Army Baseball splits with Navy

(Above) Junior third baseman Jeremiah Adams makes a play along the third base line to try to get the runner out at first base against Navy Sunday at Doubleday Field. Army West Point Baseball and Navy split the doubleheader as the Midshipmen took Game 1, 5-2, while Army took the nightcap, 5-2. (Right) Sophomore first baseman Anthony Giachin tallied three hits on the day to lead the Black Knights. Giachin chipped in a team-best three runs batted in as well, including a two-run homer in the first inning of Game 1. The long ball gave him his second home run of the year. See Page 16 for the Army-Navy Baseball game story and photos. 

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McConville nominated as next Chief of Staff

By Matthew Cox
Military.com

The Senate Armed Services Committee on Monday night received President Donald Trump’s nomination of Gen. James C. McConville to become the Army’s next chief of staff.

McConville, a U.S. Military Academy Class of 1981 graduate, has been one of the key architects of the service’s bold plan to modernize the force by 2028.

If confirmed, McConville, the Army’s current vice chief of staff, would replace Chief of Staff Gen. Mark Milley. President Trump has nominated Milley to succeed Gen. Joseph Dunford as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

McConville took over as the Army’s vice chief in June 2017. Since then, he has played a pivotal role in its new modernization strategy, which focuses on six priorities: long-range precision fires, next-generation combat vehicle, future vertical lift, a mobile network, air and missile defense and Soldier lethality.

The news of McConville’s nomination was publicly announced Tuesday by retired Gen. Carter Ham, president and CEO of the Association of the United States Army, at the annual AUSA Global Force Symposium in Huntsville, Alabama.

“That is great news for Gen. McConville and his family; it’s even better news for the United States Army and for the United States of America,” Ham said, calling him “a great leader” and a “great Soldier.”

McConville commanded the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), where he also served as commander of Combined Joint Task Force-101 during Operation Enduring Freedom. He also commanded 4th Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, during Operation Iraqi Freedom, according to his published biography.

He held several staff-level assignments, including Army deputy chief of staff for G-1, executive officer to the vice chief of staff of the Army, and J5 strategic planner for U.S. Special Operations Command, his biography states.

The vice chief is a seasoned aviator, qualified to fly several aircraft, including the AH-64D Longbow Apache, OH-58 Kiowa Warrior and AH-1 Cobra.

McConville is a native of Quincy, Massachusetts, and a 1981 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

He holds a Master of Science in Aerospace Technology and was a National Security Fellow at Harvard University in 2002, according to his biography.

U.S. Military Academy cadets spent spring break in Spain for the Foreign Academy Exchange Program. (Left) Class of 2019 Cadet Nathan Kreher and Class of 2020 Cadets Ashodd Ford and John Burke stand in front of the main gate and Flag Pole of the Spanish Academy with a peer, Cadet Andres Cenjor, they met at USMA during the previous semester exchange. (Above) At the Aljaferia, which was a Moure Palace, taken by the Christians during the Reconquista, the group takes a picture with Black Jack.

FAEP in Spain

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The U.S. Military Academy celebrated Women’s History Month and honored the Women of West Point past, present and future with a luncheon March 20 at the West Point Club. The luncheon featured guest speaker Lobna Ismail (below speaking and above with cadets), president of Connecting Cultures LLC. She is pictured after her talk with Class of 2019 Cadets Morgan Aiken, Sean Hurley and Marina Camacho.

Women’s History Month: ‘Rise so others will rise’

Story and photos by Brandon O’Connor
Assistant Editor

The U.S. Military Academy honored West Point women of the past, present and future during its annual Women’s History Month observance March 20.

The observance was part of a monthly series hosted by West Point’s Office Diversity, Inclusion and Equal Opportunity and featured a talk by Lobna Ismail, the founder and president of Connecting Cultures LLC.

Prior to Ismail’s talk, the women who have helped shape the history of West Point and continue to do so were recognized and honored.

They included the women in the Class of 1980, which was the first to include female cadets, Lt. Gen. Nadja West, a member of USMA Class of 1982 and the first female graduate to reach the rank of lieutenant general, and Capts. Kristen Griest and Shaye Haver, the first women to graduate from Ranger School.

During her remarks, Ismail encouraged the current female cadets at West Point to follow in the footsteps of those who came before and “Rise so others will rise,” by following their example.

“Rising may seem like a personal and individual pursuit, but how you do it is what will matter. Life is not a sprint. It is a relay race, one that has begun long before you were born and will continue long after you,” Ismail said. “Our value to ourselves, the ones around us and the world is not determined by your successes or achievements along with way. All of us are going to face setbacks over the course of our lives.

“Our greatest value comes from how high we will rise when we are struggling in those moments,” she added.

Ismail is a frequent speaker to federal and state institutions as well as private companies and non-profits as she works to build relationships and develop communication between people of different cultures, with a particular focus on Islamic awareness and inclusion.

While her talk was centered on women rising up and continuing to pass the baton, she also called on men to play their own role by giving women promotions and enabling them to have not only a seat at the table, but a chance to lead.

“Women, you rise because of Andrea Hollen, Nadja West and the other hundreds of women before you,” Ismail said. “Men, women today and beyond will rise because of how well you rise as their allies to break through the barriers of stereotypes, to break through the barriers of prejudice, sexism and harassment. We need you men to be allies.”

The next monthly observance will take place April 10 at the West Point Club in honor of LGBTQ inclusion.
Bob McDonald spent his career leading at the highest levels including time in the Army, as the CEO and president of Proctor & Gamble and as the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Before he took the reins of a global company or served as a presidential cabinet member, it was McDonald’s time at the U.S. Military Academy, from where he graduated in 1975, that taught him how to be a leader.

Now, McDonald is working to make sure students from throughout the world are offered the same chance to learn how to be leaders. This year marked the seventh iteration of the McDonald Conference for Leaders of Character, which is hosted annually at West Point and works to develop the next generation of leaders for the military and industry.

This year, the conference was attended by students from West Point as well as 28 other colleges throughout America and student fellows from 17 countries.

“What I wanted to do was take this magnificent resource that West Point has, building leaders of character for the U.S. Army, and see if we could have an effect outside the walls of West Point,” McDonald said. “We bring them together and teach them the West Point way of leadership, how to be leaders of character, and then hopefully keep them connected as they graduate and go throughout the world.”

The theme of this year’s conference was “Leading with Character in a Technology-driven World” and featured speakers and panelists from diverse backgrounds including education, military, technology and politics. The keynote speakers were Jack Ma, founder and executive chairman of Alibaba Group, and Brian Stevens, chief technical officer of Google Cloud.

When choosing speakers for the conference, McDonald said the goal is to not just select people who come in, speak and leave, but instead leaders who are willing to give the student fellows their email and phone number and build lasting relationships.

“The mentorship we receive from the senior fellows is unlike any other,” Class of 2019 Cadet TaNia Nash, the cadet-in-charge of the conference, said. “Having them right in front of you and being able to pick their brains, ask them what they think or have them challenge you to think critically and creatively about an issue you didn’t even know existed, it really opens your eyes to what is going on globally.”

The conference, which took place from March 21-23 this year, enables student fellows to experience all of what West Point has to offer including time spent doing early morning physical training and tours of the academy along with the panels, breakout sessions and keynote addresses that form the crux of the conference.

“I think the topic at hand was very interesting,” Yash Doshi, who attends Singapore Management University, said of the conference. “Technology is impacting everything we do nowadays and leading in that is very different than leading 30 years ago when technology wasn’t so prevalent. Now, you have to learn how to embrace technology and being able to do so is a different experience. I think the topic of leading with technology was a very inspiring topic that brought me here. It has been great so far.”

During the first panel of the conference, attendees were given the chance to talk with Leslie Fenwick, a professor at Howard University, retired Command Sgt. Maj. Rob Livey and Denis McDonough, former White House chief of staff, about the role technology plays in decision making. The conversation included the ethics of technology such as drones, learning to trust and use data and the ability to learn from failure in a changing world.

Student fellows also had the chance to attend panels featuring Sandy Alderson, general manager of the New York Mets, Lt. Gen. Nadja West, Surgeon General of the Army, and other leaders of industry. The panels focused on leveraging technology to develop character and leading innovation.

Each of the panelists also led breakout sessions where students from both domestic and international colleges were given the chance to talk in-depth about the topic at hand.

“I think the other fellows who attended the conference are extremely eager to better themselves,” Class of 2019 Cadet Michael McPherson, the head of operations for the conference, said. “I personally feel the way I get better is listening to other people and their experiences, hearing from them and discussing with them. People who come offer points of view I have never even started to think of. A fellow from Asia bringing her perspective of the world from there is completely different than my perspective sitting in the barracks at West Point.”

In all, roughly 100 students from throughout the world attended the three-day conference.
Cadet Club activities

**Theatre Arts Guild:** The Theatre Arts Guild cadets had an amazing day of theatre arts March 23 in New York City. They saw a revival of a powerful play called “Burn This,” set in 1980s NYC, starring Adam Driver and Keri Russell. After the play, the cadets had the opportunity to go backstage and meet Adam Driver in person. He talked to them about Arts in the Armed Forces, some of the work he did to prepare for his role in “Burn This,” and some of the history of the Hudson Theater. Driver, a Marine before he was an actor, talked to the cadets about how everyone who sees this play takes away different reflections and observations. The cadets were relating the stories from the play to their lives at West Point during the drive home. After the show, cadets explored the Theatre District, with some heading to museums and finding new restaurants and others seeing a second show, “King Lear.”

**Crew:** Army Crew conducted spring training operations from March 8-17 on Hartwell Lake in Clemson, South Carolina. Class of 2019 Cadet Mary Bahr served as the lead planner for the FTX-equivalent trip section. The Crew team leadership produced a comprehensive 4-phased OPORD, including load plans, drivers training and movement plans, billeting, provisions and detailed task lists to ensure a successful operation. The varsity squads departed with nine DCA 12-pax vans pulling tailored safety/coaching launches, two Crew trucks pulling 20 tailored racing shells and all equipment necessary for off-site training operations. All Crew property, totaling more than $1 million in value, was safely transported to and from the off-site practice location. All teams conducted rigorous morning and afternoon practices, accelerating their preparation for the spring sprint season. The Varsity Men conducted 5 x 1,000-meter scrimmage races against a strong Purdue program. The novice team scrimmaged against the University of Massachusetts Lowell and Purdue. Army Crew is ready for spring competitions to commence.

**Marathon:** The West Point Marathon team hosted the West Point Fallen Comrades Half Marathon Sunday at West Point. (Above) The participants either ran, walked or rucked the course. The participants received medals when they finished the event.
USMA Band members mentor student musicians

By the West Point Band

Members of the West Point Band mentored 75 student musicians from communities across New York City as part of the Harmony Program’s Youth Orchestra Day at Murry Bergtraum High School in Lower Manhattan on March 2.

The Harmony Program is an education organization that provides free instruments and intensive classical music instruction to 400 children in economically-challenged communities across New York City.

This city-wide gathering marked the progression of a multi-year collaboration between the West Point Band and the Harmony Program.

West Point Band members Sgt. 1st Class Kristen Mather de Andrade, along with Staff Sgts. Katrina Owens, Gillian Huff, Alaina Alster and David Bergman, traveled to New York City to work with the 75 elementary and middle school students for Youth Orchestra Day.

There, they spent a fulfilling day mentoring and coaching the students in sectionals and classical music rehearsals, culminating in a public side-by-side performance including music from Vivaldi’s “The Four Seasons,” and Bernstein’s “West Side Story.”

For many of the students, this event represented the first opportunity for them to play within a formal band or orchestral community.

The West Point Band members were proud to share their time and talent as a part of this important outreach event.

Sgt. 1st Class Kristen Mather de Andrade coaches young clarinet students as part of the Harmony Program’s Youth Orchestra Day March 2 in New York City.

Schrade performs with Big Yellow Band

Class of 2020 Cadet Courtney Schrade is the co-captain of the Spirit Band, and one of the stars of the Class of 2020 Russian major contingent. Excited by the opportunity to study a strategically significant language while immersing herself in the culture of a partner state, Schrade is also taking advantage of what her Study Abroad site has to offer, continuing her own growth while also spreading American culture abroad. The Big Yellow Band, from Kiev, consists mostly of Ukrainian musicians, is an ensemble of both professional and amateur musicians, sharing an atmosphere which encourages a sense of inclusion and optimism. This jazz band has a classic jazz repertoire, combining high-quality execution and a selection of music familiar to a full range of ages and backgrounds. As a cadet studying Russian in the USMA DFL Semester Abroad Program, Schrade feels “it has been awesome to communicate through music when my words may fail me. Additionally, it is an awesome experience to have the opportunity to do what I love with other people who are passionate about jazz.” Schrade began her participation, including performances, with the ensemble almost as soon as she arrived in Kiev, and through her performances and interaction with the band members she continues to enrich her experience while expanding her representation of the U.S. Military Academy to a larger variety of audiences.
Grant comes East: ‘Along this line if it takes all Summer’

By Sherman Fleek
USMA Historian

After the great victory at Chattanooga in November 1863, the western area of operations was dominated by Federal field armies under Grant. The only major object now was to destroy Confederate Braxon Bragg’s Army of the Tennessee, which would clear a path into Georgia and capture the foremost industrial and transportation hub in the west: Atlanta. Grant wintered in Chattanooga preparing his 80,000 troops in three field armies for the drive into the heart of the Confederacy, which would possibly bring victory and the end of the war in 1864.

With a stalemate in the east, the west was the theater of maneuver, success and the key to victory. Grant was excited and ready for the spring campaign season.

This all changed when he was summoned to Washington D.C. in early March 1864. President Lincoln ever Grant’s strongest supporter and, who also grasped the realities and vision of modern and total war, made one of the great political and military decisions in the Civil War and American military history.

Ulysses Simpson Grant would be promoted to the revered rank of lieutenant general, three-star, in the Regular Army, only held previously by George Washington. Congress had to pass a law approving this promotion, which it did and on March 9, 1864, Lt. Gen. Grant received his commission.

A week later, Grant was appointed General-in-Chief of the Armies of the United States displacing his former chief and nemeses at times, Henry Halleck. Grant then made the most unorthodox decision as the new general-in-chief, he would not command from an office in Washington, but he would maintain his headquarters in the field accompanying Major Gen. George Meade’s Army of the Potomac.

In the spring, the Army of the Potomac would campaign against the Gen. Robert E. Lee, commanding the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia.

Grant soon formulated a strategic plan for all the armies across the entire theater of war. He would accompany Meade in Virginia; Gen. William T. Sherman would move out of Chattanooga and invade Georgia to take Atlanta and then march south to control Georgia. Smaller armies would campaign in the Shenandoah Valley and West Virginia. Another force in Virginia based at Fort Monroe would advance north to Richmond and support Meade’s army in the north.

The smaller efforts more or less failed. After a summer of frustration, Grant sent Gen. Phil Sheridan, USMA Class of 1853, to finally capture the Shenandoah Valley, which he did. Sheridan also scoured the land of military resources. Sherman’s capture of Atlanta in early September 1864 ensured President Lincoln’s reelection in November. His continued “March to the Sea” is one of the great military campaigns of all time when he reached Savannah just before Christmas Day.

In early May, the Federals crossed the Rapidan River and the next day encountered Lee’s army in a thick forest full of underbrush famously known as the Wilderness.

After three ferocious days of fighting and fires caused from the cannon fire in the dry tender, and some 28,000 casualties, Meade following orders from Grant, moved to Spotsylvania Courthouse on May 7, Meade engaged Lee behind trenches and earthworks where some of the bloodiest fighting of the war occurred.

The site of the Mule Shoe and the Bloody Angle is where thousands fell during a full day and night of hand-to-hand fighting. During this time, Gen. John Sedgwick was shot from his horse and was dead before he hit the ground. He was a member of the USMA Class of 1837 and a statue memorializes him on the Plain.

After 10 interminable days of blood and slaughter with another 30,000 casualties, including 4,400 dead, again the Federals slipped to the east on the night of May 20-21 and marched toward the North Anna River.

What became known as the Overland Campaign, it was an operation that helped doom the Confederacy during the last year of the war. This was the offensive that Grant planned but General Meade and the Army of the Potomac executed.

There were two major qualities of the Overland Campaign different than the other major campaigns fought in the east. After experiencing a major defeat or an indecisive battle, other Union commanders would have retreated north; not Grant. Next, Grant had operational momentum during the entire campaign with the objective to crush the Rebel field army and also to out flank it. If Meade could insert the Army of the Potomac between the Confederates and Richmond, cutting off Lee’s army from the capital, the Confederacy would never recover.

Grant knew that this war of attrition would eventually destroy the South’s ability to field armies and supply them. The Northern war effort is often interpreted as an inseparable victory because of its larger population and industrial power that eclipsed the South.

Though true later in the war, but early on the South had several opportunities to force the U.S. government to negotiate peace. Now in 1864, Grant knew that constant pressure, a coordinated strategy across the entire line of fronts would defeat the South eventually; it was a matter of time. With utter confidence, Grant wrote these words to Secretary of War William Stanton in Washington on May 11, 1864, “I propose to fight it out on this line if it takes all summer. U.S. Grant Lieut. Gen. Cimgd Armies.”

After the two blood-baths in June, Grant ordered an attack at Cold Harbor on June 3, that he would later regret. The attack was probably more Grant’s fault than Meade’s, though Meade recommended the assault also. After a couple limited attacks against entrenched positions across a large open prairie, some 20,000 Federals in three corps attacked and within hours 4,000 soldiers lost their lives. In his Memoirs, Grant wrote, “I have always regretted that the very last assault at Cold Harbor was ever made. No advantage whatever was gained to compensate for the heavy loss we sustained.” Grant’s Cold Harbor regret has often been painted by critics as evidence that Grant was a butcher. We must remember that Gen. Lee ordered some 6,000 men to their deaths during Pickett’s Charge at Gettysburg of some 15,600 men who went forward. Lee lost more men with fewer troops in his attack. Why is Lee not a butcher?

The Overland Campaign was not a masterpiece like Vicksburg, but it was effective in its right for tenacity and Grant’s single-minded purpose. After a dozen large and small engagements, Grant forced Lee into a defensive position south of Petersburg, a siege that doomed the Confederates. Like a precursor of the World War I stalemate, Grant eventually tightened his grasp and forced Lee to attempt a breakout in April 1865, which ended in surrender and the eventual collapse of the Confederacy. This was modern warfare in America.

For historians, enthusiasts and students of the Civil War, the match or rivalry created after the war was a result of who was the better general and who won the major battles in Virginia in 1864: Lee or Grant. The truth is not that simple. George Meade commanded the Union army, Grant accompanied it, and at times ordered Meade in some specifics. It is impossible to turn this campaign into a chess match between Grant and Lee as it often is. Regardless of the tactical successes, solidly grit, and brilliant leadership demonstrated, Gen. Robert E. Lee surrendered to Gen. Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox on April 9, 1865. That is the final epithet.
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 Dominic Fiacco. Then Michael Rowlands plays at 2:30 p.m. April 7.

The following two weeks, April 14 and 21, there are no organ recitals due to Palm Sunday and Easter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Death Notice for Cadet Peter L. Zhu
Anyone with debts owed to or by the estate of Cadet Peter L. Zhu should contact Capt. Jae Y. Yu, the Summary Court officer for the Soldier. Zhu passed away at Westchester Medical Center in Valhalla, New York on Feb. 28.

For details, call Maj. Nick Rinaldi at 938-7621.

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@msmc.edu; and
• Saint Thomas Aquinas—Call Gina Erizzo at 845-398-4102 or email gierizzo@stac.edu.

Graduate studies:
• John Jay College of Criminal Justice–master’s degree in public administration—Call Jennifer Heiney at 845-446-5959 or email jheiney@jjay.cuny.edu; and
• Long Island University–master’s degrees in school counseling, mental health counseling and marriage and family counseling—Call Mary Beth Leggett at 845-446-3818 or email marybeth.leggett@liu.edu.

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

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

For details, call 845-938-1039.

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

Pearson VUE offers licensing and certification exams.

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

Yoga
TRIBE—Teach Resiliency, Increase Balance and Endurance—Yoga, is offering a weekend workshop for certified yoga teachers and active duty military who are interested in bringing the physical and mindfulness practices of yoga to the military.

This is a 12-hour course that is registered under Yoga Alliance for CEC’s. The workshop is scheduled for April 26-27 in Highland Falls.

For more details, email trbeyogamilitary@gmail.com.

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 April Community Fitness Session from 12:15-1:15 p.m. April 17 at a location to be determined.

The session for April is Orienteering/Scavenger Hunt. For details, call Maj. Nick Rinaldi at 938-7621.

Army Personnel Testing programs
The Army Education Center at West Point offers Army Personnel Testing programs such as the AFTC, 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

Introduction to Bird ID
Join an educator from Trailside Museums & Zoo for a brief presentation at the Bear Mountain Inn and learn some new birding skills and practice them on a bird walk around Hessian Lake.

The event takes place at 9 a.m. April 20 at Bear Mountain State Park and meet in front of the Bear Mountain Inn.

It’s a family-friendly program suited for ages 10 and up. Registration is required. For more details and registration, email Courtney.Larson@parks.ny.gov or call 845-786-2701, ext. 29.

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 jkmnamacita@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 34 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. 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.
**WEST POINT MWR CALENDAR**

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### FEATURED EVENT

**West Point Brew Fest 2019**

Join MWR for its third annual West Point Brew Fest from 7-10 p.m. April 12 at the West Point Club.

A special VIP hour is from 6-7 p.m. Vote for your favorite local and national brews. However, the VIP section is sold out. Enjoy live music by the Benny Havens Band.

There is a nominal fee for this event. To register online, visit [thewestpointclub.com](http://thewestpointclub.com).

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### JUST ANNOUNCED

**101 Spin Basics with Paul**

A 101 Spin Basics class with Paul is scheduled at 5:40 a.m. on Wednesdays at the MWR Fitness Center Spin Room.

Paul will look at everything in and out of the saddle, from good fit to good position to good form.

For more details, call 845-938-6490.

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**Round Pond Recreation Area opens for the season**

The Round Pond Recreation Area opens Monday through November and is located off Route 293, only three miles from Washington Gate.

Hours of operation are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

For more details, call 845-938-2503 or visit MWR on the web at [westpoint.armymwr.com](http://westpoint.armymwr.com).

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**West Point Golf Course opens Monday**

Golf season is back for 2019 beginning Monday. The West Point Golf Course is an 18-hole challenge on a mountain layout, with a well-maintained terrain normally seen only at private clubs or high-end courses.

To schedule a tee time, book a private outing or for more details, call 845-938-2435 or visit [golfatwestpoint.com](http://golfatwestpoint.com).

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**Month of the Military Child Kickoff event**

April is the Month of the Military Child. A fun-filled event, hosted by Child and Youth Services, in conjunction with West Point Family Homes, is scheduled from 3-6:30 p.m. April 5 at the West Point Housing Community Center.

There will be games, arts and crafts, popcorn, cotton candy, hot dogs and face painting. For more details, call 845-938-3969.

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### FOR THE ADULTS

#### Murder Mystery Dinner Theater is back at the West Point Club

The first event of 2019 with the Murder Mystery Dinner is scheduled for April 26 and themed “Springtime for Murder.”

Enjoy Hors d’oeuvres and cash bar at 7 p.m., dinner and show at 7:45 p.m. There is a nominal fee for this event.

Reserve online today at [thewestpointclub.com](http://thewestpointclub.com). For more details, call 845-446-5504.

#### Champagne Sunday Brunch

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

#### 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](http://thewestpointclub.com). For more details, call 845-938-5120.

#### Pizza Delivery Hours

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

For delivery, call 938-2140.

#### Wanted: Certified & Experienced Personal Trainers at the MWR Fitness Center

Motivate and inspire clients, create your own hours, and take advantage of a profitable opportunity.

For more details, call 845-938-6490.

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### FOR THE FAMILIES

#### 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.

Host your child’s next birthday party at Morgan Farm with three different party packages to fit your budget.

Morgan Farm also offers riding lessons for beginner through advanced riders. These lessons are suitable for ages 5 and up.

Horse boarding is available at the stables for a nominal fee.

For more details, call 938-3926.

#### Part Day Preschool Openings

Spaces are still available in the Stony Child Development Center Tuesday and Thursday session of Part Day Preschool. Class hours are 9 a.m.-noon.

The program utilizes the Creative Curriculum to facilitate the development of social, emotional, literacy, fine and gross motor skills. Fees are based upon total family income.

A USDA CACFP approved snack is served each day.

Questions please contact Parent and Outreach Services at 845-938-6490.

#### Early Childhood & School Age Hourly Care

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For more details, call 845-938-8530/0941.

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### FOR THE YOUTHS

#### School Age Center Summer Camp Registration ongoing

School Age Center Summer Camp is back. Summer Camp placement is ongoing at [MilitaryChildCare.com](http://MilitaryChildCare.com).

The Summer Camp program will be from 6 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 17-Aug. 26.

For more details, call 845-938-4458/0939.

#### 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.

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#### Wee Ones Open Play Group (updated)

The Wee Ones Open Play Group is scheduled from 9:30-11 a.m. April 1, 6, 12, 19; May 6, 9; June 3, 10, 17 and 24 at the Youth Center Building 500.

Wee Ones Open Play Group is designed for your little one to play, learn and make new friends. Simple drop-in and play. Wee Ones invites children, birth through four years of age, and their parents. No charge for participation. Visit our Facebook page for weekly reminders and pictures.

For more details, call 845-938-0629.

#### Wee Ones Reading Group (updated)

The Wee Ones Reading Group is scheduled from 10:30-11:30 a.m. April 4, 11, 18; May 2, 16; June 6, and 20 at the ACS Building 622 Conference Room.

Each session, the Wee Ones invites you to listen to a story and participate in themed, fun-filled activities that promote speech development and learning. Wee Ones invites children, birth through four years of age, and their parents. No charge for participation.

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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 on running restrictions or have a history of a pregnancy in the last six months. You will need to come in for three sessions totaling approximately two hours of study participation.

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

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

KACH Substance Use Disorder Clinic open

The Keller Army Community Hospital’s Substance Use Disorder Clinic Care (SUDCC) is open to cadets, active duty service members and beneficiaries who are interested in seeking help independently.

The clinic provides substance use disorder clinical care, including assessment, education, treatment, rehabilitation and aftercare, for cadets, service members and other beneficiaries within an integrated medical and behavioral health model to enhance health and readiness.

It is preferred to have individuals seek education and treatment on their own, in hopes to prevent them from possibly experiencing an alcohol or drug related incident. Seeking education and treatment independently does not require command involvement or an official enrollment into the program.

The SUDCC is located in Building 656 and you can schedule an appointment by walking in from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday or calling 845-938-7691.

Help KACH reduce, eliminate “No Shows”

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

At approximately $75 per visit, these ‘no-shows’ resulted in a loss of $233,025 in FY17, and were resulting in a loss of $197,775 as of October 2018.

There is a saying in the medical community that “an appointment missed by you, is an appointment missed by two”—1.) the appointment missed by the patient, and 2.) that missed appointment time that another patient could have had.

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

Earth Day 2019

Presented by the Highland Falls Library
And Community Garden at Holy Innocents

April 27, 2019 10 am - 2 pm at The Highland Falls Library

Exhibits, Give Aways
Composting and Recycling Information
Gardening Activities for the whole family
What about Solar?
Make a Poster for the Library
How to Save on Energy Costs

For more information contact Olga Anderson 917-509-1200
Olga.andersonD@gmail.com

MOVIES at MAHAN

Theatre schedule at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752.

Friday—“Dumbo,” PG, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday—“Dumbo,” PG, 7:30 p.m.
April 5—“Dumbo,” PG, 7:30 p.m.
April 6—“A Madea Family Funeral,” PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
April 12—“How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World,” PG, 7:30 p.m.

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

2019 Palm Sunday, Holy Week & Easter at Most Holy Trinity Catholic Chapel

• 5 p.m., April 13: Mass
• 10:30 a.m., April 14: Palm Sunday
• 5 p.m., April 14: Mass
• 7 p.m., April 18: Mass of the Lord’s Supper
• 7 p.m., April 19: Good Friday Service
• 9 p.m., April 20: Easter Vigil
• 10:30 a.m., April 21: Easter Sunday Mass
West Point Tax Center is accepting new returns/drop offs through April 5

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.

Currently, the center’s last date when it will be accepting new returns/drop-offs this year is April 5.

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) Did not itemize deductions;
    (3) Did not receive income from their own business or farm;
    (4) Did not receive income from more than one rental property;
    (5) Did not receive self-employment income or alimony;
    (6) Are not required to file Schedule D for capital gains.
  If you are eligible for services at the West Point Tax Center and the center did not prepare your 2017 tax return, then please bring a copy of your 2017 tax return with you.
  If you are ineligible for services at the West Point Tax Center, then please consider using one of the following alternative free services:
  • Military OneSource MilTax (www.militaryonesource.mil/financial-legal/tax-services or 800-342-9647);
  • IRS Free File Program (www.irs.gov/individuals/military);
  • TaxSlayer Military (www.taxslayer.com/efile/discount-military-tax-filing);
  If you have questions, contact Capt. Hilarie Wiley at hilarie.wiley@westpoint.edu.

West Point Band presents “American Tapestry” in Connecticut

By the West Point Band

The West Point Band will continue its Masterworks Concert Series with a performance titled “American Tapestry” at 2 p.m. April 7 in Ridgefield, Connecticut. The concert will take place at Ridgefield High School, located at 700 North Salem Road.

This concert is free and open to all; no tickets are required.

Join the West Point Band for this family-friendly performance of music by some of your favorite American composers, from Aaron Copland’s famous Hoe-Down to selections from “The Patriot” by John Williams.

An entertaining mix of patriotic fare is complemented by the virtuosic prowess of featured soloists Staff Sgt. Andrew Dougherty on Bruce Broughton’s “Tuba Concerto,” and Staff Sgt. Manuel Ramos on Weber’s “Concertino, Op. 26” for clarinet.

Bring your family and friends for an afternoon of musical treasures performed by the Army’s oldest band.

Established in 1817, the West Point Band is the Army’s oldest musical organization and continues to provide world-class music to educate, train, and inspire the Corps of Cadets and to serve as ambassadors of the U.S. Military Academy and the Army to local, national and international communities.

For concert information, cancellations and updates, call 845-938-2617 or visit www.westpointband.com. West Point Band news can also be found by following us on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube and Twitter.

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.
Junior 174-pounder Ben Harvey of the Army West Point Wrestling team finished his season one-win shy of being an All-American for the second year in a row on the second day of the NCAA Championships at PPG Paints Arena on March 22 in Pittsburgh. Harvey fell to reigning NCAA champion Zahid Valencia of Arizona State at 174 pounds in his first match as Army’s first quarterfinalist since Matt Kyler in 2010.

Photos by Army Athletic Communications

Wrestling, Harvey caps season in blood round

By Stephen Waldman
Army Athletic Communications

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The New Palestine, Indiana native wrestled in the blood round for the second time in as many years but dropped an 11-2 major decision to the 9-seed Devin Skatzka of Minnesota.

**How it happened**

- 157 pounds: 20-seed #29 Lucas Weiland: 0-1 (1-2)
  - Consolation round of 16 #2: L, 6-5 vs.
    14-seed #14 Zach Hartman (Bucknell);
  - 165 pounds: 24-seed #26 Cael McCormick: 0-1 (1-2, Fall)
  - Consolation round of 16 #2: L, TB-2 RT, 4-4 vs. 26-seed #27 Joseph Gunther (Illinois);
  - 174 pounds: 22-seed #23 Ben Harvey: 0-2 (2-2)
  - Quarterfinals: L, Fall at 2:12 vs. 3-seed #3 Zahid Valencia (Arizona State);
  - Consolation round of 8 #2: L, Major Decision, 11-2 vs. 9-seed #8 Devin Skatzka (#8 Minnesota);
  - 184 pounds: 28-seed #28 Noah Stewart: 0-1 (1-2)
  - Cons. Round of 16 #2: L, 6-1 vs. 11-seed #12 Lou DePrez (Binghamton).

**Army highlights and game notes**

- Harvey advanced to the blood round for the second consecutive season.

**Ward’s words**

- Head coach Kevin Ward—“Our guys continued to wrestle very hard and I am really proud of the fight they showed. Bottom line, we just didn’t get it done in some matches. There were no bad calls or anything, we just made too many mistakes and let some wins slip away.”
  - “I’m really proud of our entire team, especially Ben. He gave it everything he had and competed with the best in the country. Sometimes you don’t get the results that you want, and that’s life. But our guys have nothing to be ashamed of and nothing to hang their heads about. These losses hurt, and they will hurt for a long time, but the future is bright for our program and bright for each individual in it. I’m proud of the way they represented West Point and the U.S. Army at the NCAA Championships.”
Softball captures series win over Holy Cross

By Stephen Waldman
Army Athletic Communications

The Army West Point Softball team split its first Patriot League double header of the season against Holy Cross to earn a series victory Sunday at the Army Softball Complex.

Army outlasted the Crusaders in the series finale, 2-1, to capture the series victory following a 2-0 Holy Cross win in the first game behind freshman Kelly Nelson’s first career no-hitter to force a rubber match.

Sophomores leftfielder Taylor Drayton and shortstop Ally Snelling, along with senior rightfielder Izzy Gates, led the Army offense with a hit apiece.

Drayton provided the big blast with a solo home run, while Snelling doubled.

In the circle, senior pitcher Renee Poirier tossed a complete game in the night cap, allowing just three hits and a run while not issuing a walk.

Rookie pitcher Jolie Duong went 5.1 innings in game one and struck out five.

GAME 1: Holy Cross 2, Army 0

How it happened
• The Crusaders struck first with an RBI single by Taylor Wahler in the first inning to take a 1-0 lead.
• Holy Cross added to its lead in the sixth inning when it strung together three hits to take a two-run advantage.
• Erin Bengston provided the biggest of those three hits with an RBI single to center.

Army highlights and game notes
• Duong threw her ninth complete game of the season.

Game 2: Army 2, Holy Cross 1

How it happened
• Drayton handed Army the first lead of the game with the team’s first hit of the afternoon.
• The Clayton, North Carolina, native blasted the first pitch of the second inning clear over the center field wall to put the Black Knights up, 1-0.
• Holy Cross tied the game in the top of the fourth, but Gates returned fire in the home half to retake the lead for Army.
• Poirier and the Black Knights’ defense held the Crusaders in check for the rest of the game to preserve the victory.

Army highlights and game notes
• Drayton blasted her second home run of the season and fourth of her career.
• The Clayton, North Carolina, native scored her 25th career run.
• Snelling slugged her fifth double of the year.
• Poirier tossed her first complete game of the season and 31st of her career.

Coach’s corner
• Interim head coach Bob Beretta—“It was nice to come away with a series victory today. We didn’t manage much offense all weekend, but we were able to register two wins which is a good sign. I thought we received terrific pitching all weekend long. Macey was outstanding yesterday, and Jolie and Renee both pitched well today.”
• “It was great to see Renee perform so well in his first extended effort of the season. I’ve said all along that she will play a large role in this team’s success, and she’s just starting to return to form after missing the first few weeks as she recovered from an injury. She was sharp today and really battled throughout. It was also nice to see Taylor Drayton break out offensively. She absolutely crushed the home run and then was robbed of another extra-base hit on a phenomenal catch by (Jackie) Brewster in deep center field.”
• “It would have been nice to capture both games today, but Nelson is very tough and deserved to win that first game. Overall, I was pleased to come out of the weekend with two wins.”

Sports calendar

Corps Squad

SATURDAY
11 a.m. — Women’s Tennis vs. Navy, Lichtenberg Tennis Center or Malek Tennis Courts.
1 p.m. — Men’s Rugby vs. Navy, Anderson Rugby Complex.

WEDNESDAY
3 p.m. — Baseball vs. Cornell, Doubleday Field.

APRIL 5
4 p.m. — Men’s Tennis vs. Boston University, Lichtenberg Tennis Center or Malek Tennis Courts.

APRIL 6
Noon — Baseball vs. Lehigh (DH), Doubleday Field.
Noon — Softball vs. Colgate (DH), Army Softball Complex.

** View the upcoming Army West Point Black Knights Schedule at www.goarmywestpoint.com/calendar.aspx?Vtype=list.
By Kat Castner
Army Athletic Communications

The Army West Point Baseball team finished their Patriot League opening weekend at .500 after a doubleheader split with service-academy rival Navy Sunday afternoon at Doubleday Field.

The Black Knights dropped their opener against the Midshipmen 5-2, but rebounded in Game 2 for a 5-2 victory of their own. With Sunday’s outcomes, Army closed its weekend at 2-2 following a twin bill split with Bucknell March 23.

Senior pitcher Sam Messina recorded his fourth win on the year Sunday to match classmate Tyler Giovinco for a team high. Messina registered five strikeouts as well.

Sophomores catcher Blake Ledoux and first baseman Anthony Giachin tallied three hits each on the day to lead the Cadets.

Giachin chipped in a team-best three runs batted in as well, including two that came from one swing of the bat in Game 1. His long ball over the left center wall brought home Hurtubise, who had reached on a walk to lead things off.

Unfortunately, the Mids quickly answered in the top of the second with three runs on a hit and an error. Two of Navy’s runs during the frame were unearned.

The Mids added on in the third with a one-out, solo home run to left field to make it a 4-2 ballgame.

Army tried to rally but yet another solo home run in the sixth ultimately secured the win for the visitors.

How it happened—Game 2
• The Black Knights jumped in front early following a one-out, two-run home run by Giachin. His hit over the left center wall brought home Hurtubise, who had reached on a walk to lead things off.
• The Mids made things interesting in the ninth when they notched a leadoff home run to left center. Back-to-back walks and a single then loaded the bases with no outs.
• Fortunately for the home side Opp forced Navy to foul out, strike out and ground out to halt the potential big scoring opportunity.

Facts & figures
• Army posted seven runs on 11 hits for the day, while Navy tallied seven runs on 15 hits.
• The Black Knights were credited with the twin bill’s only error and it came in the opener.
• The Cadets left eight runners on base. Navy stranded 17.

Army, Navy split in Sunday Doubleheader