The Spring Company Athletics Brigade Finals were held May 6. Company E-4 won ultimate frisbee, Company C-1 won flickerball, Company I-1 won area hockey, Company E-4 won swimming, Company I-4 won team handball and Company D-2 won combat grappling. The Banker’s Trophy, which is awarded to the top company in each regiment, was awarded to Companies D-1, D-2, B-3 and I-4. The Brigade Finals trophies were awarded by U.S. Military Academy Class of 1969 graduate Mike Krzyzewski.

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Pence to speak at Graduation

Vice President of the United States Mike Pence will serve as the commencement speaker for the U.S. Military Academy’s Class of 2019 graduation May 25 at Michie Stadium. This will mark his second visit to West Point and his first time as graduation speaker.

WEST POINT, N.Y.—Approximately 985 cadets will graduate from the U.S. Military Academy and be commissioned as second lieutenants in the U.S. Army on May 25. The following are the main events during Graduation Week at West Point.

**Tuesday**
- 10:20-10:45 a.m.—Wreath Laying Ceremony at Thayer Statue with the oldest living graduate, retired Col. Doniphan Carter, USMA Class of 1944.

**Wednesday**
- 9 a.m.—Black Knight Awards Ceremony, Robinson Auditorium.
- 1 p.m.—Superintendent’s Reception with 1st Regiment cadets and families, Quarters 100.
- 3 p.m.—Superintendent’s Reception with 2nd Regiment cadets and families, Quarters 100.

**May 23**
- 10:30 a.m.—Superintendent’s Award Streamer Review, The Plain.
- 1 p.m.—Superintendent’s Reception with 3rd Regiment cadets and families, Quarters 100.
- 3 p.m.—Superintendent’s Reception with 4th Regiment cadets and families, Quarters 100.
- 5:30 p.m.—Superintendent’s Awards and Convocation Dinner, Eisenhower Hall.

**May 24**
- 11 a.m.—Graduation Parade, The Plain.
- 7 p.m.—Graduation Banquet, Washington Hall.

**May 25**
- 10 a.m.—Graduation Exercise, commencement speaker is Vice President of the United States Mike Pence, Michie Stadium.
The character of West Point and the heroes amongst us

By Col. Everett Spain
Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership

The U.S. Military Academy’s Cadet Creed inspires us to “have the courage to choose the harder right over the easier wrong.”

For those of us entrusted to lead in the crucible of combat, the courage to put one’s life at risk to protect others may be our profession’s most essential virtue. Indeed, the courage to protect others reflects a deep internalization of each of West Point’s five facets of character: moral, social, civic, performance and leadership.

So, how does West Point develop this courage in our cadets? Kegan’s theory of adult development, one of the foundations of West Point’s Leadership Development System, tells us that if we hope to transform cadets from being self-focused to others-focused, we must set and enforce high standards, make cadets to serve on interdependent teams and provide cadets with selfless role models, namely staff and faculty.

It follows that if West Point wants to develop selfless officers who have physical courage, many of these role models should be physically courageous. Yet, I was only aware of a handful of West Point teammates who had been recognized for physical courage. But as I looked closer, I discovered they were all around us.

Indeed, more than 40 members of West Point’s staff and faculty have received formal awards for valor or heroism. These include the Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, Soldier’s Medal, Bronze Star (with valor device), Air Medal (with valor device), Army Commendation Medal (with valor device), Secretary of the Army Award for Valor, General Carlton Award for Valor and others. Though the recipients have diverse ranks, ages, specialties, ethnicities, genders and branches of service, they are alike in one way—when lives were on the line, they put others before themselves.

There are no “normal” days at West Point. But if there were, I can imagine myself just walking around campus, unknowingly passing many of these heroes. On Diagonal Walk, I walk past the Company H-4 Tactical Non-commissioned Officer Sgt. 1st Class Mike Mullins out ruck-marching with cadets.

In Afghanistan in 2008, Mullin’s platoon was ambushed with small-arms fire and rocket-propelled grenades. When six of his fellow Soldiers were wounded, then-Staff Sgt. Mullins ran more than 150 meters through the kill zone to attract enemy fire away from his injured teammates. He then engaged the enemy forces who were attempting to overrun his platoon’s position, halting their advance and then causing the enemy to withdraw from the ambush.

In Central Area, I pass the Department of Physics and Nuclear Engineering’s Maj. Jill Rahon speaking with a group of cadets. In Afghanistan in 2010, when a fully-fueled and armed U.S. helicopter crashed in hostile territory and burst into flames, then-Capt. Rahon jumped a barrier and ran through an unsecured area to the downed aircraft, pulling both of its pilots to safety.

In Taylor Hall, I exchange smiles with USMA Chief of Staff Col. Mark Bieger as he walks into a meeting about Cadet Summer Training. In Mosul, Iraq in 2004, then-Maj. Bieger ran through a hail of gunfire to rescue a wounded Iraqi girl.

In Bradley Barracks, I see Company F-2 Tactical Officer Capt. Nicole Kruse conducting quarterly performance counseling with one of her cadets. In Afghanistan in 2012, as an air mission commander, then-Lt. Kruse received word that a coalition patrol leader was in contact with the enemy, wounded and trapped on a hot landing zone. Undaunted in the face of enemy fire, Kruse and her crew flew their Blackhawk helicopter in and pulled the patrol leader out to safety.

Walking near Mahan Hall, I see the Department of Systems Engineering’s Maj. D.J. Edwards working with cadet leaders to plan an upcoming event. In Killeen, Texas in 2010, then-Capt. Edwards witnessed a crash where two vehicles entangled and caught fire. Edwards leapt into action and pulled a trapped civilian and an Army chaplain out of the burning vehicles.

Near Lincoln Hall, I pass the Department of Social Sciences’ Maj. Dan Hurd as he hustles to catch up with a cadet team. In Iraq’s Euphrates River Valley in 2007, then-Capt. Hurd inspired and led a joint U.S.-Iraqi Army team in a dismounted sprint across three kilometers of rugged terrain, at night, with full combat load, to successfully capture four fleeing al-Qaeda high value insurgents. A few days later, upon hearing an explosion that wounded a fellow U.S. Soldier, he disregarded his own safety and sprinted to him across an IED-laden palm grove, provided emergency first aid and helped carry him to the closest landing zone for evacuation to a combat surgical hospital.

As I walk past Thayer Statue, I see Col. Mark Ray walking with a group of cadets up from the Office of the Director of Intercollegiate Athletics. In Ramadi in 2003, then-Capt. Ray was the commander of Special Forces Operational Detachment-Alpha. Under the cover of darkness, Ray led a combined-arms force on a house thought to be occupied by armed insurgents. As the raid began, the insurgents engaged the Americans with automatic weapons and caused several friendly casualties, including Ray being shot in the leg. Even though he was wounded, Ray knew the armed enemy was anchored on the second floor. He personally led the charge upstairs that reduced the threat.

Proceeding back toward the cadet area, I see 2nd Aviation Detachment’s Chief Warrant Officer 4 Byron Meads piloting a Lakota helicopter ferrying the Cadet Parachute Team for another practice jump. Near Mosul, Iraq in 2007, then-Chief Warrant Officer 2 Meads received a distress call that Combat Outpost Eagle was breached with a vehicle bomb and was in danger of being overrun. As the co-pilot and observer, Meads flew his OH-58D(R) to COP Eagle. While engaging the enemy during multiple attack passes, their aircraft received multiple hits and suffered a severely fuel line, forcing them to land. A fellow OH-58D(R) aircraft landed nearby, and Meads and his co-pilot strapped themselves to its skids and flew back that way to Diamondback (which was the first time that type of evacuation had ever happened in combat). Upon landing, Meads and his co-pilot immediately mounted another aircraft and flew back to COP Eagle, continuing to defend the U.S. Soldiers on the ground.

As I pass Patton’s statue I might hear
Irregular Warfare Group holds annual exercise

From the Foxhole

By Class of 2021 Cadet Charles Larson
Irregular Warfare Group

From April 23-26, the residents of Hyde Park, Staatsburg and Poughkeepsie had understandable cause for alarm. Young, military-aged males and females carrying assault rifles while wearing woodland camouflage uniforms could be seen at different times and locations. One group could be seen stalking the woods near the Payne Mansion after making landfall from a motorboat near Dinsmore Point, while another could be seen setting up a deployable radio antenna on a hill overlooking a Hopeland Trails footpath.

Thankfully, these were not Russia’s famed “little green men” or a nutty militia on a mission. Instead, these were cadets from the U.S. Military Academy Irregular Warfare Group. They were conducting their annual Unconventional Warfare Exercise—not something they had planned and trained for since last year.

The Irregular Warfare Group is a military club at West Point dedicated to studying and practicing the various missions and roles that U.S. Special Forces fulfill around the world. According to the club’s Officer-in-Charge and in-house Irregular Warfare expert, Lt. Col. Nicholas Thompson, IWG’s purpose is to give cadets a strategic understanding of the unique capabilities special forces has to offer.

The growing number of special forces missions around the world almost guarantees that these cadets will encounter special forces members at some point in their careers. Having the knowledge and background afforded to them by their experiences in IWG will enable them to forge more effective working relationships with special forces in the future.

Among the many experiences provided by IWG, the Unconventional Warfare Exercise stands out above the rest. The UWEX is the culminating mission of IWG. About half of IWG was committed to planning and resourcing the three-day exercise with multiple missions, negotiations with local role-players, intelligence gathering and even a helicopter fly-by from the 2nd Aviation Detachment. Cadets in the Operational Detachment—Alphas, the self-sufficient 12-man teams that are the fundamental feature of special forces, were treated to a depth of training unparalleled elsewhere at West Point. Operational Detachment—Alphas members simulated an unconventional warfare campaign by infiltrating into a denied territory, setting up an isolation facility at a family farm, negotiating travel with locals, linking up with guerrilla fighters, earning their trust and training them and finally conducting missions against local targets.

Critical to the UWEX, which is modeled on the special forces Robin Sage Exercise that qualifies special forces candidates to wear the coveted Green Beret, are the many people who assisted in the scenario. These included role-players from the local community who acted as auxiliaries and hostiles, cadet candidates from the U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School who acted as opposition forces and guerrilla fighters, and officers and non-commissioned officers from both USMA and USMAPS who acted as guerrilla chiefs and special forces commanders. The incredible time and support these volunteers provided enabled the UWEX to proceed largely according to plan.

On the last day of the UWEX, IWG gathered with its volunteers and community partners to conduct an after-action report meeting to review the exercise. Areas in need of improvement were discussed with proposed solutions for next year while successes were lauded. At the conclusion of the AAR, IWG in gratitude presented handmade gifts, cadet saber letter openers and unique patches to partners from the local area who braved the weather and gave up their time for the cadets’ benefits.

So next year if you see something irregular or unconventional happening around Hyde Park in the spring, know that IWG has returned.

New exhibition at the West Point Museum highlights recent acquisitions

Opening May 24, the West Point Museum will feature an exhibition of artifacts that have recently entered the museum’s collection.

Highlights from the exhibition include some of the recent and significant acquisitions to the museum’s holdings including Gen. Martin Dempsey’s cadet letter jacket. The pieces span the timeline of global, national and local military history.

The exhibition is only a small sampling of more than 45,000 individual artifacts within the West Point Museum collection, representing the culmination of more than two centuries of military heritage preservation.

The West Point Museum is the nation’s oldest federal museum. Its origins can be traced to the American Revolution.

Today, visitors can view the actual weapons, uniforms and memorabilia across American history as well as military artifacts from around the world.

The diverse weapons collection dates to ancient days and includes historic pieces belonging to such figures as George Washington, Napoleon Bonaparte, John Pershing, Dwight Eisenhower, George Patton and Ulysses S. Grant.

The outstanding art collection includes works by noted artists including James Whistler, Robert Weir, Edouard Detaille and Frederic Remington.

The museum is free to the public and open daily from 10:30 a.m. - 4:15 p.m. (closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year’s Day).
Seven teams were represented including two West Point teams. Friday and Saturday’s games were round robin within their group as West Point Black started Friday off strong with a win against TAMU, 32-18, followed up by a win over North Carolina later that night, 28-18. West Point Gold played one game on Friday and lost a heartbreaker to Air Force just as time was expiring, 22-21. On Saturday, West Point Black beat the University of Virginia 29-17. This victory gave Black a 3-0 record and earned them a first-round bye in the championship round. Gold bounced back with a 24-19 win over Ohio State and finished 1-1. First up on Championship Sunday was Gold vs TAMU and unfortunately they lost 26-22 and finished the tournament in fifth place. Black met the winner of that game and avenged the Gold loss by beating TAMU 21-16. Black faced UNC in the championship and won the 2019 Collegiate National Championship, 29-24. Every Firstie was able to play and they all contributed to West Point Black’s 13th consecutive Collegiate National Championship.

**Ultimate Frisbee:** Army Ultimate placed third out of 12 teams in Hudson Valley Conference Championships April 20-21, granting them a slot for Regionals. Army went 3-0 on Saturday, and 1-2 on Sunday, which earned them third place. Army beat Vassar College 11-5 in the first game of the tournament and defeated Hartford 10-9 in the second. Army defeated Saint Rose 11-3 in the final game of the day. Sunday’s bracket play was much more difficult than Saturday’s games. Army started the day with the last game of pool play against Wesleyan and the Black Knights lost 11-9 in a back and forth game. Because of the loss against Wesleyan, Army was the second team in the pool, and played Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in the next game. Army won 13-9 to clinch a berth in regionals with one game left. The final game of the day was played against the loser of Marist and Wesleyan, which ended up being Wesleyan. While both teams already clinched their playoff slot, the game still mattered for Regionals seeding, so both teams wanted to win. Wesleyan took an 8-4 halftime lead, but Army was able to bring it back to 14-14 before losing on the final point. For a team that did not make it out of the conference last year, Army considers its placement in Regionals a large success.
West Point cadets showcase senior year engineering projects at Picatinny

By Ed Lopez
Picatinny Arsenal Public Affairs

Cadets from the U.S. Military Academy came to Picatinny Arsenal on April 29 to display posters that described their senior year engineering projects, some of them sponsored by organizations at Picatinny Arsenal in New Jersey.

The cadet capstone presentations at the Lindner Conference Center served a sort of a warm-up for Projects Day, which was held May 2 at the academy.

The more than 25 project posters displayed at Picatinny were intended to demonstrate the sustained technical work by graduating academy Firsties.

This annual event is an opportunity for Picatinny employees to meet the cadets and discuss their work. The capstone projects are examples of how cadets can apply their engineering education to real-world problems.

Class of 2019 Cadet Megan Jarrell’s project involved the treatment of ammunition waste water and the ability to grow and harvest algae as a biofuel.

From a Soldier’s perspective, the technology can be used to treat outgoing waste water at a fixed operating base, she said.

Enhanced computer security was the project chosen by Class of 2019 Cadet Daniel Young, who noted that connections to websites may seem to involve only one website, but that site can be drawing information from other internet sources that could carry malicious code.

“So you could click on that specific connection and see exactly what other websites it’s pulling its information from,” Young said.

Class of 2019 Cadets John Gephardt and Patrick Rogers worked on a project to design a training round with a reduced range so that existing Army firing ranges can be used safely.

“The Army’s next generation bullet has a max range that exceeds that of the current surface danger zones for small arms ranges,” Rogers said. “So, in order for to continue using ranges and allow Soldiers to train on them, we need to design a reduced range bullet that will have ballistic match over the same training distances, but have a shorter max range in order to use these training ranges.”

A key issue driving development of the round is that a lot of Army training ranges are kind of situated in a circle, Rogers said, so if a longer-range round is used it could travel too far and might be shooting at another range.

The cadets worked closely with a team at Picatinny that was engaged in the same goal of developing a reduced range training round.

Cadets from West Point traveled to Picatinny Arsenal on April 29 to display posters that described their senior year engineering projects.

“IT was a good way of learning how the Army develops and accepts new technologies,” Rogers said.

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USMA Historian Sherman Fleek addressing a group of distinguished visitors. In California in 2015, when Fleek was a customer inside a civilian restaurant, a perpetrator entered the establishment while brandishing a handgun, demanding money from the cashier. Sensing danger to all, Fleek intervened physically, sending the assailant running out into the night.

As I read one of my cadet’s Military Leadership course papers, I realize her chosen mentor is the Department of Mathematical Sciences’ Maj. Tyson Walsh. In Afghanistan in 2013, then-Capt. Walsh was exercising alone on the inside perimeter road of his coalition base just before sunrise, when he found an insurgent trying to sneak through a gate.

Unarmed and alone, Walsh engaged and neutralized the insurgent in hand-to-hand combat. His actions uncovered the plan for, and prevented, a major complex attack on the base.

Heading out to check in with my intercollegiate sports team’s coaches and players, I find that the Department of History’s Capt. Makonen Campbell already beat me there by 10 minutes.

Near Khost, Afghanistan, in 2005, in a hot-landing zone, then-Staff Sgt. Campbell descended from a Blackhawk on a cable to stabilize and evacuate two seriously wounded special operations Soldiers. While under fire, he strapped both operators into rescue stretchers and safely had them hoisted into the helicopter.

When I approach my classroom in Thayer Hall, I see the Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership’s Maj. Jacob Absalon. In Zormat, Afghanistan in 2009, then-Lt. Absalon was leading a dismounted patrol that came under a complex attack. He led a joint maneuver element to fight off the vicious attack in order to save the life of a wounded Soldier.

Later that evening, as my family hosts our sponsored cadets for dinner, one of them tells me a story about his tactical officer in Company G-4, the Brigade Tactical Department’s Capt. Jason Pomeroy. In Afghanistan’s Ganjigal Valley in 2011, then-Lt. Pomeroy displayed intrepid leadership under heavy fire when he discovered Soldiers from a sister platoon were trapped by enemy forces. He organized and led a small impromptu rescue team that enabled the trapped Soldiers to scramble up a ridgeline to safety.

In addition to staff and faculty stories of physical courage, many cadets arrive with the seeds of courage already sown. When I was a plebe in 1988, an upperclassman on leave at the Gulf of Mexico jumped selflessly into a dangerous riptide to rescue a drowning swimmer.

When I was a cadet junior in 1991, a classmate ran through a burning multi-story housing development, literally carrying several infirm elderly residents across his shoulders down smoky stairwells to safety.

In 2016, Cadet Thomas Surdyke bravely gave his life when rescuing a weaker swimmer swept out by a riptide on Southampton Beach.

And in 2019, a current cadet ran to assist a stranger who fell down a steep snow bank into an icy river. There are many more stories like these.

It is comforting to know that our cadets are surrounded by West Point’s ordinary heroes, including many cadets who already display these virtues. As such, we can be confident that our nation’s future leaders will continue our Army’s essential tradition of heroism and valor.

As West Point’s common heroes, often unsung and sometimes unnoticed, engage with all of us, we cannot deny that physical courage walks the halls.

Their presence as role models humbly reminds our cadets, and all of us, to “live above the common level of life” by being prepared to put the welfare of others before our own, especially when it matters most.

(Editor’s note: This article is the first of a two-part series. As this article shared stories about those around us who have displayed character for others in the face of physical danger, the next article hopes to share examples of those among the West Point faculty and staff who have displayed character for others in the face of non-physical danger. To help me recognize them, please contact me with their stories at everett.spain@westpoint.edu.)
Approximately 250 Scout Troops, scoutmasters and parents, totaling about 6,000 people, attended the 57th West Point Camporee from April 26-28 at Lake Frederick.

The camporee is run by the academy’s Scoutmasters’ Council, which was established in 1961 as an official cadet club that plans, organizes and runs events for the scouting community. Class of 2019 Cadet Andrew Valkenburg is the SMC commander and provided the overall leadership and guidance to approximately 225 cadets who helped plan and run the camporee.

This year, the SMC selected the First Infantry Division as the honorary unit for the camporee. The Big Red One is the oldest continuously serving division in the regular Army, and has seen continuous service since its organization began in 1917 during World War I.

Scouts endured chilly temperatures, rain, strong winds and lots of mud, but still had a tremendous experience. The scouts arrived on Friday and got their campsites set up. Saturday morning kicked off with physical training, and then the scouts had the opportunity to experience a variety of military and scout-based competitions and sites to include: wilderness survival, Ranger challenge, land navigation, drill (marching), camouflage, leader’s reaction course, zodiac, fire building, knot tying, rifle (pellet gun) range, Commandant’s challenge, fitness, first aid, swiss seat, TAC challenge and weapons assembly. Scouts wrapped up the day with a bonfire and entertainment provided by DJ Xtreme.

Sunday morning consisted of an awards ceremony and pass-in-review. Troops received ribbons for earning first, second and third places in the individual events. The awards for best troop overall went to Troop 29 from Pennsylvania in first place, Troop 777 from Maryland in second place and Venture Crew 2097 from Pennsylvania in third place. Command Sgt. Maj. Jack Love assisted with handing out awards and served as the honorary member of the reviewing party.

The camporee provides an outstanding opportunity for cadets to develop their leadership and planning skills, and it also serves as a tremendous strategic outreach event for the academy.

Approximately 15 percent of the Corps of Cadets achieved the rank of Eagle Scout or Gold Award (Girl Scout Equivalent), and several chose to apply to the academy due to their attendance at the camporee. The admissions office provided an information briefing to approximately 150 Scouts on Saturday. Overall, the camporee was a tremendous success due to the effort and positive attitude of the cadets who ran it.

They served as exceptional stewards of the Army profession and undoubtedly inspired countless scouts during the weekend.

The West Point Office of Diversity, Inclusion and Equal Opportunity celebrated Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month May 10. The observance included a performance of a traditional Filipino dance known as a Muslim Fan Dance by Capt. Kimberly Kopack (right) and a speech by Lt. Col. Fred Huh (above).
**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 2idahq@comcast.net or call 224-225-1202.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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.

**Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey Campaign**

The Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey (FEVS) runs through June 25. Let your voice be heard. All eligible civilians will receive an invitation to complete the FEVS via email link (see below).

**Casual Friday**

Lunch is being served in the ACS, 174 Angola Rd., across from Field House. The cost is $5. 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.westpointtacs.as.me.

**Dinner-To-Go Delivery Service for West Point residents**

The West Point Club’s Dinner-To-Go is available Monday through Friday. Place your order by 2 p.m. that day and specify delivery time between 5-7 p.m. or a pick up time between 4:30-6:30 p.m. and pick up your meal at the West Point Club’s Benny Havens Lounge.

**Morgan Farm Open to the Public**

Morgan Farm offers birthday parties and horseback riding lessons for beginner through advanced riders. These lessons are suitable for ages 5 and up. Horse boarding is available at the stables for a nominal fee. For more details, call 938-3026.

**EDUCATION AND WORKSHOPS**

**Army Education Center (updated)**

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

- Mount Saint Mary College—Call Kathy Yusaf at 845-569-3633 or email kathy.yusaf@mssmec.edu; and
- Saint Thomas Aquinas—Call Gina Erazo at 845-398-4102 or email giera50@stac.edu.

Graduate studies:

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

**Employee Assistance Program**

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

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

For details, call 845-938-1039.

**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.crt@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 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 by the commander’s discretion.

Interested transitioning service members can contact Drew Mierva at dmv.m.mierva.crt@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. 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 second grade, runs from 3:45-5 p.m. Mondays, through Monday. Children in grades 3-5 will learn all about survival situations. These sessions run from 3:45-5 p.m. Tuesdays, through Tuesday. For details, call 845-534-5506, ext. 204. Space is limited, so register today.

**River Fest**

The 22nd annual Cornwall-on-Hudson RiverFest starts 11 a.m.-6 p.m. June 2. As always, RiverFest 2019 will be held at Danhauer 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.

**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 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@rcrls.org or 845-446-3113.
Ladies Spring Golf Clinics

There are Ladies Spring Clinics from 10-11 a.m. May 23 and 30 at the Driving Range at the West Point Golf Course.

Fee includes all dates listed. Andy Crane, PGA, is on the best teachers in the Hudson Valley.

Crane will take you from range to course. Lessons are customized by skill level. Clubs are provided.

To register, call 845-938-2435 or visit golfastwestpoint.com.

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Indoor Firearm Shooting now available at West Point

Come on down to the Truespark 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 at the West Point Club

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.

There is a nominal fee for these brunches. Reserve your spot in advance at thewestpointclub.com. For more details, call 845-938-5120.

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.

FOR THE FAMILIES

Kayak Tours with Outdoor Recreation Equipment

Checkout Center

Visit ODR and sign-up for one of its many tours throughout the summer. The checkout center is located at 648 Wilson Road behind the West Point Post Office.

The first tour of the season is Constitution Island from 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Saturday. The second tour of the season is Cold Spring from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday.

There is a nominal fee for these tours which include kayak and tour. For more details and to register, call 845-938-0123.

2019 Adult Softball League Sign-ups

The MWR Sports office will conduct the 2019 Summer Adult Softball League. Individuals and/or team sign-ups will continue until Sunday. League play will start May 28 and continue through the beginning of August.

Games will be held at H-Loft Softball fields by Stony Lonesome area on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 6-9 p.m.

To sign up or for more details, call James P. McGuinness at the MWR Sports office at 845-938-3066 or by email at james.p.mcguinness.naf@mail.mil.

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.

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. Round Pond offers cabin, campsite and paddle boat rentals. 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.
Keller Corner

KACH Pharmacy to close Saturday for computer upgrades
The Keller Army Community Hospital Pharmacy Department will be closed on Saturday due to computer system upgrades that will prevent the department from being able to provide services.

This is the only day needed for the upgrade. The pharmacy will be open and 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m. and 3:30-5 p.m. today and 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday prior to the closure.

May Social Media Awareness campaigns on KACH Facebook
* Through Saturday: National Women’s Health Week.

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 KACH are looking for West Point-area runners to participate in a study testing a wearable shoelace pod for its ability to predict running-related injury risk.

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

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

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

You cannot participate if you are currently on running restrictions or have a history of a pregnancy in the last six months. You will need to come in for three sessions totaling approximately two hours of study participation.

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

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

KACH updated parking plan
Keller Army Community Hospital currently has a new parking plan as of May 1. The plan is being updated due to the completion of the first phase of the hospital’s renovations, which allows the hospital to utilize the parking lot next to Keller’s ‘east pond.”

In the map, the “White” parking spots are for “patient parking only”; the “Green” parking spots are for “Keller staff” but can be utilized by patients; the “Blue” parking spots are for “handicap parking” with a valid handicap placard displayed.

All parking spots are painted in the corresponding colors and designated spots are identified with placards.

Parking will be enforced by Keller security and Garrison West Point Department of Emergency Services (MPs). Any parking violations will be issued by the MPs.

We appreciate your patience while we finalized this plan; and we believe we have found a solution that works best for our beneficiaries and the Keller staff.

KELLER ARMY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL PARKING MAP
Appendix A to MEDDAC West Point HSA Parking Policy

LifeWorks
* Experience Kidding around Yoga on the Yard with Silly Sam: See how your child/adult can learn the skills of mindfulness and enjoy the reward of peace.

This class will introduce classic yoga, meditation, breath work and stress-management in a kid-friendly style with original music, games and imaginative stories.

This event will be held from 9-10 a.m. Saturday at 126 Washington Road.

Refreshments will be served afterward.
Email jgellman@bbcgrp.com by today with the number of people that will be attending.

Bring your own mat and water bottle.


The group will follow the gentle trails of the Outdoor Discovery Center and explore the field, pond and forest. We will meet at the Visitors Center at 9:15 a.m. To register for this event, email jgellman@bbcgrp.com with the number of children attending by Friday.

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.

MOVIES at MAHAN
Theatre schedule at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752.
Friday—“The Best of Enemies,” PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday—“Shazam!,” PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
May 24—“Aladdin,” PG, 9:30 p.m.
(For movie details and updated schedules, visit http://www.aafes.com/exchange-stores/Movie-Guide/showtimes-WestPoint.htm.)
West Point Band kicks off “Music Under the Stars” June 8

Story and photo by the West Point Band

The West Point Band will kick off its “Music Under the Stars” concert series with a performance by the West Point Jazz Ensemble titled “Get the Message!” at 7:30 p.m. June 8 at the Trophy Point Amphitheater at West Point.

Audiences are welcome to bring picnics, visit the beautiful and historic grounds at the U.S. Military Academy, and enjoy scenic Hudson River views at sunset.

This performance is free and open to all. Please RSVP by visiting westpointband.eventbrite.com. Registering for this event allows the Band to send you up-to-date concert information, such as weather cancellations.

The West Point Jazz Ensemble, comprised of members of the West Point Band, is proud to present this centennial tribute to percussion master and bandleader Art Blakey.

During his career, which spanned more than six decades, Art 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.

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 shows fight, but falls to No. 4 Penn in NCAAs

By Ally Keirn
Army Athletic Communications

The Army West Point Men’s Lacrosse team’s season came to a close May 11 after a 13-8 loss in the NCAA First Round to fourth-seeded Penn at Franklin Field in Philadelphia.

The Black Knights fought until the end keeping things within two halfway through the final frame of action, but the Quakers’ three goals to close out the game earned Penn the victory.

Senior attack Nate Jones produced his 14th career hat trick in the game with all goals being assisted by junior attack Sean O’Brien on almost identical plays.

O’Brien finished the day with two goals and three helpers and was a true impact player.

Seniors goaltender AJ Barretto and defenseman Johnny Surdick closed out their decorated Army careers with a strong presence on the field. Barretto made six saves, caused a turnover and picked up three ground balls.

Surdick finished the game with two caused turnovers and a team-leading four ground balls alongside Tom Rigney.

How it happened

• The Quakers jumped ahead 5-0 in the first quarter, but not due to lack of defensive effort by the Black Knights.
• Army bounced back in the second quarter and outscored Penn 5-2 to bring the game within two.
• Junior midfielder Matt Manown started things off for the Black Knights with a crease dive score 1:53 into the action.
• Less than two minutes later O’Brien rolled the crease to cut the Quakers lead to three.
• Penn then went on a 2-0 run, but the Cadets responded with three of their own.
• Manown converted on the crease dive again before back-to-back scores by Jones closed out the first half action.
• O’Brien passed off to Jones on both occasions including a score with 11 seconds left in the half.
• The Quakers took a 10-6 lead after a 3-1 run in the third quarter.
• O’Brien scored Army’s goal in the stretch right after subbing into the action on a righty crease roll.
• Junior attack Miles Silva kicked off the fourth quarter with a scoop and score after acting quickly on a Manown pipe shot.
• Jones notched the 14th hat trick of his career when O’Brien picked up a loose ball and dished it off to Jones who had a free range to goal.
• Penn garnered three goals in a row including one on an empty Army net to go ahead 13-8.

Army highlights and game notes

• O’Brien posted a team-leading five points on the day off of two goals and three helpers.
• Jones posted his 14th-career hat trick finishing out his decorated Army career with 157 points.
• He ranks 13th all-time in Army’s 102-year career with his point total and is seventh in career goals at 121.
• Barretto’s six saves increases his career total to 572 which slots him fourth in the Black Knights’ record books.
• Surdick boasts 176-career ground balls and 103 caused turnovers.
• Manown posted his 12th multi-point game of the season with his two tallies.
• Silva chipped in to the scoring efforts with a goal.
• Rigney notched four ground balls in the game during a breakout year for the junior.
• Senior defenseman Griffin Schultz caused two turnovers tying a career-high in his final game in an Army jersey. The senior also added a ground ball.
• Freshman midfielder James Pryor and junior defensive midfielder Anthony George fought hard in the midfield defensively for the Cadets.
• Pryor caused a career-high two turnovers and picked up a career-high three ground balls.
• The Black Knights caused nine turnovers in the game and amassed 27 ground balls.
• The Cadets finished the season at 13-5 with a .722 winning percentage.
• Army was 8-3 on the road with the most wins in the NCAA while traveling.
• This was the Black Knights’ 21st NCAA appearance.
Baseball defeats Holy Cross, advances to PL Championship

By Kat Castner
Army Athletic Communications

The Army West Point Baseball team is heading back to the Patriot League Championship Series after a 5-3 win over Holy Cross Sunday night in Worcester, Massachusetts.

After the two teams split a doubleheader on Saturday it all came down to a decisive Game 3 to determine the winner of the Patriot League semifinal series.

Unfortunately, mother nature stepped in and forced what ended up being an eight-hour rain delay.

The contest was originally scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. but was pushed back until 9 p.m. due to rain.

The Black Knights didn’t seem to mind as they jumped out to a 2-0 advantage after two innings.

The visitors then added three additional runs throughout the fourth and fifth inning to create a 5-0 gap between the teams.

Holy Cross wouldn’t go down without a fight though as it scored three unanswered runs over the final three innings to make things interesting at the end.

Army would eventually register the final out of the game to secure the win and their second-straight trip to the league championship series.

Junior centerfielder Jacob Hurtubise led all players with three hits. The junior recorded two runs batted in and a run scored as well.

That run scored tied Bryan Price’s 1997 single-season runs mark (65). The Zionsville, Indiana, native also slapped his 40th base of the year to become the Patriot League’s career stolen base leader with 100.

Sophomore third baseman Anthony Giachin and junior rightfielder Drake Titus chipped in with two hits each, while sophomore catcher Blake Ledoux finished with a team-high two runs scored.

Senior pitcher Daniel Burggraaf was impressive for the Cadets on the hill. The senior righty battled for six innings allowing just two hits and one run during his time on the hill. The Allyn, Washington, native also struck out a game-high nine batters.

Army highlights and game notes
• Hurtubise stole his 40th base of the year to pull him within two of tying his own single-season record, which he set last season.
• Hurtubise, Giachin (2x), junior first baseman John McKenna and Titus all notched doubles in the contest.
• Giachin now has a conference-leading 22 doubles to his name this season.
• The Crusaders tallied four extra base hits in the game, including three doubles.
• Pitchers Ray Bartoli, Cam Opp and Harry Flannery Jr. all saw action on the hill for Army.
• Bartoli gave up two hits and one run in 1.2 innings, while Opp allowed one run and one hit in 0.2 innings.
• Flannery closed out the final two batters with a clean sheet to earn his third save of the year.
• The Black Knights’ pitching staff combined to strike out 13 batters. Holy Cross’ five-man staff posted nine.

How it happened
• After an eight hour rain delay, the Black Knights and Crusaders finally got to play their final game of the semifinal series at 9 p.m. on Sunday.
• Army jumped on things early with a run in the top of the first when Giachin registered a one-out double to center field. His hit scored Hurtubise who was positioned at second after a walk and sacrifice bunt.
• The Cadets extended their lead to 2-0 in the second when Hurtubise brought home Ledoux from second. Ledoux started Army’s two-out rally with a walk before reaching second during the next at bat thanks to an error.
• Army made it a 3-0 ballgame in the fourth when it plated another run, this time with one out. The Black Knights found themselves with runners on first and second after a walk and single. Hurtubise then stepped into the batters box and blasted an RBI-double down the right field line to increase the advantage.
• The score shifted to 5-0 after the fifth when the Cadets saw McKenna and Jeremiah Adams touch home plate. Ledoux registered an RBI-single to center field to score one of Army’s two runs in the inning.
• The home side would not go away though nothing a run in the bottom of the seventh following a hit-by-pitch and triple. Relief pitcher Bartoli came in to strike out the side to limit the damage.
• Holy Cross again cut into the deficit in the eighth when it watched Chris Rinaldi launch a double to center field to score Jared Enders from first. That hit trimmed the lead to 5-2.
• The Crusaders plated one final run in the bottom of the ninth but Flannery came in to close the door to preserve the win.

Facts & figures
• Army finished with five runs on 10 hits, while Holy Cross registered three runs on five hits.
• Each team was tagged with an error in the game with Army being credited with one and the Crusaders’ four.
• The Black Knights left 11 runners on base. Holy Cross stranded six.

Up next
• The Black Knights head to the Patriot League tournament championship series where they will meet service-academy rival Navy for a best-of-three series.
• The two teams will play one game Friday, one contest Saturday and one game Sunday, if necessary.
• First pitch for Friday will be 7 p.m., while the start times for Saturday and Sunday are 2 p.m.
• All games will be played at Navy’s Terwilliger Brothers Field at Max Bishop Stadium.
• Live stats and video will be available at the start of each contest.