The Alumni Wreath Laying Ceremony and Review took place at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point Tuesday along The Plain. The wreath was laid by retired Col. Doniphan Carter (each photo), USMA Class of 1944. During the review, retired Gen. David A. Bramlett, USMA Class of 1964; retired Col. Victor F. Garcia, USMA Class of 1968; retired Lt. Gen. Robert L. VanAntwerp, USMA Class of 1972; retired Gen. Walter L. Sharp, USMA Class of 1974; and retired Lt. Gen. Robert L. Caslen Jr., USMA Class of 1975, were honored as the 2019 Distinguished Graduates. See Page 3 for story and photos from the alumni ceremonies.

Photos by Brandon O’Connor/PV (Right) and Class of 2020 Cadet Alex Gudenkauf (above)
Parking, force protection for Grad Week

By Luke Pagan
DPTMS Antiterrorism Officer

During Graduation Week, several traffic and parking restrictions will be enforced. Please allow additional travel time when coming to West Point and driving on and around the installation during Graduation Week.

Parking and traffic information for Graduation Week—Towing will be enforced, at owner’s expense:
• North Dock parking lot is reserved for RV parking.
• Any West Point personnel going on official travel outside the installation during Graduation Week must not park in any/all parking lots.
• Contact the Military Police for authorized overnight/extended parking areas.

Friday
• In support of the Graduation Day rehearsal, Stony Lonesome Road will be closed to all vehicle traffic from the Washington Road intersection to Mills Road from 5:15 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; and Mills Road in vicinity of Michie Stadium is closed from 5:15-8:30 a.m.
• Parking for the West Point workforce is authorized in the Central Area; however, Clinton parking lot and the Trophy Point parking lot are designated for handicap parking.
• All vehicles must be removed from Buffalo Soldier lot, Clinton lot, Doubleday lot, A-Lot, Delafield Road and the stadium area no later than 11:30 p.m.

All vehicles remaining will be towed at owner’s expense.

Saturday—Graduation Day
• All personnel with a valid Department of Defense form of identification are encouraged to use Washington Gate when entering/exiting West Point; all other visitors will use either Thayer/Stony installation gates.
• Doubleday parking lot is reserved only for Protocol, 5 a.m.-until after the Graduation ceremony concludes.
• Clinton and Malek Tennis Court parking lots are reserved only for handicap parking.
• In support of the movement of cadets to Michie Stadium, Stony Lonesome Road is closed to all vehicle traffic from Washington Road to Mills Road in the vicinity of Michie Stadium from 6:15-7:30 a.m.
• Stony Lonesome Road is closed from the entrance of Lusk Housing to Washington Road approximately 8:30 a.m. until about 9:30 a.m.
• Roads in and around Michie Stadium are blocked off to vehicle traffic 5 a.m. until completion of the Graduation ceremony.

When entering Michie Stadium:
• Family Members and guests may enter the stadium through security checkpoints established at gates 4, 5/6, 6A and 7.
• Kimsey Center is open for only wheelchair access.
• All persons entering the stadium will pass through metal detectors at all open gates.
• Coolers, backpacks, unwrapped packages and umbrellas will not be allowed into the stadium. You are encouraged to use clear plastic bags to carry your possessions to speed up processing through security.
• All persons will be allowed to enter the stadium with one, un-opened, plastic bottle of water. You may be asked to break the seal at the gate. If the seal is already broken, it will not be allowed into the stadium. Mugs, thermoses, etc. are not authorized.

Safety and security are a paramount concern during Graduation Week activities. Everyone attending the Graduation ceremony is asked to report any suspicious or criminal activities. If observing such activities, immediately report it to Military Police at the stadium or by calling 845-938-3333. Remember: If you See something, Hear something, Say something.

Graduation Week, Day Activities through Saturday

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 Saturday. The following are the main events during Graduation Week at West Point.

Today
• 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.

Friday
• 11 a.m.—Graduation Parade, The Plain.
• 6 p.m.—Graduation Banquet, Washington Hall.

Saturday
• 10 a.m.—Graduation Exercise, commencement speaker is Vice President of the United States Mike Pence, Michie Stadium.
• 3 p.m.—Superintendent’s Reception

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The West Point Association of Graduates honored the 2019 recipients of the Distinguished Grads get day in sun, honored at alumni ceremony

Carter returns as only member of D-Day Class to visit during 75th reunion

June 6, 1944 is known throughout the world as D-Day, but for the Class of 1944 at the U.S. Military Academy the day holds a second significance. It was the day they graduated from the academy.

Twenty-one members of the D-Day Class, as they have become known over the years, are still alive. Tuesday, retired Col. Doniphan Carter represented the class on the occasion of its 75th reunion by serving as the wreath layer during the annual ceremony prior to the alumni review parade.

Carter, who turned 96 in February, was the most senior graduate in attendance at the parade.

“I’ve waited 75 years for this to happen, but I didn’t know I was going to be the oldest,” Carter, who is the president of the Class of 1944, said of getting to lay the wreath at the Sylvanus Thayer statue. “I was one of the younger members of my class and that was because I skipped a year in grade school, but nobody else is coming. So here I am, and I get to do it.”

Carter started his career with the 8th Signal Battalion in Germany before attending medical school at the University of Pennsylvania. After his residency, Garcia served at Walter Reed Military Medical Center where he became the chief of general surgery in 1987. After his retirement from the Army, Garcia founded the trauma center at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital where he worked until 2009.

“It saved my life,” Garcia said of coming to West Point. “I was a poor kid from Harlem in the inner-city and a lot of people in my demographic didn’t make it out and I did. It impacted my career in being able to apply myself in a way that I could save lives, but also to continue the task. If there is an injustice anywhere that I needed to address, that really is what I’ve been doing for the past 20 years. Addressing the health disparities and inequities that impact all Americans, but particularly people of color.”

VanAntwerp served as the First Captain his final year at West Point prior to a 39-year career in the Army. During his career, he served as the commander of the 326th Engineer Battalion of the 101st Airborne Division in Iraq, lead the Corps of Engineers’ efforts in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina and served as the commander of Army Accession Command.

“So much of it depends on your attitude,” VanAntwerp said of his advice to the Class of 2019. “Life takes different turns, but (serving in the Army) is an incredibly rewarding thing. The other thing is, you are going to be working with your classmates. What other school do you go to where you are most likely going to be in business with your classmates? It is a great thing.”


Sharp retired from the Army in 2011. During his career he served as the Director of the Joint Staff, commander of the United Nations Command and commander of the Korea-U.S. Joint Forces Command. He also served in Operations Desert Shield/Storm in Iraq and led the peacekeeping operations in Haiti and Bosnia.

Caslen’s career brought him back to West Point multiple times as he became one of only four people to serve as both the commandant of cadets and superintendent of West Point. Caslen commissioned as an infantry officer upon graduation from West Point. He served in Operations Desert Shield/Storm in Iraq and as the commander of the 25th Infantry Division. He retired in 2018.

The five awardees were presented with a medal and served as members of the official reviewing party during the alumni parade.

Retired Col. Doniphan Carter, U.S. Military Academy Class of 1944, stands with Class of 2019 First Captain David Bindon prior to saluting the wreath in honor of the Father of the Military Academy, Col. Sylvanus Thayer, at the Alumni Wreath Laying Ceremony and Review Tuesday on The Plain.

PHOTO BY CLASS OF 2020 CADET ALEX GUDENKAUF

He retired from the Army in 1974.

“Stay in for 30,” Carter said of what his advice is to the Class of 2019. “It is a wonderful career and a lot of benefits come out of it … They needed me when I came out because World War II was on, and I got into that. They needed me when the Korean War was on, and I went and got involved in that. They needed me when we were in Vietnam, and I went and got involved in that. I’ve got three wars under my belt. I think if they stick around, they will have a very good career.”

The alumni review was attended by more than 700 members of the Long Gray Line representing the classes of 1944, 1949, 1959, 1964, 1969 and more.
3rd Infantry Division arrives to lead Cadet Summer Training

Story and photos by Brandon O’Connor
Assistant Editor

The barracks have been cleaned, the equipment has been delivered and the Soldiers from Task Force 1-28th Infantry, 3rd Infantry Division have officially arrived to lead Cadet Summer Training at the U.S. Military Academy.

The task force is based out of Fort Benning, Georgia, but to meet the needs of summer training Soldiers have also come from Forts Bragg, Campbell and Stewart. At the peak parts of the summer, 1,200 Soldiers will be based at Camp Natural Bridge to support summer training.

The task force received its official orders in January and the last five months have been spent planning to move more than a thousand Soldiers and their equipment to West Point. Multiple tanks, Humvees, artillery cannons and other vehicles had to be shipped to New York for the summer.

They have also had to work to validate their own skills in order to be prepared to train cadets throughout the summer and will go through one more West Point-led validation before starting training.

“Whatever task they have been tasked to instruct, their knowledge base, because they have to know so much in order to teach it, has expanded,” Sgt. Maj. Travis Quade, Task Force 1-28 Infantry operations sergeant major, said of preparing the Soldiers to lead training. “The guys who are doing marksmanship are head and shoulders above a normal E-5 sergeant in the Army for their knowledge of weapons systems.”

The task force Soldiers will be spending the summer leading all parts of summer training including the marksmanship ranges, land navigation courses and more. There will also be Soldiers walking each of the training lanes evaluating and grading the cadets. One of the companies within the task force will be spending the summer working as the opposition force the cadets will be battling against throughout the summer exercises.

While their main job is to train the cadets, the time spent in the field also serves as training for the Soldiers themselves and a chance to hone skills and improve their knowledge as they teach the cadets.

“The opposition force company is going to be out there doing squad tactics the entire summer,” Quade said. “They are going to be the best trained squads in the Army at the end of the summer. The squad is the basic maneuver element in the Army. If you have good squads, a good platoon or company is easy after that.”

The initial Soldiers arrived nearly a month ago and spent their time preparing Camp Natural Bridge for the summer after it was shut down for nine months, receiving their equipment deliveries and making sure everything was ready for training. The rest of the Soldiers arrived last week, and they will undergo their final validations this week before the first batch of cadets moves out to Camp Buckner within the next few days.

“It is a very unique opportunity for us. The cadets we will train are the future leaders in the Army,” Capt. Travis Howard, S3 plans officer-in-charge for Task Force 1-28 Infantry, said. “The cadets don’t get a lot of interaction with enlisted Soldiers. For our Soldiers, they get to understand how their interaction with cadets will influence their future officers of what the enlisted were like that they worked with, what the experience was like and the level of development they get to put into these future leaders.”

The majority of the Soldiers will be at West Point through the end of training in August, but a small detachment will stay through Branch Week in September before leaving.

New exhibition at the West Point Museum highlights recent acquisitions

Opening Friday, 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).
ELDP Graduation

(Above) The Eisenhower Leader Development Program graduated its 14th Cohort at the U.S. Military Academy’s Thayer Award Room, May 17. The 24 graduates participated in the year-long master’s degree program, jointly administered by USMA’s Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership and Columbia University’s Teachers College. (Below) A captain in the ELDP program receives his certificate of completion from USMA Superintendent Lt. Gen. Darryl A. Williams at the ceremony. 

PHOTOS BY MATTHEW MOELLER/PAO
The city of Saunderstown, Rhode Island renamed its local postal service building in dedication to Capt. Matthew J. August on May 19.

August grew up in North Kingstown, where he attended Davisville Middle School and graduated from Bishop Hendricken High School in 1993 before attending the U.S. Military Academy and graduating in 1997.

“He learned the fundamentals of being an officer, not just the things you learn in a book or in field training, but those internal qualities needed to fight and win in the crucible of ground combat—grit, physical and mental toughness, determination, discipline, the will to win and the pursuit of excellence,” Superintendent Lt. Gen. Darryl A. Williams said.

August was killed on Jan. 27, 2004 while leading the 1st Engineer Battalion, 1st Infantry Division, attached to the 82nd Airborne Division, on a mission outside Baghdad, Iraq when his convoy was ambushed.

He was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, Iraqi Campaign and Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary medals and Combat Action Badge.

“Our nation’s best days are ahead of us because of the incredible men and women who defend and maintain our freedoms and values, sometimes, at a steep price,” Williams said. “Men and women like Capt. Matthew August and also the men and women he had the privilege to lead and serve with.”

Also attending the event were Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse, Congressmen Jim Langevin and David Cicilline, other community leaders, members of the post office and family and friends of August.

Sen. Jack Reed introduced into legislation a bill to designate the Postal Service located at 20 Ferry Road in Saunderstown as the Capt. Matthew J. August Post Office. On Dec. 13, 2018, President Donald J. Trump signed Public Law No: 115-313, bringing his vision into fruition.

“We are forever grateful to Capt. August for his valor, service and sacrifice,” Reed said. “He is an example of bravery and courage we all must emulate.”

Besides his wife, August is survived by his parents, Donna and Richard August; his older brother, Air Force Brig. Gen. Mark R. August; and his younger sister, Melanie Cargilo. He is buried at West Point.

As part of its quest to become a Fuel Up to Play 60 Touchdown School, West Point Elementary School Student Leadership created an Outdoor Obstacle Course Challenge to fulfill a play called “Amping Up Recess.” In March, 30 student leaders visited Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center and learned about the Cadet Indoor Obstacle Course Test. Student leaders created an obstacle course using mostly what is available in the bus loop at West Point Elementary School. On May 2, WPES students participated in their Outdoor Obstacle Course Challenge on the bus loop during their special class time. West Point Elementary School partnered with the Department of Physical Education, including DPE instructor Dan Furlong (left), and Student Leadership parents to make certain students correctly performed the challenges to age appropriate standards. (Left) A student at WPES showed off his jump roping skills as part of the Obstacle Course Challenge.

Photo by Rita Ann Jana Photography
Heroes of West Point: The Rest of the Story

By Sherman Fleek
USMA Historian

Last week in the May 16 issue of the Pointer View appeared an article written by Col. Everett Spain, head and chair of the Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership, about some 40 individuals assigned to the U.S. Military Academy and West Point who have received awards or decorations of Valor, both civilian and military.

It was a great piece, poignant, interesting and well-warranted. However, it was missing something, a major omission. Spain, humble and professional, did not include himself in the tally of heroes.

Obviously, the omission was deliberate, because that is who Everett Spain is. Few people probably know that Spain received the Soldiers Medal for his bravery and selfless service during the bombing at the Boston Marathon race on April 15, 2013.

Spain was running the marathon race that day while a Ph.D. student at the Harvard Business School. He was actually escorting an elderly handicap runner and was about a hundred yards from the finish line when the first bomb exploded.

After ensuring the handicap runner was safe and with others, he raced back to bomb site and assisted severely wounded people. He then searched through several buildings looking for other wounded people. He ensured these buildings were clear and returned to the scene of the bombing to treat a woman with shock and then accompanied her to the hospital in the ambulance.


What is certain, probably few people know of Spain’s valor but all who know him recognize his deep humility and absolute commitment to service to his nation and the U.S. Army.

There is another interesting and especially rare West Point story of bravery and endangering one’s life to help others that has a personal empathy for me.

The highest civilian award through a recent Department of the Army review is now the Secretary of the Army Award for Valor. Lt. William S. Kiernan, a firefighter at Garrison West Point, received the decoration in a ceremony presided over by Superintendent Lt. Gen. Darryl A. Williams on Feb. 6 of this year.

Eight months earlier on June 14, 2018, Kiernan rescued a motorist whose car had entered a pond and was mostly submerged. The driver was injured, unable to escape and was drowning.

Seeing the situation, Kiernan reached the submerged car and pulled the man up from the water, administered first aid and then extracted him from the car. The Secretary of the Army Award for Valor, which is equivalent to the Army’s Soldiers Medal, has been awarded to only nine DA civilians since its inception in 2002; two are presently assigned here.

Spain’s article is rich and deserving and those whom have received such distinguished awards, at times feel a sense of ambiguity about recognition, honors and gratitude from others and especially official channels.

The Sergeant Yorks and Audie Murphys of the past learn to accept this recognition with decorum, respect and a humble smile, knowing full well, as nearly all such decorated individuals concede, “I was only doing what had to be done” or “anyone else would have done the same.”

Fishing fun at Kids’ Fishing Fun Day

Children of many ages come out to the West Point MWR 2019 Kids’ Fishing Fun Day May 11 at Round Pond. The annual event brings many community children out for the joy of fishing and the prizes available.

Photos by Aleko Giatrakis/MWR Marketing
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.

Mine Torne Road and Stilwell Lake closures

Mine Torne Road and Stilwell Lake will be closed on the listed dates for military training.

• Mine Torne Road—7 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday; June 6, 21, 23, 25; July 3, 4, 5, 6, 20, 21, 22, 23, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31; and Aug. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9.

• Stilwell Lake—7 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday; June 6, 21, 23, 25; July 3, 4, 5, 6, 20, 21, 22, 23, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31; and Aug. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9.

Additional dates will be provided as summer training progresses. For details, contact Alec Lazore at 845-938-3007.

Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey Campaign

The Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey (FEVS) Campaign 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).

Let Your Voice be Heard! Army Engagement in 2019

Your Army. Your Voice.

Take the 2019 Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey

14 May to 25 June

http://www.milsat.aol.com/grouppoint/federalemployeeviewpointsurvey.htm

West Point Golf Course Specials (MWR item)

Golf & Grub Special—Special includes 18 Holes, cart, anything off the menu and draft beer or soft drink.

All fees are included. Available weekdays after 10 a.m., weekends after 1 p.m., through Oct. 20. Weekdays $59, weekends $65.

Family Golf Special—through Oct. 20, 3 p.m. to 45 minutes before dusk on Fridays through Sundays.

Season pass holders pay $10, while active duty, retired military/DOD pay $25. All others pay $35, and it includes green fees and cart. Special kids meal price is $5 for children 10 and under.

To schedule a tee time, book a private outing, or for more details, call 845-938-2435 or visit golfatwestpoint.com.

Pizza Delivery Hours (MWR item)

West Point Bowling Center now delivers seven days a week.

Delivery times are 3-8:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and 3-9:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

For delivery, call 938-2140.

ACS Family Advocacy classes (MWR item)

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 a.m.

To register, call 845-938-0629 or 845-938-0633. Or register online at www.westpointacs.as.me.

Dinner-To-Go Delivery Service for West Point residents (MWR item)

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.

Delivery service is available for West Point residents only. Fifteen-minute parking is authorized for dinner pick up in front of the club.

Servings for four or six are available for a nominal fee. For pricing and menu items, visit thewestpointclub.com or call 845-446-5506/5504.

Morgan Farm Open to the Public (MWR item)

Morgan Farm offers birthday parties and horseback riding lessons, so come check out the farm today.

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

Morgan Farm also offers riding lessons for beginner through advanced riders.

These lessons are suitable for ages 5 and up.

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

For more details, call 938-3926.

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 Kathy Yusaf at 845-569-3633 or email kathy.yusuf@mssm.edu; and

• Saint Thomas Aquinas—Call Gina Erazo at 845-398-4102 or email gierazo@stac.edu.

Graduate studies:

• John Jay College of Criminal Justice—master’s degree in public administration—Call Jennifer Heiney at 845-446-5959 or email jheiney@jjay.cuny.edu; and

• Long Island University—master’s 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 AFTC, DLAB, DLPT, SIFT through the DA and DLI.

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

Army Career Skills Program

The Army’s Career Skills Program (CSP) prepares Soldiers for civilian employment through first-class apprenticeships, on-the-job training, job shadowing, internships and employment skills training.

Soldiers are eligible to participate in an Army CSP up to 180 days prior to separation from the Army and after completion of the mandatory five-day SFL-TAP workshop.

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

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

OUTSIDE THE GATES

22nd annual Cornwall-on-Hudson RiverFest

The Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson will host its 22nd annual RiverFest from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. June 2. As always, RiverFest 2019 will be held at Donahue Park along the Hudson River and will feature a full day of music and entertainment, children’s activities and a large craft and food fair.

The day’s events will also include live bands, kayaking, food stands and non-profit groups and contributors.

RiverFest is currently accepting vendor applications. Applications can be downloaded from www.river-fest.com and will be accepted until all spaces are filled.

There is no charge for RiverFest, and all are invited. Visit www.river-fest.com for up to date information.

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 lrrose@rcis.org or 845-446-3113.
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FEATURED EVENT
Recreational Swimming Open Memorial Day Weekend
Recreational swimming outdoors will open over Memorial Day Weekend on Saturday.

In addition to Round Pond, take advantage of the newest popular swimming spot this summer at Long Pond Recreational Area, off Route 293.

Be sure to check out our Jungle Joe bouncey, corn hole boards, great picnic, grilling spots and a sandy swim beach.

For more information on swim passes, visit westpoint.armymwr.com/programs/swimming, or call 845-938-2985/3170/5139.

JUST ANNOUNCED
MWR Sports Summer Volleyball Program
The MWR Sports office will conduct the 2019 Summer Volleyball Program. It is open to all active duty personnel, DOD civilians, retired personnel and all West Point community family members.

The program will run only on Thursday evenings from May 30-Aug. 15. Games will be played at Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center from 6-8:30 p.m.

For details, call the MWR Sports office at 845-938-3066 or email james.p.mcguinness.naf@mail.mil.

MWR Summer Movie Night with Outdoor Recreation May 31
Join MWR Outdoor Recreation for its outdoor movie “Coco” at 9 p.m. May 31. Enjoy free movies on a giant inflatable screen at the H-Lot Fields located at 1202 Stony Lonesome Road.

Bring your own blankets and chairs. Movie concessions are available for purchase. For more details, call 845-938-0123 or visit westpoint.armymwr.com.

Father’s Day Brunch June 16
Join the West Point Club for its Father’s Day Brunch from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. June 16. The brunch will be held in the Club’s Pierce Room. There is a nominal fee for this brunch.

To make reservations, visit thewestpointclub.com. For more details, call 845-938-5120.

Outdoor Recreation Open House June 22
Come on out to the Round Pond Recreation Area from noon-3 p.m. June 22 for the Outdoor Recreation Open House.

Learn about fishing, hunting, skiing, camping, lodging, pavilions and equipment check-out. Enjoy the day’s events and rentals for free. For more details, call 845-938-2503.

West Point Bowling Leagues
Openings available for each of the following leagues:
• Youth League on Saturdays starting at 9 a.m. Open to all ages up to 18.

School Age Center Summer Camp Registration
School Age Center Summer Camp is back. Summer Camp placement is ongoing at MilitaryChildCare.com.

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

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

School Age Center’s Before and After School Programs
School Age Center offers programming with several different themes and activities for grades kindergarten through fifth grade.

If you are interested in a before and after school program, sign up today. School Age Center also offers hourly options for children who would like to come on an hourly or daily basis.

Call the Lee Area CYS Facility Front Desk for more information at 845-938-8530.

FOR THE ADULTS
Ladies Spring Golf Clinics
There are Ladies Spring Clinics from 10-11 a.m. today and May 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 golfatwestpoint.com.

Framing and engraving with West Point Arts and Crafts
The custom framing experts at Arts and Crafts can turn any achievement into a timeless work of art.

Choose from more than 500 quality moldings, 450 acid-free mats and opt for UV-protective glass to prevent fading. They also offer engraving for any special occasion. Give them a call for any special engraving items you may have.

Arts and Crafts’ easy and quick pricing allows you to design to your budget. For more details, call 845-938-4812.

Indoor Firearm Shooting now available at West Point
Come on down to the Tronsme 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.

Superintendent’s Golf Scramble
The Superintendent’s Golf Scramble at the West Point Golf Course is set for two dates–Aug. 15 and Oct. 17.

The scrambles are open to the West Point community and their guests to build camaraderie and socialize with West Point leadership. These are four person-team scrambles. These outings will have a 1 p.m. shotgun start.

To sign-up, call 845-938-2425. For more details, go to golfatwestpoint.com. There is a nominal fee.

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
Army Birthday West Point 5K/10K Race & Kids Fun Run
Join West Point MWR in celebrating the Army’s 244th Birthday with a 5K and 10K run, slated for 8:30 a.m. June 15 at Trophy Point. There is a nominal fee for this event, which includes a T-shirt. See Page 12 for advertisement.

Race registration is online at westpoint.armymwr.com, or day of the event. For more details, call 845-938-6497/6490.

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
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FOR THE YOUTHS
CYS Youth Sponsorship Training
Gain some quality leadership skills by becoming a Youth Sponsor to help other new youth arriving to West Point. Open to all West Point High School and Middle School students.

The training takes place from 2-6 p.m. Wednesday at the Youth Center, Bldg. 500. For more details, call 845-938-8889.

Junior Golf Clinics
Junior Golf Clinics are available from 1-1:45 p.m. June 1, 15 and 29; July 27; Aug. 10 and 24; Sept. 7 at the West Point Golf Course Driving Range. Clinics are for ages 7-13.

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Summer Art Camp Artopia Registration
MWR offers Summer Art Camp Artopia Explore-Inspire-Create. Registration is available via Webrac or in person during Arts and Crafts West Point’s regular business hours.

The Art Camp is open to two different grades: Grades 1-4, session 1: June 18-21 and session 2: July 9-12. Grades 5-8, session 1: June 25-28 and Session 2: July 23-26.

Classes are held from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. There is a nominal fee for the camp. For more details, call 845-938-4812 or visit westpointartsandcrafts.com.

Kid’s Bowl Free Program through Aug. 30
Bowling is free for kids at the West Point Bowling Center when they sign-up online for the Kid’s Bowl Free Program.

Sign-up at kidsbowlfree.com/army.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION:
Keller Corner

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.

LifeWorks

• Ballroom Dancing Class with Tatiana: Join us at B126 Washington Road starting at 6:45-8 p.m. May 31 for instruction in Ballroom and Latin dancing.

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

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

All events are free and open to current West Point residents.

MOVIES at MAHAN
Theatre schedule at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752.
Friday—“Aladdin,” PG, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday—“Aladdin,” PG, 7:30 p.m.
May 31—“Aladdin,” PG, 7:30 p.m.
(For movie details and updated schedules, visit http://www.aafes.com/exchange-stores/Movie-Guide/showtimes-West-Point.htm.)

New Program at West Point
USAG West Point Leadership hotline, call 845-674-7693.
*This hotline will be monitored 24/7 by a member of the West Point Garrison leadership team.
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.

Grilling Safety
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SAFETY TIPS

**Propane Grills**
- Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the sassy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off both the gas tank and the grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not move the grill.
- If the flame goes out, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least 5 minutes before relighting it.
- Your Source for SAFETY Information

**Charcoal Grills**
- There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.
- West Point Fire Department
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**FACTS**

1. July is the peak month for grill fires.
2. Roughly half of the injuries involving grills are thermal burns.
Men’s Lacrosse celebrates record-setting season at banquet

By Ally Keirn
Army Athletic Communications

Following a historic season, head coach Joe Alberici and the Army West Point Men’s Lacrosse players, coaches, families and support staff celebrated the season and the Class of 2019 at its annual team banquet Sunday at West Point’s Kimsey Athletic Center. The program reached a record-setting 13 wins in 2019. The 13th victory was for the Patriot League Championship title.

The coaching staff distributed 10 team awards during the afternoon, while Alberici honored the senior class with talks about outstanding character and servant leadership on and off the field. The coaching staff then announced the 2019-20 team captains.

Players and support staff gathered as Major “A” letters were presented to each athlete by position. Following the presentation of the letters, Alberici continued with the official distribution of the team’s Player of the Game certificates, along with the mention of the All-Patriot League players and Patriot League All-Academic Team selections.

The program then turned to celebrating the senior class as Alberici recounted anecdotes and highlights of the senior members careers.

The afternoon continued with the presentation of 10 team awards, which are listed below.

- **Charles H. Coates Top Graduating Student-Athlete Award**
  Awarded for excellence in the classroom
  Senior defenseman Griffin Schultz

- **Gen. L. E. Seeman Memorial Award**
  Awarded to the most outstanding freshman
  Freshman attack Brendan Nichtern

- **Morris Touchstone Coaches Award**
  Awarded for team spirit and personal sacrifice
  Senior midfielder Evan Condon, junior midfielder Matt Manown and senior attack Thomas Crabtree

- **Gen. George Ruhlen Award**
  Awarded to the Most Improved Player
  Junior defenseman Tom Rigney and junior attack Miles Silva

- **Steve S. Valhakis Unsung Player Award**
  Griffin Schultz

- **Gerard F. O’Connor Memorial Award**
  Awarded to an individual for the best cadet support
  Kaden Schmittner

- **Lt. Ray Enners/Chris Pettit Memorial Award**
  Awarded to the Top Offensive Player
  Brendan Nichtern

- **Jack Emmer “Nutcracker” Award**
  Awarded to the team’s Most Physical Player
  Tom Rigney

- **Jack Rust Award**
  Awarded to the Top Defensive Player
  Senior defenseman Johnny Surdick (third-straight year)

- **Gen. James V. Hartinger Award**
  Awarded to the team’s Most Valuable Player
  Senior goaltender AJ Barretto

- **Lt. Ray Enners Alumni Saber Award**
  Most Ground Balls vs Navy
  Junior defensive midfielder Anthony George

- **2019-20 Team Captains**
  Matt Manown, Tom Rigney and junior midfielder Connor DeWitt

For more news and information about Army Men’s lacrosse, please follow @ArmyWP_MLAX on Twitter and Instagram.
Army Baseball goes back-to-back to claim title over Navy

By Kat Castner
Army Athletic Communications

For the second-straight season, the Army West Point Baseball team was crowned Patriot League champions after defeating rival Navy, 4-3, Sunday afternoon in Annapolis, Md.

The Black Knights and Midshipmen met for the second consecutive year in the Patriot League championship series and Army again came out on top to earn back-to-back titles.

This was the third time in program history the Cadets achieved that feat, as they also did so in 2004-05 and 2012-13.

Army increased its league-leading title count to nine with the win.

Sunday’s contest was a back-and-forth affair as both teams took turns holding the lead.

The Black Knights ultimately finished things off in the top of the ninth when junior first baseman Jeremiah Adams singled to left field to score sophomore third baseman Anthony Giachin from third.

Senior pitcher Cam Opp then closed the door on the Mids in the bottom half to earn his fifth win of the year. Ironically, Opp was also the man to put the final stamp on Army’s 2018 Patriot League title as he recorded the save a year ago.

The Black Knights continue their season in the NCAA tournament on May 31-June 2. Army has to wait until the NCAA Selection Show on Monday to find out which regional it will be going to.

The show will be broadcast live on ESPNU at noon.

Army highlights and game notes

• Junior centerfielder Jacob Hurtubise, senior pitcher Daniel Burggraaf, senior pitcher Tyler Giovinco and Giachin were all named to the 2019 Patriot League All-Tournament Team.
• Hurtubise was tabbed the tournament MVP after going 12-for-23 for a .522 average with three RBI, eight runs and five walks over the two weekends. The junior only struck out twice in the six games and finished with 3-of-4 stolen bases.
• Hurtubise reached base all five times he came up to the plate on Sunday after earning three walks and two singles.
• Giachin drilled Army’s only extra base hit in the contest (a double) and it was a big one as it came in the top of the ninth to get a runner into scoring position with no outs.
• Hurtubise touched home plate a game-high two times, while senior shortstop Josh White, Giachin, sophomore leftfielder Andre Walden and Adams each posted a run batted in.
• Burggraaf earned the starting nod on the hill, allowing just three hits, two runs (one earned) and two walks in 6.0 innings.
• Opp closed out the final three innings, giving up three hits and one run.
• The two pitchers combined to strike out seven batters, while Navy’s four-man staff compiled six.

How it happened

• Army plated a run early in the first after Giachin knocked home Hurtubise from second. Hurtubise led off the frame with a walk before stealing second to get himself into scoring position. The Mids registered the first out of the inning but Giachin followed that up with a single through the right side for his 67th RBI of the year.
• The Mids tied things up in the fourth when they converted on a sacrifice fly for an unearned run. Navy started the frame reaching a go-ahead run.
• The Black Knights were tagged with a two-base throwing error to put a runner on first. During the ensuing at bat, the Black Knights placed runners on first and second to lead off. Army made a change putting Hurtubise on first, Army made a change and substituted Macias for Ledoux for a little speed on the base paths. That plan worked out as White then singled to left field to score Macias and hand the Black Knights a 3-2 edge.
• The Mids would not go away as they registered the game-tying run in the bottom of the eighth following a one-out home run by Biggers.

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