The U.S. Military Academy performed a full-scale force protection exercise Wednesday. (Above) When the exercise started, cadets who were evacuated from Thayer Hall started running for a shelter-in-place. (Above right) A New York State Police officer watches a suspect following a mock hostage situation in the Office of the Superintendent. (Left) Three members of the Military Police stage outside Thayer Hall before making their next move during the full-scale force protection exercise. See next week’s Pointer View for full coverage on the exercise.

Photos by Brandon O’Connor/PV
What Soldiers need to know about multi-domain ops, modernization

By Devon L. Suits
Army News Service

HUNTSVILLE, Ala.—Ever contemplate how the Army’s multi-domain operations concept and modernization strategy will apply to your future career?

Likely not. Especially after spending a week in the field, grinding through training scenarios to prepare for an upcoming deployment.

Nevertheless, the MDO concept and soon-to-be released modernization strategy will bring major changes to the Army as it prepares for a future conflict against near-peer competitors like Russia and China.

Why care about MDO?

While the MDO concept has a lot of nuances, the core model describes how the Army, as part of the joint force, will solve the problem of layered standoff in all domains—land, sea, air, space and cyberspace.

Still, to fully understand the MDO concept, some context is necessary.

Current doctrine is based on the Air-Land Battle concept, which was founded in 1981 by Gen. Donn A. Starry, who commanded the Army Training and Doctrine Command. This concept was based around two domains—air and land with phased operations in armed conflict.

“The Air-Land Battle, what did we determine? (The Army) needed to fight, outnumbered and win. Then, we needed to defeat the second echelon. It was that simple,” Lt. Gen. Eric J. Wesley, deputy commanding general of Army Futures Command and Army Futures Concept Center director, said.

Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan ensued, and for the past 17 years the Army evolved to counter unconventional warfare tactics, Wesley said last month during the Association of the U.S. Army’s Global Force Symposium.

At the same time, he said, the nation’s near-peer competitors flooded time and resources into research and development, and science and technology.

Competitors now possess increasingly capable anti-access and area denial strategies, meant to separate alliances politically, and the joint force physically and functionally. Further, near-peer competitors are capable of securing strategic objectives short of armed conflict with the U.S. and allies, Wesley said.

More importantly, the Army can no longer guarantee continued overmatch over a near-peer threat—an advantage that the U.S. has held for decades, according to Army senior leaders.

Bottom line, the Army’s vision emphasizes a need for change. Wesley said. As the MDO concept continues to be refined and updated, it will drive Army modernization, similar to what Starry accomplished decades earlier.

The concept details how the Army, as part of the joint force, continuously and rapidly integrates cross-domain capabilities to defeat adversary efforts to create stand-off.

Unlike Air-Land Battle, MDO addresses that competition and conflict occur in multiple domains (land, air, sea, cyber and space) and that there will be multiple threats across the competition continuum in the future operating environment.

If you haven’t connected the dots—Soldiers will play a major role in this change over the next 10-15 years.

MDO capable force by 2028

The Army is determined to field an MDO-capable force by 2028, and an MDO-ready force by 2035, Wesley said. To help reach this goal, the Army plans to release an updated modernization strategy this year.

Overall, Soldiers should expect to see a lot of changes.

The new strategy serves as a “road map,” and takes a hard look at the entire Army enterprise, to include: doctrine, organization, training, material, leadership and education, personnel, facilities and policy, or DOTMLPF-P, Wesley said.

Further, the magnitude of organizational changes Soldiers can expect over the next 10 to 15 years will be vast, he added.

To maintain dominance over our adversaries, the Army has designated six modernization priorities: Long-Range Precision Fires, Next-Generation Combat Vehicles, Future Vertical Lift, Army Network, Air and Missile Defense and Soldier Lethality. These priorities each have a cross-functional team tasked with developing and fielding weapons and platforms with next-generation technology.

All ideas are on the table, and the modernization strategy provides Army leaders a direction to orient toward, Wesley said.

“We have resourcing beyond the magnitude of what we’ve had in years past,” Wesley said. “We have defined an opponent, we’ve identified the problems to be solved, and we have a concept that is validated.

“I think we’re postured better now than we have been in 30 or 40 years,” he added. “It remains to be seen whether we are diligent enough to execute it.”
IN FOCUS: 50-YEAR AFFILIATION

Class of 1972 ‘Grips Hands,’ links with Class of 2022

By Brandon O'Connor
Assistant Editor

The Long Gray Line at the U.S. Military Academy stretches back through history linking together current cadets with those who have donned the cadet gray before them and commissioned in the U.S. Army upon graduation from the academy.

The ties between the present and the past were strengthened with the creation of the West Point Association of Graduates’ 50-year affiliate program in the mid-1990s. The program links together an incoming class at West Point with the members of the class that will celebrate its 50-year reunion during its graduation year. The Old Grads then follow the current class from R-Day through graduation taking part in important events such as March Back, Ring Weekend and Branch and Post nights.

This year’s Plebe class is affiliated with the Class of 1972 and along with attending major events throughout the class’s cadet career, one group of Class of 1972 graduates has decided to take the affiliation a step further. In March, members of Company E-3 from the Class of 1972 started a one-on-one mentorship program called “Grip Hands” where members of the class have been paired with Class of 2022 cadets for the purpose of building personal relationships across the Long Gray Line.

Seventeen members of the Class of 1972’s Company E-3 agreed to take part in the program, which was initiated by retired Col. Chuck Coleman. They were paired with the 31 Plebes in E-3 with most members of the Class of 1972 being assigned two cadets.

“I was really excited about it. I think everyone was,” Jim Barnes, USMA Class of 1972, said. “When we started working with the cadets, it was very good. They were very open with us and they seemed very excited about the program. It seems like it is going really well.”

The pairings were made mostly based on geographic location and the cadets were presented with their affiliate’s bio and contact information during a ceremony at West Point March 29, which was attended by three members of the Class of 1972.

“I like the fact that we are on a more personal level instead of me just saying as a member of 1972, ‘Hey, 2022, you’re my affiliated class,’” Coleman said. “I can go to a specific couple of cadets in E-3 and say, ‘You are my E-3 Class of 2022 cadets and I am going to be with you for the next three years until you graduate and beyond.’”

Each Plebe was paired with a Class of 1972 member and given the chance to make contact, build a relationship and have a mentor from the Class of 1972 if they choose to take part in the program. In the few short weeks since the ceremony, multiple members of the Class of 2022 said they have already begun reaching out and building a relationship they hope will continue through their time at West Point and beyond.

“I am hoping that when leaving West Point and going into the Army I can ask him questions because he has seen stuff I haven’t. Also, he said if I am ever in trouble, need help finding a job whether that is in the Army or after the Army he can help me,” Class of 2022 Cadet William Kiley, who first emailed then talked with his sponsor on the phone, said. “He can help me out when I have questions or if I am confused about something. I think it is super helpful to have. There are a lot of resources at West Point, but right now I just have a one-on-one relationship with a man who is a very valuable resource.”

Whether it is advice about their time at West Point, life in the Army or after serving, the goal of the program is to give current cadets someone to turn to with questions. Bauer said he emailed his sponsor following the ceremony and hopes to lean on his experience serving in the infantry and military intelligence branches, which Bauer said are his top two options.

“Of course it reminds us that they are our brothers in arms,” Bauer said. “They have been through West Point, they have been in the Army and they know what it is like on the other end of this profession. They have perspective that they can help us and grip hands with us to bridge that gap in-between the 50 years that separate us.”
DFL Spanish Forum visits Chilean Embassy, I-ADB’s Cultural Day

By Class of 2021 Cadet Stephanie Myles and Maj. George Gurrola

As the Army prioritizes building relationships and learning from other cultures, the Spanish Forum remains at the forefront of educating and immersing cadets in language and culture. From April 5-7, the Spanish Forum traveled to Washington D.C. to visit the Chilean Embassy and participate in the 20th annual Inter-American Defense Board’s Cultural Day.

Led by Class of 2021 Cadet Stephanie Myles, eight cadets from the Spanish Forum gained regional and cultural experience, while practicing their language skills. The Spanish Forum Cadets visited the Chilean Embassy speaking with both its diplomatic and military missions. Cadets received a brief in Spanish regarding the Chilean Military Mission’s role and responsibilities.

The visit was highlighted by a rare meet-and-greet with Chile’s Ambassador to the United States Alfonso Silva Navarro. Cadets then participated in a panel discussing several aspects of the U.S.-Chile relationship, including political, economic and military factors.

At the Inter-American Defense Board’s Cultural Day, the Spanish Forum cadets also met with various military attaches from the Latin American region. The event hosted embassy and military staff from across the Western Hemisphere to familiarize others with their own unique culture. From food-tastings and cultural demonstrations, to practicing their Spanish language skills, cadets experienced cultures and customs from 14 different countries.

Maj. Gen. Luis Rodriguez Bucio, the head of the Council of Delegates, personally invited the Spanish Forum and welcomes more USMA cadet participation in the future.

The Department of Foreign Languages and the Spanish Forum seek to develop leaders of character through education in the Spanish language and culture.

This type of event helps strengthen mil-to-mil relationships and building confidence and understanding of other militaries that will undoubtedly help cadets lead in tomorrow’s complex security environment.

(From left to right) Mexican Exchange Officer at the U.S. Military Academy Lt. Col. Ivan Ramos-Ortiz, Class of 2021 Cadet Felix Trevino, Class of 2020 Cadet Georgia Cervantes, Class of 2022 Cadet Sean Wilson, Class of 2021 Cadet Ashley Buhr, Ambassador to the U.S. Alfonso Silva Navarro, Class of 2021 Cadets Heather Yoshii, Stephanie Myles, Nathaniel Rodriguez and Alex Athanassis, Club OIC Maj. George Gurrola and Chilean Army Col. Edward Slater. (Courtesy Photos)
Cadet Club activities

**Orienteering:** Over the course of the weekend, April 13-14, the West Point Orienteering team participated in the Quantico Intercollegiate Championships in Quantico, Virginia.

The event involved a middle, relay and long course throughout the two-day competition.

As a result of their stellar performance, the team won its 15th consecutive Intercollegiate Championship.

Individually, Class of 2020 Cadet Brigitte Bordelon finished second overall in the female collegiate category and Class of 2021 Cadet Joseph Heindrichs finished fourth in the male collegiate category.

The team now shifts its focus to the upcoming West Point National Meet.

**Volleyball:** The Army Volleyball team qualified to participate in the Regional championships after winning its North D1 Division at Syracuse. During pool play at College Park, Maryland in early April, Army faced off against West Virginia University, University of Delaware and Virginia Tech.

The team attempted a new line up for the tournament due to some recent injuries and unfortunately came up short in all three matches. All matches were tight however, and the team learned what it needed to work on in this final week of practice before nationals. The level of competition it faced was far greater than what it will see at nationals and prepared itself to take home the gold at Nationals in Denver. Army earned three slots of the D1 North All Star Team with Class of 2019 Cadet Michael Gulczynski earning overall league MVP.

**Triathlon:** The West Point Triathlon team traveled to Tempe, Arizona, April 5-6 for the USAT Collegiate Club National Championships. Twenty-one cadets competed across three races over Friday and Saturday. The team placed sixth overall out of a collegiate field of 43 teams.

Class of 2021 Cadet Emily Landeryou had a stellar weekend by winning both the Draft Legal and Overall Combined events. The Overall Combined takes into account the individuals performance in the Draft Legal, Olympic and Mixed Team Relay races. Class of 2020 Cadet Thatcher Shepard placed 10th overall in the Draft Legal race on Friday and led the men’s team on Saturday in the Olympic Distance event.

West Point was again well represented in the Mixed Team Relay by placing sixth overall with a team consisting of Class of 2021 Cadet Gabriel Fuhrman, Class of 2020 Cadet Hannah White, Class of 2022 Cadet Thomas Batt and Landeryou.

At the awards ceremony, Class of 2021 Cadet Sarah Martin was recognized for having the fastest run time in the 10-kilometer run portion of the Olympic Distance.

Class of 2022 Cadet Rylie Fry was also recognized as having the sixth fastest time in the 1,500-meter swim portion of the Olympic Distance.
Army Men’s Boxing earns 10th team National Championship

By Maj. John Borman
Army Boxing Team assistant

The Army West Point Boxing team traveled to Reno, Nevada to compete in the 2019 National Collegiate Boxing Championships from April 4-6. After it was all said and done, Army West Point fought its way to its 10th team title with five national champions on the men’s side. The women lost out to Navy for the national championship but earned two individual champions during its second-place finish.

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Statue unveiling for Grant at 1 p.m. today on the Plain

By the West Point Public Affairs Office

This afternoon, the U.S. Military Academy will have a new permanent resident on The Plain.

In a ceremony starting at 1 p.m., West Point will officially unveil a statue of Ulysses S. Grant, USMA Class of 1843, one of two presidents to graduate from the academy.

The statue will be the first added to The Plain since a statue of Dwight D. Eisenhower was unveiled in 1983.

The area around The Plain also includes statues of George Patton, George Washington, Douglas MacArthur, Sylvanus Thayer and John Sedgwick.

"Ulysses S. Grant embodied the West Point motto of Duty, Honor, Country," Professor and Head of the Department of History Col. Ty Seidule said. "As a soldier, he led an army that emancipated four million people, ended slavery and saved the United States of America. The Grant statue will inspire generations of cadets to become leaders of principle and integrity for the nation."

The statue is being dedicated to mark 150 years since Grant was inaugurated for his first of two terms as president.

It was sculpted by Paula Slater and donated by Bob McDonald, USMA Class of 1975, and his family.

Grant will be featured in his four-star Union Army uniform. The bronze statue stands 7 feet 6 inches tall on a 4 foot 6 inch granite base.

The statue was installed last week and will be officially unveiled around 1:50 p.m. following a ceremony featuring a performance by the West Point Band and a procession by the West Point Cadet Equestrian team honoring Grant’s reputation as an expert horseman.

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Courtesy Photo
FEATURED ITEM

Second (Indianhead) Division Association reunion
The Second (Indianhead) Division Association is searching for anyone who served in the Army’s 2nd Infantry Division at any time.

For details about the association and its 98th annual reunion in Tucson, Arizona from Sept. 18-22; contact Bob Haynes at 2iduahj@comcast.net or call 224-225-1202.

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. Call Yu at 856-206-2536 or email him at jae.yu@westpoint.edu.

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 Saturday 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. Friday. 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 Olejarsz at olejarsz@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 Friday and Saturday in Highland Falls.

For more details, email tribeayogamilitary@gmail.com.

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 toddmess@sol.com or go to http://pbwimmer.wixsite.com/bassclubatwestpoint.

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 Bruce Xu (first place, Southeast Region AGO competition).

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.

For a sign-up, call 845-938-2435. For more details, go to golfatwestpoint.com. There is a nominal fee.

EDUCATION and WORKSHOPS

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

Undergraduate classes:
• Mount Saint Mary College—Call Cynthia Laudato at 845-569-3252 or email cynthia.laudato@msmc.edu; and
• Saint Thomas Aquinas—Call Gina Erazo at 845-398-4102 or email gierazo@staw.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.ct@mail.mil for details or an appointment.

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

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

Interested transitioning service members can contact Drew Mierva at drew.m.mierva.cr@mail.mil or stop by the Army Education Center from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday.

OUTSIDE THE GATES

After School Outdoor Adventures
The Hudson Highlands Nature Museum is offering its unique After School Adventures at the Museum’s Outdoor Discovery Center, on Muser Drive, across from 174 Angola Road, Cornwall. For these popular weekly adventures are led by Environmental Educator Carl Heitmuller who invites you to “get your child away from all of their electronics for a while so they can learn and have fun in the great outdoors.”

Bug Bonanza for children in Kindergarten through 2nd grade, runs from 3:45-5 p.m. Mondays, through May 20. Children in grades 3-5 will learn all about Survival Situations. These sessions run from 3:45-5 p.m. Tuesdays, through May 21.

For details, call 845-534-5506, ext. 204. Space is limited, so register today.

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 Kimbrel at jkmamacita@gmail.com.

Grace Baptist Church of Highland Falls services
The West Point family is invited to attend any and all services at the Grace Baptist Church, located at 54 Old State Road, in Highland Falls. The church is close to Thayer Gate.

The church holds services on Sunday morning (Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service at 11 a.m.), Sunday evening (6 p.m.), and Wednesday evening (7 p.m.), as well as seasonal Bible studies for men, women and college-aged young people. Transportation is provided as needed.

For details on the Grace Baptist Church, visit www.gracebaptistny.org.

Holy Innocents Thrift Shop in Highland Falls
The Highland Falls Holy Innocents Thrift Shop at 401 Main Street, Highland Falls, is open to the public. 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.

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@rvcis.org or 845-446-3113.
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.

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 Friday 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.

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.

Register by visiting the Tronsrue range or calling the range at 845-938-0629.

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

Specialized Training of Military Parent (STOMP) workshops

Specialized Training of Military Parent workshops will be held from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. on May 6 and 7 at the Lee Area CYS Facility, Building 140.

If you are a member of a military family with a child with special needs, an educator of children with special needs or a professional that works with families and children with special needs, then this workshop is for you.

Registration is required. Register at https://stomp-westpoint.eventbrite.com. For more details, call EFMP office at 845-938-6565.

Morgan Farm Summer Riding Camps

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

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 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.

ACS Family Advocacy classes

Earn a certificate after completing all four classes in the Army Community Service’s Family Advocacy series. The following classes are held at ACS, Building 622:

- Parenting Class—The first four Thursdays of every month from 1-2:30 p.m.
- Couples Communication Class—The first four Tuesdays of every month from 1-2:30 p.m.
- Stress Management Class—The first four Mondays of every month from 1-2:30 p.m.
- Anger Management Class—The first four Wednesdays of every month from 9:30-11:30 a.m.

To register, contact Sara Boychak at 845-938-0629 or email sara.boychak@usma.edu; or call Catherine Little at 845-938-0633. Or register online at www.westpointacs.as.me.

FOR THE YOUTHS

School Age Center Summer Camp Registration ongoing

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.

Early Childhood and School Age Hourly Care

Lee Area CYS Facility has space available for hourly care for ages 6 weeks to 5 years and Kindergarten through fifth grade.

The mission is to provide a variety of experiences for children through planned developmentally appropriate activities.

Reservations can be made through WebTrac. There is a nominal fee for this service.

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

Whee Ones Open Play Group

The Whee Ones Open Play Group is scheduled from 9:30-11 a.m. Monday; 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. 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 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. Tuesday 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 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.

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.

Help KACH reduce, eliminate “No Shows”

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

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.

KACH asks 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.

MOVIES at MAHAN

Theatre schedule at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752.

Friday—“Avengers: Endgame,” PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday—“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-WestPoint.htm.)

New Program at West Point

USAG West Point Leadership hotline, call 845-674-7693.

*This hotline will be monitored 24/7 by a member of the West Point Garrison leadership team.
KACH physician selected for clinician scholar award

By Robert K. Lanier
Public Affairs Officer, Keller Army Community Hospital

Maj. David J. Tennent, a fellow at the John A. Feagin Jr. Orthopaedic Sports Medicine Fellowship at West Point, was selected to receive the 2019 Cdr. Michael T. Mazurek Clinician Scholar Award April 2.

This award, which is presented by the Society of Military Orthopaedic Surgeons (SOMOS), recognizes the individual who best exemplifies Cdr. Mazurek’s commitment to excellence in military orthopaedic education and research.

“Maj. Tennent’s commitment to clinical research is evident through the outstanding work he has completed throughout his career and we look forward to his continued leadership in orthopaedic research and education,” said Cdr. Lance LeClere, M.D., First Vice President, SOMOS.

“Maj. Tennent has shown his acumen for research throughout his residency and has continued this commitment during his Fellowship year as noted by his 34 peer reviewed research publications, 49 research presentations, multiple book chapters and numerous research awards,” Lt. Col. Matthew Posner, M.D., director of the John A. Feagin Jr. Orthopaedic Sports Medicine Fellowship at West Point, said.

“The training and educational opportunities provided by the Cdr. Mazurek award, through the Clinician Scholar Career Development program, will serve to further enhance his abilities as a clinician, researcher and educator. Maj. Tennent embodies the purpose of this award through his intense commitment to military orthopaedic education and research,” Posner added.

Tennent is the fourth John A. Feagin Jr. Orthopaedic Sports Medicine Fellow to receive the Mazurek award in its eight-year existence.

As the award recipient, Tennent will participate in the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons/Orthopaedic Research and Education Foundation/Orthopaedic Research Society’s Clinician Scholar Development Program (CSDP) in September. Additionally, he will attend the SOMOS 61st annual meeting in December where he will receive the award and make a presentation about CSDP, describe how he benefited from the training, current educational and research projects, and how he will utilize the training in their future endeavors.


Cooking Safety
Cooking brings family and friends together, provides an outlet for creativity and can be relaxing. But did you know that cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and home injuries? By following a few safety tips you can prevent these fires.

“COOK WITH CAUTION”

→ Be on alert! If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol don’t use the stove or stovetop.

→ Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, grilling, or browning food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.

→ If you are simmering, baking, roasting, or boiling food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.

→ Keep anything that can catch fire — oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains — away from your stovetop.

If you have a small (grease) cooking fire and decide to fight the fire...

→ On the stovetop, smother the flames by sliding a lid over the pan and turning off the burner. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled.

→ For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed.

If you have any doubt about fighting a small fire...

→ Just get out! When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire.

→ Call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number from outside the home.

Your Source for SAFETY Information

WFFS Public Education Officer · 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02359

“Cooking and Kids”

Have a “kid-free zone” of at least 3 feet around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.

FACTS

1. The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking.

2. Most cooking fires in the home involve the kitchen stove.

West Point Fire Department
x2043 fireprevention@usma.edu

United States Military Academy
WEST POINT
2019 Days of Remembrance

Guest Speaker: Jerry Silverman
Musicologist, Guitarist, Folksinger, Teacher

Tuesday, 30 April 2019, 1145-1230 (Doors open at 1130), West Point Club Grand Ballroom.

Tickets can be purchased for $12.50 at USCC EOA Office; Mac-Lang Rm 1042 or USMA Diversity Office; Taylor Hall 7th Floor

The Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies and the USMA Library

Present: In Darkness (2012); Directed by Agnieszka Holland. (Free Showing). Based on a true story of survival in Nazi-occupied Lvov, Poland.

30 April (Two Showings; 15:30-1800 and 19:00-2130) in Bartlett Hall 454 (Bartlett Auditorium). Open to all USMA cadets, staff, faculty, and community.

POC: Michael Arden; ext. 1181 or Michael.arden@westpoint.edu

For more information contact

USCC EOA Office at (845) 938-8456 or EOA@westpoint.edu

USMA EOA Office at (845) 938-6745 or EOA@westpoint.edu

USMA Ed Program Manager at (845) 938-4376 or EOA@westpoint.edu

“Present: In Darkness” is a film that will be shown as part of the 2019 Days of Remembrance at West Point on Tuesday, April 30. The film is based on a true story of survival in Nazi-occupied Lvov, Poland, and will be shown in two showings on Tuesday, April 30, at 15:30 and 19:00. The film will be shown in Bartlett Hall 454 (Bartlett Auditorium). The film is free and open to all USMA cadets, staff, faculty, and community. The film is directed by Agnieszka Holland and was released in 2012.
West Point Band presents 2019 ‘Music Under the Stars” Concert Series

The West Point Band is proud to announce its “Music Under the Stars” 2019 summer concert series at West Point’s Trophy Point Amphitheater. Continue the tradition and soak in the history and majesty of West Point as you take in a concert while overlooking the waters that George Washington called “the key to the continent.”

Audiences are welcome to bring picnics, visit the beautiful and historic grounds of the U.S. Military Academy, and enjoy scenic Hudson River views while the West Point Band performs music ranging from the best of classical, jazz, Broadway and patriotic to pop, rock, country and today’s top hits.

These concerts are free and open to everyone.

On June 8 at 7:30 p.m., the West Point Band’s Jazz Ensemble presents a tribute to percussion master and bandleader Art Blakey titled “Get the Message! The Centennial Celebration of Art Blakey and The Jazz Messengers.”

During his career, which spanned more than six decades, Blakey’s band, The Jazz Messengers, was considered the quintessential forum for musicians who wished to hone their talent and leave their own mark on the jazz scene. Come join the West Point Jazz Ensemble for an incredible evening of music as they honor this iconic and influential jazz mentor.

Come join the West Point Band on June 15 at 7:30 p.m. for “March Along, Sing Our Song: Army Birthday Celebration,” commemorating 244 years of selfless service to the nation. There’s no better place to celebrate another year in the Army’s storied history than on the historic grounds of the U.S. Military Academy, overlooking the beautiful Hudson River. The performance kicks off with a streamer ceremony and ends with a cake cutting, in true birthday fashion.

On June 22 at 7:30 p.m., the West Point Band will present “Strike Up the Band!” Join us as we welcome West Point Band Alumni back to the stage for a wonderful evening of musical collaboration with the West Point Concert Band. Bring the whole family and enjoy a picnic overlooking the Hudson River while you listen to music under the stars.

The West Point Band’s Benny Havens Band will present “West Point Block Party” at 7:30 p.m. June 29. Join West Point’s official party band for some carefree summer fun as they kick off the summer with their own A-list playlist, featuring classic rock and pop favorites to old school hip-hop and R&B.

The West Point Band’s Independence Day Celebration will be presented at 7:30 p.m. July 6, with a rain date of July 7. There’s no better way to celebrate America’s independence than with the Army’s oldest band! Grab a blanket, bring a picnic and enjoy a wide variety of music ranging from traditional field music to today’s popular hits, and everything in between. Guests are advised to arrive early, as this impressive celebration of music and fireworks is one of the best attended events of the year.

On July 13 at 7:30 p.m., the West Point Band will present “Sunset with a Soundtrack.”

The breathtaking Hudson River view at Trophy Point is truly a sight to behold—and when set to the soundtrack of Army’s oldest band, it makes for an evening you won’t soon forget. Join the West Point Concert Band for an entertaining program of world-class music under the stars.

The West Point Band will present “At the Point” at 7:30 p.m. July 20. Bring your family, friends and a picnic, and treat yourself to a relaxing evening of superb music set to the beautiful backdrop of Trophy Point and the Hudson River.

The West Point Band’s Benny Havens Band will present “I Love Rock N’ Roll” at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 3. Come grab front row seats to this legendary live performance featuring some of rock music’s greats, as performed by the one and only Benny Havens Band. Trophy Point will come alive with all the power chords, epic drum fills, blistering guitar solos and outstanding vocals of your favorite rock anthems—all set to the gorgeous backdrop of the best view in the Hudson Valley.

On Aug. 10 at 7:30 p.m., the West Point Band will present “Don’t Rain on My Parade.”

Join us at scenic Trophy Point for a superb performance by the talented musicians of the concert band. This captivating, family-friendly program will send you home with a song in your heart.

The West Point Band’s Benny Havens Band will present its popular “Dancing Under the Stars” at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 17. Trophy Point becomes the Hudson Valley’s most scenic dance floor as the band invites you to the stage to Dougie, Mashed Potato or Foxtrot to the best of swing, disco, Latin, country, funk, hip-hop, Motown and more. Bring the whole family—or just that special someone—and spend a night dancing under the stars.

The “Music Under the Stars” summer concert series will conclude with West Point’s Labor Day Celebration at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 1, with a rain date of Sept. 2. This annual favorite features performances from the Concert Band, Hellcats and Benny Havens Band, topped off with a performance of 1812 Overture with live cannon fire and a magnificent fireworks display.

The West Point Band asks that all concertgoers RSVP to each performance at www.westpointband.eventbrite.com. Printed tickets are not needed, however, RSVPing will allow you to receive up-to-date concert information, including notification of any weather cancellations.

Unlike previous years, most performances in the 2019 season do not have an inclement weather site.

For complete information on the Music Under the Stars season, visit https://westpointband.com/trophypoint.html. 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.
Men’s Lacrosse falls to No. 8 Loyola on Senior Day

By Ally Kiern
Army Athletic Communications

The Army West Point Men’s Lacrosse team started strong against No. 8 Loyola April 20, but the Greyhounds bounced back to defeat the 17th-ranked Black Knights 13-9 at Michie Stadium.

Army shutout the Greyhounds in the first quarter and led 6-4 at halftime, but Loyola sparked a 9-3 comeback to claim the win.

Sophomore attack Nicholas Garofano scored the first hat trick of his career to lead Army’s offense.

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Softball bests Bucknell in series finale

By Stephen Waldman
Army Athletic Communications

The Army West Point Softball team built off the momentum from Saturday’s game one victory and competed its way to a 4-2 victory over Bucknell in the series finale on Sunday at the Army Softball Complex.

Junior shortstop/third baseman Emily Ballesteros provided the key base knock for the Black Knights in the series-clinching victory with a two-run single in the fourth inning, while sophomore third baseman/shortstop Ally Snelling added a double earlier in the inning to spark the team.

The combination of junior pitcher Macey Newbary and rookie designated player/pitcher Jolie Duong kept the Bison off balance all day in the circle.

Newbary picked up her ninth win of the season after scattering six hits and two earned runs over four innings of work, while Duong notched her first-career save.

The Houston native closed out the final three innings of the game without allowing a base runner and fanning two hitters.

How it happened

• Bucknell began the game with four-straight bunts, including a single by Lauren Hadley that plated Allyse Volpe for the first run.
• Nicole Rivait drove in the second run of the game for the Bison in the following frame.
• Duong reached on a two-out error with the bases loaded to bring Army within one before Ballesteros singled in freshman pinch runner Tessa Leman and sophomore rightfielder Grace Mattimore to take a 3-2 advantage.
• Senior first baseman Carrie Reilly reached on a fielder’s choice in the fifth inning and forced an errant throw from the Bison defense that allowed sophomore centerfielder Taylor Livingston to score an insurance run for the Black Knights.

Army highlights and game notes

• Army has won its fourth-straight series over Bucknell dating back to 2016.
• The Black Knights are the only Patriot League team to defeat the Bison this year.
• Snelling recorded her team-best 13th double of the season.
• Leman scored the 10th run of her rookie campaign.
• Mattimore tallied her 20th hit of the season.
• The Ashville, Virginia, native drew her 10th free pass of the year.
• Ballesteros notched the 130th base hit of her career.
• The Chino Hills, California, native contributed her second multi-RBI effort of the season.
• Newbary contributed her ninth win of the year.
• Duong earned her first collegiate save.
• It was the first save for Army in 2019.
• The Houston native appeared in her 25th game for the Black Knights.

Coach’s corner

• Interim head coach Bob Beretta—“I am very proud of our team. The ladies battled hard all weekend long. I thought we had just one really bad inning in the entire series. I thought we did a very nice job of minimizing damage in the first inning today when we found ourselves in a bit of early trouble. Macey did a very nice job of holding Bucknell to just one run in that spot. The game could have gotten away from us quickly, but instead we were able to limit Bucknell and allow our offense to overcome a manageable deficit later in the game.”
• “We did a nice job of stringing together a few hits to take the lead with three runs in the fourth before adding a crucial insurance run in the fourth. We ran the bases aggressively and took advantage of our opportunities. Macey gave us a strong start in the circle and Jolie was outstanding again, this time firing three shutout innings in relief to shut the door.”
• “We felt like we needed to win at least two games this weekend to keep our playoff hopes alive. We also knew it was going to take a solid all-around team effort to accomplish that against a team that entered the series undefeated in Patriot League play. I’m very proud of how our team responded to that challenge. This group has shown great character all season and never stopped grinding through adversity. We still have a lot of work ahead of us, but we took a big step forward this weekend.”
Baseball wins season series over Navy, secures ‘Star’

By Kat Castner
Army Athletic Communications

For the first time since 2014, the Army West Point Baseball team claimed the season series over service-academy rival Navy Sunday afternoon in Annapolis, Maryland. After their 7-5 victory in the rubber match of the weekend, the Black Knights won the overall season series, 3-2.

The Black Knights jumped out to an early 2-0 edge in the first but the Mids answered in the second to pull the game even at 2-2. The score remained tied until the Black Knights registered an impressive five runs on five hits in the sixth inning to break the contest open at 7-2.

The home side tried to rally and even cut the deficit to 7-5 in the bottom of the eighth but sophomore reliever Harry Flannery Jr. sat all four batters he faced down in order to secure the win.

Starting pitcher senior Sam Messina was solid on the hill for Army, allowing just three hits and two unearned runs in 5 1/3 innings. The senior righty struck out a game-high six during his time on the mound.

For the second-straight contest, the Black Knights saw eight of the nine batters in their lineup record at least one hit.

The top of the lineup did most of the damage on the day with juniors centerfielder Jacob Hurtubise and rightfielder Drake Titus, sophomore third baseman Anthony Giachin and senior shortstop Trey Martin all posting two hits each. Hurtubise and Martin both chipped in two runs batted in as well, while Titus crossed home plate a team-high two times.

Army highlights and game notes
• The Black Knights improve to 24-16 on the year and 11-6 in Patriot League play.
• Army has now won nine of its last 11 games, claiming three conference weekend series’ during that stretch.
• Titus registered the Cadets’ lone extra base hit on the day and it came during the second at bat of the contest.
• The Black Knights pitching staff did not allow an extra base hit and compiled 13 strikeouts.
• Senior pitcher Cam Opp and Flannery Jr. both saw action out of the bullpen with Opp going 2 1/3 innings and Flannery 1 1/3 innings. Opp allowed two hits and three runs, while Flannery posted a clean sheet, including two strikeouts.

How it happened
• Army jumped in front early with two runs on two hits in the opening half frame. Titus doubled down the left field line with one out to place a runner in scoring position. Giachin followed that up with a walk before a Martin single to center field scored Titus. Two batters later Giachin touched home thanks to a sacrifice fly by sophomore leftfielder Andre Walden.

• The game remained tied for the next three innings until the Black Knights finally broke through in the sixth with five big runs on five hits. Army started its rally when it loaded the bases with two outs in the frame. Hurtubise then drilled a single to right center to bring home two of the Cadets’ five runs. Titus chipped in with an RBI-single to center field to score another run before Giachin reached on a wild pitch, which allowed the Black Knights’ fourth run to cross. Finally, Martin singled to center field for his second RBI of the contest.

Facts & figures
• The Black Knights recorded seven runs on 12 hits, while Navy posted five runs on five hits.
• Both teams were credited with an error in the contest.
• Army stranded five runners on base. Navy left 10.