ready, they will expect it.”

His speech culminated with a call to all cadets in the room to be ready to continue the story of past infantry soldiers and lead the future West Point cadets.

Chaplain Col. Matthew Pawlikowski closed the event with a riveting call for all infantry to protect the sheep of this world from the wolves who threaten our existence.
West Point honors Henry O. Flipper, awards McDonough with Flipper Award

Story and photos by Brandon O’Connor
Assistant Editor

In 1877, Henry O. Flipper became the first African-American cadet to graduate from the U.S. Military Academy. He was not the first admitted to West Point, but he was the first to successfully endure the four years’ worth of hardship, silence and unjust treatment African-American cadets were subjected to during their time at the academy.

Flipper’s legacy and his enduring impact on West Point was celebrated Feb. 7 at the annual Henry O. Flipper Commemoration Dinner, which has been held the first Thursday of February every year since 1977.

That legacy is honored in part through the annual presentation of the Flipper Award, which is awarded to a First Class Cadet who demonstrated leadership, self-discipline and perseverance while overcoming adversity during his or her time at West Point. The recipient of the 2019 Flipper Award was Class of 2019 Cadet Lilly "Da Yan Zi" McDonough.

“I’m really honored,” McDonough said. “I can’t imagine what Henry O. Flipper went through. I just know he did go through hardships and challenges and he overcame them. He didn’t let those hardships set him back. He was determined. He had grit. That’s what really inspired me. I believe we all have that, we just need to find it within ourselves.”

McDonough was presented with the Flipper Award by retired Gen. Vincent K. Brooks, USMA Class of 1980, who also served as the guest speaker at the event. Brooks was the first African-American First Captain at West Point and also the first First Captain to ever lead a Corps of Cadets with women in all four classes and spread across every company.

“When we engage in respect, what we do is we strengthen each link in the Long Gray Line. We ensure that clasp from one hand to the next generation and the previous one is a tight grip that we ensure that clasp from one hand to the next generation and the previous one is a tight grip from one hand to the next generation and the previous one is a tight grip that spreads across every company.

For roughly four years, she lived in the orphanage where she was given the responsibility of doing laundry and helping to care for two babies living there. Then, the trajectory of her life changed forever when she was adopted by American parents and brought to live in the United States.

“I know that it is a special part of who I am, and I wouldn’t be who I am without being adopted and having those experiences as a child. Being Chinese-American has been a large part of my identity, but not defined who I am in America,” McDonough said. “Growing up, I’ve always wondered who are my parents? I must have blood-related siblings and I’ve always been curious and wanted to go back.”

Like Flipper who had fought through adversity long before he arrived on the banks of the Hudson River to attend West Point, McDonough’s humble beginnings imbedded within her innate desire, “To do well, to succeed and do good.”

That desire manifested itself in high school when after reading an article about Chinese orphanages selling children into human trafficking, she picked up the cause and started a student organization at her school to raise awareness and money to combat the issue.

Her instinctive desire to give back and to serve is what led her, after being accepted to 25 colleges, to make the decision to accept an appointment to West Point and begin a career in the Army of her adopted home.

“Being a difference maker was my ultimate goal and that led me to the decision of applying and accepting a nomination to come to West Point,” McDonough said. “I also realized West Point had unique opportunities I wouldn’t get elsewhere, and that sense of patriotism and service was at the heart of what West Point was all about—Duty, Honor, Country. From the beginning, I totally bought in.”

That feeling of being totally bought in was shaken to its core in the summer of 2016 when she was assaulted by a male classmate during training at Camp Buckner. In the days and years following the assault, McDonough faced multiple decisions on how she wanted to respond. First, she had to decide whether to report it and face public scrutiny and judgement, both of which would end up manifesting in the following year, or remain silent.

Then, after deciding to report it, she was faced with deciding whether to remain at the academy as the process played out, or to separate and join the Army, which was her ultimate goal, through ROTC.

No matter the challenges and the adversity she faced, through every step of the process from reporting the incident to the trial that followed, McDonough, like Flipper before her, refused to allow the incident or the treatment of her to be the thing that defined her. When given the option to drop the case, she instead chose to proceed not for herself, but for the sake of other women in the Army and any possible future victims.

When given the chance to leave the academy with a full ride ROTC scholarship, she instead chose to affirm, because through it all what stood out was the community at West Point and the ethos that had drawn her here in the first place—Duty, Honor, Country.

“There are a few lines in the Cadet Prayer that say to live above the common level of life, to not be content with the half-truth when the full truth can be won,” McDonough said. “It roots back to always choose the harder right over the easier wrong. I knew that staying silent and suffering internally would be the easier option and I knew I had the choice to do that. I also knew, I couldn’t let this happen to anyone else.”

The sleepless nights that followed and the meals she couldn’t stand to eat took their toll, but she refused to let the adversity stop her. She instead chose to draw strength from the incident and apply to become a member of what was then known as the Cadets Against Sexual Assault Committee.

There, she was once again able to turn adversity into accomplishment by doing the good she’d always felt a need to do, even if it was in a way and for a reason she would never have anticipated.

“The outward appearance may not show it, but we all do face sometimes insurmountable challenges,” McDonough said. “Sometimes just getting to the next day or next meal is all (he or she) thinks about. I think the biggest thing for someone going through adversity is realizing that (he or she) is not alone and also realizing it is OK to be vulnerable and ask for help and find that motivation and desire to move on and to thrive in your current situation.”

The committee has since been rebranded the Trust Committee, which to McDonough is the perfect name. Trust in your battle buddies, trust in yourself and mutual trust between you and those you’re serving with is the bedrock of the Army and its ability to accomplish its mission. And, on that night at Camp Buckner, it was her trust that was shattered and forced to be rebuilt, something she has accomplished not by remaining silent, but instead by fighting for what she knew was right and doing what she came to West Point to do—serve.
Excitement in the air as cadets receive posts

By Brandon O'Connor
Assistant Editor

Under the U.S. Military Academy’s draft-style Post Night format things can change in an instant, something Class of 2019 Cadet Nikijay Comer found out the hard way.

During Post Night, Firstie cadets are divided by the branches they received in November and are given the chance to select their first duty assignments in order of class rank.

Each post has a finite number of spots, and the lower the cadet’s rank, the greater the chance the post he or she was hoping for will be off the board.

Comer, a member of the Quartermasters branch, entered the night hoping to start her Army career in South Korea. She was forced to change those plans on the spot when just before her turn to choose a post the last placement in South Korea was selected.

Comer said she had to make a, “game-time decision,” with her top choice off the board, and with only 30 seconds allotted to choose she didn’t have much time to decide.

After walking back and forth in front of the board, Comer made her choice and pulled a Fort Drum, New York card off the board before pausing for a second, putting it back and making a final choice to start her career at Fort Riley in Kansas.

“I pulled off Fort Drum and I put it back and grabbed Fort Riley just to get out of New York and see something new,” Comer said. “It is exciting because we did all this in the four years of West Point. To know we are finally going to put it to use at a new place is worth it.”

Class of 2019 cadets in every branch except for aviation, cyber, medical services and explosive ordnance disposal made their post decisions during Post Night Feb. 6. While some cadets like Comer were forced to make tough decisions on the spur of the moment, many others ended the evening holding exactly the card they had wanted all along.

Class of 2019 Cadet Oren Dennett, a member of the Infantry branch, entered the night knowing he wanted to serve in not just the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, but in specifically the division’s 2nd Brigade, which he had spent the summer Cadet Troop Leader Training with. Waiting his turn was, “nerve racking,” Dennett said, but as his turn neared he did the math in his head and realized his odds of getting his first choice were pretty good.

“The spots kept going down, but eventually I figured I was probably going to get it and I got relieved. I am excited about the way this turned out. About 10 or so spots before me, I said, “there are still four or five left. I am probably in the clear,”” Dennett said. “It was kind of surreal. You walk up there, everyone is cheering and you pick your card off the wall. It is a cool feeling.”

The math proved to be a little more nerve inducing for Class of 2019 Cadet Michael Colella, a member of the Engineer branch. He entered Post Night with his heart set on serving with the 173rd Airborne Division in Vicenza, Italy. There were only two spots, though, and one was guaranteed to be gone as his friend, who was the first-ranked engineer cadet, had told him he was going to take it.

That left one more spot, but it came with a catch. The second Italy spot was a Post of Assignment Active Duty Service Obligation (PADSO) post, meaning in order to select it Colella would have to agree to serve three additional years on top of the five required of all West Point graduates. When his name was called, and the PADSO Italy spot was still on the board, the decision proved to be easy for Colella as the benefits of the post far outweighed the cost of extra years in his mind.

“I talked to lots of mentors and I realized I really wanted to pick this first post based off of location,” he said. “What is perfect about Italy is it is a really good location and a really good unit. It is the best of both worlds and incurring the extra three years was worth it to me. I had such a great time this summer, talked with a lot of officers about it and they all really enjoyed it there. I didn’t see myself going anywhere else.”

Choosing their post is one of the last major steps toward starting their Army career for Firstie cadets.

They received their rings in August, their branches in November and now with their post decided, the last milestone is graduation in May when they will receive their second lieutenant bars and officially commission as Army officers.

“It is really one of the last steps of all the hard work I have done,” Class of 2019 Cadet Jessica Maddox, who will serve in the infantry in 1st Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, said. “It is pretty cool that you get to come here and prove yourself for four years and your hard work determines how much of a choice you have on where you go. So hard work pays off and this is the second step that has shown me that. The first one being my branch choice.”
Cadet Club activities

Marathon: The Army-West Point Marathon team kicked off the spring season with an awesome local 20k in Fairfield, Connecticut, Sunday as a part of the Boston Build-up series. Despite it being 20 degrees and fairly hilly, the team came out with some great times under their belts. Class of 2021 Cadet Chase Hogeboom led the team coming in at 1:14:09 closely tailed by team captain and Class of 2020 Cadet Murray Johnston at 1:14:28 coming in fourth and fifth, respectively.

On the women’s side, Class of 2022 Cadet Emily DiNallo claimed a seventh-place finish at 1:28:36 on the female side. The team will compete in the next Boston Build-Up race, which is March 3 for the 25k in Silvermine, Connecticut.

Mountaineering: Class of 2019 Cadet Jack Roche and Class of 2020 Cadets Keegan Fitzpatrick and Ed Coleman went on a trip section with the Army West Point Mountaineering Club Feb. 3 to ice climb in the Catskills mountains in Tannersville, New York. The group hiked into the Hillier Ravine and climbed over seven pitches of ice. Roche got to do his first ice lead. The club worked on ice climbing specific skills such as V-threads, and ice screw placements, while also moving quickly and efficiently through terrain. The trip concluded with descending the ravine using ice and tree anchors to rappel.
‘Unconditional Surrender Grant’: The Civil War rolls on

By Sherman Fleck
USMA Historian

The political loyalties of Ulysses S. Grant prior to the Civil War best describe him as an independent. He was attached to the different parties at times—Whig, Democrat and then he became a true Republican once the war commenced.

He was not an abolitionist like his father Jesse Grant, but he detested slavery. His father-in-law, Frederick Dent was a militant Democrat and pro-slavery. So, Ulysses Grant was torn by the growing debate and dissension dividing the country.

Wasting away in the leather goods store in Galena, along the Mississippi River in far northern Illinois, most of the people were staunch Unionists, including all his siblings and friends.

Grant’s basic loyalty was to the Constitution and the nation, right or wrong. When national events rose to political strife during the 1860 election year, Grant did not participate.

He was not a supporter of Abraham Lincoln, and in the secession crisis in 1861 hardened his patriotism for the flag. Outraged by the Confederate attack on federal property and U.S. troops in April 1861 at Fort Sumter, Grant decided to re-enter the army and fight for the Union.

“Whatever may have been my political opinions before, I have one sentiment now,” he wrote his father on April 21, “that is we have a Government and laws and a flag and they must all be sustained. There are but two parties now. Traitors & Patriots and I want hereafter to be ranked with the latter.”

Gaining more personal confidence, he knew his West Point education and training and his combat experience would entitle him to a colonelcy and command of a regiment. He wrote letters to the War Department offering his services and made contacts with local and state authorities. Unbeknownst to him, officers at the War Department, many of them academy graduates, knew of his less than honorable resignation in California and the reason, and basically ignored him.

As difficult as Grant’s year at Galena was personally, he made friends with two men who would champion his life and career in separate ways. First, there was Illinois Congressman Elihu Washburne, a Republican and friend of Abraham Lincoln, who would guide, shepherd and sponsor Grant’s military service. Second, John Rawlins, a young New York lawyer, a Democrat, who would serve as Grant’s military aide, personal confidant and defender, and most importantly, Grant’s guardian concerning his aide, personal confidant and defender, and most importantly, Grant’s guardian concerning his combat experience would entitle him to a colonelcy and command of a regiment. He wrote letters to the War Department offering his services and made contacts with local and state authorities. Unbeknownst to him, officers at the War Department, many of them academy graduates, knew of his less than honorable resignation in California and the reason, and basically ignored him.

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Kiernan receives SecArmy Award for heroic actions

Lieutenant William S. Kiernan, lead firefighter (Hazardous Materials/Basic Life Support), West Point Fire Department, receives the Secretary of the Army Award for Valor for heroic actions on June 14, 2018 from Superintendent Lt. Gen. Darryl A. Williams and Command Sgt. Maj. Jack H. Love Feb. 6 in the Thayer Award Room. Kiernan encountered a car accident with the vehicle upright but mostly submerged in pond off of Route 293. The car’s occupant was unconscious with his head underwater and severely bleeding from the head and facial trauma. Kiernan immediately waded through brush and chest-deep water to the car and entered through its sun roof. He quickly raised the victim's head from the water, cleared his airway and began medical treatment. When aid arrived, he helped stabilize and remove the patient. His actions saved the victim’s life.

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FEATURED ITEM

Eisenhower Hall construction project

Within the next few months, Eisenhower Hall will undergo a long overdue and much needed maintenance construction project. The scope of this project is significant, but will help to preserve the longevity of Eisenhower Hall while meeting current safety requirements.

Access will be lost to different parts of the building for extended periods, according to the timeline below.

The USMA and USCC Operations Staffs are currently analyzing the impacts of the project and determining acceptable, alternative courses of action to execute major academy events.

If you or your department have an event scheduled in Eisenhower Hall, a member of the DCA team will contact you to discuss impacts the project may have and offer additional options and recommendations for your event.

If you have questions regarding upcoming events, reach out to the appropriate DCA staff member below.

- Vic Porro, DCA operations officer—victor.porro@westpoint.edu or 938-4396;
- Ted Marsden, DCA facility scheduler—theodore.marsden@westpoint.edu or 938-2442;
- Janine Roszkowski, DCA catering director—janine.roszkowski@westpoint.edu or 938-4453, ext. 208.

Construction Timeline:

- Through March 10—No impact to any events.
- March 11 through January 2020—No events in Crest Hall, Ballroom or fourth floor Promenade areas. Limited access to Class of '63 Lounge.
- July 8 through January 2020—No events in Eisenhower Hall Theater, to include backstage areas.

DCA is currently updating Riverside Café as a more appropriate venue to host formal events. Riverside Café and other DCA facilities will remain available throughout the maintenance construction project.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monthly yoga classes

TRIBE will offer free monthly Introduction to Yoga and Mindfulness Workshops and regular classes for active duty and family members.

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

EDUCATION and WORKSHOPS

Army Education Center

College counseling is offered through the Army Education Center at West Point, located at 683 Buckner Loop.

Undergraduate classes:

- Mount Saint Mary College—Call Cynthia Laudato at 845-569-3252 or email cynthia.laudato@msmc.edu; and
- Saint Thomas Aquinas—Call Gina Furano at 845-398-4102 or email g_furano@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.–5 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.t.wallace ctr@mail.mil 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.t.wallace ctr@mail.mil for details or an appointment.

OUTSIDE THE GATES

22nd annual Cornwall-on-Hudson RiverFest

The Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson will host its 22nd annual RiverFest from 11 a.m.–6 p.m. June 2. As always, RiverFest 2019 will be held at Donahue Park along the Hudson River and will feature a full day of music and entertainment, children’s activities and a large craft and food fair.

The day’s events will also include live bands, kayaking, food stands and non-profit groups and contributors.

RiverFest is currently accepting vendor applications. Applications can be downloaded from www.river-fest.com and will be accepted until all spaces are filled.

There is no charge for RiverFest, and all are invited. Visit www.river-fest.com for up to date information.

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" x 48" 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 jkimbrell045@gmail.com.

Grace Baptist Church of Highland Falls services

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

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

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

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.
FEATURED EVENT
SeaFest Night at the West Point Club March 22
Join the West Point Club for its SeaFest Night from 6-9 p.m. March 22. Enjoy a night of unlimited shrimp, clams, crab legs and more.
There is a fee for this event. Reserve your spot online at thewestpointclub.com. For more details, call 845-938-5120.

JUST ANNOUNCED
Perfecting Your Parallel March 3
Join the Victor Constant Ski Area for Perfecting Your Parallel from noon-2 p.m. March 3. Improve your parallel skiing with PSIA Level III Alpine Instructor, Jack Kennedy.
For adults (over age 18) and there is a nominal fee for this course. Must be able to make parallel turns on blue slope. For more details, call 845-938-8810 or visit victorconstantski.com.

Early Childhood and 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. The 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 details, call 845-938-8530/0941.

West Point Bowling Leagues
Openings available for all of the following leagues:
• Youth League on Saturdays starting at 9 a.m. Open to all ages up to 18.
• Adult League on Mondays, 6:30 p.m. to close, and Thursdays and Sundays, 7 p.m. to close.
For more details, call 845-938-2140.

Morgan Farm Open to the Public
Morgan Farm offers birthday parties and horseback riding lessons, so come check out the farm today. Host your child’s next birthday party at Morgan Farm with three different party packages to fit your budget. Morgan Farm also offers riding lessons for beginner through advanced riders. These lessons are suitable for ages 5 and up. Horse boarding is available at the stables for a nominal fee. For more details, call 938-3926.

Pizza Delivery Hours
West Point Bowling Center now delivers seven days a week. Delivery times are 3-8:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and 3-9:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. For delivery, call 938-2140.

FOR THE ADULTS
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 and March 3—3:30-5:15 p.m.
For more details, call the Skate Hotline at 845-938-2991.

Bridal Menu Tasting Event at the West Point Club
Brides mark your calendar from noon-3 p.m. Sunday for the West Point Club’s annual bridal menu tasting event held in the Grand Ballroom.
Sample our cuisine, meet our culinary team and view our Grand Ballroom in style. Booked West Point Club brides are entitled to complimentary free admission.
There is a nominal fee for guests. For more details, call 845-938-5120.

Champagne Sunday Brunch returns March 3
Join the West Point Club for the first Champagne Sunday Brunch of 2019. Sunday Brunch is from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Pierce Dining Room and runs March 3 through Nov. 17.

FCC provider positions available now
Family Child Care is certified in-home child care for children ages 4 weeks-12 years. FCC providers are authorized family members who operate as independent contractors in housing located on a military installation.
FCC offers flexible hours, a home-like environment and lower adult/child ratios. FCC allows providers to make their own schedule offering a full range of hourly, full-day and part-day care.
We also offer free advertising and referrals. For details, call 845-938-8528.

Breakfast returns to the West Point Club’s Bistro 603
Stop by on your way to class or the office and check out the West Point Club’s Bistro 603. Breakfast is served from 7-10 a.m. Monday through Friday.
For a complete menu, visit thewestpointclub.com. For more details, call 845-938-5120.

FOR THE FAMILIES
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 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday.
For real-time updates, call the ski hotline at 845-938-2475.
For more details on rentals and snow passes, visit victorconstantski.com. Also like our Facebook @VictorConstantSkiArea.

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 1-2:30 p.m.
• Couples Communication Class—The first four Tuesdays of every month from 1-2:30 p.m.
• Stress Management Class—The first four Mondays of every month from 1-2:30 p.m.
• Anger Management Class—The first four Wednesdays of every month from 9:30-11:30 a.m.
To register, contact Sara Boychak at 845-938-0629 or email sara.boychak@usma.edu, or call Catherine Little at 845-938-0633. Or register online at www.westpointacs.asme.

FOR THE YOUTHS
Child and Youth Services Spring Sports Registration
Registration for the CYS Spring Sports programs runs through March 15. Games will be played from March 25 through May 30.
Programs include Recreational Soccer, Recreational Basketball, Flag Football, Running Club and Modified Track and Field. For more details and to register, call 845-938-8896.

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

The Great American Spit Out

When you drop the dip, you reduce the risk of developing cancer of the cheek, gums and inner surface of the lips; and also reduce the risk of heart disease, high blood pressure and heart attacks. The Great American Spit Out to end the chew addiction is Feb. 21.

Keller Army Community Hospital’s primary care physicians are ready to assist West Point beneficiaries with a variety of medications designed to help you stop the use of nicotine products. Chantix, Wellbutryn and nicotine patches are available on our formulary. Call and schedule an appointment to receive more details from your provider. The appointment line numbers are 845-938-7992 or 800-552-2907.

Mologne Cadet Health Clinic and West Point Center for Personal Development doctors, nurses and staff are working hard to graduate ‘tobacco-free/addiction-free leaders of character.’

If you are a U.S. Military Academy cadet or U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School cadet candidate looking for tobacco cessation assistance, you can make an appointment online through CIS or call Mologne at 845-938-3003 or CPD front desk at 845-938-3022.

Additionally, the West Point community, USMA cadets and USMAPS cadet candidates can go to the New York State Smokers’ Quitline at http://www.nysmokefree.com/ or call 866-NY-QUITS.

KACH researchers are looking for runners; must be DOD beneficiaries

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

The project is entitled, “START: Simple Technology Analyzing Running Technique in DoD Beneficiaries.”

Participants will be asked to wear a lightweight (13 grams) shoelace pod for six weeks of physical training and running.

To be included you must:
• Be a DoD beneficiary (active duty, cadet or family member);
• Be between the ages of 18-50;
• Run at least six miles per week.

You cannot participate if you are currently on running restrictions or have a history of a pregnancy in the last six months. You will need to come in for three sessions totaling approximately two hours of study participation.

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

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

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 845-938-2908 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 Patient Advisory Council to meet in March 2019

The next Patient Advisory Council meeting will be held from 3-4 p.m. March 7, in the Brian D. Allgood Ambulatory Clinic, Room G59 (ground floor).

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

A Patient Advisory Council is an interactive meeting of the minds and intended to play an active role in how our practice prioritizes and designs changes that will affect the patient community.

Some of the things we would like to focus on include:
• Patient experience;
• Patient safety;
• Quality improvement;
• Patient education;
• Patient/Family communication;
• Marketing;
• Professional education;
• Access to care;
• Current events at KACH.

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

We welcome the opportunity to listen to the thoughts and ideas from the community we serve and make Keller Army Community Hospital a better place for those who come here for care as well as for those of us who provide it.
Tax Season has arrived at 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.

The West Point Tax Center is currently operating on the fourth floor of Building 606. Hours of operations are 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 operations 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/individuals/military); TaxSlayer Military (www.taxslayer.com/efile/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.
Men’s Lacrosse perseveres, tops UMass in overtime

By Ally Keirn
Army Athletic Communications

Forced into an overtime golden goal situation, freshman attacker Brendan Nichtern of the Army West Point Men’s Lacrosse team netted the game-winning goal 26 seconds into the extra time to send the Black Knights to a 12-11 victory over the No. 18/19-ranked Massachusetts Minutemen Feb. 9 in Amherst, Massachusetts.

The Minutemen forced overtime with a second to go in regulation, but the Black Knights won the ensuing faceoff with help from junior midfielder Evan Condon and junior defenseman Johnny Surdick to set the team up for victory.

After a timeout by head coach Joe Alberici, Nichtern drove in from the right side, beating the left-handed UMass goalie for the tally.

Junior goaltender AJ Barretto boasted a career-high 17 saves in his 2019 debut.

How it happened

• The Minutemen responded with three straight tallies to take a 3-1 lead over a four-minute span.
• With 6:02 on the clock, sophomore midfielder Matt Manown connected with sophomore midfielder Alex Alacqua for a score.
• The Black Knights took their second lead of the day with back-to-back goals spaced 19 seconds apart.
• Nichtern posted a tally off a crease roll with 3:58 on the clock before assisting on Miles Silva’s first goal of the year and to put the Black Knights up 4-3.
• UMass finished the quarter with two tallies to jump out to a 5-4 advantage.
• The Minutemen went on a 2-0 run before Nichtern struck again with five seconds remaining in the half.
• In the third period, Manown recorded Army’s lone goal with an assist from Nichtern.
• UMass scored two goals in the final three minutes of the frame to maintain its lead in the game, 9-7.
• The Cadets started hot in the fourth quarter with help from Silva.
• The junior posted four of Army’s five goals in the quarter with the other coming from Nichtern.
• Junior attack Nate Jones, Manown and sophomore attack Sean O’Brien all earned assists in the five-goal run.
• UMass scored at the 3:15 mark to trail by one before netting the game-tying score with one second remaining.
• The Black Knights gained possession on the ensuing faceoff and were able to call a timeout and draw up the game-winning play.
• Nichtern posted the unassisted game winner just 26 seconds into the extra time.

Army highlights and game notes

• For the fifth year in a row, Army topped No. 18/19 Massachusetts in its season opener.
• It was the eighth-straight year the Cadets opened with the Minutemen.
• The Black Knights tied things up in the all-time series which now resides at 14-14.
• Nichtern had an outstanding performance for the Black Knights with seven points on four goals and three helpers.
• The rookie helped Army to its first overtime victory since 2017 when the Cadets topped Notre Dame, 10-9.
• Silva also had four goals, three of which came in the fourth quarter.
• It was a career-high in both goals and points for the junior.
• Manown finished the contest with four points with a goal and three helpers, tying his career-high in points.
• Alacqua, Garofono and Philipp were in the goal column with one apiece, while both Jones and O’Brien notched a single helper in the game.
• Barretto boasted a career-high 17 saves in his 2019 debut.
• He had a .607 save percentage and three ground balls.
• Defensively, Surdick and freshman midfielder Liam Davenport led the way for Army with two caused turnovers each.
• Surdick paced the Black Knights in ground balls with seven to tie his career high.
• UMass led the Cadets in shots (28-17), but the Black Knights held an advantage in saves, 17-5 which was a difference maker in the game.
Seven different cadets scored, including four with hat tricks, to help the Army West Point Women’s Lacrosse team open its 2019 season with an 18-8 victory over Iona Feb. 9 at Michie Stadium.

Offensive barrage helps Women’s Lacrosse defeat Iona, 18-8

By Matt Tedino
Army Athletic Communications

Seven different cadets scored, including four with hat tricks, to help the Army West Point Women’s Lacrosse team open its 2019 season with an 18-8 victory over Iona Feb. 9 at Michie Stadium.

The foursome of freshman midfielder Jackie Brattan, junior midfielder Manuela Cortes, freshman midfielder Megan Raftery and sophomore midfielder Samantha Stewart led the offensive charge, combining for 14 of the Black Knights’ (1-0) 18 goals opposite the Gaels (0-1), while each tallied a hat trick.

Freshman attack Caroline Raymond, sophomore midfielder Rilee Scott and junior attack Nikki Polhamus also netted a score in the game.

Sophomore midfielder Juliana Dworschak had a standout performance after finishing with a game-high eight draw controls. Her effectiveness on the draw control allowed Army to stay on the attack, gain more offensive possessions and score the most goals in a season opener in program history.

**Army highlights and game notes**
- Army improved to 2-0 all-time versus Iona.
- The 18 goals scored were the most by an Army team since the Black Knights tallied 19 against Wofford on March 8, 2018.
- It was also the most goals scored in a home opener in program history.
- Cortes tallied the seventh hat trick of her career.
- Brattan recorded her third-career hat trick and tied a career-high in goals scored with three.
- Raftery’s three goals tied her career mark.
- It was her third-career hat trick.
- Stewart notched her sixth-career hat trick and tied her career-high in goals scored with four.
- She only needed six shots to net her four scores.
- The junior also added four ground balls and six draw controls.
- Dworschak’s eight draw controls was one shy of tying the program record.
- Raymond recorded her first collegiate score and posted her first career multi-goal outing.
- The freshman tallied a game-high two assists.
- Six different Cadets scored in the first half.
- Army outshot Iona, 40-22, and had a 29-15 advantage in shots on goal.
- The Black Knights held a 24-12 second-half shot advantage.
- Twenty-one of the Black Knights’ 24 shots in the second half were put on goal.
- The Cadets won 20 draw controls, compared to Iona’s eight.
- Maddie Burns recorded her 16th collegiate win.

**How it happened**
- After exchanging goals for the first couple minutes of action, the Gaels took their first lead of the game with 16:59 remaining in the opening half. The Iona lead held for a little over four minutes until the Black Knights offense came to life.
- Army won four of the next five draw controls and a score by Polhamus off a feed from Raymond sparked a 5-0 run that lasted the final 12:11 of the frame. Army’s defense did not allow the Gaels to take a single shot on goal over that stretch.
- The Black Knights’ scoring run carried into the second half and four goals in the opening eight minutes gave the Cadets an 11-3 advantage. Brattan, Cortes, Raftery and Stewart each netted a pair of goals for Army over the 9-0 run.
- Iona trimmed the deficit to six, 12-6, after outscoring Army 3-1 over a four-minute stretch, but the Black Knights countered immediately with three-straight goals from Cortes, Raftery and Brattan.
- The Gaels responded with two unanswered scores to make it a 15-8 game, but that would be as close as Iona would get as Army closed things out with a trio of goals in the final seven minutes of play to secure the home win.
Freshman Ben Sullivan picked up a pin to secure the team's fifth-straight victory with a 22-19 win over Bucknell Sunday at Christl Arena.

**Sullivan sends Army Wrestling to fifth straight win**

By Stephen Waldman  
Army Athletic Communications

Trailing by three heading into the heavyweight bout, freshman Ben Sullivan of the Army West Point Wrestling team picked up a pin to secure the team’s fifth-straight victory with a 22-19 win over Bucknell Sunday afternoon at Christl Arena.

Sullivan carried a 1-0 lead into the third period when he started in the top position. The New Paris, Ohio native managed to tilt his opponent and flip the Bison heavyweight onto his back for the pin at 5:26 to lock up the win for the home side.

The Black Knights improved to 7-2 on the year and remain perfect against EIWA opponents at 6-0. The Bison dropped to 6-8 and 4-4 in conference duals.

**How it happened**

- 125 lbs.: Sophomore Ryan Hetrick decision over Jakob Campbell, 3-1, SV-1 (Army leads, 3-0);
- 133 lbs.: David Campbell pinned sophomore Lane Peters at 4:28 (Bucknell leads, 6-3);
- 141 lbs.: #28 freshman Corey Shie major decision over Noah Levett, 13-3 (Army leads, 7-6);
- 149 lbs.: Matthew Kolonia pinned junior Noah Hanau at 5:45 (Bucknell leads, 12-7);
- 157 lbs.: #10 Zach Hartman major decision over #22 junior Lucas Weiland, 8-0 (Bucknell leads, 16-7);
- 165 lbs.: Junior Cael McCormick decision over D.J. Hollingshead, 14-8 (Bucknell leads, 16-10);
- 174 lbs.: #19 junior Ben Harvey decision over Frankie Guida, Jr., 8-5 (Bucknell leads, 16-13);
- 184 lbs.: #22 junior Noah Stewart decision over Kyle Inlander, 2-0 (Tied, 16-16);
- 197 lbs.: Drew Phillips dec. over #4 senior Rocco Caywood, 7-3 (Bucknell leads, 19-16);

**Army highlights and game notes**

- Army improved to 13-4 in the all-time series with Bucknell.
- The Black Knights remain perfect in conference duals at 6-0, its best start against EIWA foes since 2005-06.
- The Black Knights have won five-straight duals, their longest streak since 2016-17.
- Army won its seventh dual of the season, tying the 2016-17 squad for the most in the Kevin Ward era.
- Hetrick earned his first-career dual win.
- Shie posted his 15th bonus point win of the season.
- The Fairfield, Ohio, native and Harvey remained tied for the most wins on the team with 23.
- Harvey documented his team-leading eighth dual win of the year.
- Stewart collected his 15th win of the season.
- The Lewistown, Pennsylvania, native notched his fifth dual win of his junior campaign.
- Sullivan sent the Black Knights fans home happy with his fourth pin of the season.

**Sports calendar**

**Corps Squad**

Friday
7:05 p.m. — Hockey vs. Mercyhurst, Tate Rink.

Tuesday
3 p.m. — Men’s Lacrosse vs. Marist, Michie Stadium.

Wednesday
7 p.m. — Women’s Basketball vs. Holy Cross, Christl Arena.

* * View the upcoming Army West Point Black Knights Schedule at www.goarmywestpoint.com/calendar.aspx?VType=list.