Cadets and Soldiers partake in Air Assault School I, first of three sessions, at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point May 21-June 6. Dozens of cadets and Soldiers participated in the grueling two-week course to attempt to earn the coveted Air Assault badge. (Above and right) U.S. Military Academy cadets maneuver down a rappel tower as part of Air Assault training. (Above) U.S. Military Academy cadets rappel out of a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter during Air Assault training. Instructors from The Sabalauski Air Assault School from Fort Campbell, Ky., provide the guidance to earn the coveted Air Assault wings. Photos by Matthew Moeller and Michelle Eberhart/PAO
Cadet passes following injury in training accident

WEST POINT, N.Y.—Class of 2020 Cadet Christopher J. Morgan died due to injuries sustained from a military vehicle accident in the U.S. Military Academy’s training area.

“Cadet Morgan was a valued member of the Corps of Cadets and will be missed by all. The entire community is ensuring that our cadets are being cared for physically, emotionally and spiritually,” Lt. Gen. Darryl A. Williams, U. S. Military Academy Superintendent, said. “Our thoughts and prayers are with the Morgan family.”

Morgan, 22, of West Orange, New Jersey, passed away at the scene of the accident. He was a Law and Legal Studies major, and a recruited athlete who was a standout member of the Army Wrestling team.

“We are devastated by the news of Chris’ passing. He was a talented, hardworking and determined athlete who loved his sport,” Army West Point Wrestling Coach Kevin Ward said. “Chris had an infectious personality with a smile big enough to fill any room, and a heart big enough to love everyone around him. He made everyone around him better and he will be greatly missed.”

Morgan, a member of B Company, Fourth Regiment, was born Dec. 4, 1996, in Chicago.

“CJ was tremendously proud to be a cadet at the United States Military Academy,” Commandant of Cadets Maj. Gen. Steve Gilland said. “He was an exemplary classmate and teammate who epitomized the values of Duty, Honor, Country in all aspects of life.

“The Morgan family and his extended USMA family here at West Point are in our thoughts and prayers as they grieve for the loss of their son, brother and friend,” he added. “We will miss him.”

The Corps of Cadets held a memorial to honor Morgan June 7. A funeral service for the West Point community is scheduled for noon Saturday at the Cadet Chapel followed by interment at West Point Cemetery.
Commemorating D-Day, honoring Gavin

(Right) From left to right: Howard Hohlfeld, 82nd Airborne Division Association Walter E. Hughes Tri State Chapter treasurer; 1st Lt. Alyssa Valdez, MP Honor Guard; and retired Lt. Col. David Jones, West Point representative, salute at the gravesite of Lt. Gen. James M. Gavin, U.S. Military Academy Class of 1929, during the D-Day commemoration/Gavin Ceremony June 6. (Above) Members of the New York City Chapter of the 82nd Airborne Division, the Walter E. Hughes Chapter, the 82nd Airborne Division Association Inc., and members of the West Point community and members of the Gavin family were present at the annual memorial and wreath-laying ceremony at the Old Cadet Chapel and Gavin gravesite at the West Point Cemetery. Gavin led his troopers in the Airborne mission on D-Day as they landed in Normandy, France. PHOTOS BY DAVE BRZYWCZY/PAO

DPW conducts water main installation on Merritt Road

By the West Point Public Affairs Office

WEST POINT, N.Y.—The Department of Public Works has closed Merritt Road to conduct new water main installation. The process will be completed in three phases with an anticipated completion time of the end of September.

Due to tuberculation, a buildup of minerals in the water distribution system, old pipes will be removed to prevent corrosion and remove sediments from the distribution system.

The first phase will take approximately six weeks to complete and will take place on Merritt Road from Catholic Chapel Service Road to Connor Road.

The second phase will occur on Merritt Road from Connor Road to Buckner Hill Road, and the third phase will occur on Merritt Road from Buckner Hill Road to Alexandria Place.

During this water system upgrade, residents are expected to experience only one day of water turn-off after the third phase to reset the new system.

Commuters can use Washington Road as an alternate route for travel while Merritt Road is closed for the first phase. One lane of traffic will be open to commuters during phases two and three.

DPW will continue to update the West Point community on phase completion, alternate driving routes and how to facilitate water main system reset after project completion. Updates will be posted to the West Point Garrison and Community Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/USAGWestPoint/.

Audie Murphy Club welcomes new members

(Above) For demonstrating dedicated leadership and exemplary professionalism as noncommissioned officers, five NCOs performed the standards required and earned the Sgt. Audie Murphy Award and entered the distinguished member club May 22 at the Haig Room. (Right) Sgt. 1st Class Alin Mesidor receives his award from West Point Superintendent Lt. Gen. Darryl A. Williams. PHOTOS BY SGT. 1ST CLASS JOSEPHINE PRIDE
Strong Beginnings celebrates 36 graduates

Thirty-six 4- and 5-year-old children from the West Point Strong Beginnings Pre-Kindergarten class graduated June 7 at the Child and Youth Services Center, Building 500. (Above) During their graduation ceremony, they performed two songs for their family members and audience to include, “The World is a Rainbow” and “Proud to be an American.” (Below) The children received their diplomas, made artwork that was on display for all to see, personally decorated their own graduation hats and saw themselves on a video display.

Photos by Eric S. Bartelt/PV
R-Day Rehearsal volunteers needed

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 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 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.

Please note: If you will be a member of the incoming USMA Class of 2023, you may not participate in this event.

Sign up is currently open at https://candidate.usma.edu/guest/rdayvol/rday_vol_init.cfm. If you have any additional questions after registration or need to cancel, contact Catherine Weidenhof at catherine.weidenhof@westpoint.edu or call 845-938-8686.

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June 12, 1919: The arrival of Douglas MacArthur as Supe

By Sherman Fleek
USMA Historian

The Centennial of the Great War was recognized and commemorated during the last two years with the grand finale of the re-dedication of Pershing Barracks at West Point.

It was a great moment to remember both the man, General of the Armies John J. Pershing, USMA Class of 1886, and the Great War that the United States entered rather late to help the Allies defeat the Central Powers led by Imperial Germany. As celebratory as this local event was last fall, few people associated with the U.S. Military Academy today realize the utter chaos and confusion that permeated the academic halls, cadet barracks and the general community of West Point in November 1918, that continued throughout the spring of 1919.

In roughly 18 months, April 1917 to November 1918, the War Department in Washington D.C., ordered the accelerated graduation of five classes and a change of the four-year curriculum to two years. The U.S. Army on the Western Front needed officers to lead and command the citizen soldiers, mostly draftees and National Guardsmen, some four million in total with half that number serving in France.

The accelerated graduations may seem reckless today to graduate several classes early, but it happened in the early spring of 1861 as the secession crisis turned to war; two classes graduated that year, May 1861 and June 1861. Yet, the class of plebes who arrived in the summer of 1917, that traditionally would have graduated in 1921, did in fact graduate and were commissioned on Nov. 1, 1918, only 18 months later.

The superintendent during the war was Col. Samuel Tillman, USMA Class of 1869, who was 70 years old when the War Department recalled him out of retirement. Tillman did his best, but Congress cut the curriculum to two years and under-funded much of the academy’s programs and training.

Groups of cadets reported between June and November causing more confusion for study schedules and class groupings. Also, the two classes that finished on Nov. 1, 1918, the later class that arrived in June 1917, remained behind to take more instruction as commissioned officers/students. By June 1919, when the new superintendent was to report, the academy was in shambles.

West Point was at one of its lowest points in its long and proud history. Not only was the war time disruption a critical problem, but the academy itself, the curriculum, environment, the austere discipline and the entrenched traditions had caused the school to develop a paternalistic and monastic regimen that caused it to fall behind other institutions of higher learning. In other words, West Point was mired in the past.

The disorder caused by the World War and the stagnation needed a major reform, “a resurrection,” to breathe life and hope back into the academy and resurrect the poor morale of all assigned. This mission would require a special leader, a West Pointer with the vision and clarity to reform, instill a positive spirit and to lead entrenched department heads who were ensconced in their scholarly chairs for decades to a new culture.

The officer chosen to bring West Point into the 20th century was Douglas MacArthur, USMA Class of 1903. On June 12, 1919, it will be a century to the day that he assumed the office as 31st superintendent of the U.S. Military Academy.

MacArthur was top graduate in his class of 1903 and also served as First Captain. He served as superintendent for only three years, 1919 to 1922, but those three years rocked the academy though, as the previous two years during World War I had nearly destroyed it.

For a graduate of only 16 years earlier and the youngest general officer in the Army, MacArthur would face tremendous challenges, namely, from professors who taught him as a cadet. Lance Betros, former head of USMA Department of History, in his seminal book “Carved from Granite,” listed briefly many of MacArthur’s reforms, ideas, his vision and by saying, “These heady accomplishments, any one of which would have stood out by itself, represented a body of reform unprecedented since (Sylvanus) Thayer.”

On that June day in 1919, Brig Gen. MacArthur’s first command decision he made was to challenge a long-held tradition of a parade by the Corps of Cadets in honor as the newly appointed superintendent. MacArthur cancelled the parade.

MacArthur returned from the war in Europe in May 1919, after a year and a half of combat on the Western Front. His entire perspective on training, leadership and especially West Point’s educational and training programs had changed. Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peyton March told him that his mission was to reform the academy because it was “40 years behind the times.” MacArthur often referred to the culture and institution as “the monastery on the Hudson.”

One of the first major tasks that Gen. MacArthur faced was to convince the War Department and Congress to restore the four-year curriculum. The chaos and uncertainty of class organizations, courses changed and dropped, curriculum was a huge morale problem for West Point during these years for the cadets and the faculty. It required a leader with vision, stamina and political finesse to win the day. By time the new cadets of the class of 1924 arrived, the four-year program had been restored.

The reforms Douglas MacArthur instituted were across all the domains of the academy.

The uncertainty caused by the changes during the war may have assisted MacArthur in his quest to improve the academy in all areas—the Four Pillars of today. MacArthur met with other college leaders and developed some ideas. First, he sent newly-assigned instructor officers to graduate school before their arrival to teach.

He also saw the value in the academy receiving accreditation for the newly re-established curriculum and to present formal baccalaureate degrees in science, not just a diploma. He added modern history, economics and government courses. Seeing the importance of air power early-on, MacArthur established aeronautics classes for specialized training of future aviators.

From his experience in the Great War where he saw many American soldiers who were physically weak, MacArthur established the slogan “Every Cadet an Athlete.” This meant that every cadet would be involved in some type of athletic program or team.

This birthed the intramural program for most cadets and many played on intercollegiate sports teams. Intercollegiate sports had greater emphasis than ever before. Summer training, or “Beast Barracks” completely changed with commissioned officers, not cadets, conducting the training on campus.

The upperclassmen trained at Camp Dix for several weeks in modern warfare with tanks, machine guns and aircraft as combined arms tactics. Also, Tactical offices were moved into the barracks for closer supervision over the Corps. MacArthur encouraged some interaction between enlisted soldiers and cadets, so the cadets could adjust to the men they would soon lead.

MacArthur sought to treat the cadets as future officers and leaders and not as objects of abuse and sub-human derision. He liberalized privileges with passes and weekly allowances of a few dollars, so cadets could learn responsibility and leave the “monastery” at times to gain an appreciation of the outside world. But, he also demanded strict attention to values that instilled the proper character, namely honor. He established the cadet run Honor System and nearly ended hazing.

Of course, these reforms were met with great resistance especially from the long-serving academic board members—the heads of departments. Some of MacArthur’s reforms were reversed after his departure such as plebe and summer training returned to the Plain. But most of them survived and are still vibrant with the modern school.

MacArthur’s three years as superintendent set a standard of reform and vision for others to follow during the next century. Perhaps William Gano, USMA Class of 1907, and MacArthur’s chief of staff said it best, “if Sylvanus Thayer was the Father of the Military Academy, then MacArthur was its savior.”
A great year for West Point Girl Scouts

(Above) The Girl Scouts of Brownie Troop Service Unit 222 at West Point during World Thinking Day, as the girls selected and presented information about different countries, such as Scotland. (Above right) A bridging ceremony with the Junior Troop that earned its end of year pin. (Right) The Cadette Troop volunteering at the SCPA, which is part of its Silver Award Project, the second highest Girl Scout Award. This has been an ongoing service project this year.

Courtesy Photos
**FEATURED ITEM**

**West Point Community Gymnastics Club Day Camp**

The West Point Community Gymnastics Club is offering a gymnastics day camp from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. July 22-26 at the Lou Gross Sports Center. The camp is offered to boys and girls ages 7 and up.

If you have any questions, call Carmine Giglio at 845-938-2880.

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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.

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**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 Yusaif at 845-569-3633 or email kathy.yusaif@msmc.edu.
- **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.
- **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 ema...
FEATURED EVENT

Father’s Day Brunch Sunday

Join the West Point Club for its Father’s Day Brunch from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday. 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.

JUST ANNOUNCED

Pizza Delivery Hours

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.

FOR THE ADULTS

Kayak Tours and lessons with Outdoor Recreation Equipment Checkout Center (updated)

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 Popolopen Creek/Fort Montgomery from 2-6 p.m. on Saturday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. June 23 and 1-5 p.m. June 29. See the Cold Spring Fireworks from 6:30-9:30 p.m. June 30.

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.

Stand Up Paddle Yoga with Outdoor Recreation Equipment Checkout Center (updated)

Sign up today with ODR for Stand Up Paddle Yoga throughout the summer. The checkout center is located at 648 Wilson Road behind the West Point Post Office. Join ODR for an introduction class from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday or a regular class from 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday or 3-6:30 p.m. Monday.

There is a nominal fee for these classes which include a paddleboard. For more information and to register, call 845-938-0123.

BOSS Six Flags Trip June 22

A Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers event to Six Flags will be held June 22.

Registration is for BOSS Soldiers only. Vans will leave Buffalo Soldier Pavilion at 8 a.m. A nonrefundable fee is due by June 19 to reserve your spot.

Payments can be turned into unit reps or Wesley Judd. Contact Judd at 845-938-6497.

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 Transue Marksmanship Center today. The center is located at 665 Tower Road, adjacent to the Gillis Field House.

Hours of operation are 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday-Friday. Recreational shooting is open to all DOD cardholders and their guests. They have gun rentals, ammunition and targets for sale.

For more details and to register, call 845-938-1700 or visit westpoint.armymwr.com.

Champagne Sunday Brunch at the West Point Club

Join the West Point Club for the Champagne Sunday Brunch.

Sunday Brunch is from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Pierce Dining Room and runs through Nov. 17.

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

101 Spin Basics with Paul

A 101 Spin Basics class with Paul is scheduled at 5:40 a.m. on Wednesdays at the MWR Fitness Center Spin Room.

Paul will look at everything in and out of the saddle, from good fit to good position to good form.

For more details, call 845-938-6490.

FOR THE FAMILIES

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.

MWR Free Summer Movies Night with Outdoor Recreation June 22 (updated)

Join Outdoor Recreation for its outdoor movie “Smallfoot” at 9:15 p.m. June 22 at the Round Pond Recreation Area and “Ralph Breaks the Internet” at 9:15 p.m. at the H-Lot Fields located at 1202 Stony Lonesome Road.

Enjoy free movies on a giant inflatable screen. Bring your own blankets and chairs. Movie concessions are available for purchase. For more details, call 845-938-0123 or visit westpoint.armymwr.com.

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 is ongoing 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.

For more information, 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.

MWR Fitness Center CYS Child Care Co-Op

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 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, call the CYS Outreach Services Office at 845-938-3969.

FOR THE YOUTHS

Junior Golf Clinics

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

Wilderness Explorers Classes July 9

Wilderness Explorers is a nature discovery program held from 11 a.m.-noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The program will run from July 9-25 and is designed to connect youth to nature by encouraging exploration and increasing kids’ comfort with spending time in nature. Classes are at the Happy Mountain Pavilion in the Round Pond Recreation Area.

For children Ages 4-10. There is a nominal fee. Register at westpoint.armymwr.com or call 845-938-2503.

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 Patient Family Advisory Council meeting today

The next Patient Family Advisory Council meeting will be held from 3-4 p.m. today, in the Brian D. Allgood Ambulatory Clinic, Room G59 (Ground Floor).

As a Primary Care Medical Home, we want input from our patients. The Crimson Knight Medical Home holds PFAC meetings on a quarterly basis.

A Patient Family Advisory Council is an interactive meeting of the minds and intended to play an active role in how our practice prioritizes and designs changes that will affect the patient community. We would also like your input.

Some of the things we would like to focus on include:

- Patient experience
- Patient Safety
- Quality Improvement
- Patient Education
- Patient/Family Communication
- Professional Education
- Access to Care
- Current Events at KACH

Consider joining in and bringing your thoughts, ideas, concerns and praise to our meetings hosted by the Chief of the Primary Care Division, and attended by other multidisciplinary team members.

We welcome the opportunity to listen to the thoughts and ideas from the community we serve and make KACH a better place for those who come here for care as well as for those of us who provide it.

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 beneficiaries within an integrated medical and behavioral health model to enhance health.

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 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 for your assistance.

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
- Contact Lt. Col. Kathryn Pegues by July 1 to be considered

POC: LTC Kathryn Pegues
kathryn.pegues@westpoint.edu

MOVIES at MAHAN

Theatre schedule at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752.

Friday—“Dark Phoenix,” PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday—“Pokémon Detective Pikachu,” PG, 7:30 p.m.
June 21—“Toy Story 4,” G, 7:30 p.m.
June 22—“Toy Story 4,” G, 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 presents Army Birthday celebration

Story and photo by the West Point Band

The West Point Band will continue its “Music under the Stars” concert series with a performance in honor of the 244th Army Birthday 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 concert is free and open to all. Please RSVP by visiting westpointband.eventbrite.com. Registering for this event allows us to send you up-to-date concert information.

The band’s Commander, Lt. Col. Tod Addison, along with Associate Bandmaster Chief Warrant Officer 2 Charles A. Doswell, will take to the podium and lead the band in an exciting program entitled “March Along, Sing Our Song,” which will commemorate the Army’s 244 years of selfless service to the nation.

In keeping with tradition, the concert will feature a streamer ceremony commemorating the campaigns fought by Soldiers throughout our nation’s history, as well as a cake-cutting. Bring your family and friends and join the West Point Band in honoring the Army’s history with a relaxing evening concert under the stars.

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 United States 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.

ATTENTION: The West Point 5K/10K and Kids Fun Run on Saturday is postponed until another date is chosen. Follow the Pointer View and MWR for updates on the new run date.

Exchange Shoppers Can Enjoy Special Savings June 14 in Honor of the Army’s Birthday

By the Army and Air Force Exchange

On Friday, the United States Army turns 244 years old, and the Army & Air Force Exchange Service is celebrating by offering exclusive one-day savings.

Soldiers, Airmen and military families can:

• Save 10 cents on every gallon of gas with their MILITARY STAR® card at Exchange fuel locations.
• Save 15 percent at Exchange restaurants with MILITARY STAR.
• Save $10 on a purchase of $25 or more from any Exchange mall vendor with MILITARY STAR. The coupon required for this offer can be found at the customer service desk.
• Save 20 percent on select tactical gear Friday through June 20. Plus save an extra 5 percent with MILITARY STAR on select tactical gear exclusively at ShopMyExchange.com, valid Friday and Saturday. Use case-sensitive online code MILPRIDE19.
• “The Exchange joins the country in wishing the Army a happy birthday,” said Exchange Director/CEO Tom Shull, an Army Veteran. “We are privileged to serve those who serve every day.”

Soldiers, Airmen and military shoppers can visit their local Exchange for more details on these offers.

The MILITARY STAR card is an exclusive line of credit for service members and their families to use at exchanges and commissaries — no matter where they serve. MILITARY STAR is administered by the Army & Air Force Exchange Service. Other benefits of the card include:

• Two rewards points per dollar on purchases and a $20 rewards card after 2,000 points earned.
• The lowest flat-rate APR (12.49 percent) among store cards — rate is offered to all cardholders.
• No annual, late or over-limit fees.
• 10 percent discount on first day’s purchases for new MILITARY STAR accounts.
• Reduced interest deployment plan with no payments required for eligible customers.
Smoking & Home Fire Safety

The place where we feel safest — at home — is where most smoking-materials structure fires, deaths, and injuries occur. Smoking materials are the leading cause of fire deaths. Smoking material fires are preventable.

**Smoking Safety**
- If you smoke, use only fire-safe cigarettes.
- If you smoke, smoke outside. Most deaths result from fires that started in living rooms, family rooms and dens or in bedrooms.
- Keep cigarettes, lighters, matches, and other smoking materials up high out of the reach of children, in a locked cabinet.

**Put It Out**
- Use a deep, sturdy ashtray. Place it away from anything that can burn.
- Do not discard cigarettes in vegetation such as mulch, potted plants or landscaping, peat moss, dried grasses, leaves or other things that could ignite easily.
- Before you throw away butts and ashes, make sure they are out, and dousing in water or sand is the best way to do that.

**Smoking and Medical Oxygen**
Never smoke and never allow anyone to smoke where medical oxygen is used. Medical oxygen can cause materials to ignite more easily and make fires burn at a faster rate than normal. It can make an existing fire burn faster and hotter.

**ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES**
Fires have occurred while e-cigarettes were being used, the battery was being charged, or the device was being transported. Battery failures have led to small explosions. Never leave charging e-cigarettes unattended.

**FACTS**
1. The risk of dying in a home structure fire caused by smoking materials rises with age.
2. One out of four fatal victims of smoking-material fires is not the smoker whose cigarette started the fire.

West Point Fire Department
x2043 fireprevention@usma.edu

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Opening Day/ Customer Appreciation Day!

**Sunday June 16th**
**9am-2pm**

Main St. Highland Falls NY Across from the West Point Visitor’s Center

Start your summer with:
- Live Music by Rip & the Sleepy Hollow Boys
- Storybook Reading at 12pm • Kids Center
- Coupons at Managers Desk
- 20 Vendors • Produce, Products, Crafts
- Book Sales

West Point Town of Highland Farmers Market
Army West Point center fielder Jacob Hurtubise was selected in the 39th round of the 2019 Major League Baseball Draft by the Seattle Mariners June 5. Hurtubise is the 14th cadet-athlete in Army Baseball history to be taken in the MLB First-Year Player Draft. He also became the first Black Knight to be selected since Alex Robinett was taken in the 32nd round by the New York Yankees in 2015. The Zionsville, Ind., native joins Nick Hill as the only other cadet taken by the Seattle Mariners. Hurtubise, the 2019 Patriot League Defensive Player of the Year, littered Army’s records book after breaking the program’s single-season runs (71), walks (69) and stolen base (45) records. The speedy center fielder set a new Patriot League career stolen base and walks mark with 105 and 141, respectively, as well.

**West Point Summer Softball League Standings**

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Standings as of June 6.

Garrison second baseman Anthony Feldman (above left) makes a snow cone grab for an out during Garrison’s two-game sweep of the Office of the Directorate of Intercollegiate Athletics June 4. ODIA pitcher Zach Daly (center) rips a base hit off of Garrison pitcher Joe Kresback (right) during the doubleheader. Photos by Mady Salvani
Cook places 19th at NCAA Championships

By Nick Lovera
Army Athletic Communications

Army West Point sophomore August Cook competed in the javelin finals at the NCAA Championships June 5 in Austin, Texas. The sophomore posted a 65.82-meter best, which placed him 19th.

Coach’s Corner: Head Coach Mike Smith

“August competed well today. Obviously he had higher hopes of a better finish and the mark that it took to make the final is something he has thrown before. He hit some nice positions but just couldn’t get enough on the javelin to get the mark he needed.

“He won’t make any excuses, so I will do it for him. He has competed all spring with an injury that directly impacted his throws and yet he still made the decision to go to the meets and see what he could do even if it meant only taking one throw and never throwing in practice.

“He and coach Posillico have worked around this injury by focusing on approach work and getting that down, but in the end there is only so much you can expect if you can’t actually throw. I have seen a lot of gritty performers in my career and this kid is right up there at the top.

“His positive attitude has never wavered and his competitive fire has never waned. What he was able to accomplish this spring is truly remarkable.”

Renard first Army All-American since 2011

By Nick Lovera
Army Athletic Communications

Army West Point junior Michael Renard placed 14th in the discus throw at the NCAA Championships in Austin, Texas, earning him Second Team All-American honors.

The achievement marks the conclusion of a tremendous year for the Army throws program, one that was highlighted by four program records set in the outdoor season.

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“The performances that happened here tonight and over the last two days have been some of the best performances in the history of collegiate track and field and multiple performances have been among the best in the world. The competition is incredible.

“In the midst of all of that, Mike Renard, a walk on that came to West Point and asked to join our team, held his own against some incredible competition. It has been quite a journey for him. His high school marks were unremarkable, he carried no accolades, was not recruited, and really the only reason we took him was that he was 6’5” and had a nice wing span.

“He might have been 200 lbs. with all of his gear on when he came out of beast as a plebe, so there was just no way that you could have predicted that I would be talking about him today. Three years and 60 pounds later, here we are. He is one of the best discus guys in the NCAA. How do you explain that?

“The lesson for us in all of this is that you just can't discount character when it comes to the types of kids that we get at West Point. They are wired to achieve and overcome and that is what he has done.

“Mike wanted to be good and he set his mind to it and tonight he is a Second Team All-American and his competitive fire has never waned. What he was able to accomplish this spring is truly remarkable.”