U.S. Military Academy Black (all photos) claimed the Reginald E. Johnson Saber Plaque as the top overall team in the 51st annual Sandhurst Military Skills Competition April 13. USMA Black became only the third West Point team to win since 1993. Full Sandhurst coverage is on pages 8-11. Photos by Class of 2020 Cadet Amanda Lin (top), Class of 2022 Cadet Ellington Ward (above) and Brandon O'Connor/PV (left)
LGBTQ Pride Month: Pride in All Who Serve

Submitted by the U.S. Military Academy Equal Opportunity Program Office

The U.S. Military Academy held its annual LGBTQ Pride Month Observance April 10 at the West Point Club. The observance was part of a monthly series hosted by West Point’s Office of Diversity, Inclusion and Equal Opportunity.

June is LGBTQ Pride month in honor of the Stonewall Riots that took place on June 28, 1969 in Greenwich Village, Manhattan. The Stonewall Riots were a main impetus to the gay liberation movement. West Point holds the observance in April to fit within the academic year for higher participation numbers.

The guest speaker was Dr. Sheila Newsom, M.D., USMA Class of 1973 graduate, and the founder and president of Sheila Rising LLC. Prior to Newsom’s talk, a short video explaining the significance of the Stonewall Riots was played.

During her remarks, Newsom discussed her life from choosing to attend West Point, serving as an Army officer and her long practice in medicine.

While aware of the public struggles of minorities, she admitted, “although I was sympathetic, there was no compelling reason to become active in these movements.”

She admitted that this view was both narrow and entitled. Her life and views changed dramatically in 2013.

In the spring of 2013, Newsom had a clear revelation that she was, and always had been, a woman. Despite her protestations and attempt to ignore the inner voice, it became more insistent.

“It was not until I embraced who and what I am, that I began to find rhythm and to feel alive,” Newsom said. “My strength comes now from the very things that I thought were signs of horrible weakness: admitting my faults, listening deeply to others, offering compassion at every point and embracing my place in the LGBTQ community.” Newsom closed by reminding the audience that embracing the LGBTQ ethos is a calling and in its best form it, “asks of us to be kind in the face of bigotry, gentle in the midst of chaos and honorable in a world seemingly full of thieves of all types.”

The next observance will take place April 30 at the West Point Club in remembrance of the Holocaust.

Walking a mile for awareness

During the Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month Walk-A-Mile April 10, participants walked by T-shirts (left) decorated as part of the West Point SHARP Summitt Clothesline Project. The T-shirts represent the expression by victims of their emotions after being sexually assaulted. The project was done to address the issue of sexual violence to both men and women. (Below) Cadets took part in the walk, among the many community members, to show solidarity in helping victims and bringing awareness to end sexual violence in our culture.

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WPNP hosts workshop to develop key negotiation skills

By Brandon O’Connor
Assistant Editor

Whether it is working to find solutions to problems within a team or finding common ground with an adversary, the ability to negotiate is a key part of being a leader.

Leadership requires those in power to do more than simply exert the power of their rank and position to get their way. They must build relationships, find compromises and work with people of varying backgrounds to accomplish the mission before them.

As they prepare to begin their careers as military leaders, cadets and midshipmen from 15 service academies and ROTC programs on the east coast worked to develop key negotiation skills to help them be better leaders during the West Point Negotiation Project’s 10th annual workshop April 10-11.

The two-day workshop brought together 100 future military leaders.

The attendees spent the two days learning the skills of an effective negotiator and participating in multiple mock negotiations based on real-world scenarios.

“We learned a lot about looking at your interests and other’s interests instead of positions,” Class of 2020 Cadet Vienna Morrison said. “That is one of the main themes of the workshop, to really come at it from more of a collaborative approach as opposed to what we call positional bargaining where you start and argue until you get to a middle ground. One of the most important things is establishing a relationship for the future.”

The workshop taught participants how to prepare for a negotiation, skills to use during the negotiation and how to change perceptions and gain influence without relying on force or rank.

“I think negotiation is a leader competency and all of these participants are going to be lieutenants upon graduation and commission,” Maj. Marcus Millen, director of the West Point Negotiation Project, said. “Being able to not only extend your influence beyond using your rank but being able to work with other people and come up with a solution that helps everybody involved is key.”

Millen said participants typically say the workshop was one of the best experiences of their cadet careers because the skills learned are immediately applicable to both their military careers and day-to-day lives.

During the workshop, the cadets took part in negotiations where they took opposite sides of an issue and had to work to find a mutually beneficial solution.

In one scenario, a participant played the role of an Afghan gas station owner working to find a compromise with an American platoon leader, played by another participant, over the loss of business caused by American forces closing a road.

The workshop teaches negotiation skills based around relationship building and finding solutions, but participants also learn hard bargaining skills for scenarios when the other party is not willing to work toward a compromise.

“We have learned a lot of tools to assist in everyday negotiating which will be pretty important with different policy decisions and things like that in the future,” U.S. Coast Guard Academy First Class Cadet Drew Connelly said. “I think the biggest thing is when you are negotiating, slowing down, taking everything in and not making knee jerk decisions and concessions and stepping in the other person’s shoes and seeing from their perspective.”

During this year’s workshop, Class of 2019 Cadet Elizabeth Rodriguez was awarded the inaugural Capt. Drew Ross Memorial Award. The award will be presented annually to a First Class Cadet for his or her performance in the negotiation for leaders course at West Point and contributions to the workshop.

Drew Ross was a member of USMA Class of 2011 and participated in the conference while a cadet. He was killed on Nov. 27, 2018 while serving in Operation Freedom Sentinel in Afghanistan.
ISC brings together leaders from countries competing at Sandhurst

By Brandon O’Connor
Assistant Editor

The annual Sandhurst Military Skills Competition may be about besting your opponent in the field, but in the days leading up to the competition, the focus was on building partnerships among allies from throughout the world.

This year, cadets from 13 international military academies took part in Sandhurst, including first-time competitors from the Royal Danish Military Academy and the Hellenic Military Academy in Greece.

The international cadets spent the entire week leading up to the competition at the U.S. Military Academy to build partnerships and foster relationships among future leaders from throughout an ever more interconnected world.

While in years past the focus has been almost exclusively on building partnerships between the cadets, this year the inaugural International Superintendents Conference was held in conjunction with the competition.

The two-day conference brought together senior leaders from West Point, 10 of the visiting countries competing in Sandhurst and leaders from military academies in Indonesia and Poland.

“Sandhurst is an excellent opportunity to enhance our relationships with our international partners,” Lt. Gen. Darryl A. Williams, West Point superintendent, said. “We will learn how to solve these common challenges we are facing. Also, every nation has different challenges so given the rapidly changing world, the challenges one country faces may give us an idea to compare challenges we will have.”

The conference included multiple breakout sessions that covered a variety of topics including how to capitalize on talent through cadet selection, the programs available to enrich cadets’ experiences such as the semester abroad program and how to develop character through the West Point Leader Development System.

“I think we have a lot to exchange in terms of knowledge,” Maj. Gen. Gustavo Henrique Dutra de Menezes, commander, Academia Militar das Agulhas Negras in Brazil, said. “It is an honor to be here and receive this kind of invitation … The opportunity to exchange experiences with other superintendents and have our team spend at least a week with other cadets is perfect for everybody.”

Each of the academies represented at the conference face unique challenges as they work to develop future leaders for their armed forces. Some, such as Greece and Canada, are combined forces academies unlike West Point, which only forms Army officers.

Despite the differences, the conference enabled them to all come together and share ideas of how to best prepare military leaders for a changing world that will require current cadets to face challenges vastly different from the generations before them.

“This opens the road. It is the first conference, and I am delighted to be here,” Maj. Gen. Dimitrios Choupis, commander, Hellenic Army Academy, said. “It is historic. For my country, it is a great honor to be here to take all this input from your academy. My country has had an academy for similar years.

“We have 191 years. We have to learn from each other. It is a great opportunity,” he added.

The conference also included opportunities for the visiting superintendents to meet with cadet leaders from West Point as well as international cadets from some of their academies who are studying at West Point and American cadets who have participated in the Foreign Academy Exchange Program.
**Combat Weapons:** The West Point Combat Weapons Team competed in its national level competition, the Sig Sauer Relentless Warrior match, March 30 at the Sig Sauer Academy in Epping, New Hampshire.

USMA competed against teams from the U.S. Naval Academy, Air Force Academy, Coast Guard Academy, Merchant Marine Academy, Virginia Military Institute and Texas A&M.

The competition consisted of seven stages that tested the competitors’ ability to engage targets at various distances, critical thinking, accuracy, speed and mental endurance.

The USMA team smashed the competition and placed first overall, with Class of 2019 Cadet Bobby Sobeski placing first and taking home the title of “Top Gun” for the match.

Additionally placing in the top 10 from USMA were Class of 2019 Cadet Jordan Bailey, fourth place; Class of 2020 Cadet Carlos Pineda, sixth place; Class of 2019 Cadet Preston Wiley, seventh place; Class of 2020 Cadet Samuel Pool, ninth place; and Class of 2020 Cadet Thomas Musgrove, 10th place.

Pineda was also recognized as the most accurate shooter in the match overall and the M17 Excellence in Competition champion for being the most accurate with the Army’s new M17 pistol.

In total, USMA brought 18 cadets to compete at Relentless Warrior with the majority placing in the top third of a field of 82 competitors.

Combat Weapons Team Coach Gary Salman was also awarded the “Spirit of the Warrior” award for his dedication to developing leaders of character that embrace the combat mindset.

Salman has worked with the Combat Weapons Team for more than 15 years and is the cornerstone to the success at competition the team has, and will continue to have.
Marene N. Allison, U.S. Military Academy Class of 1980, addressed the USMA Class of 2022 as the 2019 Castle Lecture Series speaker April 10 at Robinson Auditorium.

The Castle Lecture Series endowed by the James C. and Dorothy P. Castle Fund brings in leaders in computer science, computer engineering and information technology to share their knowledge and expertise and to inspire the cadets.

Past Castle Lecture speakers have included Vint Cerf, co-inventor of the internet protocol, and Meg Whitman, former CEO of Hewlett-Packard.

Allison is currently the vice president and chief information security officer (CISO) for Johnson & Johnson, and is responsible for protecting the company’s Information Technology systems and data of 265 subsidiary companies in 60-plus countries.

Allison graduated as part of the first class to include women at West Point, and she was commissioned in the Military Police Corps.

After serving in the Army, Allison served as a Special Agent in the FBI before eventually moving into the corporate world.

In a talk titled, “The Road Less Taken,” Allison shared her story of overcoming societal stereotypes to the Class of 2022 to inspire them about the potential that each one of them has to lead others and to pursue their dreams. She also shared her current role as CISO to inform cadets the cyber security challenges and threats that she sees every day for which the cadets will have to face as future Army officers.

After the lecture, Allison took time to meet and speak further with members of the Class of 2022.
By Sherman Fleek
USMA Historian

The years after the war were both incredibly uplifting and extremely difficult for Ulysses S. Grant. As the hero and victor of the war he was a national celebrity, loved, adored and honored throughout the land. The pail of grief and tragedy overshadowed the defeat and down fall of the Confederacy during its last days when President Abraham Lincoln was assassinated in April 1865.

Days earlier, Grant with muddy boots and a dusty uniform sat at a table in Wilbur McClean’s home at Appomattox Station and accepted the unconditional surrender of the proper and prime Gen. Robert E. Lee and his Army of Northern Virginia—one of several Confederate field armies.

President Andrew Johnson assumed the office of president and soon presided over one of the worst periods of American history.

This was the end of the war, the initial presidential phase of Reconstruction, then his own impeachment, which was not ratified by the U.S. Senate.

Through this tumultuous four-year period, Gen. Grant attempted to support the president as commander and chief, but soon determined that Johnson’s policies were based on personal agendas and overt racism, but, at first, did conform to the Congressional Republicans attempts to assist the former slaves and also ensure that slave masters would not gain power again.

Johnson was actually a Democrat which caused more grief. Johnson wanted to re-establish the antebellum status quo, where white people dominated the politics and society in the southern Reconstruction states. Johnson was soon set-upon by the Radical Republicans, causing Grant serious problems trying to support the administration policies.

Yet, during this gloom of politics on July 25, 1866, Lt. Gen. Grant was promoted as the first officer to hold the rank of General with four stars, designated then as General of the Army of the United States a term no longer used.

The four years after the Civil War, Gen. Grant, from Washington, presided over the military governments of the various Southern states or regions and also the Indians wars in the West.

Grant also oversaw the Freedmen’s Bureau under the authority of the Department of War. The Freedmen’s Bureau was an agency created to assist former slaves with education, shelter and provisions, and then later land ownership and civic rights.

Reconstruction with all its attendant policies, failures and successes, and now the reality that it became a stigma to not only the South but to the United States. Eventually Grant President Johnson had a personal and professional falling out in early 1868. The Democratic Party gained more former Confederates in its ranks causing a definite shift back to the planter class.

One of the main issues in the country was the treatment of former slaves, and the rise of the terrorist group, the Ku Klux Klan, whose savage attacks on Blacks increased across the South.

Reluctantly, Grant decided to run for president on the Republican ticket in 1868. He wrote to his good friend, Gen. William T. Sherman, about his concerns about the welfare of the nation and its future.

“I have been forced into it in spite of myself. I could not back down without, as it seems to me, leaving the contest for power for the next four years between mere trading politicians, the elevation of whom, no matter which party won, would lose to us, largely, the results of the costly war which we have gone through,” Grant said.

His motto and slogan were “Let us have Peace.” Grant won the election against Democrat Horatio Seymour with an electoral landslide. On March 4, 1869, Grant was inaugurated as the 18th and youngest president of the United States to date at the age of 46 years.

Perhaps the best way to describe Grant’s presidency of eight years is rocky. There were several major social, economic and military issues that Grant faced, but chief among them were: Reconstruction of the Confederate states and how to ensure that former slaves received equality and their civil rights; and sustaining a robust post-war economy.

Even if the serving president was a career politician with finesse and skill, these issues would have been a challenge for the most experienced and determined president. One of Grant’s first actions that caused him grief later was his cabinet appointments, which he did not inform the Senate for advice until he forwarded their names for final confirmation.

Later, he had to remove several cabinet members from office for either incompetence or political scandals. During investigations for corruption, President Grant’s main fault or failure was his absolute loyalty to his subordinates. Sometimes his loyalty was tragically misplaced.

Grant created the Department of Justice and the office of Attorney General to prosecute federal crimes, especially in cases of racism and violence against African-Americans in the South.

He advocated successfully for the passage of the 15th Amendment, which ensured the right to vote for the former slaves and others. He employed the U.S. Army to assist federal marshals and courts to crush the KKK, which by 1872, the terror group had been neutralized. Yet, incrementally, Grant and the U.S. government lost the contest to ensure an effective Reconstruction after the war.

On the western frontier Grant held that the Native Indians were to be treated humanely, and he decided to change the reservation agency system from civil government and military officials to religious sectarians, especially Quakers. The conflict with the tribes continued and was some of the great fights of the West occurred during his presidency such as the battles of Rosebud and Little Bighorn in 1876.

Grant appointed one of his Civil War personal, military secretaries, Ely S. Parker, as commissioner of Indian Affairs. Parker was a Seneca Indian who represented Grant’s attempt to provide a benign policy. He favored a reservation system and education programs over Indian removal of the past. Grant stated, “My efforts in the future will be directed . . . by a humane course, to bring the aborigines of the country under the influence of education and civilization . . . wars of extermination are demoralizing and wicked.”

For the era, Grant was more tolerant and humane than many of his contemporaries.

In 1869, Grant signed legislation to guarantee that citizens would redeem “green backs” with currency based on gold specie. An unfortunate scandal was the gold conspiracy several New York-based businessmen who attempted to “corner” the gold market. Treasury officials would provide insider information to contacts of the conspirators.

President Grant had nothing to do with these scandals, but he was responsible and when informed, he acted quickly. He immediately fired treasury officials involved and pushed Congress to enact gold standards protections. But he and his administration were tainted.

Grant was re-elected in 1872 with great support of the American people and their trust in him and his prosecution of the Klan and the fact the economy was strong.

That same year, Grant established the first national park in the United States: Yellowstone in Wyoming Territory. Then in 1873, a panic struck the country, which tumbled into a depression. The growing corporations and stock markets were the harbinger of the new economy that exploded after the Civil War. There were also scandals dealing with government contracts in the Navy and the Whiskey Ring where distillers had bribed Treasury officials to avoid taxes.

In 1876, Grant presided over the great festivities of the Centennial of 1776 where America showcased its industrial, technological and economic advances in Philadelphia. The exhibits, venues and infrastructure were amazing and impressive. It was also the presidential election year where Rutherford B. Hayes, a fellow Republican, was elected. Hayes ended Reconstruction and also did not follow through with many of Grant’s policies. As president, Grant was well-intended and genuine, but his major failing was in not fulfilling his aims completely, such as Reconstruction and the failures of his cabinet members and their scandals.

Rest at Last

Grant’s post public life was a whirlwind of glory and despair. Julia and Ulysses Grant departed for Europe in the spring of 1877, which eventually they circled the globe in one year via the Middle East, Palestine, Japan and ending in San Francisco. In the 1880s, Grant also unwisely invested with a partner, Ferdinand Ward, and eventually by 1884, Ward absconded with the funds leaving Grant and other investors broke.

With no money or income, Grant lost his home in New York, but the new owner allowed him and the family to live there for a time.

Grant was now destitute and almost a broken man in spirit. He finally decided to heed advice from Julia and others to record his life. He soon entered a partnership with his good friend Mark Twain and began writing his memoirs. Tragically about this time in 1884, Grant learned that he had terminal throat cancer, which would eventually take his life.

Retiring to his cabin house in the Adirondacks in New York, he began to write one of the most famous and well-received memoirs in American literary history. Grant’s “Personal Memoirs” were a major success that netted some $450,000 in royalties; a fortune. This income stabilized his family’s well-being.

Just days after he finished writing his last pages, Ulysses Simpson Grant died on July 23, 1885 at age 63.

(Editor’s note: This is the 10th and final installment of Fleek’s series on Grant before his statue unveiling at West Point April 25.)
International cadets compete in Sandhurst for West Point

By Staff Sgt. Todd Pruden
205th TPAE

Forty-nine teams representing four U.S. service academies, 13 international military academies and 16 ROTC programs competed in the annual Sandhurst Military Skills Competition at the U.S. Military Academy.

Along with the foreign teams representing allied military academies from throughout the world, three international cadets enrolled at West Point competed on academy teams during the two-day competition. The competition consisted of 30 miles of challenging endurance tests for the 11-person teams.

“It’s a huge honor for me, honestly, being able to represent my company, my country and the academy and I’m really excited to compete in this competition,” Class of 2020 Cadet Wei Kang Soon, who will serve in the Singapore Armed Forces, said. “It really pushes us to our limits and challenges us to do the best you can.”

Soon is the first cadet from his home country to be enrolled in the academy since 2012. The mechanical engineering major said he enjoys the camaraderie and diversity, which he experiences at USMA.

“Personally, I just like to challenge myself, being exposed to different practices, culture and the traditional army. That’s one of the main reasons that motivated me to come to West Point,” Soon said. “I chose West Point to challenge myself individually as a leader and put into practice what I learned and, of course, the honor to represent my country.”

With regard to competing in the Sandhurst competition, one international cadet’s home country’s military academy also competed. However, Class of 2020 Cadet Jaewook Park, a future Republic of Korea Army soldier, competed against them as a member of one of the USMA teams. He said competing against his native country of the Republic of Korea did not matter to him.

“Of course, we compete as a team, but during the 30 miles of ruck and all of the competition, it’s just a fight with yourself. If you overcome yourself, then you’ll get good results,” Park said. “You don’t really have to think about other teams doing well or not. You’ve just got to care about your team and yourself doing your best in the competition.”

Park, an international relations major, said it is important for allies to get together for friendly competition, as it builds relationships among one another.

“Because we care about the relationship between the other countries, we send cadets here,” he said.

Soon also said that the synergy between various allied countries and teams is beneficial for him personally and for his career.

“I really love the interactions between different cultures and the different types of armies,” Soon said. “I’m imperfect and my leadership philosophy and the way I lead my Soldiers may not be ideal and that’s why I feel that I should constantly push myself to the limit to learn more about myself so that I can lead my soldiers better in the future.”

Winning the competition was not the main focus for either foreign national participant. They said simply having the opportunity to compete was enough to make them feel proud.

“Now is the time to show what we have done,” Park said. “We know that we will do great and we are proud of that.”

Soon competed on USMA Company E-2’s team and Park competed on USMA Company C-3’s team.

Following two days, more than 27 miles of rigorous rucking and 13 obstacles including physical fitness, marksmanship and land navigation challenges, USMA Black won Sandhurst 2019. The University of North Georgia was the top ROTC team and the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst Blue team was the top international team. Photos by Michelle Eberhart/PAO (top left), Class of 2022 Cadet Ellington Ward (above right) and Class of 2021 Cadet Cheyenne Quilter (bottom right)
The 51st annual Sandhurst Military Skills Competition included 49 teams from four U.S. service academies, 16 ROTC programs and 13 countries. Photos by Class of 2019 Cadet Samantha Price (above), Class of 2021 Cadet Angeline Tritschler (right top and middle), Class of 2022 Cadet Ellington Ward (bottom right) and Brandon O’Connor/PV (below)
USMA Black claims second Sandhurst title in three years

Three members returned from the 2017 USMA Black team to compete this year making them the first West Point cadets to win two Sandhurst titles since it expanded to include external teams. The University of North Georgia ROTC (above) won the Sandhurst ROTC Cup as the top ROTC team for the second straight year.

By Brandon O’Connor
Assistant Editor

As soon as the second-place team was announced, USMA Black knew they had won. Score updates throughout the two days (April 12-13) of the 51st annual Sandhurst Military Skills Competition kept teams on edge as they bounced in and out of first. Sometimes, they’d hear they were the leader, other times, their family and friends who had traveled from throughout the country and competitors to include ROTC and service academy teams would gather to cheer them on. On other times, they’d hear they were atop the leaderboard. The 51st annual Sandhurst Military Skills Competition included 49 teams representing four U.S. service academies, 16 ROTC programs and 13 countries.

This year’s competition included 49 teams from the U.S. and the rest of the world. “It makes all that hard work worth it. It is a privilege to come out here and compete with the top foreign team in the competition,” said Cadet John Michael Bordua, University of North Georgia ROTC officer-in-charge. “We came here, this is my first time, and it was great.”

The Royal Military Academy Sandhurst Blue team finished in fifth place overall and claimed the Sandhurst International Cup as the top foreign team in the competition.

“We have worked very hard for the past three months since Christmas time training three or four times a week at physical fitness and the different skills,” Officer Cadet Jamie Bamford, RMAS Blue squad leader, said. “It makes all that hard work worth it. In a privilege to come out here and compete with teams from the U.S. and the rest of the world.”

The Tom Surdyke Leadership Award for the top squad leader in the competition went to Cadet Adam Josephson of the Virginia Military Institute.

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Sixteen ROTC programs from throughout the country competed in Sandhurst this year. Florida State University ROTC (above) finished in 18th place overall including a third place finish in functional fitness. The sixteen ROTC teams included two teams from each Cadet Command Brigade. Photos by Class of 2020 Camera Officer Jamie Bamford (above) and SNCOA O’Connor (below).
The Highland Falls Library exhibit: The Highland Falls Library proudly presents an exhibit by photographer Stan Goldblatt, “The Appalachian Trail—Fort Montgomery Project: Portraits of Thru Hikers on the Appalachian Trail,” which is now open and runs through Oct. 4. The Highland Falls Library is located at 298 Main Street in Highland Falls, and is approximately 4 1/2 miles from the Bear Mountain Bridge, which crosses the Hudson River and connects the Appalachian Trail from shore to shore. The library and the exhibit are open at 10 a.m. Monday-Saturday with various closing hours daily. For details, contact Leslie Rose at lrose@rcls.org or 845-446-3113.

Thayer Hotel from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. April 26. The Conference theme is commemorating The Alliance and Our Polish and Lithuanian Allies.

All are invited to attend these events. Conference and luncheon RSVPs are required. For a detailed schedule and information, go to www.kosciuszkoatwestpoint.org. For more details, contact Steve Olejasz at olejasz@georgetown.edu.

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 tribeyogamilitary@gmail.com.

Spring Organ Recital at Cadet Chapel
Throughout the spring, West Point will offer organ recitals at the Cadet Chapel. This Sunday there are no organ recital due to Easter.

The next recital is 2:30 p.m. April 28 by Bruce Xu (first place, Southeast Region AGO competition).

Employee Assistance Program
The West Point Commissary will be closed Sunday for Easter observance.

Mine Torne Road closure
Mine Torne Road and surrounding training areas will be closed from 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday due to military training.

For more details, contact Alec M. Lazore at 845-500-3007/3930.

Death Notice for Cadet Peter L. Zhu
Anyone with debts owed to or by the estate of Cadet Peter L. Zhu should contact Capt. Jie Y. Yu, the Summary Court officer for the Soldier.

Zhu passed away at Westchester Medical Center in Valhalla, New York on Feb. 28. Call Yu at 856-206-2536 or email him at jye@westpoint.edu.

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The Bass Club at West Point
The Bass Club at West Point is accepting new members. The Bass Club shares angling knowledge, conducts tournaments, promotes sustainable fishing and performs community service in support of West Point Outdoor Recreation. Membership is open to military, DOD civilians, veterans of the Armed Forces and their dependents.

For more details, contact toddness@aol.com or go to http://pbwimmer.wixsite.com/bassclubatwestpoint.

Kosciuszko Memorial Observance and Conference
This year marks the 70th anniversary of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Representatives from NATO Allies will participate at West Point’s annual Thaddeus Kosciuszko Memorial Observance April 27 at the Kosciuszko Monument immediately following the Cadet Review.

The American Association of the Friends of Kosciuszko at West Point will hold its annual Kosciuszko Conference at the Thayer Hotel from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. April 26. The Conference theme is commemorating The Alliance and Our Polish and Lithuanian Allies.

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Superintendent’s Golf Scramble (MWR item)
The Superintendent’s Golf Scramble at the West Point Golf Course is set for three dates—May 16, Aug. 15 and Oct. 17. The scrambles are open to the West Point community and their guests to build camaraderie and socialize with West Point leadership.

These are four-person-team scrambles. These outings will have a 1 p.m. shotgun start. To sign-up, call 845-938-2435. For more details, go to golfatwestpoint.com. There is a nominal fee.

EDUCATION and WORKSHOPS
Army Education Center 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@msmcc.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@jay.cuny.edu; and
• Long Island University—master’s degree 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.

Army Personnel Testing programs
The Army Education Center at West Point offers Army Personnel Testing programs such as the AFCT, DLAB, DLPT, SIFT through the DA and DLI.

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

Army Career Skills Program
The Army’s Career Skills Program (CSP) prepares Soldiers for civilian employment through first-class apprenticeships, on-the-job training, job shadowing, internships and employment skills training. Soldiers are eligible to participate in an Army CSP up to 180 days prior to separation from the Army and after completion of the mandatory five-day SFL-TAP workshop.

The use of permissive temporary duty (PTDY) to attend a CSP more than 50 miles away from the Soldier’s duty station may be granted at the commander’s discretion.

Interested transitioning service members can contact Drew Mierva at drew.m.miera.et@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. Saturday at Bear Mountain State Park and meets 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 jkhamacita@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 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.

Highland Falls Library exhibit
The Highland Falls Library proudly presents an exhibit by photographer Stan Goldblatt, “The Appalachian Trail—Fort Montgomery Project: Portraits of Thru Hikers on the Appalachian Trail,” which is now open and runs through Oct. 4.

The Highland Falls Library is located at 298 Main Street in Highland Falls, and is approximately 4 1/2 miles from the Bear Mountain Bridge, which crosses the Hudson River and connects the Appalachian Trail from shore to shore.

The library and the exhibit are open at 10 a.m. Monday-Saturday with various closing hours daily. For details, contact Leslie Rose at lrose@rcls.org or 845-446-3113.
WEST POINT MWR CALENDAR

FEATURED EVENT
West Point Club Hudson River Dinner Cruise
Join the West Point Club for a dinner cruise on the Hudson River from 5-9 p.m. May 3. Boarding is at South Dock at 4:45 p.m.
The cruise includes dinner buffet and cash bar. There is a nominal fee for this event. Open to the public.
To reserve a spot, visit thewestpointclub.com. For more details, call 845-938-5120.

JUST ANNOUNCED
Kid’s Bowl Free Program through Aug. 30
Bowling is free for kids at the West Point Bowling Center when they sign-up online for the Kid’s Bowl Free Program. Sign-up is at kidsbowlfree.com/army.
For more details, call 845-938-2140.

Basic Pistol Course
MWR Shooting Sports will be teaching a Basic Pistol Course May 4. The classroom portion will begin at 9 a.m. at the Army Education Center, located at 680 Buckner Loop.
After classroom instruction, participants will put into practice what they have learned at the Tronsrue Marksmanship Center, located at 665 Tower Road (next to the Gillis Field House). Firearm rentals and ammunition are included in the price.
This course satisfies the Orange County safety class requirement in order to apply for a pistol permit. Participants will receive a certificate. Class is limited to 25 participants.
Register by visiting the Tronsrue range or calling the range at 845-938-1700. For more details, visit westpoint.armymwr.com.

Kid’s Fishing Fun Day
The Kid’s Fishing Fun Day will take place from 9 a.m.-noon May 11 at the Happy Mountain Pavilion at Round Pond.
For more details, call 845-938-2503. There is a nominal fee for this event.

FOR THE ADULTS
Hunter Education Course
The Hunter Education Course will be held from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday at the Bonneville Cabin at Round Pond Recreation Area. To register, go to register-ed.com/events/view/139489.
Complete the NYS required homework and bring the homework to class. Homework is at dec.ny.gov/outdoor/92267.html. This class is required to purchase New York State Hunting License and a West Point Hunting Permit.
This course is free. For details, call 845-938-2503.

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. For more details, call 845-446-5504.

Indoor Firearm Shooting now available at West Point
Come on down to the Tronsrue Marksmanship Center today. The center is located at 665 Tower Road, adjacent to the Gillis Field House. Hours of operation are 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday-Friday. Recreational shooting is open to all DOD cardholders and their guests. They have gun rentals, ammunition and targets for sale. For more details and to register, call 845-938-1700 or visit westpoint.armymwr.com.

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.
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.

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

FOR THE FAMILIES
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 packages to fit your budget.
Morgan Farm also offers riding lessons for beginner through advanced riders. These lessons are suitable for ages 5 and up. Horse boarding is available at the stables for a nominal fee. For more details, call 845-938-3926.

Round Pond Recreation Area open for the season
The Round Pond Recreation Area is now open 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.

Part Day Preschool Openings
Spaces are still available in the Lee Area CYS Facility Tuesday and Thursday session of Part Day Preschool. Class hours are 9 a.m.-noon.
The program utilizes the Creative Curriculum to facilitate the development of social, emotional, literacy, fine and gross motor skills. Fees are based upon total family income.
A USDA CACFP approved snack is served each day. Questions please contact Parent and Outreach Services at 845-938-4458.

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

ACS Family Advocacy classes
Earn a certificate after completing all four classes in the Army Community Service’s Family Advocacy series. The following classes are held at ACS, Building 622:
• Parenting Class—The first four Thursdays of every month from 1-2:30 p.m.;
• Couples Communication Class—The first four Tuesdays of every month from 1-2:30 p.m.;
• Stress Management Class—The first four Mondays of every month from 1-2:30 p.m.;
• Anger Management Class—The first four Wednesdays of every month from 9:30-11:30 a.m.
To register, contact Sara Boychak at 845-938-0629 or email sara.boychak@usma.edu; or call Catherine Little at 845-938-0633. Or register online at www.westpointacs.army.mil

FOR THE YOUTHS
School Age Center Summer Camp Registration
School Age Center Summer Camp is back. Summer Camp placement is ongoing at 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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For more details, call 845-938-8530/0941.

Whee Ones Open Play Group
The Whee Ones Open Play Group is scheduled from 9:30-11 a.m. Monday, April 29; May 6, 13, 20, June 3, 10, 17 and 24 at the Youth Center Building 500.
Whee Ones Open Play Group is designed for your little one to play, learn and make new friends. Simple drop-in and play. Whee 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.

Whee Ones Reading Group
The Whee Ones Reading Group is scheduled from 10:30-11:30 a.m. today; May 2, 16; June 6, and 20 at the ACS Building 622 Conference Room.
Each session, the Whee Ones invites you to listen to a story and participate in themed, fun-filled activities that promote speech development and learning. Whee Ones invites children, birth through four years of age, and their parents. No charge for participation.
Visit its Facebook page for weekly reminders and pictures.
For more details, call 845-938-0629.
Keller Corner

KACH to close clinics, DFAC for MASCAL Exercise; Emergency Department available 24/7
Keller Army Community Hospital will close all clinics—Primary Care, Radiology, Laboratory, Pharmacy—and the Dining Facility on Wednesday to allow for the command and staff to participate in the West Point Mass Casualty Exercise (MASCAL).

The Emergency Department will continue operations during the MASCAL. If you have an emergency, call 9-1-1.

Any beneficiaries anticipating the need for these services are recommended to schedule an appointment prior to Wednesday. All components of West Point will be fully engaged in the MASCAL.

KACH to recognize Sexual Assault Awareness & Prevention Month
KACH will recognize Sexual Assault Awareness & Prevention Month (SAAPM) throughout April with social media posts, participation in West Point’s Denim Day and a speaker event.

The Keller Facebook page will provide SAAPM information every Thursday in an effort to not only reduce, but eliminate sexual assaults and rape... “One is one too many.”

Keller has scheduled Heath Phillips, a military sexual assault victim, during its speaker event at 11 a.m. April 30 at the USMAPS Auditorium.

Phillips has chosen to be a speaker to relay his life, the effects it has had on him, the obstacles he had/must overcome and, most importantly, educate our military with regards to the damage sexual assault and hazing does to anyone (to include males).

The discussion will include sexual terms that may not be appropriate for young children.

KACH recognizes Autism Awareness Month
KACH will recognize Autism Awareness Month throughout April with social media posts and information tables.

The Keller Facebook page will provide Autism Awareness information every Monday in an effort to promote autism awareness, inclusion and self-determination for all, and to assure that each person with autism spectrum disorder is provided the opportunity to achieve the highest possible quality of life.

Keller’s Educational & Developmental Intervention Services (EDIS) staff has scheduled information tables at Stony CDC today.

The EDIS staff will be readily available to answer your questions, schedule and conduct an evaluation to determine an accurate diagnosis, and assist in improving resiliency and the quality of life for families with special needs.

KACH Substance Use Disorder Clinic open
The KACH’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.

MOVIES at MAHAN
Theatre schedule at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752.
Friday—“Captain Marvel,” PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday—“Wonder Park,” PG, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday—“Captive State,” PG-13, 9:30 p.m.
April 26—“Avengers: Endgame,” PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
April 27—“Avengers: Endgame,” PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
May 3—“Avengers: Endgame,” PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
(For movie details and updated schedules, visit http://www.aafes.com/exchange-stores/Movie-Guide/showtimes-West-Point.htm.)

Earth Day 2019
Presented by the Highland Falls Library
And Community Garden at Holy Innocents
April 27, 2019 10 a.m - 2 p.m 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.anderson@gmail.com

2019 Holy Week & Easter at Most Holy Trinity Catholic Chapel
• 7 p.m., today: Mass of the Lord’s Supper
• 7 p.m., Friday: Good Friday Service
• 9 p.m., Saturday: Easter Vigil
• 10:30 a.m., Sunday: Easter Sunday Mass

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.
Questions about RETIREMENT?

You are invited to attend a RETIREMENT SEMINAR

23 APRIL 2019
0800-1600HRS
Eisenhower Hall Theater
Presented by Army Benefit Center (ABC) Specialist (open to all who are within five years of retirement)

Designed specifically for participants who are planning to retire soon, the seminar will help you understand your options and benefits and navigate a successful transition into retirement.

West Point Band presents a community concert in New Milford

By the West Point Band

The West Point Band takes the stage at New Milford High School, located at 388 Danbury Road in New Milford, Connecticut at 7 p.m. Monday.

Join the band for this unique collaborative performance of entertaining works for winds by some of your favorite American composers and featuring the New Milford High School Band in a fun side-by-side performance.

As always, this concert is free and open to the public.

The band will present a wide array of patriotic and concert music, including William Schuman’s “Chester: Overture for Band,” Karl King’s spirited “Barnum and Bailey’s Favorite March,” and a fantastic arrangement of John Williams’ film score from the 2000 blockbuster film “The Patriot.”

The band will also feature its international award-winning principal saxophonist Staff Sgt. Stacy Wilson, who will perform the show-stopping “Fantaisie” on an Original Theme by Jules Demersseman. And as always, the Voice of the Hudson Valley, Master Sgt. MaryKay Messenger, will make an appearance singing popular patriotic tunes as well as the Broadway hit “Don’t Rain on My Parade” from Funny Girl. You won’t want to miss this incredible performance. Bring your friends and family to the New Milford High School for an evening of incredible music performed by the Army’s oldest band.

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

West Point Band news can also be found by following us on Facebook, YouTube and Twitter.
Christiansen, Hopkins, Riley named captains for 2019

By Kat Castner
Army Athletic Communications

The Army West Point Football team has named its team captains for the upcoming 2019 season. Rising seniors Cole Christiansen, Kelvin Hopkins Jr. and Elijah Riley have all been selected by their peers to lead the Black Knights to what they hope is another historic year.

Christiansen returns for his second stint as a team captain. Last season he was second on the team with 77 total tackles, including 42 solo shots. The Suffolk, Virginia, native added 12 tackles for a loss of 24 yards and one sack for six yards.

Under center last year, Hopkins Jr. became the first player in academy history to throw and rush for 1,000 yards in the same season. He also registered five rushing touchdowns in the Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Bowl to tie the Army single-game record.

The Charlotte, North Carolina, native closed out his first year as the primary play caller with 17 rushing touchdowns, which tied Carlton Jones and Trent Steelman for a single-season program record.

Riley became a key leader in Army’s secondary a year ago. He finished third on the team with 55 tackles to go along with his 39 solo grabs. The Port Jefferson, New York, native chipped in 7.5 tackles for a loss of 27 yards and 10 pass breakups.

The Black Knights kick off their season Aug. 30 when they host Rice at Michie Stadium.

Black team pulls out comeback win over Gold

The Army West Point Football team concluded its spring practice slate with the annual Black and Gold Spring Game April 12 at Michie Stadium. The Black squad scored 15 points late to turn a 28-20 fourth quarter deficit into a 35-28 overtime victory. Rising sophomore quarterback Tyhier Tyler connected with rising senior running back Rashaad Bolton for a 13-yard touchdown grab to pull within 28-26. The Black squad then decided to go for two and a powerful rush by Bolton tied the game at 28-all with 14 seconds remaining in regulation. Neither team was able to break the deadlock, forcing overtime. Again the black team used Bolton to muscle his way across the goal line for another six points. A made point after put the black squad up by seven. The gold team then got a chance to respond but a huge defensive stop by the black squad on fourth down ultimately secured them the victory. (Left) Rising senior quarterback Kelvin Hopkins Jr. started the game for the Gold team. Rising sophomore quarterback Jabari Laws also saw time at quarterback during the game. Rising senior running back Kell Walker scored the game’s opening touchdown for the Gold team when he broke free down the sidelines for an 80-yard score. Tyler answered for the Black team with a nine-yard touchdown rush to make it a 7-7 ballgame. Laws then got in on the scoring when he punched one in from four yards out to give the gold team a 14-7 edge. But again Tyler had a response. He connected with rising sophomore wide receiver JC Watson to knot the score at 14-14 heading into halftime. After the break, the black squad converted on 41- and 28-yard field goals to pull in front 20-14. The gold team would not go away though as rising sophomore running back Cade Barnard and Laws tallied back-to-back rushing scores to hand their side a 28-20 advantage. This set up an exciting final few minutes in which the Black team persevered.
Men’s Rugby falls to Arkansas State in Round of 16

By Frank Shala
Army Athletic Communications

A valiant comeback effort came up just short for the Army West Point Men’s Rugby team, as the Black Knights were defeated 31-24 by the Arkansas State Red Wolves in the D1A Rugby Round of 16 April 13 at Anderson Rugby Complex.

Army (9-5-1) dug themselves into a 14-0 hole in the first half before junior Jason Green put the Black Knights on the board. Another try by Arkansas State (9-4) early in the second half put Army behind on the scoreboard, 21-5.

The Black Knights would not go down without a fight, as a penalty try and an Austin Rutledge score would keep the Cadets’ hopes alive down the stretch.

Another Red Wolves score in the 74th minute made it 31-19 Arkansas State.

Senior Andrew Finken scored in the 78th minute to keep the pressure on in the closing minutes, but ultimately time ran out.

Army highlights and game notes

- This was the first ever game in the varsity era between Army and Arkansas State.
- This was also the first ever time in the D1A Rugby era for Army to host a playoff game.
- Green added to his team leading try total, finishing the 15s season with 10.
- Rutledge and Finken both scored their second tries of the season

First Half
- 20th minute: Try—Boast (Ark. St.); Conversion (Boast)—Ark. St. leads, 7-0;
- 30th minute: Try—Boast (Ark. St); Conversion (Roper)—Ark. St leads, 14-0;
- 36th minute: Try—Jason Green (Army) —Ark. St. leads, 14-5.

Second Half
- 41st minute: Try—Balanoe (Ark. St.); Conversion (Boast)—Ark. St leads, 21-5;
- 44th minute: Try—Penalty Try (Army) —Ark. St leads, 21-12;
- 64th minute: Try—Maree (Ark. St)—Ark. St leads, 26-12;
- 69th minute: Try—Austin Rutledge (Army); Conversion (Jurosic)—Ark. St leads, 26-19;
- 74th minute: Try—Ohlwein (Ark. St.) —Ark. St. leads, 31-19;
- 78th minute: Try—Andrew Finken (Army) —Ark. St leads, 31-24.

Up next
This concludes the 15s seasons for Army. The Black Knights will begin their 7s campaign with the All-Academy 7s Tournament in Annapolis, Maryland, on May 4.
Softball claims first series over Lehigh in 27 years

By Stephen Waldman
Army Athletic Communications

The Army West Point Softball team picked up a 5-3 victory over Lehigh to secure its first series victory over the Mountain Hawks since 1992 on Sunday morning at Leadership Park in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

Sophomore leftfielder Taylor Drayton led the Black Knights with her third multi-hit effort of the weekend while Army West Point Softball team picked up a 5-3 victory over Lehigh to secure its first series victory over the Mountain Hawks since 1992 on Sunday morning at Leadership Park in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

How it happened

• Army broke the scoreless tie in the first inning when Drayton blooped a single toward the second base bag that scored senior second baseman Ashley Yoo from third.
• Mattimore added to the lead with a two-run single with the bases loaded which chased Lehigh starter Parker Boyd from the circle with one out in the opening frame.
• The home side answered with three runs of its own in the bottom of the inning to tie the game.
• Both sides strengthened their defensive efforts over the next four innings until a sacrifice fly from Yoo plated freshman rightfielder Jolie Duong to put Army back in the lead, 4-3, in the top of the sixth.
• The Black Knights added an insurance run in the seventh inning to seal the victory on an RBI single by Drayton that scored sophomore third baseman Megan Muffett who led off with a double.

Army highlights and game notes

• Army claimed its first regular season series win over the Mountain Hawks since 1992.
• It is just the third series win in program history versus Lehigh.
• Snelling documented the 65th base hit of her career.
• Sophomore centerfielder Taylor Livingston earned her 25th hit of the year.
• Mattimore recorded her sixth multi-RBI game of the season.
• Drayton accumulated her seventh multi-hit game of the year.
• Drayton added her third multi-RBI effort.
• She tallied multiple hits in every game of the series.
• Muffett ripped her second double of the season.
• Newbary collected her eighth win of the season, tying Duong for the team lead.

Coach’s Corner

• Interim head coach Bob Beretta—“That was a tremendous team victory. We had contributions from so many individuals, and that’s what it takes to grind out a win sometimes. We knew it was going to take contributions from everyone on our roster to win this series, and I feel like we received just that. We talk about fighting through adversity when it strikes, and I fell we really battled through some difficult moments today. We had big plays on both sides of the ball and Macey Newbary came up huge again for us in the circle.”
• “I thought the fly out double play we executed in the fifth inning resulted in a big momentum shift in the game, and we capitalized in our next at-bat by scoring the go-ahead run through perfect execution. Jolie Duong’s leadoff double got things started. An excellent sacrifice bunt by Carrie Reilly moved her to third before Katie Ontiveros gave us a great at-bat to stay alive by working a walk and made the sacrifice fly by Ashley Yoo possible.”
• “I thought the insurance run we added in the seventh was extremely important. That was a big base hit by Taylor Drayton after the leadoff double by Megan Muffett. I was proud of Megan after she came into the game due to injury and gave us two quality at-bats. She narrowly missed a home run in her first time up and then lined that big double to ignite our rally in the seventh.”
• “I’m very proud of the team. I thought we played solid ball all weekend and nearly came away with the sweep. It’s still quite an accomplishment to take a series from Lehigh for the first time in more than 25 years. That’s a long time and a lot of softball. Overall, it was a positive step for the team. I’m happy for this group, but we have a lot of work ahead of us.”
Men’s Lacrosse claims ‘Star’ in OT during 100th meeting

By Ally Keirn
Army Athletic Communications

In the historical 100th meeting between the Army West Point and Navy Men’s Lacrosse teams, the Black Knights left Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium with a thrilling 9-8 overtime victory to secure a star April 13 in Annapolis, Maryland.

The Black Knights only won six faceoffs in the game, but the most crucial one came in overtime. Senior midfielder Evan Condon battled the ball loose enabling freshman defenseman Marcus Hudgins to pick it up for the offensive possession.

With the shot clock winding down, junior midfielder Matt Manown set his eyes on the goal. Manown used a spin move to gain the preferred angle to goal and let it rip to send the shot clock winding down, junior midfielder Matt Manown set his eyes on the goal. Manown used a spin move to gain the preferred angle to goal and let it rip to send the ball flying over the goalie, giving Army a lead it wouldn’t lose.

How it happened

• The Black Knights were first on the board, taking a 2-0 lead five minutes into the game. Senior attack Nate Jones tallied his first of the afternoon with a goal on the top of the crease. O’Brien set up the play after tic-tac-toe passing up the field for a successful clear.

• With the shot clock winding down, junior attack Sean O’Brien’s bounce shot on the crease off a feed from Nichtern. To start the second half, Navy snapped its scoreless streak with a goal on a delayed penalty.

• Army’s run was sparked by junior attack Parker Toporowski, who converted a man-up play into a transition goal for Jones with 10:10 on the clock. Nichtern posted five points in his first-ever rivalry appearance.

• In a man-down situation, junior defensive midfielder Anthony George caused a turnover enabling Hudgins to pick it up for the offensive possession.

• The Black Knights only won six faceoffs in the game, but one of them was in the overtime frame. Condon battled the ball loose enabling Hudgins to pick it up for the offensive possession.

• With the shot clock winding down, Manown scored his only goal in the game on a man-up play at the 1:26 mark, ultimately forcing overtime.

• Army won, 9-8, 1:26 into the extra time.

Army highlights and game notes

• It is Army’s 10th win against the Midshipmen under head coach Joe Alberici.

• The Black Knights are now tied 2-2-1 overall in overtime contests.

• The firstie class earned their first star over the Midshipmen.

• Nichtern posted five points in his first-ever rivalry appearance.

• Army and Navy are now tied 2-2-1 overall in overtime contests.

• Four of his five points came in the first half.

• Jones recorded his 11th career hat trick.

• Silva, Manown, DiWitt and O’Brien were also in the scoring column with a goal apiece.

• O’Brien had two points on the day and George added a solo helper.

• Defensively, George led the way with two caused turnovers and five ground balls.

• The five ground balls tied his career-high.

• Senior goaltender AJ Barretto was a force on the defensive end, making nine saves and picking up four ground balls.

• Senior defenseman Johnny Surdick and Jones each had three ground balls.

• It was the Black Knights’ second overtime victory this season.

• Army held an advantage in shots (48-35), ground balls (29-28) and had fewer turnovers (17-22).