The U.S. Military Academy Class of 2019 celebrated 100 nights until graduation Feb. 16 with a banquet and the 100th Night Show. USMA Class of 1991 graduate Anthony Noto, top left, was invited as the keynote speaker for the banquet. He is the CEO of SoFi and former COO of Twitter. After the banquet, members of the class performed the 100th Night Show, an original production highlighting their time at West Point. See Page 4 for the 100th Night Show story and photos.

Photos by Michelle Eberhart (top left) and Brandon O’Connor (right and bottom left)
Kiernan receives thanks from person he saved

In last week’s Pointer View, Lt. William S. Kiernan, lead firefighter (Hazardous Materials/Basic Life Support), West Point Fire Department, appeared when he received the Secretary of the Army Award for Valor (above) for his heroic actions of saving a victim of a car accident submerged in a pond June 14, 2018. Due to production of the paper and timing, a quote from Capt. Michael Russo, Company F-3 tactical officer, whom Kiernan rescued, did not make it into last week’s paper. However, here is the quote submitted by Russo and his thanks to Kiernan for saving his life. “There is no doubt in my mind that I am alive today because of the heroic actions by Lt. Kiernan. At the time of the accident, my wife was five months pregnant with our first son and if Lt. Kiernan had not gone into the water to save me, my son would have grown up without a father. Not a day goes by that I don’t look at my son and think about what his life would have been like if Lt. Kiernan hadn’t been driving by the scene of the accident as my car entered the water. Not only am I thankful that Lt. Kiernan was driving by at the perfect time, but I am also thankful he is the type of person who without hesitation put his own safety aside to save my life. The impact he made on my life and the lives of my entire family is something that cannot be put into words. My family and I are forever grateful for the heroic man that he is.”

-- Capt. Michael Russo, Company F-3 TAC

Crow, JIOHS student, is one of 15,000 finalists for National Merit Scholarship

Enoch Crow (right), the National Merit Scholarship finalist from James I. O’Neill High School, stands with JIOHS principal Debbie M. Brand after he received a letter on being one of the 15,000 finalists in the country. “We are very proud of Enoch, though not at all surprised by this recognition,” Brand said. “Enoch is a model student, a great person and a true leader at O’Neill. He is not only hardworking and bright, but also consistently kind and respectful to the people around him. We wish him luck moving forward in the final round (of the scholarship selection process) and know that, whether he wins or not, he will continue to achieve great things in the future.”

-- Courtesy Photo
Superintendent on survey results: We must strengthen our culture

By Brandon O’Connor
Assistant Editor


Williams appeared before the committee along with Vice Adm. Walter E. Carter Jr., superintendent of the Naval Academy, and Lt. Gen. Jay B. Silveria, superintendent of the Air Force Academy, to discuss the results of the recent bi-annual Service Academy Gender Relations survey that showed an increase in unwanted sexual contact and sexual harassment among cadets.

“These results are unacceptable and sexual assault and harassment have no place at West Point or in our Army,” Williams said. “The entire West Point community remains committed to ensuring a safe and secure environment, where everyone is treated with dignity and respect.”

The survey, conducted in March 2018, covered instances of sexual assault and harassment and gender discrimination occurring at the academies in the 2017-18 academic year. The SAGR survey estimated 273 instances of unwanted sexual contact occurred at West Point in 2017-18, up from an estimated 129 instances in 2015-16, the last time the survey was conducted. Of those estimated instances, 48 were reported.

In response to the survey results, Williams announced during the hearing that West Point will hold a full day stand-down to strengthen its culture on Monday. It will involve cadets, staff, faculty and coaches.

“We are doing a full West Point stand-down,” Williams said. “There will be no classes. There will be no sports. There will be nothing but me talking to cadets on Feb. 25. I plan to shut everything down.”

The stand-down will start at 6:30 a.m. with a character breakfast in the Cadet Mess Hall, where cadets will be joined by senior staff, faculty and coaches for a facilitated discussion about the culture at West Point and taking ownership of the need to rectify the sexual assault and harassment issue at West Point.

“The stand-down is not about training so much as it is about analyzing why sexual violence occurs at West Point and what each individual can do to personally be engaged in shifting the culture to create an environment where everyone is treated with dignity and feels respected,” Samantha Ross, West Point Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention program manager, said.

Breakfast will be followed by a superintendent’s address where Williams will talk to the entire West Point community about the issues of sexual assault and harassment at the academy.

“Success in our prevention and education efforts must permeate throughout the West Point community,” Williams said in his testimony. “Every individual working or living at West Point needs to recognize his or her role in contributing to culture change … As we are in the business of developing leaders of character for our Army and Nation, we must set and continue to enforce the highest of standards.”

The afternoon will include a character lunch that follows the same format as breakfast, as well as cadet and staff/faculty breakout sessions to discuss the issues and ways forward. Each breakout group will work to develop action plan recommendations of how to address the issue.

“It is my responsibility as the superintendent of West Point to take care of the sons and daughters you have given me,” Williams said during his testimony. “We have the West Point Leader Development System which is focused primarily on character. It is ingrained in all things we do whether it’s in academics, or whether it’s in sports. Character (development) is my number one line of effort at the U.S. Military Academy.”

Along with announcing the stand-down during his testimony, Williams discussed the efforts West Point is making to combat alcohol as a contributing factor to sexual assault at the academy, which will include a full review of the access to alcohol on post as well as the presence of alcohol at academy events.

“We have a long way to go in this space,” Williams said during his testimony. “I’m not satisfied with where we are. I’m having my commandant look at all of our policies.”

West Point partnered with a consulting firm, EverFi, following the release of the 2016 survey and will continue building upon that partnership in the coming years as a key part of its response to sexual assault and harassment. The EverFi program includes training for current and incoming cadets as well as the ability to collect data in the time between the biannual SAGR surveys.

“This problem is deeply rooted in a culture that treats half of the population as an object and sensationalizes sex,” Ross said. “Our work is to fully understand just what we are up against in terms of reshaping the paradigm of dignity and respect among our cadets and then creating the climate at West Point where the Army Values and our culture of character growth can be leveraged to build a safe, healthy, respectful community where all of our cadets and community members are thriving individually, and feel connected and committed to living and leading honorably and demonstrating excellence in all we do.”

Schreiber helps Army Women’s team take first

Army Capt. Rachel Schreiber (427) from West Point, N.Y., completed the first lap of the Armed Forces Cross Country Championship, which ran simultaneously with the 2019 USA Track and Field Cross Country Championships in Tallahassee, Fla., Feb. 2. The Army Women’s team finished in first place to take home gold.
The U.S. Military Academy is a 47-month experience for cadets as they prepare to become leaders in the Army. With nearly 44 of those 47 months completed, the Class of 2019 took time Feb. 16 to celebrate all they have accomplished at West Point.

Valentine’s Day marked exactly 100 days until graduation for the Class of 2019 and to celebrate, the class held the annual 100th Night Banquet and Show Saturday evening.

“This show has allowed us all to reflect back,” Cadet Keegan West, who played one of the six leads in the show, said. “Doing it every day has given us the chance to reflect back on what we’ve gone through and it puts in perspective that we are getting ready to become officers in the Army. These memories we have now are stuff we are going to cherish for the rest of our lives.”

The class was joined at the banquet by guest speaker Anthony Noto, USMA Class of 1991, who is the CEO of SoFi and the former COO of Twitter.

“Be present in your last 100 days,” Noto said. “Cherish your last 100 days. There will be nothing else like your last 100 days. On everything that is offered, do it. Don’t skip. Don’t choose to rack out. Don’t say I can always do that later. Do it all—every event, every moment, every minute. Graduation is the culmination of four years of hard work, but the last 100 days is really about the celebration of those four years.”

Noto also advised the class to take its last 100 days at West Point as a chance to say thank you, as it may be their last chance before leaving the academy.

“Pick 100 people to say ‘thank you’ to and take 100 photos,” he said. “Do one each day and spend time with them when you say it. If you don’t say thank you now, you never will. Let them know how they made a difference. The photos will lock in the memories forever.”

After the banquet, members of the Class of 2019 performed the 100th Night Show, which is an original play that poked fun at and chronicled their times at West Point from Beast to their final Christmas dinner in the Cadet Mess Hall. The show was entitled “So Graduation Will Reign,” a twist on the class’s motto “So Freedom Will Reign” and was written by class member Cadet Darnell Anthony Brown Jr.

“It took a lot of writing and hours thinking about how to take all of our different cadet experiences and put it into one culminating event,” Brown, who spent about 40 hours writing the play, said. “Every cadet has a unique way of going through the academy from the way they handle their stresses to handling tests and class rank. That was the hardest part; how to make everyone see through every cadets’ lenses for the Class of 2019.”

Cadets wrote the dialogue and song lyrics for the play and then the West Point Band put the songs to originally scored music to make the show come alive. The entire show was cadet run including the actors, producers and the director, with one of the few exceptions being the Hellcats performing the music.

“It’s taken a lot,” West said of putting the show together. “There’s a lot of behind the scenes stuff not just with the cadets who are acting in it, but the producing, directing, lighting and technical support. It’s taken a lot of time and a lot of people have put in the hard work to do this. A lot of our afternoons haven’t been free because this is what has been consuming them.”

Tryouts were held before Christmas break and the cast had been rehearsing since January before putting on the show for the full class Saturday.

The cast included cadets from all walks of life at West Point including some who have been involved in glee club or gospel choir during their time at the academy as well as a sprint football and a rugby player.

“I went to the 100th Night Show when I was a Plebe and a Cow, and I thought it was pretty interesting,” Cadet Jabreal Arrington, who is a member of the ensemble, said of why he got involved. “I like being with my classmates and other people and I like being the center of attention sometimes. Anything I can do to get a laugh is probably going to get done. I think it is a good opportunity to put in some hard work and have something to show for it.”

The show included songs such as “Gee, I love Camp Buckner” about training before Yearling year, “We are Kokolakis” about the ever-present construction at West Point and “The Curse of DPE” about physical training courses at USMA.
Cadet Club activities

Aviation:
The West Point Flying team had an outstanding training day Feb. 10 in New Windsor, New York. Four cadets were checked out in the Piper Cherokee aircraft, two of the ground team members were given local area orientation flights and the simulator ran throughout the day. The day was in preparation to beat Navy and Coast Guard in April.

Climbing:
The Army Competitive Climbing team participated in a collegiate-level sport climbing competition Feb. 9 at the Rock Climb Fairfield Gym in Fairfield, Connecticut. Twenty cadets from the climbing team participated in a local CS competition. Of note, Class of 2022 Cadet Elizabeth Bradley took first place overall in the female category. Class of 2019 Cadet Aaron Finch placed 16th in the male category.

Ski Patrol: The West Point Ski Patrol enjoyed some outstanding training Feb. 8-10 at Mount Snow in Jacksonville, Vermont. This was the first time the patrol trained there and is looking forward to a long relationship between the two patrols. Patrollers and candidates worked sled and toboggan drills, practicing evacuating patients on challenging terrain. And everyone enjoyed team bonding over meals, music and games at the Dumaine Bed & Breakfast.

Team Handball (Women): The Army Women’s Team Handball traveled to Penn State University Jan. 26 to take on the current college national champions. The Gold team played both games against Penn State since most of the Black team players were tied up with 500th Night Weekend activities. Gold started off the first slowly as the new players had to learn how to work with each other and the pace of play was faster than they had ever experienced. They rallied in the second half, but still lost 23-14.

They toughened up their defense for the second game, staying within two points of Penn State until the final five minutes of the game, but still lost 12-7 against the defending national champions. A great developmental experience for the team.
Class of 2019 determines its first unit of assignment

By the Department of Military Instruction

On Feb. 6, 821 cadets from the Class of 2019 participated in Post Night and selected their first Army unit of assignment. Like the Class of 2018, Post Night was conducted by branch as a “draft style” event, with cadets making their assignment selections based on their order of merit list ranking within their branch.

For those in attendance, Post Night was filled with anticipation and branch camaraderie, but it was particularly special for the cadets of the Class of 2019 because they were joined by members of the Class of 1969—their 50-year affiliates.

Beyond the excitement, there was a feeling of gravity and responsibility felt by each cadet throughout Post Night. This is because each of the assignments available during Post Night represented 40-plus Soldiers, America’s sons and daughters, that each of these cadets will lead as second lieutenants.

Since Branch Night, the Class of 2019 has taken this charge very seriously as it has gathered information about different unit types, missions and unit cultures to ensure their Post Night decision was well informed, and best suited to meet the needs of the Army.

With branches assigned and first units of assignment determined, the Class of 2019 cadets will spend their remaining few months at West Point seeking every opportunity to better prepare themselves for their commissioning and transition to the Operational Army.

DMI’s Branch Education and Mentorship Program will continue to facilitate cadet engagements with their individual mentors as each future second lieutenant knows what type of organization they will lead in a few short months.

Their future Soldiers deserve only the best leadership from the Class of 2019.

Educating, training and inspiring the next Clausewitz

Maj. Ryan Leach  
Department of Military Instruction

The United States Military—and the Army in particular—has been under enormous pressure over the past three decades. The pressure exposed the Army in ways that it had not anticipated and stressed units at the tactical, operational and strategic levels of war.

Despite the acute and prolonged pressure, the Army has shown great doggedness and endurance and has fought and won against great odds in all theaters of war. However, the victories that were paid for with the blood, sweat and tears of our valorous and talented Soldiers often failed to deliver the operational and strategic victories the U.S. and her allies so desperately sought—a fact that our adversaries have surely noticed.

As we move deeper into the 21st Century and face a resurgent Russia, defiant North Korea and rising China, doggedness and endurance are unlikely to carry the day. We need to be smarter. We need to be more inventive. We need to find the next Clausewitz.

Former Secretary of Defense James Mattis seemed to be aware of this when in his 2018 National Security Strategy he boldly proclaimed that: “We will emphasize intellectual leadership and military professionalism in the art and science of warfighting, deepening our knowledge of history while embracing new technology and techniques to counter competitors... (and we will) develop leaders who are competent in national-level decision-making.”

Luckily nestled deep within Washington Hall, in the Department of Military Instruction, the faculty in Defense and Strategic Studies have been educating, training and inspiring the Army’s next generation of leaders.

While we can’t claim to have found the next Clausewitz, we have raised the bar on our cadets’ strategic preparation.

In conjunction with our partners in the Department of Social Sciences and History, we are fulfilling Secretary Mattis’ vision of an officer corps that is more fully able to counter our competitors and excel in national-level decision-making.

Carl von Clausewitz was a Prussian general and military theorist who stressed the “moral” and political aspects of war. His most notable work, Vom Kriege (On War), was unfinished at his death.

Courtesy Graphic
The West Point Band will continue its Masterworks Concert Series with a performance titled “Short Ride Fast Machine” at 2 p.m. Saturday at Eisenhower Hall Theatre.


Join the Army’s oldest band for an afternoon of musical treasures at historic West Point.

For concert information, cancellations and updates, call 845-938-2617 or visit www.westpointband.com.

West Point Band news can also be found by following us on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube and Twitter.
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—vic.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.

EDUCATION and WORKSHOPS

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

Undergraduate classes:
• Mount Saint Mary College—Call Cynthia Laudato at 845-569-3252 or email cynthia.laudato@msmc.edu, and
• Saint Thomas Aquinas—Call Gina Funnaro at 845-398-4102 or email gfunnaro@stacc.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 565 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 AFCT, DLAB, DLPT, SIFT through the DA and DLI.

Tests are free of charge to Soldiers. Call the testing center at 845-938-3360 or email gwenn.t.wallace ctr@mail.mil 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.m.mierva ctr@mail.mil or stop by the Army Education Center from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday.

OUTSIDE THE GATES

Maple Sugar Tours and Opening Celebration at the Hudson Highlands Nature Museum
Maple sugaring season is once again upon us and the Hudson Highlands Nature Museum is ready. Join the Nature Museum to celebrate the first day of the season with the Sweet Maple Syrup Opening Day celebration from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday and help kick off a month of Maple Sugar Tours.

Tours will be led by environmental educators and take place at the Outdoor Discovery Center, on Muser Drive, across from 174 Angola Road, Cornwall.

On opening day, visitors can experience expanded maple festivities along with their tour and taste test, including special crafts, games and storytelling around the camp fire, treats of the sweet season and fun recipes for maple syrup.

The Maple Sugar tours will continue Sunday and March 2, 3, 9, 10, 16 and 17 where two types of tours are offered. Sugar Bush tours at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 2 p.m., and the Maple Lane Tours at noon and 3 p.m.

For all tours, visitors are invited to dress warmly and wear appropriate footwear for snow and mud. Tour size is limited, so visitors are strongly encouraged to pre-register online at hhnm.org or by phone at 845-534-5506, ext 204 as early as possible.

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.

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 jkimbrell22@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.
West Point Bowling League

Openings available for each 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.

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 845-938-2140.

FOR THE FAMILIES

Victor Constant Ski Area is now open

The Victor Constant Ski Area is now open. Hours of operation 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.

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.

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 845-938-4485.

Early Childhood & School Age Hourly Care

Lee Area CYS Facility has space available for hourly care for ages 6 weeks to 6 years and 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.

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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 845-938-8896.

School Age Center’s After School Programs

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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.as.me

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.

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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 is today

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 today.

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, Wellbutrin 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.

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. Wednesday.

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 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.

Keller to host Military Retiree Appreciation and Wellness Day

Keller Army Community Hospital will host a Military Retiree Appreciation and Wellness Day from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. March 14 at the Keller’s Medical Mall (first floor).

Retirees can learn about medical services provided at Keller, receive a health care assessment from our providers and receive recommendations for a healthier lifestyle.

Medical assessments will be:

- Nutrition (body composition testing);
- Laboratory (A1C, lipid panel);
- Mammograms (breast cancer screening);
- General Surgery (schedule colonoscopy screenings);
- Physical Therapy/Orthopedics;
- Podiatry (foot exams);
- Dermatology (skin cancer screening referrals);
- Vision (same-day optometry exams, future exam scheduling);
- Tobacco Cessation information;
- Gynecology (walk-in PAP tests);
- Health Screenings (blood pressure, immunizations);
- Health Benefits Advisor (information on retiree TRICARE benefits).

If you plan to attend, RSVP to Gwendolyn Keller at 845-938-3022 or Gwendolyn.Keller.civ@mail.mil.

MOVIES at MAHAN

Theater schedule at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752.

Friday—“Glass,” PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday—“On the Basis of Sex,” PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

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

If you have questions, contact Capt. Hilarie Wiley at hilarie.wiley@westpoint.edu.

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Army takes No. 1 LSU to limit

The Army West Point Baseball team saw No. 1 LSU hit a three-run walk-off home run in the bottom of the ninth to steal the win Feb. 16, 6-5, in Baton Rouge, La. The Black Knights held a slim 5-3 edge heading into the bottom of the ninth thanks in part to sophomore first baseman Anthony Giachin’s bases clearing double to right center in the seventh inning. Unfortunately, their nationally-ranked opponent kicked off the final frame with back-to-back walks before registering their fifth long ball in a two-day span to leave the Black Knights shocked.

Senior shortstop Trey Martin finished with a single and a double for his first multi-hit game of the year. The senior also accounted for one run batted in and two of Army’s final five runs.

Senior pitcher Daniel Burggraaf (above) was solid in his first start of the year, going 6 1/3 innings allowing four hits and three runs, just one of which was earned, in the no decision. The senior added a game-high five strikeouts as well.

REVIVAL ‘19

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Guest Preacher
Dr. J. Randall O’Brien

February 22-24
Cadet Chapel

Friday & Saturday at 1900
Sunday at 1030 & 1700

63rd Annual Brigade Boxing Open Finals

Who: Championship Rounds of the 63rd Brigade Boxing Open Tournament
What: Annual Open Boxing Tournament to determine the best boxers in the Corps!
Where: Crest Hall at Eisenhower Hall
When: 1830-2100 on 22 FEB 2019
Free Admission
VIP Seating RSVP: john.borman@westpoint.edu
Captains lead Hockey on way to thrilling OT win

By Ally Keirn
Army Athletic Communications

With 1.7 seconds remaining in overtime, senior defenseman Dalton MacAfee scored the game-winning goal to lift the Army West Point Hockey team to a 4-3 victory over Mercyhurst Feb. 16 at Tate Rink.

Down by one with 1:14 remaining, a goal by junior forward Zach Evancho forced the extra time and poised the Black Knights for the victory.

Junior goaltender Matt Penta earned his first collegiate win in net.

How it happened
- Army was first on the board for the second night in a row.
- The Black Knights scored 3:18 into the action during a power play.
- Junior forward Mason Krueger moved the puck over to junior defenseman Alex Wilkinson on the boards who then connected with freshman forward Daniel Haider.
- Haider took advantage of an open lane and scored top shelf for the advantage.
- The Lakers scored at the 8:26 mark of the period to tie things up.
- Mercyhurst struck again with 3:13 to go in the second frame.
- While killing off a penalty, senior forward Taylor Maruya stole the puck in front of the Mercyhurst bench and scored a shorthanded score to tie the game.
- The Lakers went ahead 3-2 however with an even-strength goal at the 18:02 mark.
- Forty-four seconds later, the Black Knights forced overtime with an extra-man goal.
- Wilkinson fired a shot wide which bounced off the boards behind the net finding MacAfee.
- He took a shot from the goal line which set up Evancho to tap in the open net from the left side of the crease and tie the game.
- The teams headed into overtime even at three goals apiece
- With under 10 seconds remaining in the extra frame, senior forward Trevor Fidler fought the puck off the boards to Evancho behind the Mercyhurst net.
- Evancho fired the puck into the slot and found MacAfee who buried a snap shot home for the game winner with 1.7 seconds remaining in overtime.

Army highlights and game notes
- For the third time this season, Army and Mercyhurst played an overtime game.
- The Black Knights scored 3-0-1 against the Lakers this season.
- This was the second overtime victory over Mercyhurst this year, the last coming in October.
- Penta picked up his first collegiate win, turning aside 24 shots.
- MacAfee netted just the second game-winner in his career.
- The senior captain finished the night with a goal and an assist for his 10th multi-point game this year alone and 15th in his career.
- MacAfee boasts five scores in 2018-19 and 23 helpers.
- He leads the Black Knights with 28 points.
- Evancho forced extra time for the second time in six games.
- The junior scored with a little over a minute to go in regulation and earned the primary assist on the game-winner.
- Evancho has produced five multi-point games this season and 15 in his career.
- The Buffalo, New York, native has scored 10 goals on the year and has 16 assists for 26 points.
- Wilkinson dished out two assists in the game to bring his yearly total to 18 and career tally to 46.
- The junior now has 22 points on the year and 59 in an Army sweater.
- Tonight marked Wilkinson’s fourth game this year with multiple assists, while it was his seventh multi-point performance.
- In his career, he has eight multi-assist games and 15 with multiple points.
- Haider’s goal was the rookie’s fourth of the season and eighth point.
- Krueger posted his seventh assist of 2018-19 and the 10th of his career.
- Fidler garnered a helper on the game-winner to mark his seventh of the year as well.
- The senior has 30 in an Army sweater and totals 54 career points, 11 of which come from this season.
- The Black Knights snapped a 10-game winless streak in Atlantic Hockey contests.
Men’s Lacrosse takes down No. 8/10 Rutgers, 10-9

By Ally Keirn
Army Athletic Communications

Thanks to a four-goal run in the first two quarters, the No. 19 Army West Point Men’s Lacrosse team came out on top of No. 8/10 Rutgers, 10-9, Feb. 16 in New Brunswick, New Jersey.

For the second week in a row, the Black Knights took down a ranked opponent and are now 2-0 to start the 2019 season.

How it happened
• For the second game in a row, the Black Knights scored the first and last goals.
• Alex Alacqua tallied the first of the game off a pass from Brendan Nichtern.
• Rutgers answered back with two consecutive goals to go ahead 2-1 at the 12:40 mark.
• Two minutes later, Kyle Beyer setup Army for a transition goal after connecting with Nichtern on the clear.
• The goal sparked a 4-0 run by the Black Knights.
• Nichtern struck again before Connor DeWitt and Matt Manown registered tallies for the Cadets.
• Rutgers scrounged up a goal to make the score 5-3 in favor of Army.
• With 10 minutes left in the second quarter, AJ Barretto made a save and scopped up a ground ball to set up another goal, this time by Nicholas Garofano.
• The sophomore connected with Sean O’Brien a minute later to increase the Black Knights’ lead to 7-3.
• Rutgers chipped away at Army’s lead with three goals to close out the half.
• The Black Knights scored two more in the third quarter with help from Manown and Miles Silva before the Scarlet Knights added two more to bring the score to 9-8, still in favor of Army.
• Rutgers tied the game 5:36 into the fourth quarter.
• The score remained tied until the Black Knights were able to score with three minutes remaining.
• Nichtern netted the game-winner for the second straight game.
• AJ Barretto recorded a slew of saves to close out the game and preserve the Army win.

Army highlights and game notes
• The Black Knights defeated Rutgers for the second straight year.
• For the second game in a row, Nichtern scored Army’s game-winner.
• Nichtern finished the game with three goals and an assist to lead the Cadets.
• The rookie now boasts seven goals and four assists this year for 11 points.
• Garofano had a career-high three points on the day with a goal and two assists, while Manown finished with two goals tie his career-high.
• Evan Condon won nine faceoffs and earned an assist in the game.
• The senior garnered a career-high six ground balls to lead the Black Knights.
• Barretto posted 13 saves in the victory and registered four ground balls.
• Johnny Surdick led both sides with four caused turnovers. The senior captain also picked up three ground balls.
• DeWitt and O’Brien netted their first goals of the year.
• Beyer’s assist was his first-career point. The sophomore also caused a turnover and picked up two ground balls.
• The Black Knights were a perfect 18-18 on clear attempts in the game and held an advantage in shots on goal (27-22) and caused turnovers (7-6).
• Rutgers’ 20 turnovers hindered its performance compared to Army’s 11.
• The Cadets improved their lead in the all-time series with Rutgers to 58-21-1.
• In New Jersey, Army also has the edge at 21-12.
For the first time since 2010, the Army West Point Men’s Track and Field team won the Patriot League Indoor Track and Field Championship Sunday at Annapolis, Maryland. The Black Knights were strong across the board, posting 260 points to claim the title.

Coach’s Corner: Head Coach Mike Smith

“A great team effort from our men this weekend. When I first arrived here in 2014, winning a championship on the track was a very tall ask. We were mired in the middle of the conference and struggled to score in all of the events. Our roster was thin and our outlook was bleak.

“The Firsties that are wearing the championship hats and T-shirt’s today are the same kids that got beaten soundly at this meet as plebes in 2016. Those days are over. I am happy for them and proud of our entire team. Our coaches, our OR’s, our trainers, and our coaches have all put in the work to make this possible and I am happy for all of them and appreciate all of their efforts.

“We had wins everywhere out there today. We won on the track and we won in the field. We had so many outstanding efforts, it’s difficult to single any one thing out. The records and the wins are the obvious focal points but those are easy to see in the results.

“I prefer to highlight what our seniors did to bring the trophy home. Those are the guys that appreciate this the most. Jeff Giannetino won the high jump again. He has been so consistent for us that it is easy to take him for granted. He is always there at the end jumping alone. But those guys don’t come along very often and he is such a special kid. He never complains and always willing to work. He deserves every bit of this. What a career.

“Kevin Dyer was a kid that we found at the prep school. He just keeps coming to practice and doing what we asked and then all of sudden he’s beating people and setting records and pretty soon he is a guy that you got to have. I really appreciate those types of kids that just grind away and see the results pay off.

“Kenneth Brinson has been doing med school interviews all winter and trying to keep up with school and was a starter on the football team all fall. What can you say about a kid that is spread so thin like that? He just shows up and competes. Never complains. He is an amazing kid and we are lucky to have him.

“Andre Vaughn scored for us in the 60 and the 200. That was a kid that we almost cut as a plebe. He just kept coming to practice and doing what we asked and then all of sudden he’s beating people and setting records and pretty soon he is a guy that you got to have. I really appreciate those types of kids that just grind away and see the results pay off.

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Notable performances:

- **Men’s High Jump**: Giannetino—2.09;
- **Men’s Shot Put**: Freshman Jamir Gibson—17.18;
- **Men’s DMR**: Jackson Sullivan, freshman Kevin Sembrat, Boswell and junior Keagan Smith—9:56.64.

Notes:

- Young was named Rookie of the Meet for his meet record setting performance in the 60mh.
- Jefferson’s 21.31 beat the program record of 21.40 from the Penn State National Open.
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2018, second (197), 2019, first (260)

Sports calendar

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