Mike Buddie, who served as the athletics director at Furman University since 2015, was officially announced as the new head of the Army West Point athletics department May 31 at the Kimsey Center. He replaces Boo Corrigan who announced in January he accepted the same position at North Carolina State. See Page 3 for story and photos from the press conference.

Photo by Michelle Eberhart/PAO
R-Day Rehearsal volunteers needed
Come help the Cadet Leadership hone their leadership skills

Reception Day, or R-Day, is an annual event held at the U.S. Military Academy to receive more than 1,200 incoming cadet candidates to West Point. This process starts Cadet Basic Training and leads the new cadets on a road to becoming members of the Corps of Cadets.

Each summer, the cadet leadership must rehearse this complex process that transforms mostly 1,200 civilians into new cadets. The Corps of Cadets needs volunteers from the community to help rehearse and go through the process as if they were arriving on R-Day.

If you are 12 years of age or older and in good health, please sign up and spend a Friday morning at West Point to be part of a storied tradition and help the Corps of Cadets prepare for this historic event. The online registration is limited to the first 300 volunteers.

Individuals who do not have a DOD ID card must enter through the Thayer or Stony Lonesome Gates. Please plan to arrive early due to security searches. All personnel over 16 years of age must be prepared to present a valid identification when entering West Point.

Volunteers should report to Eisenhower Hall no later than 8:30 a.m. on June 28 with a completed volunteer agreement form. Parking is available in the vicinity Eisenhower Hall.

The rehearsal begins promptly at 9 a.m. and concludes with lunch in the Cadet Mess Hall from noon-1 p.m. Participants should dress comfortably in proper seasonal attire, bring a water bottle and bring one piece of luggage/duffel bag no larger than a standard carry-on. Mark luggage with your name to simulate that of a cadet candidate reporting for duty.

You are welcome to bring a snack and carry it in your bag along with a bottle of water. However, you will not be allowed to readily access your bag until the rehearsal is over. Water will be available throughout the rehearsal and the cadets will be aware of the environmental strains on the volunteers.

Your support is greatly appreciated and is a crucial element to the success of R-Day. It is guaranteed to be a fun-filled day that you will remember for years to come.

Hold on to your hats ... Hurricane season is almost here!

By Tom Slater
Ready West Point Coordinator, DPTMS

Hurricane season is fast approaching. With the 2018 season’s Beryl, Chris and Florence still fresh on the minds of many, the question is: What will 2019 bring? Like dark clouds on the distant horizon, forecasters at all the major weather centers—including the Old Farmer’s Almanac—are predicting an above average 2019 Atlantic hurricane season with 13-16 named storms, including five hurricanes, with three of them expected to be major: a Category 3 or higher.

A typical year, based on weather records that go back to 1950, has 12 tropical storms, of which six are hurricanes. What will the “big one” be named: Andrea, Barry, Chantal, Dorian, Erin or one of the other 16 storm names for 2019?

Last year, for the season that runs from June 1-Nov. 30, was the third in a consecutive series of above-average and damaging Atlantic hurricane seasons, featuring 15 named storms, eight hurricanes, and two major hurricanes, which caused a total of over $50.2 billion in damages.

In September of 2018, when Joyce formed, it made 2018 the first season since 2008 to feature four named storms active simultaneously.

Most forecasting groups called for a below-average season due to cooler than normal sea surface temperatures in the tropical Atlantic and the anticipated development of an El Nino. However, the anticipated El Nino failed to develop in time to suppress activity, and activity exceeded most predictions.

“The big lesson from hurricanes and other natural disasters is that we have to be thinking about the unexpected because as we so often learn, the unexpected happens. It takes only one big storm to make landfall to make it a bad season for the East coast.” Chris Hennen, West Point Emergency Manager, said. "Hurricane season brings for many a grim reminder of the importance of preparedness, our only defense against nature’s unpredictability.

“As we saw firsthand with Sandy, it’s important to remember that tropical storm and hurricane impacts are not limited to the coastline,” Hennen added. “Strong winds, torrential rains, flooding and tornadoes often threaten inland areas far from where the storm first makes landfall.”

History teaches that a lack of hurricane awareness and preparation are common threads among all major hurricane disasters.

By knowing what actions you should take, you can reduce the effects of a hurricane on yourself, your family and your property.

The predictions for this year, coupled with the memory of Sandy in 2012 and last year’s major storms should provide the incentive for members of the West Point community to be ready for the next big storm, and that includes preparing pets as well.

Preparedness today can make a big difference down the line, so update your family emergency plan and make sure your emergency kit is stocked.

Learn more about how you can prepare for hurricane season at www.readystick.net/hurricanes.
After a phone call about the opening, Mike Buddie was interested in the athletics director job at the U.S. Military Academy, but after a weekend spent researching the academy he was determined to be the one selected for the job.

Buddie, who served as the athletics director at Furman University since 2015, was officially announced as the new head of the Army West Point athletics department May 31. He replaces Boo Corrigan who announced in January he accepted the same position at North Carolina State.

“I started doing my research and checking boxes and every box I was checking quickly,” Buddie said. “One of the biggest things for me is I want to be associated with institutions that have great identity and know what they are. I don’t think there is an academy in the country or the world for that matter who understands who we are better than West Point.”

Buddie takes charge of an Army athletics program comprising 28 Division I teams that combined to win six Patriot League titles this year. The academy’s football team also defeated service academy rival Navy for the third consecutive year and won the Commander-in-Chief’s trophy outright for the second straight season.

“With the selection of Mike as our new athletics director, we are confident that the culture of excellence and winning will continue,” West Point Superintendent Lt. Gen. Darryl A. Williams said. “Mike was selected from an extremely talented pool of applicants from outstanding NCAA programs nationwide. Mike stood out from the field of applicants for his leadership abilities, work ethic and track record of success. More importantly, for his character, his appreciation of West Point’s mission and purpose and for the commitment to the Army and our nation’s values.”

After thanking Corrigan for leaving the program in great shape, he said his goal to continue building the program. A former professional baseball player and a member of the New York Yankees’ 1998 World Series championship team, Buddie said he brings a “minor league mentality” of working to make incremental improvements every day.

“As successful as this program has been, I am not here to coast,” Buddie said. “I want to continue to elevate our program.”

Prior to his time at Furman, he spent a decade working in the athletics department at Wake Forest, where he played baseball as a student. Part of the process of building the program includes capitalizing on contacts throughout the country, Buddie said. Now, along with time to work out, Buddie said he takes time every day to send “15 to 20 thank yous,” which could be a quick text message, a handwritten note or an email.

“I have gotten some of these from people I haven’t seen in five to 10 years,” Buddie said. “Your network and scope of contacts across the country are extremely important in my job when it comes to bowl games, coaching searches and all those things. That is one of those things I learned as I went along. You can’t lose touch with people who can put you in position to help your institution.”

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Buddie said his time running the department at Furman also showed him the importance of properly running a search for a coaching opening, something he will have to jump into right away at West Point where the head softball coach position is currently vacant.
Appreciation of service to the Cadet Mess staff

(Above) Several members of the Cadet Mess Hall staff received recognition of appreciation for their outstanding service to the U.S. Military Academy May 29 at a ceremony in the Cadet Mess Hall. (Below) Two members of the Banquet staff, Richard Ford (lower left) and Elma Geter, were recognized by USMA Chief of Staff Col. Mark Bieger for their abilities to provide quality meals during big events and on a daily basis to the Corps of Cadets throughout the year.

PHOTOS BY BRANDON O’CONNOR/PV
WPMS students earn Speech Contest awards

Submitted by the West Point Middle School

On May 28, eight students from the West Point Middle School competed in the school’s fourth annual Speech Contest. This year’s topic asked students in grades 5-8, “How can our words change the world?”

Two finalists were selected at each grade level who then competed in the school-wide competition. Speeches addressed the importance of our words, the influence of books and the media, and how words have changed the world and continue to do so. Judges represented USMA, the West Point community and the neighboring school district of Highland Falls-Fort Montgomery.

Eighth grader, Patricia Gibby, was awarded first place for her powerful speech on how books and the media have changed her world and in turn, everyone else’s. Wren Whipple was awarded second place and Isabella Alberici came in third place.

Grade 5 Level Finalists:
- Lydia Bubalo
- Olivia Sorenson

Grade 6 Level Finalists:
- Wren Whipple
- Isabella Alberici

Grade 7 Level Finalists:
- Nicholas Bull
- Gabriel Bubalo

Grade 8 Level Finalists:
- Patricia Gibby
- Alijah Rubang

Judges for the contest were:
- Col. Cecil Marson, West Point Garrison Commander;
- Elizabeth Woodruff, the West Point Chapter DUSA President;
- Debbie Brand, the principal of James I. O’Neill High School.

The WPMS Speech Contest was founded four years ago by James I. O’Neill High School graduate, Maggie Haley, who is now attending East Carolina University. This year’s Speech Contest was organized by James I. O’Neill freshman Emme Richards.

Richards was a two-time WPMS Speech Contest finalist and wanted to continue the program because it significantly impacted her self confidence and public-speaking skills, and she wanted to ensure that opportunity was afforded to current West Point Middle School students. Richards applied for and received a new grant from the West Point Spouse’s Club to fund awards and supplies for the next three years of speech contests.

The Speech Contest helps students who might not otherwise have a voice truly express themselves and feel important and confident.

Richards believes that the competition makes such a difference in those who participate in it, and it shows in the way they carry themselves and act more confidently during the course of the event.

Speech writing and public-speaking skills strengthen communication and critical thinking which are quite essential to one’s development and success in future years. Most importantly, students can discover their talents and confidence which can impact the way they see themselves for the rest of their lives.

Richards truly hopes that students will find their voice, confidence and love of public speaking through the WPMS Speech Contest.

Richards would like to thank the West Point Spouse’s Club, the judges, the PTO, the West Point Middle School, Debbie Haley and the larger community for their support of this event.

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The overall winners of the West Point Middle School fourth annual Speech Contest were (from left to right) Wren Whipple (second place), Patricia Gibby (first place) and Isabella Alberici (third place) with Emme Richards, the Speech Contest Student Coordinator/Organizer.
Army sweeps Navy, 5-0, in force-on-force competition

Submitted by the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science

The U.S. Military Academy Squad with Autonomous Teammates—Competition (SWAT-C) capstone team defeated Navy, 5-0, in a force-on-force competition in late April in Quantico, Virginia. Squads were augmented with ground and air vehicles and conducted a series of tactical exercises.

The multi-disciplinary capstone team consisted of cadets and faculty from Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, Systems Engineering, Army Cyber Institute, Department of Military Instruction and the Close Combat Team.

The three-day exercise alternated between attack and defend scenarios where USMA achieved the victory condition in every iteration. Drones were employed for surveillance missions, ground robots pulled security and cyber attacks were conducted to disrupt Navy operations.

Many vignettes, such as ground robots being used for rear security in the defense or deauthorization attacks to bring down Navy drones, were drawn from the weekend. In the culminating exercise, USMA utilized military deception and placed a decoy flag with a corresponding defensive position to fool Navy. The deception worked and Navy erroneously secured the flag and maneuvered to the capture point. Unfortunately for Navy, the error led to their demise.

Multiple DOD agencies supported USMA’s victory to include the U.S. Army’s Rapid Equipping Force (REF), PEO Soldier, Ground Vehicle Systems Center (GVSC) and the Soldier Center at Natick.

The REF’s Outreach team engaged USMA cadets and instructors to provide equipment and training support on the fundamentals of counter unmanned aircraft systems (C-UAS) using the Drone Buster and Squad Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance vehicles for small UAS operations.

The Soldier Center provided small UAS and training, GVSC sent ground robots, and PEO Soldier supported the team with tactical radios and Android end user devices.

The REF and USMA first came together in December 2018 in preparation for the first SWAT-C Army versus Navy competition.

This research project is helping to develop squad-level tactics augmented with unmanned ground and aerial systems. The group assessed the offensive and defensive capabilities of UAS systems (Black Hornet and Instant Eye), as well as how to counter UAS systems since they may be used against them. Many of the participants found the Drone Buster incredibly easy to use.

The REF has been equipping, upgrading and providing training on various UAS and C-UAS efforts to Soldiers and units forward for years.

The Black Hornet, a pocket-sized helicopter drone that has only been used by a select number of Soldiers in real-world operations, was first purchased by the Army in small quantities to meet reconnaissance needs of troops in Afghanistan in 2016. Now, it might become standard kit across a multitude of platoons in the Army.

“The Black Hornets definitely proved to be a device that could be really useful on a lower level tactical environment.” Class of 2020 Cadet Ethan Shepherd, Drone Pilot, said. “Rather than having the larger battalion level drone assets, if we would be able to give these black hornets to smaller units like the platoon or even the squad level, I could definitely see these being useful in future operations for the Army, especially force on force operations.”

One day, the cadets of USMA will be deployed and leading Soldiers. Training and exercises like this help familiarize them of UAS and C-UAS equipment for real-world combat.

The REF is a small organization that has many partners throughout the government, deployed units, industry and academia.

“It’s important to let cadets, staff and faculty know that the REF is an available (and free) resource to any deployed or deploying U.S. Army Soldier who identifies an urgent need of equipment to meet a critical tactical challenge,” Lt. Col. Christopher Korpela, West Point’s Robotics Research Center director, said. “They can request support from the REF.”

The REF provides innovative materiel solutions to meet the urgent requirements of U.S. Army forces employed globally, informs materiel development for the future force and on order expands to meet operational demands.

This is not the last time the REF will provide support to USMA. The next SWAT-C event will be held at Marine Corps Base Quantico in December 2019.
CW4 Rutledge retires, 2nd Avn. Det. COC

It was a day of new beginnings and an ending of a great career. CW5 Joseph Roland (left) takes over as the 2nd Aviation Detachment commander after the change of command ceremony May 31 at Stewart Airport. He takes over for CW4 Mike Rutledge (all other photos) who served 29 years in the military, including the last three years as commander of the “Wings of West Point” and the several missions that came with those duties. Rutledge was joined by his wife, Dana, and two sons, Joshua and Matthew.

“CW4 Mike Rutledge is completing a 29-year career of service to the U.S. Army and U.S. Navy in the defense of our great Nation. He has distinguished himself in some of the most challenging and difficult conditions imaginable, in and out of combat. His legacy will be the thousands of Soldiers, Sailors and cadets that he has led, mentored and developed over his career. He is a true leader of character and will be remembered for his professionalism, precision, sense of purpose and passion.”
—Col. Mark Bieger, U.S. Military Academy chief of staff.
SECOND (INDIHEAD) DIVISION ASSOCIATION REUNION

The Second (Indihead) 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.

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

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

FEDERAL EMPLOYEE VIEWPOINT SURVEY CAMPAIGN

The Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey (FEVS) Campaign progresses. For details, contact Alec Lazore at 845-938-3007.

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.

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. Weekends $59, weekends $65.

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

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 SPL-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.ce@mail.mil or stop by the Army Education Center from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Pizza Delivery Hours (MWR item)

West Point Bowling Center now delivers seven days a week.

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

For delivery, call 938-2140.

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 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.

MWR Fitness Center CYS Child Care Co-Op (MWR item)

The MWR Fitness Center Co-Op is looking for new members. The Co-Op is comprised of CYS eligible patrons with children ages 6 weeks to 5 years who are looking to work out while having your child participate in volunteer facilitated in childcare.

In exchange for your child’s participation co-op members agree to support other members and assist with the supervision of children during co-op hours.

If you are interested in participating, contact the CYS Outreach Services Office at 845-938-3969.

EDUCATION AND WORKSHOPS

Army Education Center

Undergraduate classes:
- Mount Saint Mary College—Call Kathy Yusaf at 845-569-3633 or email kathy.yusaf@msmc.edu.
- Saint Thomas Aquinas—Call Gina Erazo at 845-398-4102.
- Saint Mary’s College of NY—Call Olga Anderson at 917-509-1200.
- Saint Michael’s College—Call Kathy Yusaf at 845-569-3633 or email kathy.yusaf@smc.edu.
- Saint Vincent’s College—Call Kathy Yusaf at 845-569-3633 or email kathy.yusaf@svcm.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.
- 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 gwennt.wallace.cr@mail.mil for details or an appointment.

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OUTSIDE THE GATES

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 on 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 brace@rcs.org or 845-446-3113.

Submit an art design to Holy Innocents’ Church

The Community Garden at Holy Innocents’ Church has a nice, big shed that houses its tools and supplies. The church loves its shed and to make it even more beautiful it is inviting any artist under the age of 18 to submit a design of nature-inspired images to go all around all four sides of the shed.

You may work alone or in a group to create a colorful mural. The gardeners will help paint, but the inspiration is what is needed. If you are interested, submit a color drawing to the church’s email address at highlandscommunitygarden@gmail.com. The deadline is June 28. Judging will be by the vestry (board of elders) at Holy Innocents’ Church.

For more details, contact Olga Anderson at 917-509-1200.
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.

Kayak Tours and lessons with Outdoor Recreation Equipment Checkout Center

Visit ODR today and sign-up for one of its many tours or lessons throughout the summer. The checkout center is located at 648 Wilson Road behind the West Point Post Office. Tour Cold Spring from 9 a.m.-noon Saturday. Tour Constitution Island from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday. Tour Popolopen Creek/Fort Montgomery from 2-6 p.m. on June 15 and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. June 23.

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

Indoor Firearm Shooting now available at West Point

Come on down to the Tronsue 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 Pique 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 great fit to good position to good form.

For more details, call 845-938-6490.

FOR THE FAMILIES

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.

Free Fishing Weekend

Try fishing for the first time June 22-23 and become an ambassador to the sport.

All eligible patrons can fish on select West Point waters (Round Pond, Wilkins Pond, Bull Pond and Lake Frederick) without a West Point or NYS fishing license.

All other fishing regulations apply. Visit the Round Pond Store for all your baiting needs.

For more details, call 845-938-2503.

Great American Camp Out

Join MWR for a National Campout at the Round Pond Recreation Area Check in at 5 p.m. June 22 and check out at 11 a.m. June 23. Activities and breakfast are provided.

Are you a first time camper? We will assist with setting up camp. Novice? Just come out and enjoy a night under the stars. Patrons will be tent camping only. Limited tent packages available through ODR Equipment Checkout Center.

There is a nominal price per person. For more details, call 845-938-2503.

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.

Recreational Swimming now open

Take advantage of the newest popular outdoor swimming spot this summer—Long Pond Recreational Area, off Route 293. Be sure to check out the Jungle Joe bouncy, cornhole 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.

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.

FOR THE YOUTHS

Junior Golf Clinics

Junior Golf Clinics are available from 1-1:45 p.m. June 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.

Andy Crane, PGA, is one of the best teachers in the Hudson Valley. He will take you from range to course. Lessons are customized to skill level. Clubs are provided. There is a nominal fee per session.

To sign-up, call 845-938-2435. For more details, visit golfatwestpoint.com.

Summer Art Camp Artopia Registration

MWR offers Summer Art Camp Artopia Explore-Inspire-Create. Registration is available via Webtrac 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 is at kidsbowlfree.com/army.

For more details, call 845-938-2140.
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 845-938-3691.

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 Nutrition Care provides weight management sessions

Are you looking to establish a healthier “You” in 2019?

KACH’s Nutrition Care Department can assist you with focusing on weight management.

The Nutrition Care team, which includes dieticians, can assist you with a comprehensive weight management program with a goal of assisting with making permanent changes to your diet, sleeping and activity habits to promote long-term weight loss success.

To schedule an appointment with someone from the Nutrition Care Department, call 845-938-7992 (KACH appointment line) or 845-938-2374 (Nutrition Care Department).

Help KACH reduce, eliminate “No Shows”

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

Did you know that in Fiscal Year 2017, Keller had 3,107 ‘no-shows’? Did you know since, Oct. 1, 2017, Keller has 2,637 ‘no-shows’? At approximately $75 per visit, these ‘no-shows’ resulted in a loss of $233,025 in FY17, and are currently resulting in a loss of $197,775.

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

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

We thank you, in advance, for your assistance, and for choosing Keller to provide your high-quality, patience-centered medical services.

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West Point 10-Mile Team

• West Point Team will race at the 35th Army 10-Miler in Washington, D.C. on October 13, 2019.
• Open to Active Duty Military Members stationed at West Point
• Team will compete in the Mixed Military Division (8 team members with at least one female runner)
• Team selection will be based on previous race experience and recent race results
• All interested runners should run the West Point 10K on June 15
• Contact Lt. Col. Kathryn Pegues by July 1 to be considered

MOVIES at MAHAN

Theatre schedule at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752.

Friday—“Dark Phoenix,” PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday—“Dark Phoenix,” PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
June 14—“Dark Phoenix,” PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
June 15—“Pokemon Detective Pikachu,” PG, 7:30 p.m.
(For movie details and updated schedules, visit http://www.aafes.com/exchange-stores/Movie-Guide/showtimes-West-Point.htm.)
West Point Band kicks off “Music Under the Stars” Saturday

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. Saturday 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.

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The Army West Point Football team will play six home games this season at Michie Stadium on CBS Sports Network with five of the six kicking off at noon. The season opener against Rice on Aug. 30 is the lone game that is not a noon kickoff as it is a Friday night start at 6 p.m. The Black Knights hit the road for two games after the opener and return back to Michie for noon kickoffs against Morgan State (Sept. 21) and Tulane (Oct. 5). Army welcomes San Jose State on Oct. 26 and then finish up the home slate against UMass (Nov. 9) and VMI (Nov. 16). For tickets, fans can call the ticket office at 877-TIX-ARMY (849-2769) or the Army A Club at 845-938-2322.

Williamson earns PING postseason honors

By Matt Faulkner
Army Athletic Communications

The Division I PING All-Region honorees were announced May 28 by the Golf Coaches Association of America at the NCAA Golf Championships and junior Justin Williamson was named to the Northeast All-Region Team.

Williamson was Army’s top finisher at the NCAA Regionals at the University of Texas Golf Club and finished in a tie for 38th at 9-over for the three rounds. He finished with a score of 73-75-73—221. He flirted with the chance to move on as an individual after being 6-over through two days at a very tough golf course in Austin, Texas.

He was also key to Army’s Patriot League Championship victory at Seven Oaks Golf Course. Williamson fired a 6-under on the final day of competition to help the Black Knights win the title by eight strokes.

He was named to the All-Patriot League Second Team for his effort at the league tournament.
Baseball closes its season in NCAA Regional

By Kat Castner
Army Athletic Communications

The Army West Point Baseball team fell 13-5 to Florida in the elimination game of the NCAA Lubbock Regional June 1 in Lubbock, Texas. The Black Knights struggled early as they couldn’t get anything going against a Gators team that made it to the College World Series a year ago.

Florida broke the game open with 11 runs over the opening five innings to put the Cadets in a hole after five. Army finally broke through in the sixth when senior second baseman Josh White went yard to left center for the Black Knights’ first hit and run of the contest.

Senior pitcher Tyler Giovinco was tagged with the loss after giving up seven runs on eight hits in 3.1 innings of work.

Army highlights and game notes
- White and sophomore third baseman Anthony Giachin accounted for Army’s only two extra base hits.
- White earned his third long ball of the year, while Giachin drilled his conference-leading 25th double.
- Ledoux, Regine, freshman catcher Cam Cerruto and Hudgins all added a hit on the day.
- Four other Army pitchers saw action on Saturday in senior Sam Messina, sophomore Harry Flannery Jr., junior Logan Smith and senior Cam Opp.
- The Black Knights pitching staff allowed eight extra base hits, including four home runs.
- The Cadets recorded just two strikeouts on the day. Florida posted nine.

How it happened
- Florida broke the scoreless deadlock in the second when it tallied three runs on two hits, including a two-run home run down the left field line by Kendrick Calilao.
- The designated home team then converted on a sacrifice fly with the bases loaded to create an 1-0 gap between the teams.
- Army would finally manage to get on the board when White handed the Black Knights their opening run of the game in the sixth. The Littleton, Colorado, native blasted a one-out shot over the left center fence for his eighth career long ball.
- The Gators added another run in the seventh when Jonah Girand led off the frame with a home run to left center.
- Florida finished its scoring in the eighth following one last solo home run to extend the lead to 13-1.
- Army made one final rally in the ninth when Ledoux and Regine posted back-to-back runs batted in to score Adams and Giachin. Hudgins then closed out the scoring with a two-RBI single to center field.

Records broken in 2019
- The Black Knights posted back-to-back 35-win seasons for the first time since 2004-05.
- The Cadets won their second-straight Patriot League conference crown and earned their league-leading ninth title.
- Army tied last year’s team for most games played in a season with 61.
- The Cadets also set single-season records for at bats with 1947 and walks with 348.
- This year’s team finished in the top-10 in seven other season categories as well.
- Second in runs with 394
- Second in RBI with 338
- Second in stolen bases with 124
- Second in pitching K’s with 467
- Third in doubles with 103
- Fourth in hits with 525
- Sixth in wins with 35
- There were also some individual highlights from the season
- Giachin finished with 25 multiple-hit games which tied Clint Moore (’09) for a program record.
- The sophomore also set a program record for doubles in a season with 25.
- Fellow teammate Hurtubise broke Army’s season runs (71), walks (69) and stolen base record (45), while setting a new Patriot League career stolen base and walks mark with 105 and 141, respectively.

Facts & figures
- The Black Knights tallied five runs on six hits, while Florida notched 13 runs on 14 hits.
- Neither team was credited with an error.
- Army stranded three runners on base. The Gators left 12.
Women’s Rugby captures runner-up at CRC’s

By Frank Shala
Army Athletic Communications

The Army West Point Women’s Rugby team took another huge step forward in its program progression over the weekend, as the Black Knights made it to the final of the Collegiate Rugby Championships Sunday, before falling to Lindenwood, 34-12, in Philadelphia.

“Great experience all-around, and the great thing is, they’re all back next year,” Assistant Coach Steve Lewis said.

Army opened up the day against top-seed Penn State in the semifinal round. The Nittany Lions struck first in the second minute with a try, but after that it was all Army.

Tournament MVP junior Sam Sullivan scored back-to-back tries in the first half to send the Cadets into halftime with a 10-5 lead.

Freshman Naomi Colin would extend the lead to 17-5 with a try of her own to open the second half.

Sullivan made it a hat trick in the 12th minute, and after junior Bayleigh Gable’s second conversion made it 24-5, the Black Knights could taste victory.

Penn State would score in the final seconds to make it a 24-12 final.

The final saw the Black Knights take on defending National Champion Lindenwood. The Lions had yet to surrender a point heading into the final, and looked poised to give Army all they had.

Lindenwood opened up the scoring on the opening possession to set the tempo.

Sophomore Eleanor Burnett broke the Lions scoreless streak in the fourth minute when she crossed the try line to make it 7-5. After some back-and-forth action, Lindenwood would add two more quick tries in the final seconds of the opening half to go into the locker room leading 17-5.

The Lions kept the charge going in the second half, scoring three straight times to extend their lead to 34-5.

In patented Army spirit, the Black Knights fought to the finish, with freshman Kaitlyn Schwarting scoring in the final minute to make it a 34-12 final.

Army highlights and game notes
• This is the first time in the varsity era, and first time since 2011, Army has competed at the Collegiate Rugby Championships.
• Sullivan was named Tournament MVP after posting 10 tries over the three days of competition. She finishes the spring with 33 tries to lead the Black Knights.
• Colin was second on the team with six conversions throughout the tournament.
• Burnett led the team with six conversions over the weekend.
• The Black Knights finished the 7s season with a 15-5 overall record.

Box scores
Army 24, Penn State 12 (Semifinals)
• 2nd minute: Try—Penn State—PSU leads, 5-0;
• 4th minute: Try—Sam Sullivan—Tied, 5-5;
• 6th minute: Try—Sam Sullivan—Army leads, 10-5;
• 10th minute: Try—Naomi Colin; Conversion (Gable)—Army leads, 17-5;
• 12th minute: Try—Kaitlyn Schwarting; Conversion (Burnett)—Army leads, 34-5.

Lindenwood 12, Army 12 (Finals)
• 1st minute: Try—Lindenwood; Conversion —LU leads, 7-0;
• 4th minute: Try—Eleanor Burnett—LU leads, 7-5;
• 7th minute: Try—Lindenwood—LU leads, 12-5;
• 7th minute: Try—Lindenwood—LU leads, 17-5;
• 8th minute: Try—Lindenwood—LU leads, 22-5;
• 9th minute: Try—Lindenwood; Conversion —LU leads, 29-5;
• 10th minute: Try—Lindenwood—LU leads, 34-5;
• 12th minute: Try—Kaitlyn Schwarting; Conversion (Burnett)—LU leads, 34-12.