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(Above) Sophomore cornerback Jabari Moore celebrates after his pass breakup in the end zone on fourth down in overtime helped secure Army West Point football’s 21-14 victory over Air Force in the Lockheed Martin Commanders’ Classic Saturday in Arlington, Texas. (Left) The Black Knight football players receive the Commanders’ Classic trophy after winning the game. (Right) Members of the Army West Point football team show their excitement following the win, including planting a sword in the Globe Life Field grass. The win, coupled with Air Force’s victory over Navy earlier this season, means the Black Knights retain the Commander In Chief’s trophy regardless of the Army-Navy Game outcome in December. Photos by Danny Wild/Army Athletic Communications and Class of 2023 Cadet Tyler Williams
Why do we choose to serve?

By Col. Everett S.P. Spain
Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership Head

As Veterans Day is upon us, I find myself asking why I have yet to hang up my Army uniform after many years of service. As I contemplate our country’s present challenges, and hope for the future, my mind is drawn to what I’ve learned about my fellow Soldiers and their families when I was the commander of the U.S. Army Garrison-Schweinfurt in Germany.

While there, my favorite activity was a twice-monthly meeting with our community’s 60+ or so newly arrived troopers. About half of them were new to the Army; most of the others were combat veterans. Some were married and a few had children. More than a handful were anxious about being stationed overseas.

I would start by asking about their experiences in Schweinfurt up to that point — both good and bad. Then I would lead an interactive goal-setting exercise and share several stories of moral exemplars in the community. All of this was meaningful, yet what fills my mind still today are their inspiring answers to my final question, “You are a volunteer. Why do you choose to serve?”

We are inspired by our families

“Sir, I’m Warrant Officer Christina Dukes. Rolla, Missouri. I am proud to serve as part of a family tradition. My great-grandfather was in World War II, my uncle in Korea and Vietnam, and my dad in the Gulf War.”

You carry on their legacy well.

“Pvt. Jose Rodriguez. I’m from Borinquen, Puerto Rico. I am the first one in my family to ever serve.”

Amazing. It takes heart to be the first. “Pvt. Hajek, first name Billy, from a small town you never heard of in Oregon named Crescent. Even though I have a bunch of older siblings, they aren’t doing much, and I am the person everyone looks up to in my family. I’m hoping they’ll join up as well.”

I bet they do.

“Sir, Battle Buddies; I’m Pvt. Harris and, I calmly interrupted with, “What was your first name, again?”

“Sorry Sir, Tyrone Harris. New York City. So, you asked what made me want to serve? Well, I had one brother killed in combat serving in Iraq, and another was killed by an IED while in Afghanistan. I figure if serving was important enough for both of them to die for, I ought to go ahead and sign up to serve myself.”

About every jaw in the room hit the floor.

Your love is deep.

“Sgt. Seth Brown. Boswell, Pennsylvania. I have two brothers, one in the Navy and one in the Air Force. I am glad to have joined the superior service.” Laughs and big smiles filled the room.

I’m thankful you joined, too.

We are drawn by opportunity

“Staff Sgt. Benjamin Wolfe. U.S. Virgin Islands. Before I joined the Army, I was hanging with the wrong crowd. Several of my friends are dead. I was involved with a bunch of bad things. I joined the Army as a way out.”

You made it. Stay strong. Now you can lift others out, too.

“Sgt. Rhiana Caldwell. Mesa Verde, Colorado. I am now able to provide for my daughter.”

You are an amazing example for her and us.

“Sgt. Xavier Gordon. Valdosta, Georgia. I was a nobody. Now I am somebody.”

You have served your nation faithfully in combat. No one can ever take that away.

“Spc. Marie Johanson. Flagstaff, Arizona. No one in my family is in the military. I’m the only girl and have three brothers. They thought I was crazy when I was thinking about joining up. Most folks said I wouldn’t ever make it. Well, I did.”

Some people told me I’d never make it, either. Looks like we proved them wrong.

“Staff Sgt. Olivia Masterson. Lawrence, Kansas. I am proud to lead other Soldiers and bring out their best.”

Roger that. Don’t let anything stop you, and keep taking care of others along the way.

“Sir, I’m Pvt. 1st Class Ross Miller. Milton, Florida. Growing up, my dad was never proud of me. I was the star of my high school’s football and baseball teams. Nothing I ever did was good enough for him. But my dad came to my basic training graduation, and when he saw me in uniform for the first time, he had tears of pride in his eyes.”

You’ve just put tears in our eyes, too.

“Maj. Russell Feldman. Norman, Oklahoma. I get to wear the American flag on my shoulder and a nametape on my chest that says, ‘U.S. Army.’ And I focus on just those first two letters ‘U.S., us.’ It is an honor to be part of the best team in the world.”

Count me in. I get to wear that superman cape, too.

We feel a duty to protect others

“Spc. Ikemba Soriyan. Redwood, California. I came to this country when I was 10, my parents hoping for a better life. It has given us opportunity and freedom. I felt I owed my country and wanted to pay it back for the many blessings we have received.”

You are doing that and more every day.

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You have honor, knowing there is good and evil in the world, and courage, a willingness to do something about it.

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Thank you for making the world a better place.

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I’ll stand a guard post next to you, anytime.

“Second Lt. Ryan Bucholtz. Boston, Massachusetts.” Bucholtz clenched his jaw slowly looked around the room. “I am proud to serve as a Soldier because I know that if someone tries to take someone else’s freedom away, first they go on to have to deal with me.”

Oppressors beware.

The deep inspiration of hearing our Soldiers’ stories was only matched by hearing what inspired their spouses. At our monthly meeting, I would start by asking how many each had been associated with the Army and why.

Many people can’t serve. They’re disqualified physically, mentally or morally. Maybe they don’t have the legal status. I am most proud to serve because I can.”

Thank you for stewarding your gifts for others.

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As soon as the spouses realized I was deeply interested in their stories, out their stories came. Even though they occasionally shed tears as they shared the frustrating parts of Army life, an underlying sense of optimism and hope typically took over the room. Toward the end of the meeting, I would similarly ask them, “So why do you choose to serve as a military spouse?” I remember a time when a woman who had been mostly quiet raised her hand.

“I am Yung Donlon and my family is originally from Korea.” Mrs. Donlon then turned toward her fellow spouses and continued, “If it weren’t for Soldiers like your spouses who came to Korea to rescue us many years ago, my parents would have certainly been killed by the communists before I was ever born. I would have never been alive. Yet, I have had a full and rich life, and now I am an American and have American children. Millions of Koreans are free because of people like your spouses. Mom and Pop their service and your sacrifices are not in vain. Your spouses are all heroes.”

Since a hero is someone who is courageous in their pursuit of a noble purpose, military spouses are heroes, too.

Toward the end of my tour in Schweinfurt, on a dark and rainy evening, I attended a deployment sendoff ceremony for the troopers of Charlie Company, 44th Expeditionary Signal Battalion. As I watched them say goodbye to their family and friends, my mind raced back to the reasons they had told me they choose to serve — their families, their opportunities and their sense of duty to protect others.

Then they formed up and their company commander, Capt. Chris Sherwood, spoke eloquently about how proud he was of his Soldiers, how committed they were to training and readiness, how thankful he was for the support and sacrifices of their families. He then unexpectedly asked me to offer a few words.

I do not remember exactly why, but I asked the company, “What do you think of when I say the word America?” The Soldiers answered with words like ‘freedom,’ ‘hope,’ ‘home,’ ‘equality,’ ‘courage’ and ‘democracy.’

Inspired to be in their presence and to also wear the American flag on my shoulder, I brought my comments to a close by summarizing what their collective decision to serve meant to me.

“Soldiers and families of Charlie Company, thank you for what you have chosen and continue to choose to do. You aren’t just serving America, you are America.”

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A team comprised of cadets and civilian undergraduate students develop policy recommendations to defend against misuse of social media and the weaponization of information from foreign adversaries during the annual Student Conference on United States Affairs Nov. 4 at Eisenhower Hall.

Cadets, undergrad students partake in SCUSA event

Story and photo by Jorge Garcia
PV Staff Writer

Cadets and various students from universities across the nation convened at Eisenhower Hall to attend the annual Student Conference on United States Affairs Nov. 3-6 at the U.S. Military Academy. Since 1949, West Point has hosted SCUSA, bringing the nation’s top students from Social Science programs to gather here and discuss matters of national importance, with this event marking the 72nd year SCUSA has taken place. Approximately 200 undergraduate students from 125 colleges and universities worldwide attended the event.

During the conference, cadets and students attended panel discussions, received advice from keynote speaker Brig. Gen. Paul Nakasone, the commander of U.S. Cyber Command and director of the National Security Agency, and worked in teams through roundtable discussions to address national issues and develop policy recommendations that focused on essential topics in U.S. foreign policy.

“It’s structured with four days of roundtable sessions. The first round table session is an intro to the topic. Basically, introductions between teammates — getting to know who’s on their team and exactly what they’re going to be creating a policy for. So it’s a lot of background information,” Class of 2023 Cadet Daylan Williams, one of the facilitators of the event, said.

Moreover, West Point facilitates the SCUSA event to develop lasting civil-military relationships among future leaders in the military, government, and private sector. In addition, the teams were tasked with developing proposals for different policy problems that focused on multiple issues such as political economy, social media, public health and climate change, among others, Williams added. “What I gathered from our conversations so far is that it’s really important to analyze these questions both empirically and theoretically, and I feel like the diversity of students here has really allowed us to approach the issues from so many different disciplines and social science lenses,” Michael Zhu said, an undergraduate from Harvar School who helped developed policy recommendations for 21st century vulnerabilities to the nation’s critical infrastructure, and he felt that the facilitation of the conference allowed for adequate and organized discussions.

“During the third session of the event, teams had to have a plan of action for a policy recommendation organized and ready with a solution. Then, at the fourth and final session, Williams said that each team would meet their deadline and present a concisely written and polished policy recommendation.

“Thinking strategically rather than politically on how to develop the policy recommendation has been huge for us as a team because it allowed us to think about these problems differently than usual because we’re not relying on the same structures our forefathers used,” Zhu said about his experience.

Emma Beach, an undergraduate at George Washington University and a teammate of Zhu, said collaborating with military service members and cadets made the experience dynamic.

“Being introduced to the military component that (civilians) do not typically get to interact with and combining their points of view with the opinions of students from all over the United States definitely helped me see the bigger picture in all of this,” Beach said.

As the event culminated, Class of 2022 Cadet Lillian Brown, the cadet commander for the event, felt she learned valuable lessons while coordinating the event that will assist her when she finally commissions into officership. “Taking command of assignments like this one has really given me the confidence I needed to succeed as an officer. It made me realize I know a lot more than I think I do,” Brown said.

“This experience has uplifted my confidence, and it’s really great to learn and understand what it is like to work on astaff of this magnitude because most officers in the Army spend their time coordinating on this level.”
Every semester, U.S. Military Academy cadets continue the tradition of the Social Sciences Run by finding creative, unusual and comedic ways of turning in their SOSH papers when they are due. On Nov. 3, “panic-stricken” costumed cadets dashed, walked, carted, strolled or were carried in a parade of amusement before a cheering crowd of cadets through Central Area to their final destination at Lincoln Hall to meet their deadline. The SOSH paper, which is the signature writing assignment in the required “Introduction to International Relations” course, is a rite of passage for cadets in their third year at USMA.
“SOSH RUN,” cont’d from Page 4

Respect is a verb - an ongoing action that must be consciously practiced.

Respect is recognition that all persons are autonomous, unique, and free. Respecting a person ensures that dignity is valued. All persons are deserving of respect.

Respect in relationships builds feelings of trust, safety, and well-being. The 2022 HLD Inaugural Symposium will focus on building respectful behaviors in ourselves and our relationships (both personal and professional relationships). The symposium will offer an opportunity to explore strategies, people, operations, and new approaches that will shape respectful behavior in all aspects of our lives in the years ahead from within the West Point Community and beyond.

Open Call for Workshop Proposals

Cadets, Staff, Faculty, Etc...

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Honorable Living Day
15 February 2022

This year’s Honorable Living Day, currently scheduled for 15 Feb 22, is designed to further awareness of USMA’s sexual harassment/sexual assault challenges and to further develop the idea that a culture of respect does not allow for sexual violence.
Army plans to recruit more civilian talent, diversify through scholarship program

By Staff Sgt. Michael Reinsch
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Army plans to hire more than 1,000 civilians using scholarship programs over the next five years, with a focus on science, technology, engineering and mathematics, a top Army leader told lawmakers Tuesday.

Christopher Lowman, the senior official performing the duties of the undersecretary of the Army, went to Capitol Hill to discuss the importance of recruiting talent in STEM careers during a House Appropriations Committee hearing.

The Army has also introduced new cyberlearning modules, robotics modules and AI technologies to enhance and modernize education for Junior Reserve Officers’ Training Corps members.

“We believe the early acquisition focused on STEM and cyber is critical,” Lowman said. “As we work through the civilian implementation plan and assess the knowledge, skills, behaviors and attributes required by the future force, we are assessing that for our military members.”

Lowman added the Army will analyze the impact of incorporating artificial intelligence, machine learning and data analytics into the civilian workforce and overall Army.

“The department civilian workforce is a critical element total force performing a vital function in support of the warfighter,” Cisneros said. “The department recognizes the need to recruit bright, civilian talent to maintain our competitive edge and succeed against modern threats.

“As critical enablers of our warfighters, DOD civilians serve in a wide variety of roles in the country and around the world,” he continued. “We must recognize them as an integral partner in our total force and develop lifecycle programs and pipelines for recruiting, retaining, reskilling and upscaling we do with our military personnel.”
Army fly fishing beats Navy in inaugural event

By Capt. Alexandra Borza
West Point Band Deputy Commander

The West Point Cadet Fly Fishing Club had four participants in the inaugural Army-Navy fly fishing competition Oct. 30 on the South Branch of the Raritan River in New Jersey. The event was organized by Trout Unlimited Service Partnership. (Above right) Cadets Hope Bedford, Matthew Donze, Kyle Hamrock and Kelly Kruger (left with his parents) represented the Army team. The morning fishing determined who would fish in the afternoon’s final competition.

Total inches of fish caught was the scoring technique. Navy had a 58” to 55” advantage in the morning, while Kruger was the top scorer of all with 43”.

He and Donze advanced to the final competition. The two-hour competition started very slow for Army. With 15 minutes left, Navy was ahead 55” to 13”.

Donze and Kruger each caught multiple fish in the final minutes to secure a 65” to 55” victory.

Cadet featured in Emmy Award-winning documentary

Class of 2023 Cadet Robert MacDougall (center), a member of the West Point Cadet Spirit Band, walked away from this year’s Emmy Awards with two prizes — the prestigious trophy and a good meal. For his work on the 2020 documentary “Boys State,” MacDougall and the film’s producers were honored in the “Outstanding Documentary” category at the 73rd annual Primetime Creative Arts Emmy Awards on Sept. 11.

The documentary showcases a group of high school students who are challenged to create a mock government, navigating the world of politics and learning how to lead.

According to the film’s official website, “The main point of Boys State is that adults have so much they can learn from teenagers. Not just when it comes to politics, but also how to be human beings.”

“I was given general guidance on what the character should say, but ultimately, I think most of the things I said were improvised. The directors made it easy, and we had blast doing it,” MacDougall said.

Though the documentary was filmed prior to his arrival at the U.S. Military Academy, MacDougall brings West Point’s motto and guiding principles — Duty, Honor, Country — to life on the screen.

“My main takeaway from the project was that no matter someone’s background, religion or political leanings, at the end of the day, we all want the same thing: to make our country a better place for everyone,” he said. Throughout the film, MacDougall captured audiences with his charisma, wit and quirky leadership style.

Along with its Emmy win, “Boys State” garnered critical praise from multiple sources. Rolling Stone called the documentary “absolutely compelling.” Variety described it as a “revolution in vérité filmmaking” and it even earned a 94% Tomatometer rating on Rotten Tomatoes.

When asked to describe his red-carpet experience, MacDougall said, “It was hilarious that the award we got on stage had to be given back — after the speeches, we went backstage, and I had to sign a paper so I could take my own hand receipt!”

MacDougall spent the Tuesday afternoon following his win as he does every Tuesday afternoon: at West Point Cadet Spirit Band practice. He nonchalantly mentioned the Emmy to his leadership.

“Our officer in charge asked if I was in shock we won. I chuckled and jokingly said, ‘I was only there for the food.’”
MEMORANDUM FOR ACTIVITY DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22) West Point Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)

1. The FY22 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) will run from 18 October-17 December 2021. The CFC is the world’s largest workplace giving campaign, with federal employees raising more than $81 million last year for charitable organizations across the country and overseas. I request your assistance to ensure that employees have the opportunity to give to the participating charities of their choice again this year.

2. I need your help to ensure employees across the West Point enterprise have the opportunity again this year to participate in CFC and give to the participating charities of their choice. Last year, our employees contributed $84,668. Our goal this year is $70,000, while emphasizing increased participation.

3. Please inform your respective activities about this year’s campaign. Most people respond favorably when asked to donate to a worthy cause. Furthermore, most people respond favorably when leaders take the time to give their support and when volunteers make one-on-one contact within their workplace.

4. Please review and implement the enclosed suggestions for success as you provide our Soldiers, Civilians, and Cadets the opportunity to participate in this important campaign. The enclosure also includes key dates for department/activity volunteers. Thank you for supporting your community and ensuring a successful campaign.

5. The point of contact for this memorandum is Mr. David Weddle at david.weddle@westpoint.edu, (845) 938-2139.

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DARRYL A. WILLIAMS
Lieutenant General, US Army
Superintendent

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CFC GIVING MOBILE APP

1. Download the App
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2. Sign in or create an account
   Returning donors: Use the same login as your CFC online pledge portal account.
   New donors: Create an account, verify it, and set up your profile.

3. Search for charities
   If you are attending a campaign event, you can see the list of charities participating in your event. Or you can generate your own list of CFC charities and their descriptions by entering search criteria: charity name, CFC Code, EIN, or keyword.

4. Give
   Tap each charity you would like to support and enter your pledge amounts and volunteer hours.

5. Complete your donation
   Update or add a funding source (payroll deduction, bank account, or credit/debit card).

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Prefer using a good old pen and paper?
You can still complete a paper pledge form. Download the paper form from GiveCFC.org and fill it out using the instructions on the second page. Submit it to your Keyworker.
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Replace smoke alarms every 10 years.

If the smoke alarm sounds, get outside the home.

Then call the fire department.
Dial 9-1-1.

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Keller Corner: Weekly updates, COVID-19 info

**Keller Corner**

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/WestPoint-COVID-19-INFO/.

**Phone Outage:** Use TRICARE Online, Nurse Advice Line or Secure Messaging

Keller Army Community Hospital is currently affected by the West Point-wide phone issues. Did you know there are other ways to make an appointment or get medical information?

- You can schedule appointments and request pharmacy refills (including through ScriptCenter) using TRICARE Online at https://www.tricareonline.com.
- You can use the Nurse Advice Line at Call 1-800-TRICARE (1-800-874-2273) and select option 1 to talk to a registered nurse 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Get health care advice, ask questions, or find out if you should get care.
- You can also utilize TRICARE Secure Patient Portal (also known as “Secure Messaging”). Secure messaging lets you talk privately with your doctor or the medical staff via e-mail. With secure messaging, you can:
  - Ask questions and get non-emergency health care advice;
  - Schedule appointments and request referrals;
  - Ask your doctor to renew your prescriptions;
  - Request copies of labs, and views radiology reports and other test results.
  - Find health education information about a variety of topics including links to doctor-recommended information and sites

If you don’t have a ‘Secure Messaging’ account, go to https://identity.tolsecuremessaging.com/Registration?language=en#registrationhome and register as a ‘PATIENT.’

If you have an emergency, call 9-1-1 or go to the Keller Emergency Room.

**Public Health to administer COVID-19 vaccine to 5-11 year olds**

By West Point Public Health

West Point Public Health has received an allotment of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine that received emergency use approval for children ages 5 to 11; and will conduct a ‘first dose’ COVID-19 vaccination drive for children ages 5-11 from 3:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18, Dec. 9 and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Dec. 10 at West Point Elementary School.

The pediatric COVID-19 vaccination drive is available to the Greater West Point community including West Point beneficiaries, community members, and KACH-enrolled beneficiaries.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that children age 5 to 11 receive the two-dose, pediatric Pfizer vaccine to prevent symptomatic infections and to reduce their risk of severe disease, hospitalizations or developing long-term COVID-19 complications.

A pediatrician will be present during the vaccine drive to respond to any questions you have about children with underlying conditions or if you are unsure whether the vaccine is right for your child.

Unlike many pediatric medications, the vaccine dosage does not vary by patient weight but by age on the day of vaccination. To be fully vaccinated, your child will need a second dose of the vaccine three weeks after their first shot.

The pediatric Pfizer vaccine for children ages 5 through 11 years has the same active ingredients as the vaccine given to adults and adolescents. However, children ages 5 through 11 years receive an age-appropriate dose that is one-third of the adult dose.

For more information on the pediatric Pfizer vaccine, go to the Keller Internet page at https://keller.tricare.mil.

West Point Public Health recommends you protect your whole family and slow the spread of COVID-19 in the Greater West Point community by getting yourself and your children ages 5 years and older vaccinated against COVID-19.

**Are you due for a colonoscopy? Screening is highly recommended**

Colorectal cancer is the No. 2 cancer killer among men and women combined in the United States. Colorectal cancer affects all racial and ethnic groups and is most often found in people ages 50 and older. Every year, about 140,000 people in the United States get colorectal cancer, and more than 50,000 people die of it.

The best way to prevent colorectal cancer is to get screened regularly starting at age 45. It is important to get screened because there are often no signs or symptoms of colorectal cancer.

People over age 50 have the highest risk of colorectal cancer. You may also be at higher risk if you are African-American, smoke, or have a family history of colorectal cancer.

The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) recommends screening for colorectal cancer using fecal occult blood testing or colonoscopy in adults, beginning at age 45 years and continuing until age 75 years.

The clinical evidence supporting these screening recommendations is vast and receives the highest recommendation given by the USPSTF (Grade: A Recommendation). In other words, the benefits of screening are proven to outweigh risks and save lives.

Keller Army Community Hospital highly recommends screening by a colonoscopy performed by our general surgery team.

To discuss your colon and rectal cancer screening options, call 845-938-7992 and schedule an appointment with your primary care provider today.

Everyone can take these healthy steps to help prevent colorectal cancer:

- • Get screened starting at age 45;
- • Quit smoking and stay away from secondhand smoke;
- • Get plenty of physical activity and eat healthy.

For more details, visit https://www.cdc.gov/cancer/colorectal/.

**Get COVID-19 vaccine information**

William Swinson RN, West Point Public Health

COVID-19 vaccine is available to the Greater West Point community on a walk-in basis and also by appointment. The vaccine is no-cost, provided by the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD), and is available to all residents of the United States using DoD identification.

Children ages 5-11 years old should be vaccinated if they meet their local vaccine eligibility criteria. Children ages 5-11 years old must have parental or legal guardian consent to receive the vaccine. Children under age 6 months old should not be vaccinated with COVID-19 vaccine.

Colonnade Pharmacy is a designated vaccination site.

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**FEATURED EVENT**

**Spirit Luncheons at the West Point Club**
- The Army West Point football spirit luncheons are held in the West Point Club Grand Ballroom. The doors open at 11 a.m. and the luncheons begin at noon.
- Tickets are available for a nominal fee and can be purchased at the WPC Administration Office from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. Purchase tickets in advance and save on day of luncheon pricing.
- Each luncheon is a pep rally for that week’s game. Luncheon dates are as follows: Nov. 18—University of Massachusetts and Dec. 8—Navy. To make reservations, call 845-938-5120. For more details, visit thewestpointclub.com.

**MWR ANOUNCEMENTS**

**Radio City Christmas Spectacular Starring the Rockettes tickets on sale now at LTS**
- Tickets can be purchased for the Radio City Christmas Spectacular starring the Rockettes at Leisure Travel Services, 8 a.m.-4:15 p.m. Monday through Friday. Available show dates and times as follows:
  - Dec. 9 and 15, leave West Point at 1 p.m., curtain at 5 p.m., return immediately after the show.
  - Dec. 14 and 21, leave West Point at 4 p.m., curtain at 8 p.m., return immediately after the show. Orchestra seating for all shows. LTS is located at 683 Buckner Loop.
- For more details and pricing, visit westpoint.armymwr.com or call 845-938-3601.

**Sweet Treats with Santa at the West Point Club**
- Join the West Point Club for a fun-filled family event from 9 a.m.-noon Dec. 5. Seatings will be every 30 minutes at 9 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 10 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 11 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and noon.
- Children will have a photo taken with Santa and will be able to enjoy wrapped sweet treats as well. Make sure to bring your Christmas list for Santa’s mailbox. Children will receive a gift bag too. There is a nominal fee for this event. COVID-19 rules apply. For more details, call 845-938-5120.

**FAP Presents Wee-Play & Wee-Read Programs**
- Wee-Play is an open play group designed for your little one to learn, play, make new friends and develop their social, cognitive and motor skills. Wee-Play takes place from 8:30-9:30 a.m. and 10-11 a.m. Tuesdays.
- Wee-Read is a fun-filled story time including activities that promote speech development and learning. Wee-Read takes place from 9-10 a.m. The programs take place at the Youth Center Gym in Building 500.
- It is open to all active duty personnel and DOD civilians with children ages 4 and under. Registration is required. To register, call 845-938-0633. For more details, visit westpoint.armymwr.com.

**Child and Youth Services is hiring**
- Looking for new job opportunities? West Point Child and Youth Services is now hiring Child and Youth Program assistants for full-time, part-time and flex positions at Stony Child Development Center, the Lee Area School Age Center and the Youth Center.
- Salary ranges from $16.09-$19.20 per hour, plus all newly hired employees (e.g. — first time hires or former employees returning after at least one year away) will receive a $500 recruitment bonus upon appointment.
  - Apply by visiting the CYS page on usajobs.gov, or by scanning the QR code on their hiring flyer (see advertisement to right). For more details, visit the CYS hiring page at westpoint.armymwr.com.

**Child and Youth Services Winter Sports registration**
- Registration for Child and Youth Services winter sports runs through Friday for military, DOD civilians and all other eligible patrons.
  - The season will run Dec. 6 through Feb. 24. CYS Sports is offering basketball, volleyball and bowling during the winter season. There is a nominal fee for these programs.
  - For details, visit westpointcys.com or call 845-938-4458/1362.

**West Point Departments Team Building Activity**
- The Tronsure Marksmanship Center will be offering West Point departments team building activity events through December with a duration of two hours at the center.
- Learn pistol safety and the fundamentals of shooting. There is a nominal fee for this activity that includes: Basic pistol instructions 101, firearm rental, targets, range time and 25 rounds of ammo.
- Pre-registration is required. To register, call 845-938-1700.

**West Point Golf Course Special Offer for Veterans Day**
- On Veterans Day, get a free hot dog and bottle of water or free breakfast sandwich and coffee for $6 off your round of golf.
- Open only to active duty military and their dependents, veterans, retirees, National Guard and Reserve. It can’t be combined with any other offers. Proper ID is required.
  - For more details, call 845-938-2435 or visit www.golfatwestpoint.com.

**MWR Fitness Center Bingo**
- Play bingo at the MWR Fitness Center from Monday through Dec. 17 for chances to win prizes. Take any available fitness class or participate in an intramural sports activity to get your card stamped. For a complete list on how to get your card stamped, visit westpoint.armymwr.com.
- The games are self-led and you play at your own pace and participation is free.
- Group fitness classes are $5 each. For details, call 845-938-6490.

**Group Fitness Classes ongoing**
- There are new Group Fitness classes at the MWR Fitness Center to include Zumba, Cycle and RIPPED (HIIT). For more details, call 845-938-6490.

**West Point Club Thanksgiving Dinner-To-Go**
- Place your order now until Nov. 19 for the West Point Club’s Thanksgiving Dinner-To-Go. Pick-up between 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Nov. 24. No refunds for cancellations after Wednesday. Ala Carte Menu only available with the purchase of a full To-Go order. Reheating directions are provided. There is a nominal cost for a serving of six. For a complete menu, visit thewestpointclub.com. To place an order, call 845-938-5120.

**West Point Staff and Faculty Noontime 3-on-3 Basketball League**
- Sign-up for the West Point Staff and Faculty Noontime 3-on-3 Basketball League. Games will be played Mondays and Thursdays from noon-1:15 p.m. Nov. 29 through March 3 at Arvin Gym.
- It is open to active duty, Title 5 and 10 personnel and appropriated and non-appropriated CAC card holders. To sign-up, call MWR Intramural Sports Office at 845-938-3088.

**NEW West Point Staff & Faculty Noontime 4-on-4 Volleyball League**
- Sign-up for the West Point Staff and Faculty Noontime 4-on-4 Volleyball League. Games will be played Tuesdays and Fridays from noon-1:15 p.m. Nov. 30 through March 4 at Arvin Gym.
- It is open to active duty, Title 5 and 10 Personnel and appropriated and non-appropriated CAC Card holders. To sign-up, call MWR Intramural Sports Office at 845-938-3088.

**NEW West Point Staff & Faculty Noontime Pickleball League**
- Sign-up for the West Point Staff and Faculty Noontime Pickleball League. Games will be played the first and third Wednesdays each month from noon-1:15 p.m. December through April at Arvin Gym.
- It is open to active duty, Title 5 and 10 Personnel and appropriated and non-appropriated CAC card holders. To sign-up, call MWR Intramural Sports Office at 845-938-3088.

**NEW West Point Staff & Faculty Noontime Badminton Open Play League**
- Sign-up for the West Point Staff and Faculty Noontime Badminton Open Play League. Games will be played the second and fourth Wednesday of each month from noon-1:15 p.m. December through April at Arvin Gym.
- It is open to active duty, Title 5 and 10 Personnel and appropriated and non-appropriated CAC card holders. To sign-up, call MWR Intramural Sports Office at 845-938-3088.

**NEW New time for Spin Class with Rene at the MWR Fitness Center**
- Spin Class with Rene is now on Wednesdays at 8 a.m. Class size is limited to seven people.
- Pre-registration strongly suggested.
- Registration is highly encouraged and can be done through WebTrac. Masks are not required while on bike. Please check in at the front desk before and after class. For details, call 845-938-6490.

**NEW Personal Trainers available at the MWR Fitness Center**
- Personal training is back at the MWR Fitness Center. Personal trainers work under a government contract to teach at the MWR Fitness Center. Call our front desk, or stop by to set up a session or an assessment today.
- All Fitness Center COVID-mitigation policies apply.
- There is a nominal fee for these sessions. Make your appointment by calling 845-938-6490.
A Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) health benefits fair is scheduled from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday at the Riverside Cafe in Eisenhower Hall. The flu shot will be available from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. during the FEHB event. The virtual portion of the fair will take place Monday through Nov. 19 (see graphic to left).

The federal benefits open season is through Dec. 13 to choose a new or update your health, dental and vision plans.

Army Education and Workshops

The Army Education Center’s college courses are offered through the Army Education Center at West Point, located at 683 Buckner Loop.

Graduate studies

- John Jay College of Criminal Justice — master’s degree in public administration. For details, email Kim Heyman at kheyman@jjay.cuny.edu.
- Long Island University — master’s degrees in school counseling, mental health counseling, marriage and family counseling — call Mary Beth Leggett at 845-446-3818 or email marybeth.leggett@liu.edu.

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 TABE and GT Predictor.

Testing is offered by appointment only. To make an appointment, call 845-938-3360 or email Janet Browne at janet.p.browne.ctr@mail.mil or Melissa Siry at melissa.e.siry.ctr@mail.mil.

The AEC is also an Authorized Pearson VUE Testing Site, open on a space available basis to Soldiers, civilian personnel, military contractors and family members who hold a government 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 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. Transitioning service members can contact Heyman at kimberly.i.heyman.ctr@army.mil.
Women's Rugby powers past Penn State, 30-10

Army West Point women's rugby closed out the regular season with a dominant 30-10 win over Penn State on Saturday afternoon at the Anderson Rugby Complex. Army's offense had a slow start, coming alive in the second half scoring four tries. Freshman wing/center Kahala Bandmann (above) led the Black Knights with two tries. Photo by Mady Salvani/Amy Athletic Communications

Sports calendar

**View Army West Point Schedule at [www.goArmywestPoint.com/calendar.aspx](http://www.goArmywestPoint.com/calendar.aspx).**

**Hockey**
Friday, 7:05 p.m.—Yale, Tate Field.

**Men's Rugby**
Friday, 6 p.m.—Lindenwood, Anderson Rugby Complex.

**Men's Basketball**
Friday, 7 p.m.—Duke, Durham, N.C. (tV; Accn.)

**Football**
Saturday, Noon—Bucknell, Michie Stadium.
Men’s soccer advances with 1-0 win over Holy Cross

By Phil Tor
Army Athletic Communications

On a cold Fall night in Worcester, Massachusetts, the Army West Point men’s soccer team dug in defensively to earn a 1-0 victory Saturday in the Patriot League Championship quarterfinal match against the three-seeded Holy Cross Crusaders.

Oscar Pereira scored the game-winning goal in the 71st minute and Jacob Suppiah locked it down between the posts, saving two shots to power the Black Knights to the shutout result.

How it happened

In it’s first Patriot League Championship game since 2018, the Black Knights made it clear that they were going to play their way.

Army controlled the pace of the game for nearly the entire first 45 minutes, outshooting the Crusaders 3-2 in the first half. John Poncy had the only shot on goal for either team with a header in the 24th minute.

Army’s defensive backline cleaned up all of Holy Cross’s opportunities in the first half in front of goalkeeper, Suppiah. Luke Doyle, D’Anthony Brown, Nick Atkinson and Dylan Mitchiner all made great plays to stifle the Crusader attack. Thanks to the defensive effort, the game would remain scoreless going into halftime.

The second half started off with both team’s bringing the same intensity from the backline, as neither side was able to put a shot on target. That was until Pereira fired a shot that found the back of the net in the 71st minute. Pereira’s drive was made possible by a flick pass from Mitchiner off a throw-in pass from Atkinson.

Suppiah recorded both of his saves after the goal, stopping shots in the 75th and 85th minutes to keep the sheet clean and record his fourth shutout of the season.

Army would hold off the Crusaders final push to win the contest and advance to the Patriot League Championship Semifinal round.

Inside the box score

- Pereira scored the game-winning goal, his seventh of the season, in the 71st minute;
- Suppiah recorded two saves and posted his fourth shutout of the season;
- Army posted is first win against Holy Cross in the Patriot League Tournament;
- Coach Brian Plotkin became the first head coach to win a playoff game in his first season;
- Army is now 7-1-1 in games where Pereira records a point;
- The Black Knights won their first PL Tournament game since 2018;
- The Cadets won despite being outshot by the Crusaders, 7-5;
- Atkinson posted his second point of the season with his assist on the Pereira goal. His only other point also came against Holy Cross earlier this season;
- Mitchiner tallied the first point of his collegiate career, recording the primary assist on the Pereira goal.

Senior midfielder Oscar Pereira (above left) scored the game-winning goal in the 71st minute, which was also the game’s only goal, as Army West Point men’s soccer defeated Holy Cross 1-0 Saturday in the Patriot League Championship quarterfinal in Worcester, Mass. Photo by Mady Salvani/Amy Athletic Communications
Football defeats Air Force 21-14 in overtime thriller

By Eric Heppding
Army Athletic Communications

Jabari Moore’s heroic pass break up in the end zone helped push the Army West Point football team past Air Force to a 21-14 result in the Lockheed Martin Commanders’ Classic presented by USAA on Saturday afternoon in Arlington, Texas.

The win, which was earned at the Texas Rangers’ Globe Life Field, assures that the Commander in Chief’s Trophy will remain in West Point for another year, as both the Black Knights (5-3) and the Falcons (6-3, 3-2 Mountain West) are now tied in the CIC standings with one victory apiece. Army will have a chance to outright win the trophy during its game against Navy (Dec. 11).

Both offenses were a little slow out of the gate in the first neutral site game between the teams since 1965. Though Andre Carter II forced a fumble on the Falcons’ opening drive, Air Force prevented the turnover by making a recovery.

The first three drives of the contest ended in punts and neither side was able to get anything going until the end of the first quarter when Anthony Adkins made a diving play to extend a seemingly stalled drive on fourth-and-one.

Adkins’ punch allowed the team to eventually get into field goal range, but Cole Talley’s 26-yard attempt went wide right to keep the game scoreless.

The offensive struggles continued after the first break, as each team punted away its first possession of the second quarter. Air Force started to gain momentum on its next drive and charged 53 yards down the field to Army’s 27 before the tandem of Kemonte Yow and Malkelm Morrison made a huge fourth-down stop to kill the drive.

Ultimately, the clock wound down on the first half before either team could score. Army took a 119-88 advantage in total yards into the locker room in just their second scoreless opening half of the year (vs. Wisconsin, Oct. 16).

The break was a welcomed respite for the Cadets, who used it to kickstart their offense. Coming out of the half, Tyrell Robinson provided a spark when he made a 31-yard return on the kickoff, his second longest of the season.

The drive, which was additionally boosted by a 39-yard dime from Tyhier Tyler to Robinson, ended in Army’s first touchdown of the day when Tyler punched in a nine-yard run. His 10th career rushing touchdown put the Black Knights up 7-0.

With the ball back in their hands, the Falcons attempted to string together a response. Though Yow and Morrison came up with another big stop on third down, Air Force converted the ensuing fourth-and-one to prolong the drive, which ultimately ended in a 39-yard field goal that cut the lead down to 7-3.

Having found its groove, Army’s offense continued to have success on its next possession as Christian Anderson connected a 79-yard touchdown pass with Robinson on the second snap. Anderson’s season-long passing strike re-extended the Black Knights’ advantage to 14-3.

The momentum continued to favor the Cadets when Air Force got the ball back. After a pair of completed passes, Carter tipped a ball in the air to Cameron Jones who returned his interception for a career-long 48 yards before the end of the third quarter.

In the fourth quarter, the Falcons were able to control the pace of play for the first time all day. After being kept from the end zone for seven drives, Air Force punched in a four-yard touchdown run and used a two-point conversion to trim Army’s lead down to one possession at 14-11.

The Falcons quickly got the ball back and used the final five minutes on the clock to storm down the field. A penalty took some of the wind out of their sails, bringing the ball back out of the red zone, but a 30-yard Falcon field goal tied the game up at 14-14 and sent the action into overtime.

Appearing in its first overtime game since a 2019 contest at Michigan, Army needed just five snaps to arrive on the Falcons’ doorstep. Though all appeared lost when Anderson fumbled the ball on the edge of the end zone, a massive recovery by Jordyn Law helped the team get the touchdown and handed the Black Knights a 21-14 lead.

While the offense’s effort put Army on the edge of victory, the defense brought it home. Carter came up with a sack for a loss of seven yards on the Falcons’ second play of their overtime possession and though Air Force was able to get within striking distance, a huge pass breakup by Moore in the end zone preserved the Cadets’ win.

With Saturday’s result, Army has now won four of its past five games with Air Force and is close to winning the program’s 10th outright CIC Trophy.