A Class of 2022 cadet in 5th Company goes through Introduction to Patrolling prior to his field training exercise during Cadet Field Training July 12. See Page 3 for more Cadet Field Training photos from summer training.

Photo by Brandon O'Connor/PV
USMA hosts members of Congress on future needs

By Brandon O’Connor
Assistant Editor

The U.S. Military Academy hosted six members of the House of Representatives for a tour July 7-9 to talk about the future needs of the academy as it works to develop future leaders for the Army.

The congressional representatives were invited by Rep. Steve Womack, the chair of the Board of Visitors, to tour West Point’s training facilities and learn more about how the academy is working to prepare Soldiers to lead in future combat.

“I think the least we should be able to do is ensure that the training environment they have and the resources they have with which to train our future Army leaders, young men and women from our own respective districts, are the very best we can provide,” Womack said. “I think just one quick glance around Camp Buckner, it doesn’t take you very long to figure out we can do better than this.”

During their visit, the delegates had the chance to tour the training areas at Camp Buckner, Camp Natural Bridge and the West Point ranges and learned more about how the facilities are used throughout Cadet Basic Training and Cadet Field Training.

Members of the West Point leadership team also briefed the delegates on the current state of the facilities and the plan that has been put in place to modernize training as the Army prepares to face a near-peer adversary by 2035.

“Developing leaders for the future force requires a modernization effort that is holistic and encompasses all aspects of the academy’s leader development mission: military, academic, physical, and character development alike,” Lt. Gen. Darryl A. Williams, 60th Superintendent, U.S. Military Academy, said. “Today was about showing members of Congress that we have a plan for the future.”

Womack said he invited congressional members whose jobs it is to appropriate funds to see the academy firsthand, some for the first time, so they could gain a better understanding of where the money is going, and the continuing need the academy has for funding.

“You can only do more with less for so long, and when I’m sitting getting a briefing, and I see the roof leaking on the table over there, I’m going back and telling the administrators and other appropriators about that,” Rep. John Rutherford said. “These are the best and brightest kids we’ve got. We’re asking them to get into that breach between us and our near adversaries.

“We’ve got to give them the best training and the best facilities,” Rutherford added.

During the visit, the representatives met with cadets from their states and districts to hear firsthand about how West Point develops leaders of characters throughout their 47-month experience and also the challenges they face while training at facilities built in the 1940s.

“I think the biggest thing is that we are able to accomplish our mission right now,” Class of 2020 Cadet Daine Van de Wall said. “But, with more resources we could definitely improve our ranges as well as our quality of life here. We’re an institution that prides itself on excellence.”
IN FOCUS: CADET FIELD TRAINING PHOTOS

Rising Yearlings ramping up CFT training

Class of 2022 cadets do hot and cold training in preparation for the field training exercise during Cadet Field Training. PHOTO BY BRANDON O’CONNOR/PV

A Class of 2022 cadet in 4th Company applies camo paint prior to hot and cold training in preparation for the field training exercise during Cadet Field Training. PHOTO BY BRANDON O’CONNOR/PV

Cadets from 4th Company prepare for a Field Training Exercise at night during Cadet Field Training, July 10. PHOTO BY CLASS OF 2020 CADET ROBERT NORWOOD
Summer Task Force brings experience, power to CALFEX

By Capt. Dustin Lawrence
Attack Company Commander, Task Force 1-28 Infantry

Cresting Cranberry Hill would have been a dangerous venture midway through June this year. Direct and indirect fires crescendoed at the base of the well-known West Point land mass before an audience of West Point cadets at an observation point. The second annual Cadet Summer Training Combined Arms Live-Fire Exercise (CALFEX) displayed not only the capabilities of multiple air and ground assets—but also ability to synchronize across branches and services.

The task of conducting a CALFEX is an arduous and meticulous task. Coordination usually occurs at high echelons, between branches and services by multiple military occupation specialties. The coordination for this year’s CALFEX occurred between empowered leaders of two elements—West Point and Task Force 1-28 Infantry.

Task Force 1-28 brings a lot of combat power to bear. As the Army’s only organic light infantry task force, an artillery battery, engineer company, geo-intelligence cell, air defense artillery management (ADAM) and brigade aviation element (BAE) are structured alongside three infantry companies, a heavy weapons company and a field support company.

The Task Force is unique in this regard. As a light infantry company commander, I can walk across the street to directly coordinate training with a battery commander or engineer commander.

We essentially are the perfect element to conduct combined arms training.

However, there is no online ordering process to get an A-10 Thunderbolt II, no app to request AH-64 Apaches. An AN/TWQ-1 Avenger isn’t a phone call away. For these assets, the Task Force must ask higher.

Luckily, we walked into a ready-made scenario. West Point had already secured close air support, an air weapons team and air defense assets.

This, no doubt, required detective work, inquisitive research and good old fashioned trial and error. However, even with an organic task force on the ground and these assets secured, there was plenty more to do.

AH-64 Apache Airships, for example, don’t just fly over from Fort Campbell. The long flight requires civilian airspace to be deconflicted during their movement. In order to refit for multiple iterations, a Forward Arming and Refueling Point had to be established. Once on the ground, the scenario must be briefed along with Airspace Coordination Measures (ACM) in order to prevent any confliction with the direct fire weapon systems.

The A-10s, despite having longer range, bring their own coordination points. The long flight from Baltimore had to perfectly synchronize with the ground scenario. Again, Airspace Coordination Measures had to be briefed and rehearsed.

Given that the pilots were not co-located here at West Point, these rehearsals had to occur over the phone.

In order to fire their GAU-8/A Avenger, a 30 mm hydraulically driven seven-barrel Gatling-style autocannon, the surface danger zones (SDZ) had to be planned. When overlaid on a map of the impact area, the SDZs spill over, requiring areas around the range complex to be shut down.

What facilitated all these steps to happen? There were two things.

The first was rehearsals. Every individual asset brought its own set of considerations to the execution of the scenario. To not address these considerations in a forum where everyone is present, is to accept a mediocre performance.

The second was mature empowered leaders reaching across units, branches and services to other mature empowered leaders.

Above every leader—whether it was the ADA Platoon Leader, the Squad Leader in the fighting position, the Company or Battery Commander, or the USMA CALFEX OIC—there was a leader who trusted them to coordinate and make decisions.

What cadets this summer saw on Cranberry Hill was not just a demonstration of effects, but the power of leaders in the most technologically advanced Army in the World.
Cadets build relationships, knowledge on Cyber AIAD

By Capt. Lisa Beum
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TALLINN, ESTONIA—The U.S. Military Academy’s Academic Individual Advanced Development program is a key portion of the institution’s margin of excellence concept. Cadets spend anywhere from a few days to a few weeks during their summer academic break conducting academically enriching studies and cultural immersions.

This year, six cadets who major in five different academic disciplines participated in a three-week, cyber-focused AIAD. This AIAD was sponsored by the Law Department and the Army Cyber Institute and its purpose was to build relationships and learn from international partners and allies.

The group traveled to Estonia for the annual International Conference on Cyber Conflict, continued to Poland for Confidence Conference and finally to Germany for cyber-related activities, briefs and workshops at Stuttgart and the Marshall Center.

“Most AIADs take form of internships in government and the private sector,” Capt. Kevin Dupuis said. “I believe the best experiences lie in the opportunities to go abroad, learn about not only one’s academic topics of interest, but also learn about different cultures, languages and ways of life.”

Dupuis’ role in this AIAD was that of the cadet-in-charge for this AIAD.

These unique experiences broaden cadets’ perspectives and provide them with practical advanced education related to their field of study and real-world application of cyber in the military.

Class of 2022 Cadet Chloe Tran, a Defense and Strategic Studies major, commented on how her thoughts changed from what her previous notions about a typical West Point summer looked like to how she sees them now.

“It is fairly safe to claim that every time I return home from West Point, I am always asked as to whether or not my summers are consumed with military training and marching about Camp Buckner,” Tran said. “I realize that I have been granted not only an academic, but cultural experience that surpasses those offered to my civilian counterparts.”

While attending CyCon, Tran hoped to familiarize herself with more cyber policy, cyber defense strategies and NATO’s role for the future of global security.

“I was shocked to discover that, despite being equipped with my amateur knowledge of Python from a first-year Information Technology class, I was able to develop a greater understanding of cyber defense strategies such as KSI Blockchain, the application of international law in cyberspace, and cybersecurity strategies and tools for the future,” Tran said.

According to Tran, the AIAD afforded her a rare opportunity to meet some of the greatest international leaders in cyber field.

“The questions they raise are fundamental to my conceptualization of the use and capabilities of Artificial Intelligence in the four domains of warfare—land, sea, air and now space—for strategic advantage,” Tran said.

Class of 2022 Cadet Finnian Valle, a Computer Science major and German language minor, was interested in attending this AIAD because it pertained to his field of study and would allow him to obtain experience in the international cyber community that he eventually hopes to enter.

“Among some of the people we conversed with were German graduate students, Naval Academy midshipmen, alumni, international cybersecurity personnel and Army general officers currently working in these fields,” Valle said.

“This AIAD is my first experience with the AIAD process through West Point, but it certainly will not be my last as I have thoroughly enjoyed the entirety of my experience on this trip,” Valle added.

AIADs not only provide cadets with endless opportunities to learn academically, but they also allow cadets to develop culturally and personally.

“This trip gives me the opportunity to interact with other cadets and officers outside of my day-to-day life, hopefully creating a strong memory with previous strangers,” said Valle as he explained how he hoped this AIAD would help him come out of his shell.

Cadets visit the Joint Cyber Center, U.S. Army African Command in Stuttgart, Germany to hear about and discuss real-world issues within the cyber domain and how it affects military operations.
CATs 1221, 1222, 1st SFAB enhance capabilities at CST

By Capt. Jannelle Allong-Diakabana
West Point Public Affairs

Combat Advisor Teams 1221 and 1222, 1st Security Force Assistance Brigade made history by becoming the first elements of an SFAB to participate in the U.S. Military Academy’s Cadet Field Training and use the training area to increase their proficiency as advisors.

“By coming to West Point, we were able to exercise a lot of a CAT’s training objectives,” says Capt. Nicholas Walker, CAT 1221.

Each summer and throughout the academic year, the U.S. Military Academy partners with various military and DOD organizations to facilitate the military development of the Army’s future leaders. Cadet Summer Training presents unique opportunities and provides resources needed for these organizations to meet training objectives and optimize their core competencies.

Walker says they identified a training opportunity last year, coordinated with the Department of Military Instruction, obtained approval for their concept from Brig. Gen. Scott A. Jackson, the 1st SFAB Commander, and arrived here at USMA excited about a training opportunity they may not have so easily found at Fort Benning, the 1st SFAB’s home station.

CFT is a four-week long program that emphasizes general military skills, individual preparedness training, preparations for extended field operations and small unit tactical operations.

There are two different iterations of CFT in the summer to allow cadets to tackle other competing graduation requirements.

Members of both CATs participated in the first iteration of CFT. They were partnered with a cadet platoon and were able to advise and assist them during small unit operations, focusing on the introduction to patrolling lanes.

“The training went really well,” Capt. Jacob Haag of the Department of Military Instruction said.

Haag currently serves in CST S3 and brought attention to the opportunity almost year ago.

“It exposed the cadets to a unit that they may be a part of one day and really provided a professional top notch class of instruction during their Field Training Exercise,” Hagg said.

Cadets are introduced to patrolling and perimeter defense in their military science classes, but it is the actual execution piece during the summer when the knowledge sticks to their sponge-like brains.

The FTX is six days long and trains cadets on Basic Officer Leader Course—A tasks, such as preparing a military brief, developing an effective team, navigation from one point to another, communicating by tactical radio and employing small unit operations and tactics.

Rising seniors and juniors execute troop-leading procedures, integrate artillery and mortar assets during a platoon defense, conduct patrol base operations and develop engagement areas as part of their culminating field training exercise.

Rising sophomores, also known as Yearlings, perform duties as members of an infantry squad, an essential phase in their preparation to assume duties as NCOs in the Corps of Cadets.

Cadets will have the opportunity to incorporate air defense and aviation assets into multiple field problems, observe Unmanned Aerial Vehicle teams in action and conduct ambushes with ODA teams this summer. All these organizations will benefit from the resources and training area that West Point proper has to offer.

“Having one of the Army’s newer units, a unit that Gen. Milley has said is a high priority, and whose job really is training and advising out at Camp Buckner working with our cadets was phenomenal,” Haag said.
New Commandant of Cadets humbled and ready to inspire

By Capt. Jannelle Allong-Diakabana
West Point Public Affairs

“His example should be that of the ideal Soldier, officer, and gentleman. He should cultivate soldierly honor among the cadets until it attains vigorous growth.”

These are the words written by former academy professor Peter S. Michie referencing the characteristics sought in the Commandant of Cadets at the U.S. Military Academy.

As Cadet Summer Training operations picks up speed and summer cadet leadership prepare to transition, a newly appointed Commandant of Cadets readies himself for a busy week of observing training and building relationships with more than 4,000 future leaders of this nation.

“I was incredibly humbled at being selected to serve at West Point and truly honored at the opportunity to come back,” Col. Curtis Buzzard, 78th Commandant of Cadets, said. Buzzard arrived at West Point and assumed command on June 28.

The Commandant is the ranking officer in charge of the Corps of Cadets and is responsible for the administration, character, physical, and military training of cadets at the Academy. He or she must also be an Academy graduate who exemplifies the definition of a leader of character and is accomplished academically and militarily.

Over the past 27 years of active duty service, Buzzard has served in a myriad of positions from an infantry rifle platoon leader to a strategist in Headquarters, Department of the Army G3 and commanded at every level through Brigade command. His appointment as the Commandant is his first return to the Academy in an official capacity since graduating in 1992.

The U.S. Corps of Cadets and West Point have transformed a great deal since Buzzard’s departure as a newly-minted second lieutenant.

He said, “(although) the methodology behind producing leaders of character has been refined since (my time here), the enduring ideals of this institution and what it provides to the Army and American people are the same.”

Prioritizing competing requirements of the 47-month cadet development experience is not an easy task. However, Buzzard stated that firstly teamwork, not only across USCC, but also other directorates, is critical to mission success. He will work alongside the Dean and the Director of Athletics to ensure the pillars of academic, military, physical and character development remain aligned and ensure his efforts are focused and prioritized appropriately.

“All of us have important roles in developing cadets and achieving the mission—this is a team effort,” said Buzzard. Buzzard is committed to personally setting the example and enforcing standards. He believes in being visible and engaged, giving clear guidance, and ensuring USCC priorities continue to be nested with the Superintendent’s.

“What I owe USCC, and the cadets, are to ensure that our leadership development efforts are prioritized and focused on reinforcing what cadets will see out in the Army,” Buzzard said. “The Army is the lens through which I intend to look at policy, decisions, everything because that is what they are going to experience here shortly.”

Thrust early on in his career into an environment of high operational tempo, Buzzard quickly internalized the importance of discipline and its role in developing one’s character and competence as an infantry platoon leader in the 82nd Airborne Division.

“Standards and discipline are the cornerstones to developing leaders of character,” Buzzard said. “The best leaders, the best units, and success in combat depend on discipline and standards.”

George Washington referred to “discipline as the soul of an Army.” According to Buzzard, leaders are successful by employing three levers of leadership—compliance, incentives and inspiration. He hopes the latter is the preferred but knows each will be required.

“We have rules that cadets need to follow,” Buzzard said. The new Commandant has high expectations of all the leaders in USCC. “I expect leaders to build trust, demonstrate disciplined initiative, be inclusive and, get results in a positive way.”

With the summer at its halfway point, the new Commandant will spend the next few weeks making initial assessments and outlining priorities for the way ahead. He said he is looking forward to “working with the tremendously talented people here and having an impact on over 4,000 future officers. They are our legacy.”
Morgan Farm also offers riding lessons for beginner through advanced riders. These lessons are suitable for ages 5 and up.

Framing and engraving with West Point Arts and Crafts (MWR item)
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.

Morgan Farm also offers birthday parties and horseback riding for children ages 7 and up. If you have any questions, call Carmine Giglio at 845-938-2880.

Death Notice for Cadet Christopher J. Morgan
Anyone with debts owed to or by the estate of Cadet Christopher J. Morgan should contact Maj. Owen Tolson, the Summary Court officer for the cadet.

Morgan passed away due to a training accident June 6. Call Tolson at 845-938-5723 or email him at owen.tolson@westpoint.edu.

The Bass Club at West Point
The Bass Club at West Point is accepting new members. The Bass Club shares anglers 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 Torre Road and Stilwell Lake closures
Mine Torre Road and Stilwell Lake will be closed on the listed dates for military training.

• Mine Torre Road—7 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday-Tuesday, July 27, 28, 30, 31; and Aug. 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9.

• Stilwell Lake—7 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday-Tuesday.

Additional dates will be provided as summer training progresses.

For details, contact Alec Lazore at 845-938-3007.

Kayak Tours and lessons with Outdoor Recreation Equipment Checkout Center (MWR item)
Visit ORR 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 1-4 p.m. Saturday or 2-6 p.m. Aug. 4. Tour Constitution Island from 1:30-3:30 p.m. July 27. Try Family Friendly Kayaking from 1-5 p.m. Wednesday or Aug. 7.

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.

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.

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 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.

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@msmc.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 degrees in school counseling, mental health counseling and marriage and family counseling—Call Mary Beth Leggett at 845-446-3818 or email marylbeth.leggett@liu.edu.

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

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

For details, call 845-938-1039.

Army Personnel Testing programs
The Army Education Center at West Point offers Army Personnel Testing programs such as the AFCT, DLAB, DLPT, SIFT through the DA and DLI.

Tests are free of charge to Soldiers. Call the testing center at 845-938-3360 or email gwenn.t.wallace.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 Mierwa at drew.m.mierwa.ctr@mail.mil or stop by the Army Education Center from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday.

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 lbrose@rcs.org or 845-446-3113.

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.

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.

Summer Discovery Program at Trailside Museums & Zoo, Bear Mountain State Park
Summer is time for kids to be outside. There’s no better place for your child to spend time in the great outdoors this summer than at Trailside Museums & Zoo.

The Trailside Discovery day program will be your child’s up-close and personal introduction to local wildlife and ecology.

They will get their hands dirty. They will have fun. Through hands-on activities and exciting games, children will be immersed in the natural world in engaging and age appropriate ways they are bound to enjoy.

One day during the first three sessions, the group will hike to the Fort Montgomery State Historic Site to learn about local history and what life was like long ago.

For the brochure and registration, visit http://www.trailsidezoo.org/education/trailsidediscovery-summer-program.

For more details, contact Chris O’Sullivan at 845-786-2701, ext. 293 or email Chris.Osullivan@parks.ny.gov.
WEST POINT MWR CALENDAR  
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FEATURED EVENT

West Point Community Fair Wednesday
The West Point Community Fair is scheduled for 4-6 p.m. Wednesday at the West Point Club’s Grand Ballroom. Don’t miss out on this opportunity. Come see what West Point and the Hudson Valley has to offer.

This event is open to the entire community to include new military, families and civilians at West Point. See Page 12 for more details.

Get your passport and win great prizes. For more details, call 845-938-8186 or visit westpoint.armymwr.com.

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JUST ANNOUNCED

Two-person Team Championship July 27-28
Join the West Point Golf Course for a two-day event July 27-28 for a two-person team championship. USGA GHIN Handicap is encouraged.

This event uses multiple tournament formats. Dinner and awards are July 28.

For details and to sign-up, call 845-938-2435.

MWR Free Summer Movie Night with Outdoor Recreation Aug. 2
Join MWR Outdoor Recreation for its outdoor movie “Mary Poppins Returns” at 9 p.m. Aug. 2 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 information, call 845-938-0123 or visit westpoint.armymwr.com.

Superintendent’s Golf Scramble Aug. 15
The Superintendent’s Golf Scramble is open to the West Point community and their guests at the West Point Golf Course Aug. 15.

This is a four-person team scramble with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Sign-up by calling the pro shop at 845-938-2435.

For more details, visit golfatwestpoint.com.

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER THEATER AUG. 23
Join the West Point Club for its Murder Mystery Dinner Theater entitled “The Academy of Murder,” Aug. 23. This event will start on 7 p.m. with Hors d’oeuvres and cash bar and the dinner and show at 7:45 p.m.

Reserve online today at thewestpointclub.com. For more information, call 845-938-5120.

USMA CLASS OF 2020 RING RUN 5K AUG. 24
The USMA Class of 2020 Ring Run will be held at 8 a.m. Aug. 24. The start and finish of the race will be at the West Point Club.

There is a nominal fee for this race. The fee includes race registration and T-shirt. Cadets are free but must register.

To register, visit westpoint.armymwr.com. For more details, call 845-938-6490.

West Point Golf Course Club Championship Aug. 24-25
The West Point Golf Course Club Championship is an individual stroke play tournament for golfers seeking the title of “Club Champion.”

USGA GHIN Handicap is encouraged in the net divisions. Dinner and awards are Aug. 25.

Sign-up today at 845-938-2435.

2019 Unit Intramural Flag Football League sign-ups
The MWR Sports Office will conduct the 2019 West Point Unit Intramural Flag Football League.

Individuals and/or team sign-ups will be open to all USMA personnel 18 years of age and older. Games will be played on Monday and Wednesday evenings at the USMAPS Football Field.

Deadline for entries will be Aug. 29. League play will start on Sept. 4. To sign up and/or for more information, email james.p.mcgualness.naf@mail.mil or call 845-938-3066.

FOR THE ADULTS

Stand Up Paddle Yoga with Outdoor Recreation Equipment Checkout Center
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.

Try SUP Yoga from 5:30 p.m. Monday or 10-11:30 a.m. Aug. 5. Take an Introduction to SUP Yoga class from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, July 27 or Aug. 11.

There is a nominal fee for these classes which includes a paddleboard.

For more details and to register, call 845-938-0123.

2019 Staff & Faculty Noontime Ultimate Frisbee sign-ups
The Family and MWR Sports Office will conduct the 2019 Staff & Faculty Ultimate Frisbee League.

Individuals and/or team wishing to enter may do so by emailing james.p.mcgualness.naf@mail.mil or by calling the MWR Sports Office at 845-938-3066.

League play starts on Aug. 12. The deadline for sign-ups is Aug. 2. Games will be played at 12:10 p.m. Mondays-Fridays at Daly Field/River Courts and/or Target Fields.

Basic Pistol Course Aug. 10
MWR Shooting Sports will be teaching a Basic Pistol Course on Aug. 10. The classroom portion will begin at 9 a.m. at the Army Education Center located at 680 Buckner Loop.

After classroom instruction, participants will put into practice shooting the pistol at the Tronsrue Marksmanship Center located at 665 Tower Road (Next to the Gillis Field House).

Firearm rentals and ammunition are included in the price. This course satisfies the Orange County safety class requirement in order to apply for a pistol permit.

Participants will receive a certificate. Class is limited to 25 participants.

Register by visiting the Tronsrue range or calling the range at 845-938-1700 or register online at westpoint.armymwr.com.

West Point Spartan Sprint Aug. 24-25
The West Point Spartan Sprint will be held from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 24-25.

Grit is the rule, not the exception, so we kindly ask that you either leave your fears at home or face them on the course.

Register at Spartan.com.

FOR THE FAMILIES

July is National Parks and Recreation Month
Outdoor Recreation has pricing specials for the month of July. Save on tent and mini log cabin sites for new reservations only and receive 10 percent off your reservation.

All who are staying in the month of July will receive one free hour boat ride during their stay (kayak or paddleboat). Valid for Round Pond and Lake Frederick during the month of July.

For Military/DOD families only. For more details, call 845-938-2503.

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.

FOR THE YOUTHS

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 Grades 5-8, session 2: Tuesday-July 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 ongoing
Wilderness Explorers is a nature discovery program held from 11 a.m.-noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The program will run through July 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.

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

Junior Black Nights Girls and Boys Soccer Tryouts
Child & Youth Services JKB soccer tryouts will be held from 6-8 p.m. Aug. 14. The tryouts are open to girls ages 8-11 and boys ages 7-9. Location to be determined.

For more details, call 845-938-4458.

CYS Youth Center Open House and Ice Cream Social
The Youth Center will be holding an open house from 2-4 p.m. Aug. 23 at 500 Washington Road for families with children in grades 6-12. Ice cream with toppings will be served at this event.

The Youth Center staff will be giving families tours, programing information and will talk about upcoming events and trips. The staff will be available to answer questions about what the Youth Center has to offer.

For more details, visit westpointcys.com or call 845-938-8889.
Keller Corner

EFMP In/Out Processing Hours
The Keller Army Community Hospital Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) has established limited hours for in/out processing for active duty members from 9-11 a.m. Monday-Friday.

KACH Substance Use Disorder Clinic open
The KACH’s Substance Use Disorder Clinic Care (SUDDCC) 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 SUDDCC 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.

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

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

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

We thank you for your assistance.

Primary Care dedicates clinic to Sports/School Physicals and Immunizations
The Keller Army Community Hospital Primary Care Department is opening dedicated clinics on Aug. 1, 2, 12 and 13 to ensure that incoming children and those unable to make an appointment earlier in the summer have their physicals prior to the start of the school year.

This is also the time to review your child’s immunizations, and prepare additional documentation for the administration of medications during school hours or emergency instructions for children with known allergies.

Please call 845-938-7992 or 800-552-2907 today to request an appointment for the dedicated school or sports physical days or you can make an appointment at your convenience.

LifeWorks

- Home Depot Kids Workshop: A great event for children as the supplies will be provided by Home Depot for your child to make a wonderful project.
  
  The Home Depot Kids Workshop is scheduled for 2:30-4 p.m. today at B126 Washington Road.
  
  To register, email jgellman@bbcgrp.com

- Storm King Art Center tour: Join West Point Family Homes for a guided tour of Storm King Art Center, in New Windsor, July 25. The 500-acre, world-renowned, outdoor sculpture park and museum features more than 100 sculptures. We will meet at the art center’s visitors center at 10:30 a.m. Refreshments are provided after the tour.
  
  To register, email jgellman@bbcgrp.com by Friday, with the number of adults and children attending. All events are free and open to current West Point residents.

MOVIES at MAHAN

Theatre schedule at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752.
Friday—“Lion King,” PG, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday—“Lion King,” 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 presents “At the Point” Saturday

By the West Point Band

The West Point Band will continue its “Music under the Stars” concert series with a performance titled “At the Point” at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Trophy Point Amphitheater.

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.

Treat you self and the whole family to Trophy Point’s stunning Hudson River views set to the timeless soundtrack of the West Point Band. From masterful works by concert band greats like Claude T. Smith and Alfred Reed, to an enchanting medley of Disney Movie Magic, this concert has something to satisfy any musical taste.

The performance will also feature Benny & Lionel, a medley by Lorain McClung created to honor jazz masters Benny Goodman and Lionel Hampton, featuring soloists Sgt. 1st Class Craig Bitterman and Staff Sgt. Manuel Ramos.

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.

Electrical Safety

For many of us, water activities equal fun. But it’s important to be aware of electrical hazards while enjoying the water. Know how to be safe around swimming pools, hot tubs, and spas.

• If you are putting in a new pool, hot tub, or spa be sure the wiring is performed by an electrician experienced in the special safety requirements for these types of installations.

• Outdoor receptacles must have covers that keep them dry even when appliances are plugged into them.

• Ground-fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) are special devices designed to protect against electric shock and electrocution. They are required for most pool, spa or hot tub equipment. They may be in the form of an outlet or a circuit breaker. Test the GFCIs monthly according to the manufacturer’s instructions.

• Electrical appliances, equipment, and cords should be kept at least 6 feet away from the water. When possible, use battery operated appliances and equipment, such as televisions, radios, and stereos.

• Avoid handling electrical devices when you are wet.

• Make sure that any overhead lines maintain the proper distance over a pool and other structures, such as a diving board. If unsure, contact a qualified electrician or your local utility company to make sure power lines are a safe distance away.

• Do not swim during a thunderstorm.

• Have a qualified electrician periodically inspect and—where necessary—replace or upgrade the electrical devices or equipment that keep your pool, spa, or hot tub electrically safe.

• Have a qualified electrician show you how to turn off all power in case of an emergency.

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If the question is asked, who was the first person to walk on the Moon, most people would correctly say, Neal Armstrong (1930-2012). Armstrong did make the history books, in American, world and also human history, as he well deserves the attention and praise.

The next question is who were Armstrong’s crew mates in Apollo 11, which landed on the Moon, on July 20, 1969? The answer is Edwin “Buzz” Aldrin and Michael Collins. Both Aldrin and Collins are not as well known as Neal Armstrong, which is logical being the other members of the crew were not mission commander nor the first person to walk in the dusty solar reaches of the Sea of Tranquility, as Armstrong did.

However, they were both essential crew members and made history also. Both Aldrin and Collins have something else in common. They both graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

Aldrin graduated in the USMA Class of 1951 and Collins one year later in 1952. The reason these career U.S. Air Force officers attended West Point, is rather simple. There was no Air Force Academy yet.

It was not until 1955 that the first air cadets commenced their four-year program with the first class in 1959. Because there was no U.S. Air Force Academy, Congress directed that both USMA and the U.S. Naval Academy graduates and commission officers for the new Air Force.

Many of the early American astronauts in the National Aeronautics and Space Administration were West Point schooled graduates, such as Frank Borman, USMA Class of 1950; Edward White, USMA Class of 1952; David Scott, USMA Class of 1954; as well as Aldrin and Collins.

In the Air Force, both Collins and Aldrin were fighter pilots and test pilots during the early days of jet military aircraft and were pioneers in space travel.

Collins retired as a major general in the U.S. Air Force Reserve in 1982 after 30 years of active and reserve service. Aldrin retired in 1972 as a colonel in the Air Force. Both Collins and Aldrin are still with us today.

Fifty years ago Saturday, July 20, 1969, Neil Armstrong took the first steps onto the moon as he and his two crew mates, Edwin “Buzz” Aldrin and Michael Collins, both U.S. Military Academy graduates, made history in space exploration.
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Vendor Registration

June 10-28: West Point DoD Agencies & Affiliated West Point Private Organizations
July 1-19: Off-Post Non-DoD Organizations and Businesses.

Registration form on back. Please call FMWR Marketing at (845) 938-8186.

*Due to construction at Ike Hall, the 2019 event is hosted at the West Point Club. Vendor space will be limited, be sure to register promptly during the dates listed to the right, for best availability.
**Date and time announced for Army-Navy Cup VIII**

*By Matt Tedino  
Army Athletic Communications*

The return of the Army-Navy Cup to Talen Energy Stadium for the eighth consecutive year was announced by the Philadelphia Union July 8. The 2019 installment of the highly-anticipated service-academy rivalry match will take place at 7 p.m. Oct. 11.

“Philadelphia Union and Talen Energy Stadium are honored to once again host the teams from Army West Point and Navy for Army-Navy Cup VIII,” Tim McDermott, chief business officer for the Philadelphia Union, said. “Since its inception, the event has continued to grow and thrive, and we’re proud to host these great military academies and their fans here at our stadium. The partnership between the Union and Army-Navy Cup is long-running and we look forward to many more years to come.”

“The Army-Navy Cup serves as the signature event for our Men’s Soccer program, providing a world class venue to compete against our academy rival. The Army-Navy Cup has grown over the past seven years and has established itself as one of the highest attended games in college soccer,” Dan McCarthy, interim director of athletics for Army West Point, said. “We are excited to return to Talen Energy Stadium to continue the Army-Navy rivalry. We acknowledge and appreciate the pride and passion that the City of Philadelphia displays in hosting this match. Thank you to the Philadelphia Union, members of the Army-Navy steering committee, as well as PHL Sports, for continuing to show support of our two academies and the growth of the rivalry.”

Talen Energy Stadium has played host to the Army-Navy Cup since its inaugural match in 2012, with Army currently leading the series at 3-2-2.

The debut edition in 2012 ended in a draw, as did the 2017 match. Navy won in both 2013 and 2014, while Army took the victory in 2015, 2016 and 2018.

The Black Knights’ 4-1 victory over the Midshipmen last year, marked the most goals scored in a contest by either side in the cup's seven-year history.

Information regarding presale tickets will be released at a later date.

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**West Point Summer Softball League Standings**

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Standings as of Monday.
The National Strength and Conditioning Association announced this week that Dr. Jonathan M. Oliver has been selected as the NSCA's Terry J. Housh Outstanding Young Investigator Award winner for 2019.

Oliver became the 31st recipient of the award, which has been handed out since 1998. Award winners are selected by a volunteer committee, the Research Committee and past winners.

Jonathan M. Oliver, Ph.D., CSCS,*D, currently serves as the senior associate athletic director of high-performance at Army West Point where he oversees Army’s athletic training and strength and conditioning departments as well as the nutrition and analytics program for its more than 1,000 cadet-athletes across 28 sports.

In addition, Oliver holds a Research Associate appointment within the Sports Performance Research Institute New Zealand (SPRINZ) at Auckland University of Technology. Prior to joining Army, Oliver was faculty in the Kinesiology Department of Texas Christian University and Director of the Sport Science Center.

Oliver is well-published in the fields of strength and conditioning and sports medicine with several invited presentations nationally and internationally. He remains an active member of the National Strength and Conditioning Association.

“Congratulations to Dr. Oliver for this well-deserved award,” Michael Massik, NSCA executive director, said. “His contributions toward furthering research for athletes has enriched many lives and exemplifies what it is to be an NSCA professional. We are proud to have him as a member.”

Oliver received his award at the 42nd Annual NSCA National Conference on July 12.