A Call for Culture Change

“This is about behavior change. We can fix this, we are better than this, we can change our behavior. Our actions as a community are failing,” Superintendent Lt. Gen. Darryl A. Williams said during his address to the West Point community. The entire Corps of Cadets as well as West Point’s military and civilian staff, faculty and coaches spent the entire day Monday participating in a stand-down to begin the process of changing the academy’s culture as it relates to sexual assault and harassment. (Above) Cadets gather for a small group discussion to talk about sexual assault and harassment and recommendations for changes that should be made. Williams emphasized to everyone in attendance during his address that, “You are the solution” to bringing change to the culture. See Page 3 for story and photos on West Point’s Stand Down Day.

PHOTOS BY ERIC S. BARTELT/PV (RIGHT) AND BRANDON O’CONNOR/PV (ABOVE)
The U.S. Military Academy celebrated the legacy of African-Americans at the academy and beyond during its annual National African-American History Month Observance Feb. 20 at the West Point Club.

The theme of the event was “Black Migration” and Payne spoke about his experience moving from Columbia, which was designed as an all-inclusive planned community, to a more rural area where he was a minority and faced the challenges of being an adolescent African-American male in America. “We moved about 25 minutes away to a western part of the county that was a little more rural and I was one of the only African-American students at the school I went to,” Payne said. “My experience and that of the other black students at that school was a little different. We really didn’t feel like we were part of the high school community every day."

After telling his own story, Payne leaned on the legacies of triumphant African-American figures such as the Harlem Hellfighters, Serena Williams and others to show the impact one individual can have in moving the country forward and being a force of change in society.

“As we celebrate Black History Month, I think it is important to connect the dots and highlight this is not a separate, standalone or novel observance,” Payne said. “This is a moment to celebrate great Americans and their ability to create a greater American experience for all people, while at the same time recognizing their individual racial and cultural differences are shaped by their experience. That is why we have such a great impact on each other.”

Payne also discussed the history of African-Americans in America from arriving as slaves through the Civil War, reconstruction and the civil right movement and the need for every person to “bring their own inertia to the group” as they work to win the small moments throughout every day.

“American history and progress are not linear and therefore neither is black history or black progress. There has always been ebb and flow,” Payne said. “We look at this nonlinear progression throughout American history and we take a moment to celebrate the importance of African-Americans and particularly African-Americans in the military. It is important to highlight the inertia that the individual has brought to American progress.”

West Point’s Office of Diversity, Inclusion and Equal Opportunity will host its next observance March 20 in honor of Women’s History Month.
Stand-Down starts process of bringing cultural change to West Point

Story and photo by Brandon O'Connor
Assistant Editor

There were no classes at the U.S. Military Academy Monday. Nor were there athletic events, student group meetings or any other extracurricular activities for the Corps of Cadets.

Instead, the entire corps as well as West Point’s military and civilian staff, faculty and coaches spent the entire day participating in a stand-down to begin the process of changing the academy’s culture as it relates to sexual assault and harassment.

“In my assessment talking to cadets and talking to leaders we have a problem. The questions is, what are we going do about it? Today is about a call to action,” Williams said during an address to the entire academy. “This is about behavior change. We can change behaviors … We can fix this. We are better than this. I am not interested in what your ideologies are. I am interested in what your actions are, and our actions right now as a community are failing.”

The stand-down was announced by West Point Superintendent Lt. Gen. Darryl A. Williams during his testimony before the U.S. House of Representatives Armed Services Subcommittee on Military Personnel Feb. 13. The purpose of the stand-down was to address the culture at West Point and reverse the trend that showed an increase in instances of sexual assault and harassment from an estimated 129 in 2015-16 to 273 in 2017-18, according to the biennial Service Academy Gender Relations survey.

The day started with a character breakfast where cadets were led in facilitated discussions by senior faculty, staff and coaches about the issues facing the academy.

After breakfast, Williams addressed the entire academy, including the Corps of Cadets and staff, about taking ownership of the fact that there is a problem with sexual assault and harassment, and the need for the stand-down to be the first step in making changes to the culture at the academy as it relates to sex.

“We do not have a zero defects Army, but we have a zero tolerance for sexual assault and sexual harassment in the United States Army. This isn’t about getting better. One sexual harassment or sexual assault is too many,” Williams said. “I want you to come forward. If this is happening in your barracks, come forward. I guarantee our chain of command will honor you and treat you with dignity and respect … This is a community. If you are struggling today as you hear my voice, come forward today and report. I welcome it and if you aren’t getting what you need come see me.”

After the address, cadets and staff were given time for personal or group reflection about the topics to prepare them for an afternoon full of breakout sessions geared toward discussing the issues and coming up with solutions of how to move forward.

“The greatest solution is repetitive education. That is the best way to change culture overall. Make sure people get it stuck in their heads that sexual assault and harassment are not OK,” Class of 2019 Cadet Ejakhianga Obiomin said. “I thought it (the stand-down) was productive and allowed cadets to voice their opinions on how to solve this huge issue overall. The initial superintendent’s meeting was a shock and made us own up to the fact that this is our problem. I like how we were able to work together to come up with potential solutions to this issue.”

Cadets were divided by company for breakout sessions to talk about changes that need to be made. They were split into male and female small groups with a staff facilitator and then the opportunity to dive deeper into the issues and what West Point needs to do to move forward.

“A lot of the biggest ideas we came up with are more education about sexual assault and harassment from when you first get into the academy,” Class of 2020 Cadet Taylor Krug said. “We start talking about the issue earlier we thought would help a lot. We also talked about harsher punishments for convicted cases of assault and harassment as well as making clearer the definitions and what the punishments are.”

Faculty, staff and coaches had their own sessions throughout the day including a legal panel where members of the Staff Judge Advocate staff discussed how reported cases of sexual assault and harassment are investigated and the options the command has to discipline, which include options such as felony charges or separation from the academy for guilty parties. The panel included West Point’s chief of justice, an Army criminal investigator, a special victims counsel and an Army defense attorney.

“West Point is unique in that it has the added layer of complexity that we are an academic institution,” Capt. Joan Colloton, West Point Special Victims Counsel, said when asked about solutions. “We are talking about 18-24-year-olds who are also trying to figure out how to organically develop these relationships. I think it is incumbent on peers and leaders to intervene before it gets to the point of sexual harassment or sexual assault.”

Following a day’s worth of discussion, each cadet company is tasked with putting together a proposal of what changes should be made at the academy to address sexual assault and harassment. Williams said, “everything is on the table,” and he is having Commandant Brig. Gen. Steven W. Gilland look into all options including alcohol policies on post.

“It feels like there is a big cultural shift happening throughout this day. People have really been changing their minds,” Class of 2022 Cadet Nicholas Tavassoli said. “I think it is important that we start now, this year, and set the culture. Next year, we are going to be team leaders and we are going to have new cadets coming in. What they are going to do is based off what they see the older classes doing. If we set this example now, it may take three years to change the culture, but I think our class could lead the way doing that.”
Town Hall addresses issues with housing

Lt. Gen. Darryl A. Williams, U.S. Military Academy superintendent, and Col. Cecil Marson, West Point garrison commander, hosted a town hall Feb. 21 to address the ongoing issues with housing at West Point.

The town hall was held to present the findings from a West Point Family Housing inspection conducted in November through a joint effort between Balfour Beatty Communities, the private contractors that controls housing on post, and the West Point Garrison.

The inspection was spurred following comments made by former West Point residents at the Association of the United States Army conference in October and included inspections of 19 homes with reported issues related to mold, water intrusion and/or drainage issues.

Visits to the 19 homes found small patches of mold in nine of them, potential for water intrusion at 14 and issues with clogged gutters and drains.

"On behalf of the Army and all of the senior leadership, I personally apologize for the housing issues a lot of you have experienced," Marson said. "I spent the last three months going through housing and I understand it. At the end of the day, if there are any questions about where the buck stops on housing, it is with me. I know I will be judged on my tenure here on West Point on how I fix your housing issues. It is pretty simple for me. I have to figure it out and I have to get it fixed.”

Following the findings of the visits to 19 houses on post, Marson said leadership will be conducting visits to every house on post and inspecting the barracks by March 18. Residents are not required to allow leadership into their homes, but there is a series of six questions they will be asked to answer to enable the collection of data.

Throughout the process of fixing housing on post, Marson said communication between residents and leadership is, "absolutely essential," because it is the only way to understand the scope of the problem. Marson added that residents who come forward about their housing issues will face no reprisal from leadership.

"We have been tasked to look at every single home and we'll do that by the middle of next month. I have already changed my calendar to do that. I had a lot of stuff I was planning to do, but I will be in your home," Williams said, adding that he will be part of the visits, but not see every house personally.

"We are all in this together and we will fix this together. My message to you is we are here, and we are listening. You've got to trust us and give us a chance to get after this.”

Along with the issues found in the 19 inspected homes, major concerns raised during the town hall were the brown water issue throughout the West Point community and the failure of the work order system used by BBC.

Because of the frequency of the issue, it was suggested to hold a future town hall specifically about brown water and what is being done to rectify the problem.

"I feel like there is a real lack of trust between us and Balfour Beatty and all these different parties,” Maj. Ryan Leach said during the open discussion portion of the town hall. “They have been benefitting immensely and profiting immensely from us. This is their responsibility. These are billion-dollar companies that are truly benefiting off of all of us. I understand and sympathize with you doing the right thing and picking up the pieces after this, but I want to vocalize that there is a real lack of trust in them and these people coming in and fixing things.”

As for the constant issues with work orders, Marson has started a monthly work order review board where he will meet with Balfour Beatty to go over what orders they have received and the work that has been completed. They are also working to develop a new system to submit and track work orders.

"The work order system, it doesn't work. It is not effective,” Marson said. “The work order system is antiquated. It has to be fixed and improved and that is something I am going to work with the partner to get fixed. That is a recommendation I have sent up higher saying we have to relook at the work order system.”

As they work to address the issue at West Point and throughout the Army, all contractor performance incentives given to Balfour Beatty have been suspended to enable the system to be reworked and the metrics changed.

A West Point housing resident speaks about his concerns over his home during a town hall meeting Feb. 21.
Cadet Club activities

Chess:
The West Point Chess team played in the Amateur Team East Open chess tournament Feb 15-18 in Parsippany, New Jersey.
There were six matches over the course of the weekend with each lasting around 4-5 hours so each cadet got nearly 24 hours of playing time. Army beat Navy 2-1-1 in the head-to-head competition.

Equestrian: The Army West Point Equestrian team showed strong at its first IHSA horseshow of second semester, hosted by the region’s alumni riders, Feb. 17 in Lagrangeville, New York at the Crosswinds Equestrian Center. The team competed against 10 highly competitive colleges in the Northeast region.
Not only were there five top-three finishes in multiple categories of the competition, but two team members qualified for the regional finals later this season.
Class of 2019 Cadet Amanda Roper won her walk-trot-canter class, pointing out into the Novice division and assuring her regional qualification.
Class of 2022 Cadet Victoria Kearns won her walk-trot class, which earned her enough points to qualify for regionals and the walk-trot-canter division next season.
Additionally, Class of 2021 Cadet Madyson Paul earned second in her novice fences class, Class of 2022 Cadet Karissa Stubblefield earned third in her novice flat class and Class of 2022 Cadet Wyatt Flynn earned third in his walk-trot class.
The team is continuing to excel as its members prepare to finish the season strong.

Alpine Skiing: The West Point Alpine/Freestyle team competed in the Atlantic Regionals Feb 22-23 in Seven Springs, Pennsylvania. After a long and competitive season, the team finished in fifth place overall. The Alpine team continues to show that the U.S. Military Academy is going to be one of the top teams in the conference for years to come.
Maximizing collaborative opportunities for new lieutenants

From the Foxhole

By Col. James Riely
U.S. Corps of Engineers

In order to positively affect future second lieutenant cohorts, the United States Military Academy at West Point, Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) and Cadet Command deliberately dialog about ways to increase effectiveness, efficiency, integration and collaboration. These discussions consider each entity’s distinct mission, recruiting pool, developmental model, resources and programmatic scale, but are generally aimed at maximizing leader development effects.

The Army’s Officer Candidate School (OCS), Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) and the United State Military Academy (USMA) all produce second lieutenants. However, each commissioning source’s participants, purpose, mission, methodologies, resources, expectations and demographics vary.

However, three diverse commissioning sources provide a unique advantage for our Nation’s Army relative to other nations around the world. OCS leverages civilian and enlisted experience and education, allowing the Army to rapidly surge or reduce annual officer commissions as needed through a short, structured Program of Instruction.

ROTC provides an avenue for thousands of civilian college students to commission each year into the Active, Guard or Reserve components through 270-plus geographically-dispersed, university-hosted programs.

This extends the Army’s ability to tap into talent across a much broader spectrum of the American population. This allows ROTC to build diversity into the ranks and provide a bridge between the academic/civilian population and the Army that serves it. While OCS and ROTC are commissioning programs, USMA’s recruiting, mission and resources allow it to serve as the Department of the Army’s foundational institution for developing future second lieutenants.

Its historical location and impressive facilities are not what make USMA the Army’s commissioning institution. It is an institution because of its people, its resources, its programs and its developmental time with future second lieutenants. USMA cadets benefit from robust mentorship and development opportunities over a 47-month sequential and progressive training model that includes unique military, physical and academic graduation requirements completed within the context of a foundational character program and Honor Code.

This is what the taxpayers expect of their military academy. The breadth and depth of military and professional educators, trainers and mentors (former company commanders and higher) available to USMA cadets during Cadet Summer Training and the academic year, as well as the extended leadership experiences offered in the AY and CST are USMA’s institutional advantages.

Today, our graduates are expected to be combined arms, joint, coalition fighters within complex environments immediately upon entry into the force, and when our Nation is in peril (as seen in the Civil War and World War II), it relies on experienced USMA graduates to navigate that peril.

The aforementioned dialog between USMA, TRADOC and Cadet Command looks to identify and capitalized upon opportunities for USMA-ROTC collaboration for the benefit of future 2LT cohorts.

In addition to post-commissioning opportunities at Branch Basic Officer Leadership Course, Ranger school, Sapper school etc., select West Point and Cadet Command cadre/cadets already collaborate at various pre-commissioning venues.

These include: ROTC cadet participation in USMA’s Cadet Field Training (CFT); integration during Cadet Troop Leadership Training (CTLT); integration at Army military schools (e.g. Airborne, etc.); USMA’s Sandhurst Competition; USMA’s Sandhurst Competition (expanded this year to increase ROTC teams from 8 to 16); ROTC’s George C. Marshall Conference; USMA’s National Conference on Ethics in America (NCEA); USMA’s Student Conference on US Affairs (SCUSA); USMA’s McDonald Leadership Conference (Diversity focused); USMA’s Mission Command Conference; USMA’s War Studies Conference; ROTC’s usage of USMA training areas; and USMA ACS students’ providing cadre support to individual ROTC BN training/education.

With this collaborative foundation in place, recent USMA and Cadet Command team members should continue to look for opportunities to share excellence, build cooperative and collective strength, maximize resources and formulate the connective tissue that can well serve our second lieutenants, our Soldiers and our Nation during the Multi-Domain Operations of the future.

Empowerment during National Prayer Breakfast

(Above) Dr. J. Randall O’Brien, president of Carson-Newman University, speaks about the enduring promise of an empowering presence during the National Prayer Breakfast Feb. 21 at the West Point Club. (Left) The West Point Combined Chapel Choirs sings at the event.

Photos by Bryan Ilyankoff/PAO
Bloody Shiloh: ‘Lick’em tomorrow though!’

By Sherman Fleek
USMA Historian

In pouring down rain at Pittsburgh Landing on the Tennessee River, Brig. Gen. William T. Sherman, U.S. Military Academy Class of 1840, rode to where he thought the headquarters of the Army of the Tennessee was located. There was no official headquarters site or building, it was where its commander happened to be. Sherman moved on through the rain and spied a man standing under a lone tree with rain running off his felt hat and slicker.

Sherman dismounted and approached his commander, Maj. Gen. U. S. Grant, who had a cigar in his mouth. Called “Cum” from his cadet days for his middle name Tecumseh, Sherman had rehearsed in his mind what he would say to Grant his superior: that the Union army was exhausted and unorganized and in a state of chaos and defeated. Sherman had been slightly wounded twice and had three horses killed from under him.

The Confederates had surprised them and won the day, pushing the federals back two miles to Pittsburgh Landing. It was insanity to stay on the west side of the river and face the Rebels again. The only way to save the army was to cross over by riverboats at night in this miserable rain or disaster would come tomorrow, April 7, 1862. Only a madman would wait and fight.

Sherman reached Grant and said to him, “Well, Grant, we’ve had the devil’s own day, haven’t we?”

Grant looked up. “Yes,” he said, “Lick ‘em tomorrow, though.”

That was it. That was all that needed to be said. Sherman looked at Grant and walked off to his horse. In only a few words, Sherman understood completely what Grant intended to do: Attack.

If there is one battle and one element of that battle that demonstrates Gen. Grant’s genius, tenacity and decisiveness in war, it was that moment in the rain under a tree. Grant knew the Confederate commanders would never expect the Union to attack after having been nearly routed on Sunday, April 6.

Any other Northern commander would have retreated across the river to save his army for another fight and another day. But not Grant. What all the other commanders on both sides did not understand was that Grant was a visionary; he could see the end results through the fog and chaos of battle and see what needed to be done. He knew his army had been surprised and routed, but he also knew his men made a determined stand and were gaining confidence by the end of the day. Grant knew that if he was confident and held firm, so would his men.

As Gen. Sherman was determined to retreat, he was changed in an instant with Grant’s four words and absolute confidence and determination.

The federal army did attack the next morning and by noon, the Confederates, the victors of the first day of Shiloh, were losing ground and were soon vanquished. Grant knew war and soldiering.

After the great victory at Forts Henry and Donelson, Grant became a hero and the North celebrated his twin victories. Uncomfortable with the fame and new name, “Unconditional Surrender Grant,” he continued his movement south taking advantage of the enemy’s uncertainty.

He sent a brigade from the Army of the Ohio (not under Grant’s command) to Nashville, which the Rebels had abandoned. He then focused on Corinth, Mississippi a vital railroad junction for southern Tennessee, northern Alabama and Mississippi. Grant had six divisions of some 63,000 troops in the Army of the Tennessee.

Gen. Albert Sydney Johnston, USMA Class 1826, the senior Southern officer and department commander was in a state of anxiety and withdrew his separate forces south. Johnston’s intention was to reorganize his army and march north to strike the hated Yankees.

The hope was to defeat Grant before Maj. Don Carlos Buell’s Army of the Ohio could unite with Grant at Pittsburgh Landing near a small church named Shiloh.

By the first of April, Johnston, whom Confederate President Jefferson Davis, USMA Class of 1828, considered his greatest general, had reorganized several small armies into the Army of Mississippi of some 43,000 men, many of whom had no combat experience.

His logistics and supplies were inadequate, and he knew time was critical for a major offensive. Johnston allowed Gen. Pierre Gustave Toussaint Beauregard, USMA Class 1838, to develop the battle plan to attack the Federals at Shiloh. A complex deployment of four corps in attack column instead of line, proved difficult to manage in the dense brush and forests. The element of surprise was essential for the plan.

Early in the morning of April 6, after a difficult march from Corinth in rain and muddy roads, Confederate skirmishers approached the Union camps in the pre-dawn darkness. For several days there were indications of the enemy nearby, but Union commanders refused to believe the evidence, especially Sherman.

However, Col. Everette Peabody commanding an Illinois brigade was very concerned and ordered a patrol to advance that morning due to activity in the last two days to his south. Brig. Gen. Benjamin Prentiss, also from Illinois, chastised Peabody after an intense firefight erupted, saying, that he would hold Peabody “personally responsible for bringing on this engagement.” Peabody was proved right— dead right; he was later killed that morning.

Thus, the bloody battle of Shiloh began. The Confederates struck violently and overran two Union divisions and their camps. But by noon, five divisions had driven back a mile and were able to dig-in and hold firm. (The other division commanded by Lew Wallace was miles away at Crump’s Landing.)

Names on the battlefield are now hallmarks for death and courage: the Sunken Road, the Peach Orchard, Bloody Pond and the most famous, the Hornet’s Nest. Assault after assault failed to dislodge the Union troops in the Sunken Road, a farm lane sunk down about two feet below the fields. Then at a patch of trees called the Hornet’s Nest, Prentiss made a determined stand for hours, which saved the rest of Grant’s army from destruction.

When the noise of battle sounded up river where Grant was having breakfast aboard his riverboat headquarters, he lost no time in reaching the front, instilling confidence and making adjustments. He inspired all who saw him.

Confederate Gen. Johnston was reconnoitering on the far east side of his line when he realized that the overall attack was misplaced.

Due to poor maps, the main attack was two miles to the west from the river, thus not pushing the Federals away from the river and reinforcements.

As Johnston did so, a Minnie ball entered his leg, and he was bleeding to death before any of his men knew it. He died by mid-afternoon. The Confederates had lost their best hope in leadership and tactically.

Grant rallied the situation and retreated to more defensive ground near the Landing. With a rain coming on, the Army was saved. The next morning with reinforcements from Buell’s Army of the Ohio, and Gen. Wallace’s lost division, Grant attacked carried the day.

The Confederates withdrew by late afternoon shattered and defeated. Some 3,500 dead lay upon the ground. The saying goes, “After Shiloh, the South never smiled again.” (Editor’s note: This is the fifth in a series on Ulysses Grant until his statue dedication at West Point on April 25.)
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—ted.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.

Spring Organ Recital at Cadet Chapel

Through the spring, West Point will offer organ recitals at the Cadet Chapel. The first recital is at 2:30 p.m. March 10 by Meredith Baker, former West Point Catholic director.

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 Funaro at 845-398-4102 or email gfunaro@stac.edu.

Graduate studies:
• John Jay College of Criminal Justice—master’s degree in public administration—Call Jennifer Heiney at 845-446-3895 or email jheiney@jjay.cuny.edu; and
• Long Island University—master’s degrees in school counseling, mental health counseling and marriage and family counseling—Call Mary Beth Leggett at 845-446-3818 or email marybeth.leggett@liu.edu.

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

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

For details, call 845-938-1039.

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

Pearson VUE offers licensing and certification exams. Most tests are free of charge to Soldiers. Call the testing center at 845-938-3360 or email gwenn.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 Mierwa at drew.m.mierwa.ctr@mail.mil or stop by the Army Education Center from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday.

OUTSIDE THE GATES

Faith, Healing and Redemption
Women share their stories of Faith, Healing and Redemption at 7 p.m. March 26 at Arnold Auditorium.

This inspirational and heartwarming event is sponsored by the BCM and Chi Alpha Cadet Religious Clubs.

For details, email Paul Walker at pwalker@nutmnet.net or Kerry Dunham at kerry.dunham@westpoint.edu.

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 jkmanacita@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.
WEST POINT MWR CALENDAR
westpoint.armymwr.com

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

MWR Potential Fall Concert Survey
MWR is seeking to host a large scale Fall concert intended for the entire West Point community, including the general public.

We are seeking your opinion on the genre of music that should be sought out.

If you are interested in providing your opinion, follow this survey link at https://www.quicktapsurvey.com/survey/2ae68466e8711f8e3289706731acb and answer two short questions no later than March 8.

Morgan Farm Summer Riding Camps
Registration opens Friday for Morgan Farm Summer Riding Camps. The camps begin June 24.

There are five-day and three-day camps offered for ages 5 and up. For more details, call 845-938-3926.

Keeping your children safe in today’s digital world: A Parents Guide
A free seminar for parents of children who have access to phones and social media is scheduled from 5-6:30 p.m. March 20 at the West Point Middle School Auditorium. Prosecutors from Orange County’s District Attorney’s office will discuss the dangers encountered by children in today’s digital world. They will give parents the tools they need to better understand technology by using an award-winning multimedia presentation and real-life examples with a Q & A session will follow.

For details, call School Support Services at 938-2092.

West Point Bowling Leagues
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.

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 date for the final MWR Community General Skate is 3:30-5:15 p.m. Sunday.

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

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

Perfecting Your Parallel Sunday
Join the Victor Constant Ski Area for Perfecting Your Parallel from noon-2 p.m. Sunday. Improve your parallel skiing with PSA Level III Alpine Instructor, Jack Kennedy.

For parents (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.

Noontime Ultimate Frisbee Double Elimination Tournament
The MWR Sports office will conduct a 2019 Staff and Faculty Noontime Ultimate Frisbee Double Elimination Tournament. Tournament play will start on March 18. The deadline for sign-ups is March 7. Games will be played at Daly Field at 12:10 p.m. Monday-Fridays.

Individuals and/or teams wishing to enter may do so by emailing james.p.mcguinness.naf@mail.mil or by calling 845-938-3066.

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.

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 845-938-3926.

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 845-938-4458.

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.westpointacas.as.mil

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.

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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.

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

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 available 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).

KACH Nutrition Care provides weight management sessions

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

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

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

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

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 shoe technology 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) shoe 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 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 shoe technology pod along with directions of use for how to track running form, mileage, cadence and foot strike pattern.

For more information on 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.

West Point Band continues Masterworks Concert Series with “Glass Bead Game”

Story and photo by West Point Band

The West Point Concert Band continues its Masterworks concert series with “Glass Bead Game” at 2 p.m. March 16 at Eisenhower Hall Theatre.

In the event of inclement weather, the concert will move to 2 p.m. March 17. This concert is free and open to all. Please note however, that starting in 2019, all West Point Band concerts at Eisenhower Hall will be ticketed through Eventbrite. Reserve your free tickets in advance by visiting westpointband.eventbrite.com.

The West Point Band’s Masterworks series continues with this dynamic performance featuring powerhouse soloist Staff Sgt. Nicole Caluori in James Beckel’s Pulitzer Prize-nominated work “The Glass Bead Game: Concerto for Horn and Orchestra.”

This program is a true wind band-lover’s delight, showcasing works by contemporary American composers including “Courage for Winds” by Adrienne Albert, “Poetic Structures” by Errol Weiss Schlubach, and “With Each Sunset” by Richard Saucedo. You won’t want to miss this incredible performance.

Bring your friends and family to Eisenhower Hall Theatre for an afternoon of inspiring concert and patriotic music, performed by the Army’s oldest band.

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, YouTube and Twitter.

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West Point Tax Center is operating to help file your taxes

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

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/elle/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.

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Hoarding and Fire: Reducing the Risk

Do you have a person in your life who may be a hoarder? Hoarding is a condition where a person has persistent difficulty discarding personal possessions. The large amount of possessions fill the home and prevent the normal use of the space. Living space becomes cluttered. It may be unusable. Hoarding brings distress and emotional health concerns.

WHY HOARDING INCREASES FIRE RISKS

- Cooking is unsafe if flammable items are close to the stove or oven.
- Heating units may be too close to things that can burn. They might also be placed on unstable surfaces.
- If a heater tips over into a pile, it can cause a fire.
- Electrical wiring may be old or worn from the weight of piles. Pests could chew on wires. Damaged wires can start fires.
- Open flames from smoking materials or candles in a home with excess clutter are very dangerous.
- Blocked pathways and exits may hinder escape from a fire.

HOW HOARDING IMPACTS FIRST RESPONDERS

- Hoarding puts first responders in harm’s way.
- Firefighters cannot move swiftly through a home filled with clutter.
- Responders can be trapped in a home when exits are blocked. They can be injured by objects falling from piles.
- The weight of the stored items, especially if water is added to put out a fire, can lead to building collapse.
- Fighting fires is very risky in a hoarding home. It is hard to enter the home to provide medical care.
- The clutter impedes the search and rescue of people and pets.

How Can You Help Reduce the Risk of Fire Injury

- When talking to a person who hoards, focus on safety rather than the clutter. Be empathetic. Match the person’s language. If they call it hoarding, then you can call it hoarding.
- Help the residents make a home safety and escape plan. Stress the importance of clear pathways and exits. Practice the plan often. Exit routes may change as new items are brought into the home.
- Install working smoke alarms in the home. Test them at least once a month.
- Reach out to community resources. Talk to members of the fire department to alert them of your concerns. They may be able to connect you with members of a hoarding task force for additional help.

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College Campus Fire Safety

College students living away from home should take a few minutes to make sure they are living in a fire-safe environment. Educating students on what they can do to stay safe during the school year is important and often overlooked.

SAFETY TIPS

- Look for fully sprinklered housing when choosing a dorm or off-campus housing.
- Make sure you can hear the building alarm system when you are in your dorm room.
- If you live in a dormitory, make sure your sleeping room has a smoke alarm, or your dormitory suite has a smoke alarm in each living area as well as the sleeping room. For the best protection, all smoke alarms in the dormitory suite should be interconnected so that when one sounds, they all sound.
- If you live in an apartment or house, make sure smoke alarms are installed in each sleeping room, outside every sleeping area, and on each level of the apartment unit or house. For the best protection, all smoke alarms in the apartment unit or house should be interconnected so that when one sounds, they all sound.
- Test all smoke alarms at least monthly.
- Never remove batteries or disable the alarm.
- Learn your building’s evacuation plan and practice all drills as if they were the real thing.
- If you live off campus, have a fire escape plan with two ways out of every room.
- When the smoke alarm or fire alarm sounds, get out of the building quickly and stay out.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking.
- Cook only when you are alert, not sleepy or drowsy from medicine or alcohol.
- Check with your local fire department for any restrictions before using a barbecue grill, fire pit, or chiminea.
- Check your school’s rules before using electrical appliances in your room.

Facts

- fires in dormitories are more common during the evening hours, between 5-11 pm, and on weekends.
- roughly six out of seven fires in dormitories are started by cooking.

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Defense shines in Women’s Lacrosse win over Mount St. Mary’s

By Matt Tedino
Army Athletic Communications

A strong defensive performance in the second half helped the Army West Point Women’s Lacrosse team capture a 10-6 win over Mount St. Mary’s on Feb. 23 at Michie Stadium.

The Black Knights (5-0) have gotten it done on both ends of the field during their hot-start to the season and it was no different on Saturday. The Cadets scored in double-figures for the fifth time this year, while also holding the Mountaineers (2-1) to their lowest goal output since April 8, 2018.

On the offensive side, Manuela Cortes paced Army with a game-high three goals for her third hat trick of the season.

Rilee Scott and Caroline Raymond also tallied multi-goal outings in the home win, while Jackie Brattan, Samantha Stewart and Megan Raftery each chipped in with one goal apiece.

The defensive pressure forced the Mountaineers to turn the ball over 17 times and four different Cadets recorded a caused turnover, including Scott who led the team with two.

Army highlights and game notes
• Cortes became Army’s all-time leader in goals scored with 88.
• She also recorded her 100th career point.
• Raymond had an assist and took sole possession of seventh in all-time helpers.
• Stewart had a game-high six draw controls.
• Brattan and Raftery led the team with three ground balls apiece.
• Dating back to last season, the Cadets have reach double-digit goals in six straight games.
• It was also Army’s sixth straight win when holding the opposition to single-digit goals.
• For the fifth consecutive game at Michie Stadium, the Black Knights have held their opponent to single-digit scores.
• The Black Knights outshot the Mountaineers, 30-19.
• Twenty of Army’s shots were placed on goal.
• The Cadets tied the all-time series with the Mountaineers, 1-1.

How it happened
It took the Black Knights 31 seconds to jump out to a 1-0 advantage after Cortes found the back of the net for her 11th goal of the year. The senior wasted no time and just over a minute later, tallied her second score of the game. Less than 45 seconds following Cortes’ second goal, Caroline Raymond got involved in the action with her sixth goal of the season to give the Cadets an early 3-0 advantage.

Mount St. Mary’s eventually got on the board with 23:05 on the clock, but Army answered right back with a free position score by Brattan. Over the final 20 minutes of the first half, the Mountaineers outscored the Black Knights, 3-1, to make it a one-goal game going into the break.

The second half was all Army as the Black Knights turned up the intensity on the defensive end. Mount St. Mary’s was held scoreless for nearly 27 minutes while the Cadets tacked on to their lead with multiple goals.

Scott was the first to strike and she found the back of the net at 26:33. That Scott score sparked a 5-0 Army run that lasted until the 3:19 mark. It was then that the Mountaineers finally broke through in the frame with back-to-back goals.

However, it was too late as the Black Knights’ lead proved to be insurmountable and Army came away with the, 10-6, home win.

Sophomore midfielder Charlotte Spencer carries the ball up the field as the defense of Army West Point drove the women’s lacrosse team past Mount St. Mary’s 10-6 Feb. 23 at Michie Stadium. Photo by Army Athletic Communications

Sports calendar

**Corps Squad**

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*View the upcoming Army West Point Black Knights Schedule at www.goarmywestpoint.com/calendar.aspx?VType=list.*
The Army West Point Boxing team hosted the 63rd annual Army West Point Boxing Brigade Open Feb. 22 at Crest Hall. There were 11 championship bouts on the evening.

This year included three repeat BBO champions as seniors Carlan Ivey, Vonn Grant and John Koffman won their bouts. Grant won the BBO in his weight class every year while Ivey earned his third straight championship. Koffman didn’t participate last year, but he won the year before as a sophomore.

There was also a special bout between the Superintendent Lt. Gen. Darryl A. Williams and the Commandant Brig. Gen. Steven W. Gilland. The Chief of Staff of the Army GEN. Mark A. Milley was also in attendance.

Here is a list of bouts and winners this year:

- 125 lbs.—Ivey, Company D-4, defeated junior Aung Moe, Co. C-2;
- 132 lbs.—Sophomore Calvin Hart, Co. A-3, defeated sophomore Luigi Galzerano, Co. B-3;
- 119 lbs. (women)—Freshman Menna Mohamed, Co. F-2, defeated freshman Leija Cobb, Co. B-4;
- 139 lbs.—Sophomore Shane Ferry, Co. D-4, defeated freshman Isaiah Queen, Co. G-1;
- 147 lbs.—Grant, Co. F-2, defeated sophomore Lawrence Shepherd, Co. A-2;
- 156 lbs.—Koffman, Co. I-3, defeated junior Kyle Taylor, Co. D-4;
- 132 lbs. (women)—Sophomore Emma Begin, Co. H-1, defeated junior Alyssa Milner, Co. A-1;
- 175 lbs.—Sophomore AJ Farrow, Co. E-1, defeated senior Shiloh Begley, Co. A-1;
- 185 lbs.—Sophomore Elias Manning, Co. B-4, defeated senior Will Parada, Co. B-3;
- 165 lbs. (women)—Freshman Corrine Kurz, Co. E-1, defeated sophomore Sydney Sandburg, Co. G-4;
PNE-ACI upsets Engineers to take Noontime Basketball title

(Above) Department of Physics and Nuclear Engineering-Army Cyber Institute forward Steven Whitman puts up the winning basket with 1.1-second left to give PNE-ACI a 21-19 victory over the Engineers in game three of the Upper Bracket championship of the West Point Staff and Faculty Noontime Basketball playoffs Feb. 22 at Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center. (Right) PNE-ACI guard Derrick Stanton Jr. knocks down a three during game two as his team won 27-20.

PHOTOS BY ERIC S. BARTLET/PV

(Above) Engineers guard David Hughes puts up a shot against the Department of Physics and Nuclear Engineering-Army Cyber Institute during game three of the Upper Bracket championship of the West Point Staff and Faculty Noontime Basketball playoffs. The Engineers won game one 24-15, but lost games two and three. (Left) Engineers forward Daniel Arnold blocks a shot of a driving PNE-ACI player in game two.
Wrestling claims third-straight ‘Star’ over Navy

By Stephen Waldman
Army Athletic Communications

The 24th-ranked Army West Point Wrestling team put on a show on Senior Day with a 22-10 victory in the Star Meet over service-academy rival Navy in front of a packed Christl Arena Feb. 23.

Prior to the match, Army recognized seniors Rocco Caywood, Austin Harry, Zach Maxwell, Patrick Mayolo, Graham Ratermann, Katie Silecchia, Peter Strassfield, Ethan Tursini, Conner Ziegler and Harrison Young as part of the Senior Day ceremony.

The Black Knights close out the regular season with an overall record of 8-3, including a 7-1 mark against Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association opponents. The Mids dropped to 6-4 on the year and 3-3 in conference duals.

Army jumped out to a quick 6-0 lead after victories by 25th-ranked junior Trey Chalifoux at 125 pounds and an upset win by sophomore Lane Peters over 28th-ranked Casey Cobb at 133. Navy answered with a pair of wins, including a major decision at 149 pounds to take a one-point lead.

Similar to last year’s dual at Alumni Hall, junior Lucas Weiland, the 27th-ranked wrestler in the nation at 157 pounds, sparked an Army rally with a dominant 6-0 decision over Quentin Hovis to retake the lead.

After the Midshipmen retook the lead, 17th-ranked junior Ben Harvey topped No. 20 Spencer Carey, 7-3, to put the Black Knights back on top.

Following a stellar 6-0 decision by No. 21 junior Noah Stewart, Caywood sealed the victory to thunderous applause following his 8-1 victory as he pushed the Cadets to an 18-10 advantage with one match left.

Sophomore Bobby Heald closed out the dual with another thrilling win over a Navy wrestler as the Bedford, N.H., native posted Army’s only bonus point win of the contest.

How it happened
* 125 lbs.: #25 Trey Chalifoux decision over Jacob Allen, 12-6 (Army leads, 3-0);
* 133 lbs.: Lane Peters decision over #28 Casey Cobb, 7-4 (Army leads, 6-0);
* 141 lbs.: #17 Nicholas Gil decision over #27 Corey Shie, 10-5 (Army leads, 6-3);
* 149 lbs.: #22 Jared Prince major decision over Noah Hanau, 10-2 (Navy leads, 7-6);
* 157 lbs.: #27 Lucas Weiland decision over Quentin Hovis, 6-0 (Army leads, 9-7);
* 165 lbs.: #26 Tanner Skidgel decision over #28 Cael McCormick, 4-0 (Navy leads, 10-9);
* 174 lbs.: #17 Ben Harvey decision over #20 Spencer Carey, 7-3 (Army leads, 12-10);
* 184 lbs.: #21 Noah Stewart decision Anthony Cable, 6-0 (Army leads, 15-10);
* 197 lbs.: #6 Rocco Caywood decision over #30 Joshua Roetman, 8-1 (Army leads, 18-10);
* 285 lbs.: Bobby Heald maj. decision over Thomas Ott, 18-6 (Army leads, 22-10).

Army highlights and game notes
* The Black Knights have won three-straight Star Meets over Navy for just the second time in program history and first since 1960-62.
* Head Coach Kevin Ward improved to 4-1 all-time against Navy, matching Army Hall of Famer LeRoy Alitz’s career win total.
* Army’s eight dual wins and seven EIWA victories are the most since the 2013-14 season.
* It marked the most wins, both overall and in conference, under Ward.
* Chalifoux remained perfect at 4-0 against the Mids in his career, including a 3-0 mark in the Star Meet.
* The Nashville, Tennessee, native set a new personal best with his sixth dual win of the year.
* Peters notched his first-career win in a Star Match by upsetting 28th-ranked Casey Cobb.
* The Uhrichsville, Ohio, native earned his eighth major decision of the year.
* Heald competed in his first dual of the season.
* He also remains perfect in star matches at 2-0.