Day of Acceptance

The U.S. Military Academy Corps of Cadets takes part in the review portion of the Acceptance Day Parade Saturday. The members of the Class of 2023 officially joined the Corps of Cadets during the parade. See Page 3 for story and photos from Acceptance Day.

Photo by Class of 2020 Amanda Lin
Force protection, parking control for football home opener

By Luke Pagan
U.S. Army Garrison-West Point Antiterrorism Officer

In order to enhance our force protection posture for West Point residents, the Corps of Cadets and guests traveling to the installation for the evening home football game against Rice at 6 p.m. Aug. 30, special parking restrictions and force protection measures are necessary. Below are measures/restrictions expected Aug. 30 that are not normal for a regular duty day:

1. Due to the fact that this game takes place on a weekday, the below parking restrictions apply:
   - Portions of Clinton and Doubleday parking lots will be blocked from parking for the entire day of Aug. 30.
   - Parking will also be restricted after 2 p.m. Aug. 30.
   This includes:
   1. The remaining open areas of Clinton Field Parking lot;
   2. Double Day parking lot;
   3. The Trophy Point parking lot and the lots in the vicinity of Kosciuszko’s Monument.

2. In order to accommodate these measures, Supervisors:
   - Will be consistent with a liberal leave policy and mission requirements, grant requested leave to employees after noon.
   - Grant non-mission essential employees administrative leave beginning at 2 p.m. Those employees who are not at work at that time will not be charged leave for the remainder of their normal duty day. Employees who were already on leave status at 2 p.m. will be charged leave.
   - Should allow alternate tours of duty at supervisor or employee’s request for the week of Aug 26-30 only (e.g.—let employees work 4-to-10 hour days and then take Friday off without leave).
   - Grant non-mission essential employees administrative leave beginning at 2 p.m. Those employees who are not at work at that time will not be charged leave for the remainder of their normal duty day. Employees who were already on leave status at 2 p.m. will be charged leave.
   - Will canvas their workforce for any special problems (to ensure employee is able to get to their car or bus).
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3. The CPA shuttle will follow normal hours of operation, allowing employees to take the shuttle bus back to their place of duty. Employees who elect to work normal duty hours are granted time to move their vehicles but must report back for duty.

   After 2 p.m., workforce personnel are strongly advised to use Washington Gate to exit the installation.
   - Employees and visitors who need to go to Buildings 622 and 626 should park in the marked parking spots along Swift Road.
   - There will be no changes to handicap parking privileges. However, organizational or individual reserved parking spaces, which are not handicap or special accommodations, will not be in effect after 2 p.m. Aug. 30.

4. Military staff and faculty, particularly those residing on post, are strongly encouraged to carpool, walk, shuttle or bicycle to work to help reduce potential parking and traffic congestion on post during game day.

5. Beginning at approximately 3 p.m. Aug. 30, Stony Lonesome Road will be blocked at the monument just west of the Lusk Housing entrance to the Delafield Road intersection. Personnel may still access the Lusk Housing area by traveling up Stony Lonesome Road, but will not be able to continue further. Delafield Road will remain open. After 3 p.m., workforce personnel are advised to use Washington Gate to exit the installation.


(Exercise’s note: Thayer Roof parking will be closed Aug. 30 to the workforce due to the football game, so plan accordingly for parking for work.)

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United States Military Academy
West Point
IN FOCUS: ACCEPTANCE DAY

USMA Class of 2023 now members of the Corps of Cadets

By Brandon O’Connor
Assistant Editor

Following six weeks of training and a week getting used to life at the U.S. Military Academy, the members of the Class of 2023 officially joined the Corps of Cadets during the Acceptance Day Parade Saturday on The Plain.

The class started its 47-month journey through West Point on July 1, and 1,187 members of the class completed the March Back Aug. 12 signifying the end of Cadet Basic Training.

They then spent reorganization week going through everything needed to prepare them for the academic year including receiving their computers and picking up their textbooks for the semester. The week was also filled with parade practice as they learned for the first time to perform the drill maneuvers needed for Acceptance Day and other parades throughout the year.

The seven weeks of preparation culminated Saturday when they marched onto The Plain, stepped into line with their companies and officially became members of the Corps of Cadets.

“It’s a big honor,” Class of 2023 Cadet Caroline Todd said. “It was a really tough summer, but it’s totally worth it to see what it’s going to be like for us for the next few years. It’s just a big honor to be accepted into the corps and I’m really excited.”

Todd followed her family tradition by choosing to attend West Point as both of her parents and two older sisters proceeded her at the academy. Todd said she got “chills” when it was finally her chance to join the corps.

“I kind of have always had West Point in the back of my mind,” Todd said. “I really liked the people and I like the atmosphere and I like the determination everyone has.”

Unlike other parades throughout the year, during the Acceptance Day Parade the plebe class marches in separately from the rest of the corps. Then, prior to the pass and review the companies open ranks and allow their newest members to join in.

“It is awesome. It is quite surreal really,” Class of 2023 Cadet Brayden Aras said. “To me, it is the best system I can really put myself through and see what I can do and be able to offer everything I can to them.”

Following the parade, Class of 2023 cadets were able to see their families for the first time since Reception Day. The plebes were given an extended window to talk or video chat with family during New Cadet Visitation Day at the midpoint of CBT, but other than that contact has been limited.

“It was amazing, and the emotions are overflowing,” Harold Border said of seeing his daughter, Class of 2023 Cadet Christina Border, join the corps. “It really hasn’t sunk in yet, but I’m just proud of her and I’m really excited about the choice she’s made. She’s going to do great things and country is very important for her and so I’m very proud of her choice.”
Van de Wall takes lead of Corps

By Brandon O’Connor
Assistant Editor

With white tape across his back spelling out the E in “3-Peat!,” Daine Van de Wall marched to the center of the field at Lincoln Financial Field. Joined by his six fellow prisoners who had spent the semester studying at the Naval Academy, Van de Wall was being traded back to the U.S. Military Academy so he could cheer on the Army Football team along with the Corps of Cadets during the 2018 Army-Navy game.

This year, Van de Wall will once again make that march across the field, but instead of serving as a prisoner, he will lead the captive midshipmen to be traded and receive back the cadets as the First Captain of the U.S. Military Academy Corps of Cadets.

As First Captain, Van de Wall, a member of the Class of 2020, is the brigade commander of the 4,400 members of the Corps of Cadets for the 2019-20 academic year. It is a role he has built up to throughout his time at West Point.

As a plebe, cadets serve primarily as followers as they learn first how to take and follow orders. Then as a yearling, he served as a team leader, tasked with leading two members of the plebe class.

The responsibilities took a big jump forward when as a cow he spent a semester at the Naval Academy and served as a squad leader where he was placed in charge of 12 midshipmen, while learning the ways of a new academy himself.

“Honestly, sometimes, it was very difficult mainly because I didn’t understand the standards and some of the rules they had there,” Van de Wall said. “Working with the company leadership there with my fellow midshipmen, and my roommate specifically, really got me through that and I was able to teach them some of the things we do at Army, while also taking away some of the great things they do at the Naval Academy.”

This past summer, he had his final audition for a brigade level command while serving as the command sergeant major for Cadet Field Training. There, his job was to enforce the daily standards and expectations for the cadets leading and taking part in the training.

At the end of CFT, it was announced he had been selected as First Captain for the upcoming year forcing him to switch his thinking from looking at day-to-day execution during the summer to crafting the vision and priorities throughout the year for his 4,400 peers.

“The role of the first captain is to lead the course,” Van de Wall said. “I’m ultimately responsible for the performance of the Corps of Cadets. My job is to come up with the objectives we’re trying to reach and come up with a vision for how we’re going to get there.”

Coming out of high school, eventually serving as the First Captain over the Corps of Cadets was nowhere in the cards for Van de Wall as it requires being at West Point, which didn’t meet his criteria for a college.

Having spent his life in Maryland, his requirements for a college were simple—warm weather and a Southeastern Conference football team. The search would eventually lead him to the University of Florida, where he joined the ROTC program.

Growing up near Fort Meade and having friends attend the nearby Naval Academy, Van de Wall was inspired to serve, which led him to join the ROTC program at UF.

The concept of volunteering to serve in the Army was mostly foreign to his parents. Van de Wall is a first generation American after his parents moved from the Netherlands to the United States about 23 years ago with the intention to stay for only three years. Those three years then turned into five and eventually it became a permanent move as his parents became citizens a few years ago.

“Service means a lot to me, specifically having parents who are immigrants coming over here and just being welcomed into the United States of America,” Van de Wall said. “My parents had the privilege to become naturalized citizens here a few years ago. Now, what it means to me is really just to give back and have the opportunity to thank America for everything it’s done for me.”

While it was football and the weather that drew him to Florida, it was in the ROTC training where he really found his place and when he saw a poster about West Point he realized there was a better place for him.

“I saw a poster up that said, hey, the deadline to apply to West Point is on a specific date,” Van de Wall said. “I actually had two weeks left. I did the whole application in two weeks. I flew home twice to do an interview with my congressman. Then eventually I got my appointment. And here I am.”

Van de Wall entered West Point with the Class of 2020 on June 27, 2016 after spending a year at UF. Now, three years later, he is in charge. In only two weeks on the job, he has already hit the ground running meeting with the senior leaders to talk about possible changes to be implemented this year and to set the priorities for the year following the arrival of a new Brigade Tactical Officer and Commandant of Cadets this summer.

“One of my biggest priorities is that the leadership this year leads from the front,” Van de Wall said. “We need leaders who will set the example, who will enforce standards and who will really inspire the lower classes to live up to West Point’s name. One of the other things I’m really going to drive home is to have a simple vision and to take small steps.”

Serving as First Captain inherently comes with the pressure of leading 4,400 of your peers, but during his final year at the academy Van de Wall will also have the chance to relish the perks of being the highest-ranking cadet. At the Army-Navy game, he will not only lead the prisoner exchange, he will also lead the Corps of Cadets during the march on.

He will meet with the leaders not just of the academy, but of the Army and the country as a whole, and he will have the chance to leave a permanent mark on the academy.

“There’s a lot of big things to look forward to personally, but also the chance to try and see some of that change I’d like to see in the corps come to fruition,” Van de Wall said. “We’re really looking at trying to push ownership on the Corps of Cadets and force them to take initiative. To take it on themselves. If we can provide intent to the lower level leadership and the end state and then we let them figure out how to get there, that’s how we can get people involved and own what they want to do.”

Van de Wall is studying systems and decision sciences, which is part of the systems engineering department. After graduation, he hopes to branch infantry to begin his Army career.
West Point celebrates building safe community at NNO

Story and photos by Brandon O’Connor
Assistant Editor

West Point hosted its annual National Night Out Aug. 14. National Night Outs are hosted annually in thousands of communities throughout the country and work to bring together the community and local law enforcement in order to build better relationships. The first National Night Out was hosted 36 years ago and West Point has been participating in the program for nine years.

The community event is hosted by the U.S. Army Garrison Military Police Company and sponsored by West Point Family Housing.

“I think it gives the community a chance to get some face time with law enforcement,” 1st Lt. Alyssa Valdez, with the military police, said. “There sometimes is a connotation that you only see us when delivering tickets, but, in fact, it is much more than that. We have a lot of capabilities, a lot of assets and a lot of people don’t understand how far capabilities can reach and a lot of cool things we can do.”

Jennifer Branthoover, who attended along with her children, said they have come the last two years, and while her children are there for the fun and too young to understand the displays, it does give her a chance to see what all services are available on post.

Organizations from throughout West Point and the surrounding area attended the event including the fire department, the FBI and more.

“We really got to highlight the program, let them know that they’re not alone and that we’re an avenue of communication,” Luke Pagan, West Point antiterrorism officer, said. “If they do see anything that looks out of the norm, they could definitely give us a call at any time and we will send the right response. I love coming to these events. I love coming to see the kids and I think we definitely get a lot of face time with the community which is a key part of security.”

The event also featured fun and games for the families in attendance including a dunk booth and a bounce house.


Louise Ennesser, West Point Relocation Program manager, talks with members of the community during National Night Out Aug. 14.
**Cadet Club activities**

**Triathlon:** The West Point Triathlon team hosted the 30th annual West Point Triathlon Saturday and Sunday. The races, held at Camp Buckner, included two youth races Saturday and a sprint triathlon on Sunday.

Seventy-two kids were introduced to the sport and all received a medal for finishing. Sunday’s race was larger than recent years with nearly 600 participants. The cadets did an excellent job providing an outstanding race, which raises money for the team.

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**Class of 2021 affirms to service**

The U.S. Military Academy Class of 2021 affirms their commitment to service in the U.S. Army during the Affirmation Ceremony Sunday in Robinson Auditorium.

*Photos by Class of 2020 Cadets Amanda Lin and Robert Norwood*

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**ON POINT: Army Civilians**

Laura Mosher, Cadet Engagement Librarian

**What is the best part of your job?**

“Working with the cadets is hands down the best part of my job. I've made friends for life out of the cadets who I've helped and who have come back to teach and are still out there in the Army or now in civilian life ... We have a different kind of student. Our cadets are not exactly like regular students. At this library, I work with students who have made a commitment to serve. People say, 'Oh, they're getting a free education.' Well, it's not really a free education. I heard once they signed a check, a blank check up to and including their life. That's how much it's worth. Because after they leave here, we don't know where they're going. I have not had the experience of someone close to me (giving) that sacrifice, but I know that it happens. I mean, I'm not helping somebody whose big thing is what am I going to have for pizza dinner tonight? Our kids will think about that. But at the end of the day, we're asking something bigger from them.”

*Photo by Spc. Robert Luna/USMA PAO*
Eagle Scout project honors community member

On Aug. 4, members of the West Point Post Chapel were delighted by the unveiling of a Prayer and Reflection Garden built in honor of a longstanding West Point community and Post Chapel congregation member, Frances Streck, who turned 95 years old, Aug. 2. Streck has been continuously attending the Post Chapel for 71 years, since 1948, and the Post Chapel was built in 1943. The “Mrs. Frances Streck Prayer and Reflection Garden,” which was constructed adjacent to the Post Chapel alongside the creek, was spearheaded by Life Scout Michael C. Greifenstein (right with Streck), a Boy Scout with Scouts BSA Troop 23, West Point (above photo). Greifenstein drew the design, coordinated the materials, manpower and equipment, and led the construction of the Prayer and Reflection Garden for his Eagle Scout Service Project. The project took members of Troop 23 more than 240 man-hours to complete and required nearly 3,000 pounds of concrete, three cubic yards of topsoil and mulch and plenty of hard work. As part of the project, the Scouts also removed two dump truck loads worth of brush and debris from the project site, as well as eliminated obstructions that were impeding the natural flow of the creek that were resulting in unpleasant conditions around the area. The centerpiece of the garden is an inscribed park bench dedicated to Frances Streck, which is made from sustainable materials (540 recycled milk jugs). Greifenstein, as well as the Streck/Van Winkle Family, are very thankful for the gracious support shown by U.S. Army Garrison-West Point, especially the Directorate of Public Works (Installation Arborist and the Landscaping and Grounds Division) who helped make this project possible.

Courtesy Photos
**FEATURED ITEM**

**Reptile Rally Live Reptile Program**
Join an educator from Trailside Museums and Zoo to learn about reptiles and have a chance to see a few of New York's native snakes and turtles up close as part of Reptile Rally, a live reptile program, at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Highland Falls Library. All ages are welcome. For more details, call Courtney Larson at 845-786-2701, ext. 293 or email Courtney.Larson@parks.ny.gov.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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 845-938-3723 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 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, call toddness@aol.com or go to http://pbwimmer.wixsite.com/bassclubatwestpoint.

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

**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 their 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.

**101 Spin Basics with Paul (MWR item)**
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.

**Champagne Sunday Brunch at the West Point Club (MWR item)**
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.

**Round Pond Recreation Area open for the season (MWR item)**
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.

**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;
- Saint Thomas Aquinas—Call Gina Erazo at 845-398-4102 or email gierazo@stac.edu.
Graduate studies:
- John Jay College of Criminal Justice—master’s degree in public administration—Call Jennifer Heiney at 845-446-5959 or email jheiney@jjay.cuny.edu; and
- Long Island University—master’s degree in school counseling, mental health counseling and marriage and family counseling—Call Mary Beth Leggett at 845-446-3818 or email marybeth.leggett@liu.edu.

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

The program offers services from 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. The EAP is located at 656 Eichelberger Road. For details, call 845-938-1039.

**Army Education Center—Testing Office**
The Army Education Center at West Point offers the following Army Personnel Tests (APT)—AFCT, DLAB, DLPT and SIFT. We also offer the TABEL and GT Predictor.

Testing is offered by appointment only. To make your appointment or for questions, call 845-938-3360 or email Janet Browne at janet.p.browne ctr@mail.mil or Gwenn Wallace at gwenn.t.wallace.ctr@mail.mil. The AEC is an Authorized PearsonVUE Testing Site, open on a space available basis, to Soldiers, civilian personnel, military contractors and family members who hold a military ID card.

**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.

**OUTSIDE THE GATES**

**West Point Town of Highlands Farmers Market**
A new season of the West Point Town of Highlands Farmers Market runs 9 a.m.-2 p.m. every Sunday through Oct. 27. This Sunday is the Tomato and Corn Festival. See ad on page 11.

**Eight annual Storm King Run**
The eighth annual Storm King Run 10K, 5K and 1-Mile Kids Fun Run along the historic Hudson River is scheduled for Sunday.
FEATURED EVENT

Women Rock the Forts Tour Aug. 31
Army Entertainment presents Country Music Stars Maddie & Tae at 7 p.m. Aug. 31 at Robinson Hall Auditorium.
Tickets can be purchased online at westpoint.armymwr.com or by visiting Leisure Travel Services on West Point located at Building 683 Buckner Loop, next to Subway.
The event is open to authorized MWR patrons (DOD cardholders) and their guests. Concessions are available onsite in the atrium of Robinson Auditorium.
For more details, visit westpoint.armymwr.com or call 845-938-6497. See the ad on page 11.

JUST ANNOUNCED

West Point Golf Course Specials
Golf & Grub Special—Special includes 18 Holes, cart, anything off the menu and draft beer or soft drink.
All fees are included. Available weekdays after 10 a.m., weekends after 1 p.m., through Oct. 20. Weekdays $59, weekends $65.
Family Golf Special—through Oct. 20, 3 p.m. to 45 minutes before dusk on Fridays through Sundays.
Season pass holders pay $10, while active duty, retired military/DOD pay $25. All others pay $35, and it includes green fees and cart. Special kids meal price is $5 for children 10 and under. To schedule a tee time, book a private outing, or for more details, call 845-938-2435 or visit golfatwestpoint.com.

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

WEST POINT MWR CALENDAR

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FOR THE ADULTS

Murder Mystery Dinner Theater Friday
Join the West Point Club for its Murder Mystery Dinner Theater entitled “The Academy of Murder,” Friday. This event will start at 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 Saturday
The USMA Class of 2020 Ring Run will be held at 8 a.m. Saturday. 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 Saturday and Sunday
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 Sunday. Sign-up today at 845-938-2435.

West Point Spartan Sprint Race Saturday and Sunday
It is the third year in a row West Point has hosted the “Honor Series” of Spartan. The West Point Spartan Sprint Race will be held from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at Lake Frederick.
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.
For more details and to register, visit westpoint.armymwr.com.

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.
Take an Introduction to SUP Yoga from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday and 10-11:30 a.m. Sept. 14. Try SUP Yoga from 10-11:30 a.m. Sunday, 5-6:30 p.m. Monday and 10-11:30 a.m. Aug. 31.
There is a nominal fee for these classes which includes a paddleboard. For more details and to register, call 845-938-0123.

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.
Take Intro to Kayaking from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday and 10-11:30 a.m. Sept. 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.

Tickets now on sale for Army Football Spirit Luncheons at the West Point Club
Tickets now on sale for Army Football Spirit Luncheons at the West Point Club.
Purchase your tickets from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday at the West Point Club’s Admin Office.
Each luncheon is a pep rally for that week’s game. The first luncheon of the season is Rice on Tuesday. The second luncheon of the season is Morgan State on Sept. 18. Doors open at 11 a.m. and the luncheon begins at noon.
Buy your tickets early for reserved seats. For more details, visit thewestpointclub.com or call 845-938-5120.

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.mcginnness.na@mail.mil or call 845-938-3066.

West Point 10th annual Oktoberfest
West Point’s 10th annual Oktoberfest is scheduled for 4-9 p.m. Sept. 13 (Adult Night) and 3-8 p.m. Sept. 14 (Family Day) at Victor Constant Ski Area.
Enjoy authentic German entertainment provided by Alpine Squeeze and food from the West Point Club and West Point Golf Course.
The event is open to the public. There is a nominal entrance fee. For more details, visit westpoint.armymwr.com.

Bow Hunter Education Course Sept. 15
The Bow Hunter Education Course will be held from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Sept. 15 at Bonneville Cabin at Round Pond Recreation Area. This course is free and good for life. Register online at decay.gov/outdoor/92278.
Complete the NYS required homework and bring the homework to class. This course is required to purchase N.Y. State/ West Point Bow Hunting License/Permits. For more details, visit westpoint.armymwr.com or call 845-938-2503.

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

FOR THE FAMILIES

MWR Free Summer Movie Night with Outdoor Recreation
Join Outdoor Recreation for its outdoor movie “Incredibles 2” at 8:15 p.m. Sept. 6 at the H-Lot Fields located at 1202 Stony Lonesome Road. Enjoy a free movie on a giant inflatable screen.
Bring your own blankets and chairs.
For more details, visit westpoint.armymwr.com.

Recreational Swimming—Season concludes following Labor Day Weekend
Only a short time remains until outdoor swim season concludes, following Labor Day weekend. Be sure to check out MWR’s Jungle Joe bouncy, cornhole boards, giant picnic and grilling spots and a sandy swim beach.
For more details on swim passes, visit westpoint.armymwr.com/programs/summer, or call 845-938-2985/3170/5139.

FOR THE YOUTHS

Youth Summer Trips with the Middle School Teen Center
Join the Middle School Teen Center for its summer trips in August. The next trip is to The Castle, from 1-5 p.m. today.
For more details, visit westpoint.armymwr.com or call 845-938-8889.

CYS Youth Center Open House and Ice Cream Social
The Youth Center will be holding an open house from 2-4 p.m. Friday 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.

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

West Point Blood Drive Monday-Aug. 29

The New York Blood Center (NYBC), with support from Keller Army Community Hospital, will host the West Point Blood Drive Monday through Aug. 29 at Eisenhower Hall.

The blood drive will be held from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. each day.

All donations will assist greatly in replenishing the ongoing blood inventory for all types of blood. Go to http://nybloodcenter.org/donate-blood/become-donor/can-i-donate-blood/ to learn if you are eligible to donate.

Patient Family Advisory Committee meeting scheduled for Sept. 27

The next Patient Family Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled from 3-4 p.m. Sept. 27 at the Brian D. Allgood Ambulatory Clinic, Room G59 (ground floor). The PFAC is an opportunity for the “voice of the beneficiary” to have interactive conversations with medical providers. The information shared will play an active role in how our practice prioritizes and designs 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. The SUDDC 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.

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.

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 re-book that slot for another beneficiary.

KACH webpage is active

The Keller Army Community Hospital webpage has been redesigned and is now active. The deactivation and redesign was in alignment with the transition from U.S. Army Medical Command to Defense Health Agency. The Internet page address is https://kach.amedd.army.mil.

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.

Some of the topics the PFAC would like to focus on include:

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

The PFAC is open to all Keller beneficiaries, including active duty, reservist, veterans, retirees and the West Point community.

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MOVIES at MAHAN

Theatre schedule at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752.

Friday—“The Angry Birds Movie Part 2,” PG, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday—“Yesterday,” PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
Aug. 30—Closed.
Aug. 31—“Spiderman: Far From Home,” PG-13, 7:30 p.m.


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WEST POINT SPOUSES’ CLUB’S ANNUAL

SUPER SIGN UP

Thursday | Aug 29 | 6:00-8:30pm
West Point Club | 603 Cullum Rd

Eat - Drink - Shop - Join

Grab your neighbors for a night of fun!
Find out more about exciting events, and clubs within our organization.
Shop with local vendors and support our annual philanthropic outreach.
Help make an even greater difference in our community - join WPSC!

Interested vendor info/register: westpointspousesclub.org/super
Avoid the rush - Join online: westpointspousesclub.org

Aug. 31 at 7PM | Tickets: $25
Robinson Hall Auditorium, West Point, NY

Tomato & Corn Festival
Sunday Aug. 25th
9am–2pm
Main Street Highland Falls, NY

Activities & More
- Delicious tomatoes and sweet corn at the peak of flavor
- Live Music: Bob Corigliano
- Vendors: produce, crafts, specialty products
- Book sales

Kids Center
- Noon storybook reading
- Coloring books
- Chalk drawings
- Bean toss, Twister
- Kids books

NATAH Farmers Market

Vendor List

Aug. 25th

Market Vendors
- Florida Bakery & Deli: Polish food
- John Luprello Farm: Fresh produce
- M&R Italian Provisions: Mozzarella, sausage
- Morgenswicz Produce: Fresh produce
- New York Rosie Man: Pickled goods
- Pomona Ridge Farm: Fruit, fresh produce
- Liz Nucci: Robert Corigliano: Acoustic guitar
- R. S. Honey: Local honey
- Pooch Pantries: Dog treats

Arts & Crafts Vendors
- Annie’s Pretty Prints: Scrap quilting
- The Pedaler: Tie dye t-shirts, scarves & candles
- Hands & Designs: Jewelry, scams

Sunday 9am–2pm
Main Street Highland Falls, NY
Bear West Point Visitor’s Center
West Point Band presents annual Labor Day celebration

The West Point Band will conclude the “Music Under the Stars” concert series with its annual Labor Day celebration at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 1 at Trophy Point Amphitheater. In the event of inclement weather, the concert will take place Sept. 2.

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.

This popular performance concludes with cannon blasts and a spectacular fireworks show over the Hudson River.

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, including cancellations.

Summer may be coming to an end, so send it out with a bang at one of the Hudson Valley’s favorite annual traditions. Culminating in a performance of Tchaikovsky’s 1812 Overture with live cannon fire and a fantastic fireworks display, this concert will feature classics of the band repertoire; the martial airs of the band’s field music group, the Hellcats; and a lively set from the Benny Havens Band. Bring your picnic and spend an evening taking in the beautiful views at Trophy Point and the music of the West Point Band.

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.

A scald injury can happen at any age. Children, older adults and people with disabilities are especially at risk. Hot liquids from bath water, hot coffee and even microwaved soup can cause devastating injuries. Scald burns are the second leading cause of all burn injuries.

Scald Safety

1. Teach children that hot things can burn. Install anti-scald devices on tub faucets and shower heads.
2. Always supervise a child in or near a bathtub.
3. Test the water at the faucet. It should be less than 100°F (38°C).
4. Before placing a child in the bath or getting in the bath yourself, test the water.
5. Test the water by moving your hand, wrist and forearm through the water. The water should feel warm, not hot, to the touch.
6. Place hot liquids and food in the center of a table or toward the back of a counter.
7. Have a “kid-free zone” of at least 3 feet around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.
8. Open microwaved food slowly, away from the face.
9. Never hold a child while you are cooking, drinking a hot liquid, or carrying hot foods or liquids.
11. Allow microwaved food to cool before eating.
12. Choose prepackaged soups whose containers have a wide base or, to avoid the possibility of a spill, pour the soup into a traditional bowl after heating.

Burn Rx

Treat a burn right away. Cool the burn with cool water for 3-5 minutes. Cover with a clean, dry cloth. Get medical help if needed.

Prepackaged microwavable soups are a frequent cause of scald burn injuries (especially noodle soups) because they can easily tip over, pouring hot liquid (and noodles) on the person.

Starting August 25th

**Parent and teen volunteers needed!**

Email autumn.groen@gmail.com to register or volunteer
MPs/DES take post softball championship

The fifth seeded Military Police/Directorate of Emergency Services defeated the top seeded Stewart Marines two games to one to take the West Point 2019 Summer Softball League championship Aug. 13 at the H Lot Softball Fields. The MPs won game one 20-18, dropped game two 17-7 and then bounced back to win game three 22-17.

Photos provided by Brady Barnes/MPs/DES

West Point Summer Softball League champions since 1996

*Below are the participants in the post championship and series length since 1996.

In 2006, there were two tournaments played in June, instead of a full season and playoffs, due to the transition to the H-Lot fields. In general, the upper bracket champion met the lower bracket champion in the post championship. **Champions in BOLD.**

- 2019 — MPs/DES defeats Stewart Marines (2-1).
- 2018 — Garrison defeats LRC/DPW (2-1).
- 2017 — Garrison defeats ODIA/AOG (2-0).
- 2016 — Band defeats Engineers (2-0).
- 2015 — (*A*) ODIA I defeats DPW (2-0).
- 2014 — Band defeats ODIA I (2-0).
- 2013 — (*A*) ODIA I defeat ODIA 2 (2-0).
- 2012 — ODIA 2 defeats Math (2-0).
- 2011 — ODIA I defeats Math (2-0).
- 2010 — ODIA I defeats DPE/ECCS (2-0).
- 2009 — Engineers defeats MDDAC (2-1).
- 2008 — DPW defeats Math (2-0).
- 2007 — Stewart Marines defeats Math (2-0).
- 2006 — (First tournament championship game) BS&L defeats HHC (8-7).
  - (Second tournament championship game) ODIA defeats West Point Security (20-10).
- 2005 — DPW defeats Math (2-0).
- 2004 — DPW defeats DPE (2-0).
- 2003 — ODIA defeats Math (2-0).
- 2002 — ODIA defeats Mint (2-0).
- 2001 — Stewart Marines defeats GENE (2-0).
- 2000 — (*A*) ODIA defeats MDDAC (2-0).
  - (*B*) SOSH defeats DFL (2-1).
- 1999 — (*A*) MDDAC defeats DFC (2-0).
  - (*B*) Math defeats DFL (2-0).
- 1998 — (*A*) MDDAC defeats USCC (2-0).
  - (*B*) ODIA defeats DFL (2-0).
- 1997 — (*A*) USCC defeats BS&L (2-0).
  - (*B*) DOIM defeats 10th Mountain (2-1).
- 1996 — USCC defeats HHC (2-0).

**West Point 2019 Summer Softball League Standings**

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**Final Regular Season Standings.**

Current Playoff Results, double elimination series (As of Aug. 13 Post Championship) —

**Lower Bracket:**
- 9th seed ODIA defeats 8th seed History/Social two games to none (9-6, 7-5).
- 7th seed Engineers defeats 10th seed DMI two games to none (7-0, 7-0).
- 6th seed Math defeats 11th seed MDDAC two games to none (10-4, 21-8).
- 7th seed Engineers defeats 6th seed Math two games to none (20-14, 11-10).
- 5th seed MPs/DES defeats 9th seed ODIA two games to none (13-3, 25-5).
- 5th seed MPs/DES defeats 7th seed Engineers two games to none (18-8, 12-2).

**Upper Bracket:**
- 2nd seed CLS/Pane defeats 3rd seed Garrison two games to none (13-1, 25-15).
- 1st seed Stewart Marines defeats 4th seed LRC/DPW two games to none (20-10, 24-14).
- 3rd seed Garrison defeats 4th seed LRC/DPW two games to none (10-7, 16-2).
- 1st seed Stewart Marines defeats 2nd seed CLS/Pane two games to none (11-1, 20-10).
- 2nd seed CLS/Pane defeats 3rd seed Garrison two games to one (17-7, 10-20, 16-6).
- 1st seed Stewart Marines defeats 2nd seed CLS/Pane two games to one (4-15, 22-21 in 8 innings, 13-9).

**1st seed Stewart Marines are the Upper Bracket champions.**

**5th seed MPs/DES are the Lower Bracket champions.**

**MPs/DES are Post softball champions.**
Football closes out camp with scrimmage

The Army West Point Football team finished fall camp with a scrimmage Aug. 17 at Michie Stadium. The scrimmage featured the scout teams against the top offensive and defensive units and came after the Acceptance Day Parade at West Point. The highlight from the day was a touchdown throw from senior quarterback Kelvin Hopkins Jr. to junior wide receiver Camden Harrison inside the red zone. Senior kicker David Cooper put the offensive unit on the board again with a 39-yard field goal and sophomore quarterback Jabari Laws was able to find paydirt as well. The scout teams held their own during the scrimmage with big stops on defense. The Black Knights broke camp Aug. 17 with the first day of classes Monday as they start the academic year. Army is getting set for the season opener against Rice at 6 p.m. Aug. 30 on CBS Sports Network. Tickets are still available and can be purchased at goarmywestpoint.com/tickets.

Toth signs with the Philadelphia Eagles

By Army Athletic Communications

The Department of the Army announced former Army West Point Football standout, 2nd Lt. Brett Toth, Class of 2018, who has the opportunity to play in the National Football League.

“Congratulations to 2nd Lt. Brett Toth, Class of 2018, who has the opportunity to play in the NFL for the Philadelphia Eagles,” Lt. Col. Chris Ophardt, USMA spokesman, said. “He is an extraordinary leader of character with professional athletic ability. He will provide a great benefit to the Army while playing in the NFL.”

Toth played in a total of 31 games for the Black Knights in his four seasons at Army West Point.

He became a key contributor on the offensive line in his final two seasons, playing in 26 straight games from 2016 to 2017.

He helped anchor an offensive line that guided the Army rushing attack to No. 1 in nation in 2017 at 362.7 yards per game.

Toth also earned invites to both the Senior Bowl and the East-West Shrine Game following his senior year and was named to the 2017 Associated Press All-Bowl Team.