Parents experience West Point during Plebe Parent Weekend

U.S. Military Academy Class of 2022 cadets (above) show their parents around post during Plebe Parent Weekend March 8. (Right) Class of 2022 cadets and their parents visit the Physics and Nuclear Engineering department open house during Plebe Parent Weekend. See Page 3 for story and photos from PPW.

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Corps, community mourn, honor fallen Firstie

Story by Jason Hoppe
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U.S. Military Academy cadets, staff, faculty and community members continued to mourn and honor Class of 2019 Cadet Peter L. Zhu in the weeks after his passing on Feb. 27 in Valhalla, New York.

The Zhu family and more than 1,000 cadets and community members gathered for a military memorial ceremony at the Cadet Chapel on March 5, with others observing the ceremony remotely in Eisenhower Hall.

Speakers shared personal stories of Zhu, emphasizing his concern and care for others in assorted informal and formal capacities, including as President of the West Point Pre-Medical Society, lead for the Cadet Counselor Unit, Academic Officer for his company (E-1) and as a Senior Cadet Writing Fellow, among other positions.

One speaker, Class of 2019 Cadet Grace Yu, commented that Zhu was “brilliant, adventurous, genuine, selfless, infectiously encouraging and never too serious,” that he was “relentless in pursuing everything he set his heart on,” and “yet, he somehow always found ways to share his time, kindness and talents with those around him.”

It was also noted at the ceremony that Zhu had been accepted to the MD-PhD program at the Uniformed Services University School of Medicine and Health Sciences. He was the first cadet in the academy’s history to receive such an acceptance, according to retired Col. Alan Beilte, M.D., head academic counselor in Academic Affairs and Registrar Services.

Immediately prior to private funeral services held on March 8, Zhu was presented posthumously with the Army Commendation Medal by Superintendent Lt. Gen. Darryl A. Williams, who noted, “First Class Cadet Peter Zhu’s outstanding performance, selfless service, high standards, exceptional academic proficiency and dedication contributed immeasurably to the overall success of the Corps of Cadets.”

At this ceremony, Zhu also received a posthumous Bachelor of Science Degree from the academy and was posthumously commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

Zhu’s legacy of integrating service and achievement will continue, suggest academy mentors.

Lt. Col. Melissa R. Eslinger, assistant professor in Chemistry and Life Science, characterized Zhu as a “storyteller,” noting that impactful, jointly-authored research of his on narrative and scientific communication continues to be prepared for publication.

Zhu’s scholarly poster, “Narrating Science: Harnessing Storytelling to Improve Students’ Scientific Communication,” is set to be presented in April at the Stamps Scholars 2019 National Convention, in Atlanta.

Zhu is survived by his parents, Yongmin Zhu and Monica Minzhi Yao, as well as his older sister, Helen Zhu, all of whom reside in California.
Parents explore cadet life during PPW

In their first year at the U.S. Military Academy, cadets learn how to be followers. With cupped hands and no leadership roles, Plebes must first learn to follow before being given their first responsibilities as leaders during Yearling year. The system is turned on its head for one weekend each year as the upper three classes leave the first weekend of spring break and the Plebe class is left in charge.

The Class of 2022 had its first chance to lead during Plebe Parent Weekend, March 8-10, the annual gathering of the school’s largest family of cadets and one of the academy’s largest community events.

Starting at 12:50 p.m. on Friday, the upper three classes were released for break, the Plebes changed into dress grays and Class of 2022 cadets took command.

“It is a little daunting, but I have a newfound ownership of the corps that I didn’t have before,” Class of 2022 Cadet Seth Bolden, who served as regimental command sergeant major during Plebe Parent Weekend, said. “I had to meet with the Brigade Command Sgt. Maj. (Class of 2019 Cadet Joseph) Mannino and he said, ‘Make sure the place is not burned down when I get back.’ I know that is very much on me. It is encouraging because we are going to fill this role eventually and I can get a sneak peak of what it is going to be like.”

All the responsibilities typically held by the First Captain, his staff and company commanders fell on the Class of 2022 for the weekend. The Plebe leadership was chosen following a process including being nominated by a cadet leader or TAC, an application and an appearance before the brigade review board.

With only a few weeks’ notice before the weekend, the Plebe leaders were tasked with making sure the weekend went well. Their major responsibility was accountability, which included taking a head count at taps to ensure the entire class was back on post, coordinating rifle return after Saturday’s parade and manning security posts around central area to check IDs.

They also had to make sure everything went well with the parade itself, the banquet Saturday night and the hop that followed. The cadets in leadership roles also had to find a way to balance their responsibilities with spending time with their families who were in town for the weekend.

“I came to Plebe Parent Weekend last year, my brother is a Yuk, so I had the family experience side of it, which was wonderful,” Class of 2022 Cadet Francesca La Torre, who served as regimental commander, said. “I enjoyed Plebe Parent Weekend and now I get to have the cadet side. Having that knowledge of what I want Plebe Parent Weekend to look like is great because I want to be able to replicate that feeling for the families that are coming for the Class of 2022.”

After stepping into leadership roles for the weekend, the cadets tasked with leading their peers said they had a newfound respect for the cadet leadership who occupy those roles throughout the year. Learning to balance their roles with school work, even if only for a couple weeks, opened their eyes to what it takes to be a leader and what they have to look forward to in the coming years.

“It is pretty humbling, but I feel very proud to lead my class,” La Torre said. “Every single person in the Class of 2022 is an extraordinary person and anyone could be First Plebe. To be chosen amongst such a competitive pool of individuals is amazing. I am trying to cherish the experience.”

More than a thousand family members made their way to West Point for Plebe Parent Weekend and a chance to see a day in their cadets’ lives up close for the first time. Families were able to tour the cadet uniform factory, go to class with their cadet and then attend academic open houses throughout the academy.

Parents also had the chance to attend talks about academics, summer training and Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, as well as a welcome session hosted by West Point leadership and more.

“It has been exciting and nerve-racking at times,” Sean O’Neill, whose daughter Maggie O’Neill is a Class of 2022 cadet, said of the first year being a West Point parent. “It has been fun though and a pretty cool journey to watch from a distance. It is interesting because we didn’t get to see much of this on A-Day or R-Day. Seeing it firsthand has been pretty neat.”

Saturday, the families had the chance to attend a parade for the Class of 2022 during which the cadets marched past a reviewing station in front of Quarters 100. The weekend culminated with the annual Plebe Parent Weekend banquet in the Cadet Mess Hall.

During the banquet, the Class of 2022 unveiled its class crest for the first time. The crest is styled after the official crest of the United States and includes an image of the eagle in front of a backdrop depicting the view from Trophy Point. The class also chose to parallel the country’s crest and write the class motto “For Many, Stand the Few” in Latin on the crest.

The banquet featured an address by retired Lt. Gen. Patrick Donahue II, USMA Class of 1980, who was invited by Class of 2022 president Xavier Williams, who he encouraged to apply to West Point after they met at a Brooks Brothers where Williams worked as a salesman.
Roosevelt lecturer talks partnership, history of U.S., Britain

By Brandon O’Connor
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The U.S. Military Academy Class of 2020 had the chance to listen to and learn from Gen. Sir Mark Alexander Carleton-Smith, British Army chief of the General Staff, during the annual Kermit Roosevelt Lecture March 5.

This year’s talk marked the 73rd year the lecture series has been held. The series brings a British Army senior leader to speak to cadets and Army Soldiers about the partnership between the United States and Britain at locations including West Point and the Army War College.

Carleton-Smith has served as the British Army Chief of the General Staff since June 2018. Serving as the speaker during this year’s lecture series was a special honor for him, he said, because he is a descendant of Gen. Sir Guy Carleton, the last commander-in-chief of the British Army in North America who surrendered New York City to George Washington on Nov. 25, 1783 ending the British military presence in North America.

“To find myself 236 years later back, lecturing as the Kermit Roosevelt lecturer would have amused him,” Carleton-Smith said. “It has been an immense privilege to stand before you as the 73rd lecturer not only representing the British Army, but more importantly to celebrate our unique shared heritage.”

Carleton-Smith focused much of his talk on how important the partnership between Britain and the United States has become despite it being a relatively new partnership.

He traced the history of the partnership from the World Wars through the Cold War, the creation of NATO and the importance of the relationship during the global war on terror following the attacks on 9/11.

“The circumstances of the Cold War, NATO and now the 9/11 wars have served to institutionalize the partnership bestowing it with a seemingly permeant quality,” Carleton-Smith said. “It is our duty to preserve (the partnership) in a volatile, uncertain and increasingly competitive world seemingly perfectly designed to test our unity and our cohesion.”

The relationship between Washington and London is critical, he said, in a rapidly changing world facing threats from state-based adversaries such as China, Russia and Iran.

It is hard-power, and specifically American hard power, that will keep the world order as the rules-based international system that has governed international relations for the past generation breaks down, he said.

He added that as the world changes and technology becomes more permeated through every interaction, it is still people who will continue to play the most pivotal role in armies finding success and winning on the battlefield.

“Countries like mine … we haven’t got the economic or political clout independently to change the geopolitical facts of life in a world no longer organized around the rule of law or in a world that will never be slower than it is right now today,” Carleton-Smith said. “It is not only the reassertion of the state-based threats, but it is also the pace of change associated with the permanent and escalating technical revolution.”

The annual Kermit Roosevelt Lecture gives cadets in the Cow class the chance to hear from a senior leader from the British Army and learn more about the partnership between America and one of its most important allies on the global stage.

“I enjoyed the lecture from Gen. Sir Mark Alexander Carleton-Smith, I think it was very interesting to hear his perspective and experiences,” Class of 2020 Cadet Amy Ziccarello said. “Here at West Point, we are often cut off from the outside world and get wrapped up in our training and academics. Lectures such as this help us to gain a better understanding of what other countries and other militaries are dealing with and making important decisions about, because one day we may have to do the same and can look at their experiences and fall on their expertise for guidance.”

Following his prepared remarks about British and American relations, Carleton-Smith took questions from the Class of 2020. The cadets’ questions ranged from a discussion on Brexit’s impact on the British Army and its role in Europe to a discussion on the war on terror and the threats posed by Russia and China in the coming years.

“You have made a very bold choice and that is the choice of service and duty on behalf of your nation. You are going to live with the consequences of that choice for the rest of your lives,” Carleton-Smith said. “As we move through this volatile, uncertain and increasingly dangerous century, your country is going to need your leadership and my country is going to need the leadership you, and young men and women like you across this country, are going to deliver on behalf of the free world.

“So good luck, because we are all going to need it,” he concluded.
**IN FOCUS: CADET ACTIVITIES**

**Cadet Club activities**

**Fencing:** Army West Point Women’s Epee earned third place and the entire team finished fifth overall in a tournament March 2 in Madison, New Jersey. Nineteen teams participated most of which are Varsity D1 teams.

Army West Point Women’s Fencing foiled Navy again earning its third “Star.” The team won best sportsman award and Class of 2019 Cadet Taylor Sharpsten won recognition as a scholar/athlete.

**Triathlon:** The Army West Point Triathlon team traveled to Scottsdale, Arizona during spring break to conduct its annual training trip in preparation for the USA Triathlon Collegiate Nationals in April.

In spite of unusually wet and cold weather, the cadets managed to conduct all of the critical training to get ready for nationals.

The training was supervised by Head Coach Amy Maxwell, and made use of all of the available terrain in the Scottsdale area to include trail runs, flat and hilly rides and transition practices.

Each cadet averaged between 200 and 300 miles of swimming, cycling and running during the week. The team completed a day-trip to Tucson to climb the iconic Mount Lemon.

The climb consisted of more than 6,600 feet of elevation over the 30-mile ride uphill. The cadets also previewed and practiced on the Collegiate Nationals course in Tempe.

**Women’s Team Handball:** The Army Women’s Team Handball team traveled to the Philadelphia area March 2 where a new women’s handball team is starting to form. The PA Team Handball club hosted its first-ever match when they invited 10 members of Army West Point’s Women’s Team Handball to compete with them.

Both teams were able to work on their fundamentals of flowing the ball around the defense to create openings and then attacking those openings. They also worked on coordinating the defense to cover the attackers. Several players worked on making successful attacking drives.

West Point (above photo) won the tightly contested match 23-18. During the trip, the team visited the Battleship New Jersey (below photo).
The war was far from over in July 1863 after the surrender of Vicksburg. There were several Confederate field armies still operating in the Mississippi valley.

The Confederates under Gen. Braxton Bragg won an unexpected victory at Chickamauga, Georgia in September. Gen. William Rosecrans was relieved and Virginian-born George Thomas, who gained the name of “the Rock of Chickamauga,” took command of the Army of the Cumberland.

On Oct. 16, 1863, Grant assumed command of the Division of the Mississippi and three Union armies—his old Army of the Tennessee, the Ohio and the Cumberland. Grant was the senior officer and commander in the entire West.

Grant still reported to General-in-Chief Henry Halleck in Washington, but after all Grant’s success Halleck learned to respect Grant. Though Halleck remained a bureaucrat and self-promoter, he was in fact loyal to President Lincoln and the Union cause. Because of Rosecrans defeat at Chickamauga, Halleck ordered Grant to hasten to Chattanooga and take command of the area.

Grant arrived on Oct. 23 in great pain because weeks earlier, his horse had slipped and tumbled on top of him, badly injuring his left leg.

The Army of the Cumberland under Thomas had occupied Chattanooga, Tennessee after its defeat at Chickamauga. By early October, Bragg’s army had closed in on Chattanooga and besieged the city with the curling Tennessee River carving around the city and past the dominating landmark of Lookout Mountain south of the city.

The craggy, steep mountain rose 1,200 feet above the river valley. To the east was another mountainous feature, Missionary Ridge some 300 feet high where Bragg deployed most of his army threatening to surround Thomas’s army and the city.

The Union forces had only one supply route open called the “Cracker Line,” named after the hard-track cracker the ubiquitous ration during the war. Grant saw that this one life-line was not enough, so he ordered that other routes be opened through local skirrishing, which eventually and essentially ended Bragg’s attempt to besiege Chattanooga.

Grant was able to reinforce Thomas with Sherman’s Army of the Tennessee by Nov. 14, 1863. Now Grant had the men and resources of supplies and field guns to attack.

Grant had some 73,000 troops against Bragg’s 50,000 present for duty. (Bragg had uneasily sent some 25,000 men to Knoxville, Tennessee to dislodge the Federals there.) However, the Confederates held the key terrain, especially the high features of Missionary Ridge, Lookout Mountain and most of the routes leading into Chattanooga. Below Missionary Ridge was a small hill, Orchard Knob, like an island in the valley floor, which the Yankees captured on Nov. 23.

The first battle erupted on Nov. 24 when about 10,000 Federals under Gen. Joseph Hooker attacked up the steep escarpment of Lookout Mountain, which was shrouded in a morning mist that lasted most of the day. The fighting was intense and also dramatic, because soldiers fought above the cloud line. The fight became known famously as the "Battle above the Clouds." At midnight, the Confederates withdraw down the slopes as the Federals occupied Lookout Mountain.

The next day, Nov. 25, Grant had planned the main effort with Sherman crossing the Tennessee River in the north and attacking the Confederate right on the northern point of Missionary Ridge.

Hooker meanwhile was to continue his advance against the southern end of Missionary Ridge: a classic, double envelopment. Sherman’s attack on the north flank on Tunnel Hill stalled. Grant then ordered Thomas to advance against the center of the ridge to take the lower defenses of rifle pits.

The Confederate defenses were formidable with rifle pits at the base and then a series of trenches and field guns rising to the military crest. Observing from Orchard Knob, Grant and Thomas watched as the Union lines advanced and captured the rifle pits with relative ease, then the soldiers swarmed upward toward the main slope toward the crest. The Army of the Cumberland was fighting like hell-cats to reverse their defeat earlier at Chickamauga.

On Orchard Knob Grant looked at George Thomas and asked with anger, “Who ordered those men to take that hill?” Thomas and his staff officers had no answer.

The Federal regiments and brigades attacked up Missionary Ridge. A young lieutenant with the 24th Wisconsin Volunteer Regiment, took the colors from the fallen color bearer, and yelled out, “On Wisconsin!”

A young 19-year-old adjutant led the regiment through a storm of shots and shells, musketry and bayonets to the summit. He later received the Medal of Honor for his gallantry: his name was Arthur MacArthur, father of Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

Grant watched with encouragement as his troops carried the day and drove the Rebels away from Chattanooga, an amazing victory where weeks earlier the city was under siege, and now it was secured and the Confederate army under Braxton Bragg was routed.

With victories at Fort Donelson, Shiloh, Vicksburg and Chattanooga, came accolades and praise that were unsettling for Grant. Always a humble man with a temperate demeanor, Grant was such because, at times, he was fighting his demons within.

After the Civil War a collection of myths and falsehoods, called the “Lost Cause,” permeated American culture and sometimes history. These myths were taught for so long, that the interpretation of the causes and outcomes of the Civil War and the relationship of slavery to the war has muddied the waters of truth. One myth taught that Grant was a hopeless butcher and a drunk most of the war especially during battles.

Grant was portrayed as a lucky leader who had no real qualities of generalship but was a butcher who needlessly wasted his men’s lives in frontal attacks like a mill grinder.

The Lost Cause imparted that Grant and the North won the war only because of vast numerical superiority and overwhelming resources.

Though the drunkard version of the Lost Cause is a false characterization of a great American general and man, Grant, however, did have a drinking problem.

Biographer Ron Chernow wrote, “This biography will contend that Grant was an alcoholic with an astonishingly consistent pattern of drinking, recognized by friend and foe alike.”

Grant probably was an alcoholic, yet it appears that Grant never allowed his addiction or weakness to interfere with his duties. He did not drink alcohol on campaigns or during any active operations.

His practice was to drink while away from his command, while traveling to or while at meeting or conference locations. During the long dulls of winter or when he was inactive and had time to think and reflect, he sometimes drank. There are few if any incidents of binge drinking and complete intoxication. Grant had great discipline and will power, but he was human.

For most of his life Julia, his wife offered guidance and support. During the war and campaigning he had several subordinate officers who watched him and guarded his secret. Chief among these was John Rawlins, one of Grant’s military secretaries.

Rawlins was the most constant and dedicated guardian of Grant’s personal life and thoughts, and his short-comings. Rawlins became a great friend and admirer of Grant, but he also confronted Grant personally on several occasions about his failures.

Yet, the label of a drunkard, a falling down inebriated deliriet with no self-control, is not an accurate description of Ulysses S. Grant and his conduct.
Touching base with Antarctica

West Point cadets were given the chance to teleconference with Spanish researchers at Gabriel De Castilla Antarctica Base March 4. Cadets were able to talk to the researchers about their work and life on Antarctica.

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Rapid Equipping Force prepares West Point for competition against Navy

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The U.S. Army’s Rapid Equipping Force (REF) has partnered with the U.S. Military Academy to provide equipment and training on unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) and counter unmanned aircraft systems (C-UAS) in support of a bi-annual Army-Navy competition sponsored by the Office of Naval Research.

In December 2018, West Point competed with the U.S. Naval Academy in a three-day, force-on-force exercise using weapon simulators to capture the opponent’s flag.

The goal of this research project is to develop squad-level tactics that are augmented with unmanned ground and aerial systems.

The Robotics Research Center has teamed with the Modern War Institute to field the best squad from members of the Close Combat Team and the Irregular Warfare Group.

The next event will be held at Marine Corps Base Quantico during the weekend of April 26.

Not only will this exercise help familiarize these future Warfighters of UAS and C-UAS equipment for real-world combat, but it also informs them that the REF is out there as a resource to them. Any deployed or deploying U.S. Army Soldier who identifies an urgent need of equipment to meet a critical tactical challenge can request support from the REF.

The REF provides innovative materiel solutions to meet the urgent requirements of U.S. Army forces deployed globally, informs materiel development for the future force and on order expands to meet operational demands.
FEATURED ITEM

Spring Organ Recital at Cadet Chapel
Throughout the spring, West Point will offer organ recitals at the Cadet Chapel. The next recital is 2:30 p.m. Sunday by Renee Anne Louprette and Ivan Goff, Organ and Uileann Pipes, USMA Class of 1936 Recital.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Faith, Healing and Redemption
Women share their stories of Faith, Healing and Redemption at 7 p.m. Tuesday 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@namb.net or Kerry Dunham at kerry.dunham@westpoint.edu.

Monthly yoga classes
TRIBE will offer free monthly Introduction to Yoga and Mindfulness Workshops and regular classes for active duty and family members.
Please contact studio@nOMadalwaysatOM.com to schedule or get more information.

DPE Community Fitness Session
The Department of Physical Education would like to extend an invitation to the USMA Staff and Faculty to participate in the March Community Fitness Session from 12:15-1:15 p.m. Wednesday at the Buckner Functional Fitness Room in the basement of the Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center.

EDUCATION and WORKSHOPS

Army Education Center (updated)
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@msmec.edu; and
• Saint Thomas Aquinas—Call Gina Erazo at 845-398-4102 or email gierazo@stac.edu.
Graduate studies:
• John Jay College of Criminal Justice—master’s degree in public administration—Call Jennifer Heiney at 845-446-5959 or email jheiney@jjay.cuny.edu; and
• Long Island University—master’s degrees in school counseling, mental health counseling and marriage and family counseling—Call Mary Beth Leggett at 845-446-3818 or email marybeth.leggett@liu.edu.

Employee Assistance Program
West Point Garrison offers an Employee Assistance Program that provides free and confidential counseling for civilians, family members and retirees.
The program offers services from 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. The EAP is located at 656 Eichelberger Road.
For details, call 845-938-1039.

DANTES testing
The Army Education Center at West Point offers academic testing programs through the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support such as the SAT and ACT. Pearson VUE offers licensing and certification exams. Most tests are free of charge to Soldiers. Call the testing center at 845-938-3360 or email gwen.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 Miera at drew.m.miera.ctr@mail.mil or stop by the Army Education Center from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday.

OUTSIDE THE GATES

22nd annual Cornwall-on-Hudson RiverFest
The Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson will host its 22nd annual RiverFest from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. June 2. As always, RiverFest 2019 will be held at Donahue Park along the Hudson River and will feature a full day of music and entertainment, children’s activities and a large craft and food fair.
The day’s events will also include live bands, kayaking, food stands and non-profit groups and contributors.
RiverFest is currently accepting vendor applications. Applications can be downloaded from www.river-fest.com and will be accepted until all spaces are filled.
There is no charge for RiverFest, and all are invited. Visit www.river-fest.com for up to date information.

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 jkimanacita@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.

Honor your hero. Be a hero. Donate blood.

American Red Cross

4 DAY BLOOD DRIVE
United States Military Academy
at West Point
Eisenhower Hall, 2nd Floor Café
Monday, March 25th – Wednesday, March 27th
1200 – 1900

Thursday, March 28th
1200 – 1800

To make an appointment please call
1-800-RED CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org and search for sponsor code: USMAWestPoint

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SeaFest Night at the West Point Club Friday
Join the West Point Club for its SeaFest Night from 6-9 p.m. Friday. 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.

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.

Road Ride Wednesdays
Road Ride is an indoor Spin-bike class focused on channeling the sport of road cycling Wednesdays at 5:40 a.m. at the MWR Fitness Center. SPD clipless shoes are welcome. Bike fit and set-up are starting at 5:30 a.m.
Use the group dynamic to access individual breakthrough, develop efficiency under load in mind/body performance, renew class efforts through seasonally changing challenges and breakthrough in peak performance, wellness and sustainable fitness.

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.

Bull Pond Lottery
The Bull Pond Lottery registration is Monday at the Round Pond Recreation Area. The lottery will be held at 9 a.m. April 6. The lottery is open to the West Point community.
For more details, call 845-938-2503.

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.

Morgan Farm Open to the Public
Morgan Farm offers birthday parties and horseback riding lessons, so come check out the farm today.
Hest 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 845-938-4458.

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 1:30-3:30 p.m.
• Couples Communication Class—The first four Tuesdays of every month from 1:30-3:30 p.m.
• Stress Management Class—The first four Mondays of every month from 1:30-3:30 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

CYS Services Needs Sports Coaches
CYS Sports is looking for coaches for our following spring programs: running club, flag football, recreational basketball, recreational soccer and modified track and field. For information on dates and times, call 938-8525.

Early Childhood and School Age Hourly Care
Lee Area CYS Facility has space available for hourly care for ages 6 weeks to 5 years and Kindergarten through fifth grade.
The mission is to provide a variety of experiences for children through planned developmentally appropriate activities.
Reservations can be made through WebTrac. There is a nominal fee for this service.
For more details, call 845-938-8530/0941.

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 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 shoelace pod for its ability to predict running-related injury risk.

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

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

To be included you must:

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

You cannot participate if you are currently running restrictions or have a history of a pregnancy in the last six months. You will need to come in for three sessions totaling approximately two hours of study participation. After the study, participants are entitled to a free wearable shoelace pod.

Help KACH reduce, eliminate “No Shows”

Keller Army Community Hospital is asking for your assistance in reducing, and eventually, eliminating “no-shows”—missed appointments.

We ask that as soon as you realize you will not make your scheduled appointment, call the Appointment Center at 845-938-7691 or the Nutrition Care Department at 845-938-7992 or 800-552-2907, or visit https://www.tricareonline.com, and cancel so we can rebook that slot for another beneficiary.

MOVIES at MAHAN

Theatre schedule at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752.

Friday—“Alita: Battle Angel,” PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday—“Isn’t It Romantic,” PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday—“Happy Death Day 2 U,” PG-13, 9:30 p.m.
(For movie details and updated schedules, visit http://www.aafes.com/exchange-stores/Movie-Guide/showtimes-West-Point.htm.)

New Program at West Point

USAG West Point Leadership hotline

Call 845-674-7693

*This hotline will be monitored 24/7 by a member of the West Point Garrison leadership team.

Smoke Alarms at Home

SMOKE ALARMS ARE A KEY PART of a home fire escape plan. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly.

SAFETY TIPS

• Install smoke alarms in every bedroom. They should also be outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home. Install alarms in the basement.
• Large homes may need extra smoke alarms.
• It is best to use interconnected smoke alarms. When one smoke alarm sounds, they all sound.
• Test all smoke alarms at least once a month. Press the test button to be sure the alarm is working.
• There are two kinds of alarms. Ionization smoke alarms are quicker to warn about flaming fires. Photoelectric alarm are quicker to warn about smoldering fires. It is best to use both types of alarms in the home.
• A smoke alarm should be on the ceiling or high on a wall. Keep smoke alarms away from the kitchen to reduce false alarms. They should be at least 10 feet (3 meters) from the stove.
• People who are hard-of-hearing or deaf can use special alarms. These alarms have strobe lights and bed shakers.
• Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.

West Point Glee Club and Friends concert Friday

Mark your calendars to attend West Point Glee Club and Friends at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Cadet Chapel for an exciting evening of music featuring some very special friends.

Bernstein's “Chichester Psalms” brings the Glee Club together with Craig Williams, Cadet Chapel organist; Sgt. 1st Class Craig Bitterman, percussionist; and harpist Joy Plaisted.

The community is encouraged to support the cadets and enjoy this free public concert.

No tickets are required.
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/efile/discount-military-tax-filing); Turbo Tax Military (https://turbotax.intuit.com/personal-taxes/onlinemilitary-edition.jsp).

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

Ballroom Dancing Class with Tatiana: Join West Point Family Homes for instruction in Ballroom and Latin dancing from 6:45-8 p.m. March 29 at B126 Washington Road.

Learn to dance for all occasions to include weddings, reunions and family gatherings.

To register, email jgellman@bbcgrp.com. Light refreshments will be available. Space is limited.

Valentine’s for Vets: West Point Family Homes residents and third grade West Point Elementary School students combined to make a total of 96 handmade Valentine’s cards for veterans.

For our residents, this character building shows a sign of kindness and dedication for our veterans and for the services they provide to us while in service to our country.

The cards were delivered to the VA Hudson Valley Health Care System and Castle Point Campus by a local veteran Richard Schoof, 82nd Airborne Division Association.
### NCAA announces seeds for Wrestling Championships

By Stephen Waldman  
Army Athletic Communications

The Army West Point Wrestling team learned the seed and first-round opponent for all seven of its NCAA qualifiers on March 14. Senior 197-pounder Rocco Caywood earned the highest seed on the team at 12th and will face the 21st seed Thomas Lane of Cal Poly in the first round.

Junior 157-pounder Lucas Weiland garnered the 20th seed and will be opposed by Missouri’s 13th seed Jarrett Jacques. Junior 174-pounder Ben Harvey collected the 22nd seed and will begin his second NCAA Championships appearance versus 11th seed Dylan Lydly of Purdue.

Junior 165-pounder Cael McCormick was given the 24th seed and will wrestle 9th seed Demetrius Romero of Utah Valley in his first match in the national tournament.

Junior 184-pounder Noah Stewart collected the 28-seed for his first appearance at nationals and will compete against the 9-seed Max Dean of Cornell in the first round. Rookie 141-pounder Corey Shie was slated as the 29th seed and will look to upset 4th seed Josh Alber of Northern Iowa in the opening round of the tournament.

Junior 125-pounder Trey Chalifoux was added as an NCAA alternate. He is the 33rd seed and will face 32nd seed Willy Girard of Bloomsburg.

ESPN’s unprecedented coverage of the NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships returns this weekend, with the annual event’s three prime-time sessions airing on ESPN, its early sessions on ESPNU and every one of the 640 matches available on ESPN3 via the ESPN App.

The nearly 20 hours of competition from PPG Paints Arena in Pittsburgh begins today and concludes with the sport’s final day on Saturday.

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**NOTE:** View the upcoming Army West Point Black Knights Schedule at www.goarmywestpoint.com/calendar.asp against Navy.
Barretto backs Men's Lacrosse win over Holy Cross

By Ally Keirn
Army Athletic Communications

Backed by senior goaltender AJ Barretto’s career-high 19 saves, the 18th-ranked Army West Point Men’s Lacrosse team topped Holy Cross 7-6 March 16 in Worcester, Massachusetts.

Junior attack Miles Silva and senior attack Nate Jones both had hat tricks in the victory. Jones finished with four points.

The Army defense caused 10 turnovers and were led by Jones in the effort with two of his own on the ride.

How it happened
- Through a heavy defensive battle, the Black Knights came out on top of the Crusaders 7-6.
  - The first goal of the game wasn’t scored until 10 minutes in.
  - Freshman attack Brendan Nichtern went to pass the ball into the middle of the zone, but it deflected off a Crusaders’ stick and bounced into net.
  - Silva brought the score to 2-0 in favor of Army with 1:23 on the clock after he picked up a ground ball in front of the cage and scored on Jonathan Tesoro.
  - To start off the second quarter, the Black Knights struck again to pad their lead at 3-0.
    - Junior midfielder Matt Manown drove toward the goal and dished the ball over to junior midfielder Alex Alacqua on the left side.
    - Without taking a cradle or even touching his feet to the ground, Alacqua moved the ball to Jones who went bar down in the scoring play.
  - Holy Cross netted its first of the contest with 7:04 on the clock in the second frame.
  - Before the goal, Barretto made 11-straight saves.
  - The Black Knights closed out the quarter with another Silva ground ball and goal with 1:21 to go in the half.
    - It was all about the Crusaders to start the next half with four consecutive goals in the third quarter to charge ahead 5-4.
    - Silva ended the run with a behind-the-back score with an impossible angle off a pass from Jones.
    - Jones netted the next two for the Black Knights for unassisted scores.
    - Holy Cross attempted a comeback with a goal at the 10-second mark.
  - The Crusaders won the ensuing faceoff, but a huge save by Barretto sealed the 7-6 victory for the Cadets.

Army highlights and game notes
- Barretto was outstanding for Army with 19 saves and just six goals allowed.
- The senior tied his career-high of five ground balls in the game as well.
- Jones led the team with three goals and an assist, while Silva followed with three scores.
- Nichtern was Army’s other goal scorer on the day.
- Alacqua finished with an assist.
- Senior defenseman Johnny Surdick registered four ground balls, while Manown added three.
Senior forward Trevor Fidler (above) scored the equalizer with 2:23 to go in the second period on the power play that helped Army West Point on its way to a 2-1 victory over American International College March 16 in Springfield, Mass. The victory forced a third and deciding game in the Atlantic Hockey Association quarterfinals. AIC would go on to win the series Sunday with a 4-1 win.

Hockey bounces back, forces Game 3 with AIC

By Ally Keirn
Army Athletic Communications

The Army West Point Hockey team bounced back March 16 to continue its 2018-19 season with a 2-1 victory over top-seeded American International College in Springfield, Massachusetts.

With the win, the Black Knights forced a game three in the Atlantic Hockey Association quarterfinals series against the Yellow Jackets.

The Yellow Jackets scored the first of the night, but the senior class led the Black Knights’ comeback with the pair of goals. Senior forward Trevor Fidler scored the equalizer with 2:23 to go in the second period on the power play before senior defenseman Dalton MacAfee, assisted by senior forwards Taylor Maruya and Tipper Higgins, netted the game-winner 7:50 into the final frame.

Junior goaltender Matt Penta had an outstanding performance in net with 21 saves and just one goal allowed.

How it happened
• It was a different atmosphere in the MassMutual Center Saturday night with the Black Knights and Yellow Jackets battling back-and-forth in a close contest.
• Army’s defense was able to show off to start the game as the team was charged with a game misconduct three minutes into the action.
• Penta returned as the starter in net and denied multiple breakaways in the action.
• The Yellow Jackets netted the first score of the game 10:17 in.
• The Black Knights were able to capitalize on their own 5:00 game misconduct advantage.
• With 2:23 on the clock, Fidler floated a shot over Zackarias Skog to knot the score at 1-1.
• Sophomore forward Mason Krueger took the initial shot in the mix as junior forward Brendan Soucie and sophomore defenseman Matt Berkovitz jammed the puck in front.
• Fidler was on the door step and his shot deflected off an AIC stick for the high angle goal.
• MacAfee gave Army its first lead in the series at the 7:50 mark of the third.
• Higgins passed the puck up the ice to Maruya who was waiting at the blue line for the quick setup.
• MacAfee fired a snap shot from the top of the left circle and it bounced off an AIC defender’s stick on top of Skog’s glove side.
• With 5:46 remaining in the game, Fidler hustled hard to avoid an icing call against the Black Knights and to keep the puck in Army’s zone.
• At the 18:43 mark, the Yellow Jackets pulled Skog in an attempt to tie things up.
• With 44 seconds to go, the Black Knights were charged with a cross check to give AIC a 6-on-4.
• Then with just five seconds remaining Army had to sit for tripping, but a save by Penta closed out the action with the Cadets in a 6-on-3 situation.

Army highlights and game notes
• The Black Knights trailed AIC in shots 8-2 after the first, but turned things around and ended the game with the Yellow Jackets’ edge just 22-16.
• Army’s senior class led the way with four points.
• For the second time this season, MacAfee scored the game-winning goal.
• It was the third of the senior captain’s career.
• MacAfee continues to lead the Black Knights in points.
• The Needham, Massachusetts, native has nine scores this season and 34 points. In his career, MacAfee has 16 tallies and 71 points.
• Fidler scored a goal for the second time in three games for Army.
• The senior garnered goal number six of the year and his 13th point.
• Fidler increased his career goal total to 26 and his points to 56.
• His goal was also on the power play to mark his third power play of the year and ninth of his career.
• Maruya dished out his fifth assist of the year and notched point nine.
• The senior continues his career on and has 23 helpers and 36 points.
• Higgins now has five assists in 2018-19 and nine points.
• The senior has produced 11 assists in his four-year career and 22 points.
• Soucie and Berkovitz were also credited with assists.
• Soucie increases his year total to 12 and his point total to 20 during his 100th game.
• The junior has 26 career helpers and 56 points.
• Berkovitz now boasts nine assists and 10 points.
• For the second night in a row, the Black Knights denied AIC from scoring a power play goal.
• Army killed off five penalties to increase its weekend total to 12.

(Editors note: Army West Point’s hockey season ended Sunday as American International College defeated the Black Knights 4-1 in the deciding game three of the Atlantic Hockey Association quarterfinals series.)