The U.S. Military Academy at West Point held its graduation ceremony for the Class of 2020 on the Plain June 13. This year, 1,113 members of the class graduated. The commencement speaker was President Donald J. Trump.

(Above) The class takes part in the traditional hat toss following the order of dismissal by First Captain Daine Van de Wall as aircraft from the 82nd Airborne Division fly overhead. (Left) Trump and West Point Superintendent Lt. Gen. Darryl A. Williams salute the new officers after they receive their diplomas.

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Class of 2020 celebrates banquet with CSA as guest speaker

By Brandon O’Connor
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The night before a class graduates from the U.S. Military Academy is a time of celebration. The members of the class typically come together along with their families to share one final dinner in the Cadet Mess Hall during the graduation banquet and prepare for the conclusion of their cadet careers the next day. This year, the Class of 2020 was able to hold a banquet Friday evening, but it was in a more subdued form as—much like Saturday’s graduation ceremony—it was closed to families and friends because of social distancing guidelines during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The few guests at the banquet included Secretary of the Army Ryan D. McCarthy and Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. James C. McConville, USMA Class of 1981, who both also attended Saturday’s graduation ceremony.

Dressed in their Army Combat Uniforms with second lieutenant bars on their chests, the members of the class sat socially distanced throughout the mess hall, and took the time to celebrate all they have accomplished despite the difficult circumstances of their final semester.

They were, as class president 2nd Lt. Joshua Phillips pointed out, the class to finally break Navy’s winning streak in the annual Army-Navy Game. The 1,113 members of the class also found success in the classroom with 38 members receiving graduate scholarships including First Captain 2nd Lt. Daine Van de Wall who was named a Rhodes Scholar.

“Four years ago, we all accepted appointments to the United States Military Academy not knowing what to expect,” Phillips said. “Some of us were excited, others were nervous, but we all shared one common goal and that is to be the best version of ourselves so that we could serve our country.”

During his remarks, Phillips also announced that the class leadership had decided to add two additional members to the class. Following the results of a unanimous vote of the class officers, Phillips announced that West Point Command Sgt. Maj. Jack Love, who has become known for his quote “I didn’t graduate from West Point, but I’m a West Pointer,” and 2nd Regiment Executive Officer Maj. Nicole Kruse were being added as honorary members of the Class of 2020.

Phillips was then followed at the podium by McConville who served as the guest speaker.

He spoke to the class of the mantle they now take up as young officers and West Point graduates. As they begin their careers, “much will be expected,” of them he said because they have graduated from West Point.

“Carry that mantle with pride, but humility,” McConville said. “You’re going to take the skills that you learned here, and you’ll have the privilege of leading America’s finest men and women. Extraordinary young people who have raised their right hand and—like you—said, ‘send me.’ You will be leading extraordinary people in extraordinary times.”

The Class of 2020 enters the Army at a challenging time, McConville said, as the pandemic continues to rage and they face a “great power competition” on the world stage. To face those challenges, he called on them to remember the principles of people first and winning matters. Those will require them to take care of their Soldiers and their Soldiers’ families, while carrying the attitude that when they deploy or have a task they must win because, “there’s no second place or honorable mention in combat.”

“I want to congratulate each and every one of you again on this great achievement,” McConville said. “You don’t even realize how much you learned here. Almost 40 years later, I still use the lessons I learned from this great academy, even things that seemed like a waste of time as a cadet. So, remember what you learned here. Remember your commitment to duty, honor and country. Remember to put people first. Remember in the United States Army winning matters.”
Class of 2020 graduates in historic ceremony on the Plain

On June 13, the Class of 2020 became the first class since 1977 to graduate on the Plain at the U.S. Military Academy. The ceremony was moved from Michie Stadium to allow for social distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic

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A few minutes after 10 a.m. Saturday morning, the West Point Band began to play and 1,107 members of the U.S. Military Academy’s Class of 2020 stepped off from the sally ports along Washington Hall and began to march onto the Plain that serves as the centerpiece of the academy.

It was a full-circle moment for the members of the class, for it was on the Plain almost four years ago where they had officially joined the Corps of Cadets during the Acceptance Day parade. It also marked the first time since 1977 that a commencement ceremony was held on the Plain instead of in Michie Stadium.

The sun glistened off the brass buttons decorating the front of their full-dress gray coats as the members of the class marched onto the Plain from opposite sides in twin columns. Along with the red sash designating them as firsties and the cadet saber at their left hip, the traditional cadet uniform had an extra accessory—coats as the members of the class marched onto the Plain instead of in Michie Stadium.

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The Corps of Cadets left for spring break beginning May 26. They then entered a 14-day quarantine leading up to the graduation ceremony while finishing the final tasks required of them as cadets.

“I was honestly really happy that we all got to come back and I got to say goodbye,” said 2nd Lt. Nerissa Siwietz, who branched Armor and will begin her career at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. “These people have been with me for the past four years (through) all the really good and bad times. To all come together before we all go off all over the country and the world has been a really good experience.”

Classes throughout West Point’s history have graduated early in times of war to meet the needs of the country, but—as commencement speaker President Donald J. Trump noted—the Class of 2020 became the first to have a delayed ceremony turning their traditional 47-month experience into a 48-month one. Because of the delay, the 1,107 members of the class in attendance and the six additional members who were unable to attend the ceremony, had all been commissioned as second lieutenants in the Army prior to Saturday unlike in a typical year when they are commissioned after receiving their diplomas.

“I’m not going to lie, I’m nervous, but I’m excited,” said 2nd Lt. Iris Yu, who branched Military Intelligence with a branch detail to Chemical. “West Point has taught me that if it doesn’t challenge you, it won’t change you. That’s the attitude I’m going into the Army with, which is why I chose Fort Drum as my first duty station. I know it’s not going to be easy, but nothing worth having comes easy.”

Along with the different location, the most notable change was the lack of families and friends filling the stands ready to cheer on their graduate as his or her name was called.

Due to public health concerns, the decision was made to close the ceremony to all visitors who instead had to watch a livestream and cheer from home.

In attendance at the ceremony were Trump, Secretary of the Army Ryan D. McCarthy and Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. James C. McConville, who served as distinguished guests. Throughout the ceremony, the class also received words of encouragement from their fellow members of the Long Gray Line including Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, Class of 1986; Duke basketball coach Mike Krzyzewski, Class of 1969; and Heisman Trophy winner Pete Dawkins, Class of 1959.

The members of the class were welcomed to the Plain by West Point Superintendent Lt. Gen. Darryl A. Williams. He thanked the second lieutenants’ families and friends who couldn’t attend for supporting the members of the class throughout their time at West Point. He also honored the memory of Class of 2020 member C.J. Morgan, who was killed in a training accident last summer, and gave advice to the new officers as they begin their Army careers.

“You challenges ahead will require moral and physical courage,” Williams said. “In our great Army, there are Soldiers awaiting your arrival right now wondering if their lieutenant will be worth following. Their loved ones wonder if you will care for their Soldier. Your character and leadership are essential for answering those questions. Be the officer worth following and take care of your Soldiers and their families. Emulate those who have come before you.”

Williams was followed at the podium by Trump, who was making his first visit to the academy as president to serve as the commencement speaker. Trump thanked the members of the class for answering the call to serve in what he called the “most exceptional Army ever to take the field of battle.”

“Your Army is the backbone of our great Nation,” Trump continued. “It has given our service members the opportunity to be side-by-side with our classmates and actually to serve in our nation’s Army. The American military is the backbone of our Nation.”

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Tracing the unbreakable chain of West Point graduates that includes Gen. Douglas MacArthur, George Patton and Ulysses S. Grant, Trump called on the Class of 2020 to add their names, “to this eternal chronicle of American heroes.” They will do so, he said, by following the example of their predecessors and living their class motto of “With Vision We Lead.”

“Today, each of you becomes another link in that unbroken chain, forged in the crucible known as the United States Military Academy, the greatest on earth,” Trump said. “It has given you Soldiers that you can rely on to your right and to your left. Now, we are entrusting you with the most noble task any warrior has ever had—the privilege to carry out the task of preserving American liberty. As long as you remain loyal, faithful and true, our enemies don’t even stand a chance. Our rights will never be stolen. Our freedoms will never be trampled.”

After receiving their diplomas and saluting Trump and Williams, the new officers received the order of “class dismissed,” from First Captain 2nd Lt. Daine Van de Wall and threw their hats in the air as helicopters from the 82nd Airborne Division flew overhead.

“Thinking back over the past four years and how myself as well as my classmates have changed, even though we all have the same faces we’re all different people on the back end,” said 2nd Lt. Michael Worth, who branched Armor and will begin his career in Hawaii after attending graduate school. “Having this final event to provide closure, I can’t even describe it. Of course, obviously, I’d love to have my family here and be doing it with all the different traditions and everything, but just having the opportunity to be side-by-side with my classmates and actually toss my hat up in the air finally is amazing.”

Following graduation, the members of the class will begin their Army careers as second lieutenants serving in every branch at posts throughout the world.

Twelve members of the class, including the first two graduates from Kosovo, will return to their home countries to serve in their nations’ armies, further strengthening the bond between the American Army and its allies.
IN FOCUS: "WITH VISION WE LEAD" CLASS OF 2020

USMA Class of 2020: “With Vision We Lead” in their own words

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The U.S. Military Academy Class of 2020 graduated 1,113 members Saturday on the Plain. Those graduating represented 85% of the 1,302 cadets who entered West Point nearly four years ago.

Due to COVID-19 delaying graduation, members of the class commissioned May 23 during an oath of commissioning ceremony from remote locations. It marked another unique venture for the new second lieutenants of the Class of 2020 within their 47-month, technically 48-month, journey.

Over the last four weeks, The Pointer View series titled, “With Vision We Lead,” named after the class motto, involved various members of the class telling stories of their West Point experience.

In honor of the members of the 222nd graduating class of West Point, here is the fourth and final installment of a four-part series of their journey in their own words...

Class of 2020 member Ashley Lasiter

PV: What does service and leadership mean to you as you start your career as an Army officer?
AL: “West Point has made me realize that being a leader of character relies on having a foundation of humility, selflessness and empathy. Being a leader of character involves transforming your vulnerabilities and weaknesses into strengths and reflecting on how you—personally, uniquely and genuinely—can support and motivate others. I am honored to be a part of a team with a history of serving others and changing the world.”

PV: What advice would you give to the underclassmen or to your younger self from four years ago with what you know now from your academy experience?
AL: “There comes a point when taking the extra time to ‘study’ forces you to sacrifice more meaningful connections and experiences. I have met so many incredible people through West Point, and I wish I had begun my cadet career dedicating more time to building these friendships earlier. If you are ever presented with a new opportunity to grow, even if you do not know much about it or it sounds scary, say yes. Do not be afraid to ask others for help along the way.”

PV: What is your favorite memory/top moments in your time at West Point?
AL: “One of my favorite memories at West Point is Branch Night. It was exciting to open my envelope, not just to find out my branch, but because it felt like my entire time at West Point was culminating into something even bigger. Everything my classmates and I had experienced up to that point rushed to my head, and it felt incredible to see everyone get excited for a future that felt much closer.

“Other top moments include Ring Weekend and other class weekends, studying abroad in Morocco and bonding with my company mates and CLDT platoon.”

PV: You branched military intelligence … why did you choose to serve in MI?
AL: “I have always been fascinated by what happens behind the scenes and how information drives decision making. Entering West Point initially, I imagined being a Military Intelligence officer would be like solving puzzles continuously—gathering information, filling in the gaps and identifying the meaning and significance.

“As my cadet career progressed, I met more Military Intelligence officers; I admire several officers I have met during my time at West Point initially, I imagined being a Military Intelligence officer would be like solving puzzles continuously—gathering information, filling in the gaps and identifying the meaning and significance.

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PV: What is your best achievement at West Point?
AL: “One random evening of firstie year, I was chatting with another friend when an underclassman joined and chatted with us. Eventually, he brought up the Mounger Writing Center because he had to conduct research for a term paper in the Introduction to Pedagogy class—which is required for all writing fellows. When I told him I was a Senior Writing Fellow and started discussing my own term paper from semesters ago, he told me he already knew about it.

“Apparently, many of the sources I used for my research paper are now required reading for incoming cohorts of writing fellows. To see that my individual interests and efforts have inspired other cadets and have made a lasting impact on future classes is something I am proud to have accomplished.”

PV: What was the biggest hurdle you faced during the crisis? What did you find out about yourself and your resilience, whether it was physically or mentally, in overcoming this situation and drive toward graduation?
AL: “I think for many of us, since plebe year and perhaps even earlier than that, we have envisioned our firstie year and graduation to be a certain traditional way. Our graduation and firstie year experiences have obviously changed and are different and unique, which was initially upsetting to me. However, given the circumstances, it is understandable that we have to sacrifice these expectations and traditions.

“There are many people in our country and throughout the world sacrificing more...
PV: Describe what tossing your hat in the air meant to you, completing your journey at West Point?

AL: “When I was younger, I had only read about West Point and its graduates; I did not imagine myself becoming one of them ... I did not get accepted into West Point the first time I had applied, and I was skeptical of what I could achieve if I tried applying again.

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Class of 2020 member Nicholas Cunningham

Pointer View: When it comes to your Class of 2020 motto, “With Vision We Lead,” what do those words mean to you?

Nicholas Cunningham: “Our class motto is a great reminder to not take yourself too seriously. I know some of my classmates wished our motto did not include a pun, but I appreciate the humor. There will be plenty of opportunities to be serious throughout our careers in the Army and I think there is tremendous value in keeping a bit of levity.”

PV: What does service and leadership mean to you as you start your career as an Army officer?

NC: “Service and leadership are two points of emphasis for the servant-leader model—a paradigm that I want to follow throughout my Army career. A servant-leader recognizes that he or she is not working for the benefit of himself or herself. Instead, a servant-leader works for the benefit of the organization.”

PV: What advice would you give to the underclassmen or to your younger self from four years ago with what you know now from your academy experience?

NC: “Resist the temptation to ‘coast.’ You can get by at West Point doing the bare minimum but you will have wasted the experience. There are numerous opportunities for extracurricular development that often go unutilized because some are not interested in maximizing the West Point experience.

“I saw this most frequently with AIADs—there are so many opportunities for new experiences that go wasted because some would rather go home for the summer.”

PV: What is your favorite memory/top moments in your time at West Point?

NC: “Some of my favorite memories have been with the Cyber Policy Team. In 2019, we traveled to Geneva, Switzerland for a competition (the Cyber 9/12 Strategy Challenge). We spent five days in Geneva and nearly every night was sleepless because we kept arguing about the best policy to present.

“Eventually, we pulled together as a team and ended up winning the competition. The win was extra satisfying because of how much work the team put into winning.”

PV: Do you feel you achieved all your goals at West Point?

NC: “No. There are a few goals that I did not achieve. For example, I set a goal for myself to earn a technical scholarship to attend graduate school after West Point but came up short in the end. I was disappointed in not achieving this goal—I found out recently about the outcome of the selection—but the process itself was very developmental and I ended up achieving a few smaller goals along the way.

“I have been reminded to learn from the failures, celebrate the successes and then keep moving forward.”

PV: What is your best achievement at West Point?

NC: “I would say graduation by itself is my best achievement.”

PV: Any one person you’d like to mention who helped your success/guided you the most at West Point?

NC: “There are a few people that have guided me throughout West Point—Lt. Col. Kevin Cummiskey, Lt. Col. Andrew Lee, Lt. Col. Tim Sikora, Col. Krista Watts, Col. Joseph Lindquist—to name a few. I also need to give a shout out my MA104 instructor Maj. Scott Warnke. Warnke convinced me to major in Math. This is funny because I hated math in high school but he convinced me otherwise.”

PV: Through this collective experience everyone has gone through, from your perspective, how has the Class of 2020 united together and motivated each other during the COVID-19 crisis?

NC: “I appreciated how my classmates still took an active interest in class despite the environment. I think it would have been easy for everyone to have just complained about the circumstances and checked out for the rest of the semester.”

PV: What was the biggest hurdle you faced during the crisis? What did you find out about yourself and your resilience, whether it was physically or mentally, in overcoming this situation and drive toward graduation?

NC: “Uncertainty is a significant hurdle. Many of us are no longer certain of our timelines after West Point. However, I have learned that being resilient against uncertainty means being flexible and focusing on what I can control rather than focusing on externalities.”

PV: Describe what tossing your hat in the air meant to you, completing your journey at West Point?

NC: “I am very happy to move on to the next chapter in my life.”

PV: You are prior service ... how did that experience shape your time at the academy? What MOS were you?

NC: “I was an 11B (Infantryman) in the Florida Army National Guard. I enlisted because I got rejection letters from nearly every college—my high school career was less than stellar. My enlisted experience helped give me a confidence that has carried me through my time at West Point.”

PV: You branched infantry ... why did you choose to serve in the infantry?

NC: “I wanted to branch Cyber originally. However, Cyber ranked me low in their preference. I knew that I would enjoy a career in the infantry given my prior experience.”

PV: I was told you are an accomplished academic ... what drives you when it comes to learning?

NC: “I try to seek opportunities to challenge myself. Academics is another means to do so.”

PV: When your class got back, you had classes on educating future platoon leaders on the COVID-19 environment ... thoughts about having to be even more flexible in close quarters in a unit environment due to COVID-19?

NC: “In a recent news conference, (Army Chief of Staff) Gen. McConville stated, ‘we can’t telecommute to combat.’ I think this statement also carries to training—we cannot simulate a squad live-fire exercise.

“However, we also cannot recklessly expose Soldiers to infection. Consequently, we will take a hard look at what it means for ‘training to standard’ when many leaders are ‘training to time’ and thereby creating a risk of exposure to Soldiers.”

Class of 2020 member Mary Cerbone

PV: What does service and leadership mean to you as you start your career as an Army officer?

Mary Cerbone: “Service and leadership mean a dedication to the values of the United States. To me, it means striving to be a better person every day and knowing that I owe it to my subordinates, my peers and this country, to be the best possible version of myself.”

PV: Any one person you’d like to mention who helped your success/guided you the most at West Point?

MC: “Dr. Robert Person, my academic mentor and first SOSH instructor, has been the
“My West Point Experience” In her own words ... by Mary Cerbone

As graduation draws closer, reflecting on the journey that will end in stepping out of cadet shoes and joining the ranks of Army officers has left me thankful and humbled. Our class motto, “With Vision We Lead,” represents a class that has equal appreciation for subtle amusement and the serious path ahead. To have a vision means to picture the future, whether as a concrete achievement or abstract idea, and to lead with a vision means to take the steps necessary to make it a reality.

At West Point, I learned that merely having a vision is not enough. When I first started as president of the Chinese Language Forum, I wanted to expand the scope of the club to include more language and cultural activities, in addition to academic discussions on the politics of China.

Surrounded by hardworking cadets and faculty that supported this mission, we added events that engaged increasingly large groups of cadets and expanded the opportunities for those interested in the Chinese language to learn more intensively.

I have full faith in next year’s club leadership and I am excited to see their accomplishments in the continued pursuit of the club’s mission. Through this experience, I learned the passion and dedication necessary to make tough changes and I am inspired by the cadets who shared in my goals and helped make them a reality.

My thesis defense truly represented a culmination of many exciting moments throughout my cadet career, and I was very fortunate to have the opportunity to draw upon my West Point experience throughout the writing process. Having the privilege of defending my thesis on Free Trade Zones in China for the Social Sciences department is an experience that I will always cherish. I remember sitting in on a senior thesis defense my first year at the academy and wanting to write one myself.

Throughout the remaining three years at the academy, the dream of writing a thesis influenced my drive to study hard and pursue my academic passions.

My experiences during my semester abroad in China, my classes at West Point and the invaluable guidance from my thesis advisor Col. Tania Chacho all heavily influenced my drive to research China’s political economy. However, writing this thesis during this COVID-19 crisis was the biggest challenge I faced while social distancing.

I faced a steep learning curve while adapting to the virtual environment. From virtual meetings with my thesis advisor to focusing on my studies in a home environment, I learned to use the digital tools available to finish the thesis and look forward to graduation.

As a foreign language student, West Point gave me the irreplaceable opportunity to spend a semester at Tsinghua University in Beijing, China. I arrived at Beijing Airport alone, and I remember the sense of fascination and excitement I felt during the taxi ride to the university where I would study Chinese intensively for four months.

The Chinese Language Department at West Point is truly phenomenal; its dedication to cadets’ language learning was evident in my initial struggles to adapt to an environment where most people spoke no English. I had to use the Chinese language skills developed through hours of homework in the barracks and tough tests and quizzes in order to do simple tasks such as order food or ask for directions.

However, as I became more immersed in Chinese society, I learned to appreciate the freedoms in America that I had previously overlooked. Studying in China gave me a deeper perspective on the meaning of liberal democracy and the complex relationship between freedom and security. These reflections on the nuances of Chinese society and politics from my semester abroad only made me more curious to study the politics of China and how they affect the United States. They also have made the prospect of defending American values even more important and special as I transition to my career as an intelligence officer.

My class has found ways to finish the last few months of the West Point experience through leaning on each other and celebrating this final stretch of cadet life. My birthday occurred during the social distancing months, and many friends from my company, classes, battalion staff and other groups came together to celebrate virtually, where we dressed up in silly costumes and played virtual games.

Although we could not celebrate in person, we definitely made the most of the time we could spend together. When I return to West Point for the graduation ceremony, I look forward to spending quality time with my amazing roommate, Emily.

Her and my best friend, Josephine, really epitomize the deep bonds formed through shared struggles, and their support and faith in me have helped me through many difficult moments.

The graduation ceremony signifies the coming together of my class to celebrate each other in our experiences together and our collective dedication to the Army profession beyond.

Tossing my hat in the air will represent the realization of my ultimate vision as a cadet, which is to celebrate my time at West Point, to include all my achievements and lessons learned, and to look forward with anticipation and excitement for my career as an officer in the United States Army.
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Class of 2020 member Ruth Talbott

**Pointer View:** When it comes to your Class of 2020 motto, “With Vision We Lead,” what do those words mean to you?

**Ruth Talbott:** “For me, ‘With Vision We Lead’ means leading with the bigger picture in mind, leading with the future of my Soldiers, my family and my country at the forefront.

**PV:** What does service and leadership mean to you as you start your career as an Army officer?

**RT:** “Service to me means putting the needs of others before myself, always. As a leader, this means putting in the effort to understand people as individuals and what they can contribute to the organization. This means putting my own needs aside to help another, regardless of status or rank. This means creating an environment where all involved are motivated to accomplish the mission while looking out for their brothers and sisters to their left and right.”

**PV:** What advice would you give to the underclassmen or to your younger self from four years ago with what you know now from your academy experience?

**RT:** “If I had one thing to say to my former self, it would be this: don’t wish your time away. Don’t wish that it was the end of the year, the end of the semester, the end of the week. Before you know it, your time at the academy will be over. You won’t have any more spontaneous hallway hangouts with your staff. You won’t go on any more coffee runs to 2 Alices. You won’t be able to walk a couple doors down to your friends for a quick chat to say hello.

“Before you know it, the people you love will be spread out all over the world and you’ll only be reunited, all together again, sporadically for the rest of your life. Enjoy the time you have and embrace the suck. Lean on your friends and family when times get tough but if you start wishing the time away, you start wishing the time with your people away.”

**PV:** What is your favorite memory/top moment of your time at West Point?

**RT:** “One of my favorite memories was being with my team during our Rugby NCAA Semifinal match against Quinnipiac University this past fall. This team used to be one of our biggest rivals but as our team became better and better, their ability to threaten us weakened. I wasn’t rostered for that game, so I patrolled the sidelines, checking in with the players, filling up water and riling up the fans. “The feeling on that field was electric. Our home crowd was huge: the Superintendent came with the Secretary of the Army; the First Captain brought the Brigade Staff; sponsors and classmates and family members filled the stands and the sides of the field.

“Every run, every big hit, every score brought a roar from the crowd that sent spikes of adrenaline through players and fans alike. By the end of a grueling 80 minutes, we won 54-10 and the feeling was euphoric. “We felt like we were on top of the world and being there, celebrating with my teammates, classmates and fans was one of my top moments at the academy.”

**PV:** You were a corps squad rugby player … talk about that experience?

**RT:** “I had never played rugby before coming to West Point. I just knew that I was too aggressive for women’s lacrosse in high school and decided to channel my passions into a different sport. Though I honestly don’t know how I made the team—I’m not very coordinated or fast—I learned very quickly that this sport had everything I loved. It was fast, it was rough, it was aggressive.

“Every step on the pitch, every hit, every pass, every score was electrifying. Both on and off the pitch, being on the rugby team taught me what it really means to put others before myself. Against any opponent, my teammates were, quite literally, putting their bodies on the line for me and, in return, I did the same. We trusted each other, played for each other, sacrificed for each other. We all played for the love of the game and the love we had for each other.”

**PV:** Do you feel you achieved all your goals at West Point?

**RT:** “I would say that I don’t feel as though I achieved all my academic or physical goals. However, given the relationships I will carry with me beyond USMA, I would say that I’m leaving in a place where I feel comfortable moving on to my next phase of military life.”

**PV:** What is your best achievement at West Point?

**RT:** “My best achievement at West Point, quite honestly, was cultivating a relationship with my Little through Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS). BBBS matches cadets (Bigs) with students at Highland Falls Intermediate School (Littles). Through weekly meetups at the school and monthly weekend events, Bigs and Littles cultivate relationships based on mentorship and fun.

“My Little, Danaeh, and I were matched in fall 2017 and we hit it off right away. On our first day of the program, we went out to the HFIS playground and talked for almost an hour after having never met each other. Almost three years later, I can say without a doubt that she is one of the highlights of my time at West Point and one of my best achievements—one of the greatest opportunities, I would say—was being her Big.”

**PV:** What was your biggest hurdle you faced during the crisis? What did you find out about yourself and your resilience, whether it was physically or mentally, in overcoming this situation and drive toward graduation?

**RT:** “For me, it was the lack of structure and pressure. Because I’ve grown used to conforming to a tight schedule, I tend to do well with that structure of classes and practice.

“At home, I had to discipline myself to get my work done and, as I’m already a master procrastinator, I fell deeper and deeper into the procrastination trap, leading to more pressure and less time to get my work done. Somehow, even with more time with, I always found myself with less time!”

**PV:** Describe what tossing your hat in the air meant to you, completing your journey at West Point?

**RT:** “To me, tossing my hat means continuing a legacy. My grandfather always called military service ‘the family business’ and upon throwing that white cover in the air, I will be a third generation servicemember.

“My grandfather served in the Army in Vietnam and Germany and my dad, a 1994 USMA grad, served for over 20 years, including multiple tours in Iraq and Afghanistan. My family’s service to the nation fills me with great pride. Knowing that I am about to follow in the footsteps of such great men motivates me to serve with courage and honor.”

**PV:** What was your job as part of the regimental staff? Describe how that job may help you as a leader going forward?

**RT:** “For the last year, I’ve been the Fourth Regiment executive officer. I am the second-in-command for the more than 1,100 cadets in Fourth Regiment and am the manager of the Regimental Staff. With the staff and the Regimental S3, Isaac Ferrell, we ensure that Fourth Regiment is running smoothly and completing tasks, executing training and conducting day-to-day activities to standard.

“I also work with my Regimental Commander, Dion Perinon, and Regimental Command Sergeant Major, Maddie Burns, to do everything we can to make Fourth Regiment the best Regiment in the Brigade. “As my dad likes to say, the XO is the one that “gets stuff done.” Boy, did I learn this during this last year. I learned to work with people across all echelons, anticipate the needs of my Command Team and my TAC officers. I learned the difference between simply managing my team of cadets and leading them to accomplish the mission. Most importantly, though, I created relationships with cadets on my staff that I hope will last a long time as we enter into the Big Army.”

“My West Point Experience” In her own words … by Deanna Edgar

My name is Deanna Edgar and I grew up in the small town of Griswold, Connecticut. I’ve never been known to take the easy route. While my mother was sick and my older brother was immature throughout most of my high school career, I often found myself seeking refuge in my community.

In high school I had amazing role models and friends who took me in and showed me tremendous kindness. Their selflessness showed me the importance of success and motivated me to pay it forward. When I was 17, I joined the National Guard as an X-ray tech to pay for college and after three years I found myself applying to West Point.

What I thought graduating from West Point would mean to me when I got in has not changed significantly since I arrived in 2016—I wanted to be the best leader I could for my future Soldiers. As I continued through my service, I found my peers to be inspirational. Their dedication and commitment give me the willingness to continue serving and encouraged me to seek higher education.

As a cadet, I thrived because of the mentorship and leadership I was surrounded by. West Point, to me, is a community that is tight knit, an opportunity waiting to be taken, and an experience I have been privileged to be a part of.

As a cadet, I taught English in Thailand, learned mountaineer skills in Vermont, toured Germany and Israel and studied in France for one semester.

Each of those opportunities has contributed to my success as a cadet, but more importantly they will pay dividends into my military career. I branched Military Intelligence with an Infantry branch detail, however I was awarded the Fulbright and Schwarzman Scholarship and will attain my master’s in international security policy/global affairs before attending IBOLC at Fort Benning. Thanks to my incredible community, I will continue to pay it forward and help create a more inclusive Army through embracing diversity.
On Saturday, 1,107 members of the U.S. Military Academy’s Class of 2020 graduated in a socially distanced ceremony on the Plain. President Donald J. Trump made his first visit to the academy to serve as the commencement speaker. The new officers were commissioned prior to the ceremony due to the delay caused by COVID-19, but they took the oath of office again on the Plain. 2nd Lt. Chase T. Miller was recognized as the Goat for having the lowest class ranking and received roughly $1,000 at the dais.
Close bonds forged, forever linking Class of 1970 and 2020

By Eric S. Bartelt
PV Managing Editor

As 1,107 members of the U.S. Military Academy Class of 2020 rocketed their hats into the air at the graduation ceremony Saturday on the Plain, their journey as cadets was instantly complete and they joined the 221 classes that preceded them in the Long Gray Line.

Prior to their graduating moment in the sun, the process of being woven into the Long Gray Line started with a close relationship forged with their 50-year affiliate class, the USMA Class of 1970.

The linking of the two classes began at the U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School in 2015-16 before the full class arrived at West Point. Class of 1970 members Frank Monaco and RC Rutler were engaged in the class’ events, including the USMAPS graduation in May 2016.

“I was fortunate enough to hand out diplomas at the (USMAPS graduation) and tracked the class throughout,” Monaco, who is the Class of 1970’s webmaster and chief information officer, said. “I actually gave the class their class flag upon completion of Camp Buckner training.”

For Rutler, who served in the Army for 21 years including a tour in Vietnam in 1971-72, his link to the Class of 2020 is more personal than most of his classmates as his grandson, Reid D’Amico, was one of this year’s graduates.

“I am extremely proud of Reid,” Rutler, whose son, Scott, was a 1995 USMA graduate, said. “It wasn’t easy for him, and sometimes he doubted himself. I was there to inspire him and lift him up when he was down. Again, I couldn’t be prouder of him. I know the Army is getting a fine, principled officer who will be an equally effective leader.”

Class of 1970 Class President Dave Brown and First Captain John Connors met the Class of 2020 during the class’ plebe summer at its awards ceremony and March Back. Connors recalls how impressed he was with the class members when he met them at Lake Frederick prior to stepping off during March Back.

“They were engaging, smart and articulate,” he said. “That has been the case in every subsequent event I was privileged to be a part of afterward.”

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“We were a bunch of kids who went to the academy a half of century ago, going there not realizing what we were about to face, but fundamentally facing racism, riots, the Vietnam War and things that were unknown going forward.”

“(The Class of 2020) is graduating with the pandemic, riots, racism, a continuing Global War on Terrorism and more,” he added. “My message to them was that their preparation has been extraordinary beyond anything any other kid gets in this country, and despite what has happened in the year 2020, I said, ‘welcome to graduation, you finally made it.’ We really believe you are the best prepared class the academy’s ever graduated to go out in this environment, in the world and face these things.”

The disappointment of not being together for Graduation Week and Graduation Day

The members of the Class of 1970 had planned to be at West Point during Graduation Week to celebrate their 50-year reunion and the first member of their class to be named a Distinguished Graduate, Bill Roedy, but...
Every year, members of the 50-year affiliation class hand out the second lieutenant bars to the new graduates. This was a job Monaco was prepared to do on graduation day this year until it was no longer allowed due to the pandemic and the ceremony was closed to the public.

“I was one of four USMA 1970 classmates chosen to be involved with the 2020’s graduation ceremony,” Monaco said. “I am very sad this was no longer the case. However, I (was) there virtually (watching the ceremony).”

The toughest part of eliminating family and friends was that Rutler couldn’t see his grandson graduate on West Point grounds and experience the rush of being around the usual 10,000-plus people gathering that vibrates through an electric day.

“It is very disappointing,” Rutler said. “I have been looking forward to graduation day for a long time now—even visualizing how it will be. I missed the handshakes, the hugs and the tears. But he knew that I was with him in spirit and I guess we had to settle for that.”

“Serve with Integrity” passes its advice and legacy onto “With Vision We Lead”

As the Class of 2020 assumes its rightful place in the military as the next generation of the Long Gray Line to influence the future of the Army, members of the Class of 1970 offered up some advice from the their class that “Serve(d) With Integrity” to the class that will “Lead With Vision.”

“I will tell them they are an incredibly special class, the ‘Pandemic Class of 2020,’” Rutler said. “All this serves to make them a unique class. But they are graduating, and they are about to go out and be leaders in our great Army. They are ready. One thing remains constant—the principles of Duty, Honor, Country that guides all graduates will guide them in their future lives.”

Monaco said there will be many more different challenges ahead for the Class of 2020 to be prepared for as they march into the military, but also remember that West Point has prepared them for it all.

“Know that West Point has taught you to think and consider many factors and opinions before making decisions,” he said. “Also, take care of your people and make sure you always serve with integrity and lead with vision during your short and long-term goals. Never give up, no matter what challenges and obstacles you and your teams are presented with.”

The last piece of advice comes from Class of 1970 graduate Terry J. Young, who served 27 years in the Army as an engineer and then branch transferred to Special Forces and served as an infantry officer and aviator, too. He is a father of 1999 USMA graduate Christopher Young and spoke about coming full circle as a cadet, graduate, faculty member, father of a graduate and a 50-year affiliate to where, “I’ve gripped hands with many, said ‘be thou at peace,’ far too often, but now stand proudly with this great Class of 2020.”

He started by saying that the members of the class have been given all the advice they can handle and have the necessary tools to be successful as military leaders and leaders of business in their future. However, the big thing he wanted to pass along to them is like the classes that preceded them, to always remember the people who got them to where they are today as they become the next generation of critical Army leaders.

“I would tell them to not forget the many people who led to their success and who play key roles in their future, not least of which are their parents,” Young said. “I can only imagine how disappointed the families are for not being able to share this once in a lifetime event with the class. Take in everything you can and share this with them.

“Your class graduation is extremely unique and not the celebration you had envisioned, but build from it rather than feel cheated,” he added. “Make it a part of your vision. Our class is also extremely disappointed in not being there to share this last step, presenting your ceremonial second lieutenant bars and seeing those hats go in the air. However, many of us watched the virtual events with large smiles, proud that we played a very small role. We wish you continued success.”

Members of the U.S. Military Academy Class of 1970 march together for the first time during the oath ceremony on Reception Day July 1, 1966.

PHOTO COURTESY OF FRANK MONACO AND THE USMA CLASS OF 1970
Keller Corner: Update on Coronavirus

For a one-stop shop of all updated coronavirus information, Keller Army Community Hospital notifications, how to stop the spread of COVID-19, federal/state/local guidance and the U.S. Military Academy and Army Garrison West Point webpages, visit https://kach.amedd.army.mil/West-Point-COVID-19-INFO/.

KACH Immunizations Clinic to schedule appointments

Keller Army Community Hospital will resume scheduling immunization appointments.

In an effort to accommodate our population needing vaccines while maintaining the safety of all of our beneficiaries, appointments will be scheduled for:

1. Any healthy beneficiary 11 years or older (parent must call to make appointment).
2. Any active duty servicemember who needs updated immunizations for MEDPROS.
3. Any travel related vaccines after an appointment with one of our providers has taken place.

To schedule an appointment, call the KACH Appointment Center at 845-938-7992.

KACH Pharmacy Curbside Pick-up

By Robert K. Lanier
Public Affairs Officer, Keller Army Community Hospital

Keller Army Community Hospital is taking steps to maintain social distancing while continuing to serve our beneficiaries by providing “In-car” pharmacy dispensing. This service is available during the pharmacy hours, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Beneficiaries will need to call the pharmacy to ensure we have your medications filled prior to coming to the pharmacy.

Refill prescriptions can still be called into the refill line for pick up after two business days.

When you arrive at the pharmacy, pull in to one of the numbered pharmacy parking spaces and call the pharmacy for a hospital representative to bring your medications to your car.

This service is available for all beneficiaries and is the preferred medication dispensing method.

The pharmacy inside the hospital is still open and serving patients who have been seen in the hospital that day.

Any patients who are under a restriction of movement (self-quarantine or self-isolation) should not leave their quarantine/isolation area.

In Brief:
- Prior to arriving at the pharmacy, call 845-938-2271/6199/3812 so we can start processing your medication prior to your arrival at the KACH Pharmacy. We will coordinate a time for you to come pick up your medication within about two hours.
- When you arrive at the pharmacy, pull in to one of the numbered pharmacy parking spaces, and call the pharmacy again at 845-938-2271/6199/3812 to have a hospital representative bring out your medications to you.

Additional information:
- If you have hardcopy (paper) prescriptions, let us know when you arrive and we will come collect them.
- If you are picking up controlled substances, please bring your own pen to use when signing for your medications.

We thank you and appreciate your patience as team West Point continues our COVID-19 response.
COVID-19: MWR facility and program updates

The following services are open:
• Dog Parks—Please limit groups and cleanup after yourself.
• West Point Bowling Center—Open 11 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Monday through Sunday. Food delivery and pick up only.
• Round Pond Recreation Area and Lake Frederick Recreation Area—Permitted fishing and passive recreation only, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. daily. No camping or picnicking allowed. For West Point fishing permits, create an online account at https://westpoint.isportsman.net.
• Morgan Farm Pet Grooming—Now accepting reservations. You must call ahead for an appointment at 845-938-3926. Also, if you’re PCS’ing away from West Point this summer and will be checking out of your RV Storage site, Morgan Farm would like to hear from you. Contact Trish at Morgan Farm at 845-938-3926.
• Stony Child Development Center—The CDC is open for key and essential customers only. Eligible patrons have received direct notification via their Chair of Command.
• CYS Parent Central Services—The CYS Parent Central Services is open by appointment only. To schedule an appointment, call 845-938-4458/0939/3969 between the hours of 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
• Automotive Center—It is open for “Self-Help” patrons and “Fleet Services” only. For complete details, visit https://westpoint.armymwr.com/programs/automotive-center.
• AAFES Exchange Barbershop—It is now open from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday.

The following services are closed or canceled (until further notice):
• MWR Administrative Offices.
• Army Community Service—Recommend using MilitaryOneSource.mil.
• Arts & Crafts—Classes are canceled. Virtual classes are available via the Arts & Crafts Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/westpointartsandcrafts.
• BOSS.
• CYS (All programs closed except for Stony CDC and Parent Central Services, see above)—All Youth Sports and Instructional programs for the Spring season are canceled. CYS staff is currently refunding/giving household credits in accordance with IMCOM guidance. SAC Summer Camp canceled through July 3. Re-assessment decision will be July 6 for remainder of summer.
• MWR Fitness Center.
• Intramural Sports.
• Leisure Travel.
• Outdoor Recreation—All camping/lodging reservations canceled until further notice.
The Bull Pond lottery reservation is postponed until further notice.
• Recreational Swimming
  ◦ Season opening postponed until further notice. This includes Long Pond Swim Area, Round Pond Swim Area, Lake Frederick Swim Area, and Cranall Pool inside Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center.
• Special Events:
  ◦ West Point 5K/10K, Army Birthday Run, (Saturday) canceled.
  ◦ Check out our #MWRAtHome digital events/competitions on our Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/westpointfmwr.
• Tronsrue Marksmanship Center—Closed, all classes are canceled.
• West Point Club:
  ◦ Dinner-To-Go is closed.
  ◦ All events and personal reservations are canceled currently.
• West Point Golf Course.

Please check the MWR facebook page for updates as things progress at https://westpoint.facebook.com/westpointfmwr.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

West Point Tax Center closed and IRS extension
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West Point Commissary hours change for July 4
The West Point Commissary is open from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. July 4. As a reminder, customers will not be allowed in the commissary without a face mask.

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  - New York Pickle Man – pickled goods
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Funk, Sullivan named AAA winners

By Army Athletic Communications

Prior to graduation each year, the Army Athletic Association (AAA) awards a male and female cadet-athlete who displayed the "most valuable service to intercollegiate athletics during a career as a cadet." The AAA trophy is highly regarded as the United States Military Academy’s most prestigious athletic award. Being that the 2019-20 school year looked a bit different than years past, this year’s award winners were announced during the first-ever virtual Black Knight Awards.

After an outstanding record-breaking career with the Army West Point women’s rugby program, senior Sam Sullivan was chosen as the 2019-2020 female recipient of the AAA Award.

In the 116th year of the award, Sullivan was recognized alongside senior men’s basketball captain, Tommy Funk, who was the male honoree.

Sullivan becomes the first women’s rugby player in program history to receive the award after accumulating a laundry list of accomplishments. In her four-year career, Sullivan has been named a three-time National Intercollegiate Rugby Association (NIRA) 15s All-American.

Her grit and relentlessness on the field also allowed her be recognized for a number of awards, including being named the 2019 College Rugby Championships Tournament MVP, the winner of the first-ever Prusmack Award, awarded to the top female and male collegiate 7s player in the country, and a top-20 finalist for the MA Sorensen Award, presented to the best 15s player in the country.

In addition to her leadership role on the team, Sullivan found her niche as a leader in the West Point community as well. She is a member of the Hawk Eye ID Program and became the first-ever West Point Brigade Trust Lieutenant in the U.S. Army and graduated from the academy Saturday.

Funk becomes the ninth men’s basketball cadet all-time to receive the award and the first since Army Hall of Famer Kevin Houston (’87) earned the honor in 1987.

“Tommy made an impact on the men’s basketball team and at the academy the day he stepped foot on campus,” head men’s basketball coach Jimmy Allen said. “He set an example of toughness, competitiveness and resiliency early on in his career. He was a guy who delivered in clutch moments and inspired his teammates to do so as well. At the nation’s premier leadership institution, Tommy stands out as one of the all-time greats.”

Funk went down as one of the best point guards in program history after he displayed his passing, scoring and leadership abilities on the hardwood during his four seasons at West Point.

The four-year floor general did not miss a single game since putting on an Army jersey back as a freshman in 2016 and went on to start in all 124 career outings. For his career, he averaged 12.5 points, 5.9 assists and 3.6 rebounds per tilt while shooting 42 percent from the field and 34 percent from deep.

A certified record breaker, Funk capped his illustrious four-year career by shattering the Patriot League’s and Army’s career assists marks. With 728 career helpers, he became the only player in league and program history to record over 700 career assists.

He additionally became just one of four players in league history to tally over 200 assists in a single season after he handed out a program-best 212 helpers during his senior campaign. The Warrington, Pennsylvania, native finished his career ranked first, second, third and fifth at Army in single-season assists.

Funk etched his name into several top-10 lists for the men’s basketball program at Army outside of assists as well. He finished eighth in career points (1,544), seventh in steals (102) and tied for 10th in 3-pointers made (167).

As one of just 18 cadets in program history to be named a two-time team captain, Funk improved his scoring, rebounding and assists averages each season en route to being recognized as a First Team All-Patriot League performer as a senior.

He previously was named to the all-rookie team as a freshman and to the all-league third team during his junior season.

In his final year on the banks of the Hudson River, Funk was a four-time Patriot League Player of the Week, making him the first cadet to achieve that milestone in a single season since Jarrell Brown (’08).

Funk additionally was tabbed a U.S. Basketball Writers Association (USBWA) Oscar Robertson National Player of the Week, marking the first time a Patriot League player received the honor since the 2010-11 season.
Mooradian receives prestigious Special Award

By Nick Lovera
Army Athletic Communications

The Army Athletic Association announced June 11 that senior Lynne Mooradian of the track & field team has received the academy’s Special Award.

The distinguished honor is presented to cadet-athletes who exhibit “outstanding achievement and exemplary leadership in athletic competition.”

Unlike the annual AAA Award, the AAA Special Award is given only in years when a worthy candidate is deemed.

“The special award is not an annual award at West Point for good reason,” Director of Track & Field/Cross Country Mike Smith said. “There has to be a rare combination of talents and achievements worthy of recognition. The acclaim that Lynne has brought to the academy and to our program warrant that recognition. I am proud of her accomplishments and who she has become. She has a lot to offer the world and we are fortunate that she chose to share her talent with us for a short window of time.”

Mooradian becomes the 31st recipient of the award since its inception in 1966, and just the fourth Cadet to receive the honor since 2010. She is the first member of the track & field program to receive the honor since Kim Seminiano and Teresa Sobiesk in 1989.

The Hanover, Pennsylvania, native is a two-time Academic All-American, claiming the nation’s top individual academic honor as Google Academic All-Academic All-America of the Year in 2018. She received Academic All-District honors for the third time in 2020, with this year’s Academic All-America team being named later in June.

“It goes without saying that we are able to attract high achieving kids to West Point when she enrolled at West Point,” Smith said. “She had the academic and athletic credentials that predict success at the collegiate level. But potential is not always realized, and in my experience, it is even more rare for a heralded recruit to be significantly better than advertised. Lynne Mooradian is that person.”

The senior is a four-time Patriot League Scholar Athlete of the Year and graduates with the top Cadet Performance Score in the Class of 2020. She received the prestigious Marshall Scholarship in 2020 and will pursue an MPhil in Biotechnology from the University of Cambridge in England. Following her studies in the United Kingdom, she will serve as a Military Intelligence Officer in the U.S. Army, where she will address biosecurity and biowarfare threats.

A two-year team captain, Lynne Mooradian (far left) graduates as a four-time Patriot League individual champion and a five-time Army-Navy Star Meet individual champion. She holds three current academy records, including the two-fastest times ever recorded by a Black Knight in the outdoor 100-meter hurdles.

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