Honoring Thayer, alumni

(Above) Retired Col. Peter Russell, U.S. Military Academy Class of 1942 graduate and the oldest living graduate in attendance, watches as the Corps of Cadets march by during the Alumni Review Tuesday on The Plain. This is Russell’s 80th class reunion. (Left and right) On behalf of the U.S. Military Academy’s alumni, First Captain Holland Pratt and Russell place a wreath and salute at the base of Col. Sylvanus Thayer’s statue in honor of Thayer and past USMA graduates during the annual Alumni Wreath Laying ceremony as part of Graduation Week activities. During the ceremony, the classes of 1942, 1947, 1952, 1962 and 1972 matched onto The Plain.

Photos by Class of 2023 Cadet Hannah Lamb
Parking, force protection information during Graduation Week

By Luke Pagan
West Point Antiterrorism Officer

During Graduation Week, several traffic and parking restrictions will be enforced. Please allow additional travel time when coming to West Point and driving on and around the installation during Graduation Week through Saturday.

Parking and traffic information for Graduation Week is below — Towing will be enforced at the owner’s expense:

- Any West Point personnel going on official travel outside the installation during Graduation Week must not park at the lots identified below. Contact the Military Police for authorized overnight/extended parking areas.
- East Dock Parking Lot is designated for Handicap placard/ticketed handicap guests parking only.
- BSF Lot is reserved for both staff and faculty working on Friday and for Graduation Parade guests; parking attendants will be on the ground to execute the parking plan.

Friday — Graduation Parade

- Authorized guests with appropriate tickets and wrist band who are attending the Graduation Parade are able to enter the installation at 7 a.m.; preferred parking for all non-handicap guest vehicles is BSF Lot. Shuttles will be available to transport guests who elect not to walk, to/from the Parade Field.
- Clinton Parking Lot is designated for handicap placard/ticketed handicap guests parking only.
- BSF Lot is reserved for both staff and faculty working on Friday and for Graduation Parade guests; parking attendants will be on the ground to execute the parking plan.

Saturday — Graduation Day

- Authorized guests with appropriate tickets and wrist band who are attending the Graduation Ceremony are able to enter the installation at 7 a.m.; access control point to enter is Thayer Gate. Shuttles will be available to transport guests who elect not to walk/to/from the stadium. Shuttles are available after the Graduation Ceremony to transport guests from the stadium to BSF Lot and Trophy Point.
- After the bar pinning ceremonies, shuttle buses are available to transport guests from Trophy Point back to BSF and the stadium.
- Clinton Lot is designated for handicap guests parking only.
- Thayer Roof Parking Lot is reserved for Protocol guests vehicles and by pass only.
- Authorized personnel with DOD identification are encouraged to use Washington Gate when entering/exiting West Point.
- Stony Lonesome Road is closed at approximately 6:20 a.m. until 7:30 a.m. and again from 8:45 a.m. to all vehicular traffic from Washington to Mills Road (Stony Lonesome is one way from AAA Lot to Washington Road (no exit from Lusk Housing) from 6:30 a.m. to approximately 7:30 a.m. and again at the end of the Graduation Ceremony until security movement is completed.
- Roads in and around Michie Stadium are blocked off to all non-credentialed pedestrians and vehicle traffic who don’t possess a blocking pass from 6:30 a.m. until completion of the Graduation Ceremony; approximately 1 p.m.
- When entering Michie Stadium:
  - Guests may enter Michie Stadium through security checkpoints established at Gates 4, 6A and 7 from all directions (due to construction, family members may enter Gates 5/6 from the South of Howze Place only.)
  - Kimsey Center is open for only wheelchair access.
  - All guests entering the stadium are subject to search.
  - Coolers, backpacks, unwrapped packages and umbrellas will not be allowed into the stadium. You are encouraged to use clear plastic bags (will be provided at the Visitors Control Center and Graduation Parade) to carry your possessions to speed up the processing through security.
  - All guests will be allowed to enter the stadium with one, unopened plastic bottle of water. You may be asked to break the seal at the gate. If the seal is already broken, it will not be allowed into the stadium. Mugs, thermoses, etc. are not authorized.
  - Safety and security are a paramount concern during Graduation Week activities. Everyone attending the Graduation Ceremony is asked to report any suspicious or criminal activity. Immediately report it to the Military Police at the stadium or by calling 845-938-3333.
  - Remember If you See something, Hear something, Say something.
IN FOCUS: ELDP GRADUATION

Twenty-one officers, one NCO graduate Eisenhower Leader Development Program

The Eisenhower Leader Development Program starts with a competitive selection process at West Point. Every year, scores of senior captains apply to the program from across the Army, and only the officers with the strongest records of proven leadership and highest intellectual potential are selected. This year, 21 officers and one NCO graduated Friday in the Haig Room, to include two guest officers who participated in the ELDP: 1st Lt. Christos Tamouridis from the Greek Army and Maj. Kimberly Guest from the U.S. Air Force, and the first USMA NCO graduate, Sgt. 1st Class Donnie Seidle. The ELDP is an intensive master’s program comprised of 45-credit hours spread across three academic semesters: summer, fall and spring. Students must take a total of 15 courses, including four courses taught by USMA faculty from the Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership, Department of History and the Department of Mathematics, and 11 courses taught by Teachers College–Columbia University faculty and taken alongside of their civilian student peers on campus in Manhattan. The ELDP program’s major themes include leader development, coaching, organizational culture, cross-cultural leadership, socialization, the history of West Point, group dynamics and leading organizational change. ELDP culminates with a comprehensive examination requiring candidates to integrate and show mastery of all topics, plus strong critical thinking and communication abilities. Successful completion of this rigorous program results in a Master of Arts in Social-Organizational Psychology from Columbia University. At the completion of the Eisenhower Program, graduates are assigned to serve in various capacities across West Point, the operational Army and Allied militaries. Most graduates become company tactical officers in the Corps of Cadets, while others become company tactical officers at the USMA Preparatory School, instructors in various USMA departments, special staff in the Simon Center for Professional Military Ethic, operations officers in the Center for Junior Officers, and in key billets in the U.S. Army’s special operations forces.

Photo by Jorge Garcia/PV
Task Force Leader ready to support Cadet Summer Training

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WEST POINT, N.Y.—Soldiers assigned to Task Force Leader, from the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), deployed May 10 to Camp Natural Bridge, a training area at the U.S. Military Academy to assist with Cadet Summer Training 2022.

The CST is conducted annually to educate, train and inspire the Corps of Cadets and visiting participants so that each cadet develops into commissioned leader of character committed to the values of Duty, Honor, Country, prepared for a career of professional excellence and service to the nation as an officer in the U.S. Army or respective service.

“Our task force’s mission is to professionally train and rigorously prepare the Corps of Cadets to lead, fight and win in combat,” said Lt. Col. Michael L. Harrison, commander, TF Leader. “During the CST, we’re going to focus on followership, making sure the cadets understand that first you need to be a good follower before you can be a good leader, leadership and then the warrior ethos. We’re going to do that over the course of the summer throughout all the various trainings from Cadet Basic Training to Cadet Field Training to cadet leader development training.”

Members of TF Leader took pride in having been selected to take part in training, leading and developing the cadets during CST 2022.

“Having focused on achieving a higher state of readiness over the past several months, our Soldiers distinguished themselves as a highly trained and disciplined team,” Harrison said. “I could not be prouder to lead this Task Force supporting the West Point Cadet Summer Training mission.”

TF Leader comes with highly motivated and dedicated Soldiers, noncommissioned officers (NCO’s) and officers who understand the importance and value of the CST program.

“I think teaching at Cadet Summer Training is important as an organization, and as a fighting force to train future leaders of all CM’s across the U.S. Army to increase lethality and preparation for tomorrow’s war,” said Sgt. 1st Class Charles Bell, platoon leader, TF Leader. “Personally, it’s important to me and good for myself because these are the platoon leaders who are going to serve along my peers and affect many lives, and if I can teach them what right looks like, we can cultivate change in the Army in the right direction.”

The command and their troops of TF Leader are ready and excited for their mission to support the West Point cadets.

“What I’m most excited about is the opportunity for cadets to be exposed to our awesome Soldiers and NCOs, and I think one of our primary missions in addition to this specific training is using the time outside of training windows for our Soldiers to sit down and talk to cadets,” Harrison said. “I think the more they’re around Soldiers and NCOs, the more excited they’re going to be to join the Army.”

TF Leader, which is comprised of approximately 950 Soldiers from the 101st Abn. Div. (AA) and subordinate units have been working meticulously to prepare for their CST mission. They’ve ensured their work station areas have been set in place, synchronized communication planning operations between TF Leader and West Point counterparts, prepared for mailroom operation, set up a dining facility and began downloading and staging of equipment received through line haul. These are just a few of the tasks the unit has worked to set the stage for CST.

Prior to the start of CST, the TF will be conducting lane validation training provided by the Department of Military Instruction to ensure that DMI’s objectives for CST 2022 are properly met, and the Soldiers are fully trained and ready to support the cadets effectively and efficiently. Some of the training the unit will be validated on are the team live-fire exercise, call for fire, basic rifle marksmanship, land navigation and water confidence course.

Harrison spoke of some of the goals he wants the TF to accomplish at the completion of CST.

“When they graduate, they are ready and they are confident to assume the job of preparing, leading and fighting alongside the Soldiers across the Army,” Harrison said.

He added that he hopes the cadets come away with a greater appreciation for how amazing their Soldiers and NCOs are.

“I am absolutely excited for this mission,” Harrison said. “I think it’s a great opportunity for us as a battalion and a task force and also for us to make an impact on the next generation of our Army’s lieutenants.”
Laundry facility keeping things clean at West Point since 1954

Story and photos by
Sgt. 1st Class Luisito Brooks
West Point PAO NCOIC

Nestled just inside Washington Gate, the West Point Logistics Readiness Center Cadet Laundry Facility has turned dirty laundry items into clean ones since 1954.

“This is a special facility, and not many people know about us and how we operate,” said Patricia Sullivan, the laundry operations specialist and facility commandant. “Our main goal is to make sure customers receive clean and healthy laundry.”

This facility services active-duty military, reservists, National Guard, family members, retirees, Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (ROTC), Junior ROTC, cadets, cadet candidates and other government agencies every week.

“We are the folks working behind the scenes that makes sure our customers are looking good at all times,” Sullivan said. “It doesn’t matter how many items are turned in; we are committed to a 48-hour return and a high-quality service for each customer.”

The clock starts once an item is received at the facility, where things are inventoried, tagged and sorted by hand before being loaded into washing machines or dry-cleaned.

They are then dried, sorted, pressed or folded before a quality control person rechecks them.

“This service is really nice and convenient to have,” said Class of 2024 Cadet Lindsey Bordas, A-2 Company. “I am thankful for having this service and the people that help us look good.”

She went on to ask if you imagine a ceremony like graduation where the Cadets’ uniforms are not looking great?

“We know that this service makes a difference here on West Point and in the surrounding community,” Bordas said. “Everyone is very busy here, so not worrying so much about laundry and dry-cleaning helps.”

With about 56,000 square feet of working space, this unique facility stands as a one-of-a-kind asset to help with the laundry needs of the West Point community. This facility is the only government-owned, contractor-operated laundry service in the Army.

Speaking of the facility and its equipment, it has some of the largest washing machines in the world, capable of washing up to 400 pounds of dry clothes in a single run.

“I have never seen any machines like it,” Sullivan said. “Our top engineer said that there are only a few machines like it in the entire world.”

Sullivan said the facility hadn’t been anything other than a laundry plant since it was built, and some of the equipment was original to the building and still functions excellent today.

“Even though the ages of some of the machines might span a few decades, many of them still work like new, with a bit of help from time to time,” Sullivan said. “Some of our machines are as strong as tanks, and it helps that we have the experts to conduct proper maintenance on them.”

She added they don’t make stuff like they used to; however, they have replaced a lot of equipment over the years to modernize things and help increase the service quality and employees’ safety.

Sullivan went on to say how they value their employees and safety. Working and operating some of the equipment requires special training on the equipment and safety.

She said the employees are well trained, and some employees have worked at this facility for 20, 30 and even 40 years.

“We have experienced employees who take pride in what they do,” Sullivan said. “They show up five days a week, and through the pandemic, they became an even more tremendous asset to the community.”

Many businesses and companies were forced to shut down during the pandemic, but this operation was asked to stay open and do more in support of the hospital and the dental clinic.

“You can see their commitment here because they risked their own health to make sure other people at places like the hospital had clean and healthy sheets and scrubs without fail,” Sullivan said. “These employees take pride in what they do every day, just like our customers.”

Class of 2024 Cadet Lindsey Bordas retrieves a set of uniforms cleaned at the West Point Logistics Readiness Center Cadet Laundry Facility. Cadets utilize this service to help with their laundry needs.

Roberto Rio removed clean wet clothes from a large blue washing machine at the unique facility. Rio, 62, has been a West Point Logistics Readiness Center Cadet Laundry Facility employee for 23 years. This machine requires special training to operate and can clean up to 400 pounds of laundry at a time.

Jorge Delacruz, a West Point Logistics Readiness Center Cadet Laundry Facility employee for more than 20 years, neatly folds and organizes clean uniforms at the unique facility. After the clothes are folded, they are rechecked for quality before being wrapped in plastic for the customer.
Cadets modernize an ammo plant through robotics research

**Story and photo by Jorge Garcia**
**PV Staff Writer**

**Purpose, Progression, Practicality**

Before retiring in 2021, Bruce Jette, U.S. Military Academy Class of 1976 graduate, functioned as the assistant secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology).

The “industrial base” was one of the facets he worked on, which enabled the research, design, assembly and maintenance of weapon systems in ammunition plants to meet the U.S. Army’s directives.

During that time, Jette would regularly pay visits to ammo plants to get a comprehensive idea of what revisions needed to be applied to enhance the Army warfighter.

One of the plants he would regularly visit was the Iowa Army Ammunition Plant. Since its construction in the 1940s, the IAAAP has remained virtually unchanged in its design. Each visitation would arm Jette with a sense of nostalgia for the ingenuity and technological prowess achieved during the mid-20th century.

“He called the IAAAP his ‘time machine,’” Lt. Col. Steve Crews, an assistant professor in the Department of Civil and Mechanical Engineering, said. “Step into my time machine,” he would say.

Despite that, Jette believed changes needed to be implemented to streamline productivity and increase efficiency during the manufacturing process.

With that in mind, he considered what the employees had to endure and the risk they would have to face daily to produce ammunition successfully.

Imagine spending all day picking up and putting down ammunition rounds, with each round weighing 100 pounds ... It’s a tough proposition,” Jette said.

As a result, workers at the IAAAP have sustained injuries during the manufacturing process, reinforcing the need for innovative change to increase efficiency and, more importantly, to safeguard the well-being of workers.

“Many workers (at the IAAAP) complain about back problems and it’s also very laborious and time consuming lifting those heavy shells,” Jermain Magette, the project officer for the IAAAP, said.

Jette added that even with lifting chains and motors, it still takes a considerable amount of time to complete the task, and it still requires an employee to handle theammo rounds physically.

And so, after studying the capabilities of the IAAAP and other ammo plants, Jette, along with colleagues and other subject matter experts, came to a fundamental realization: there was a dire need to modernize the working conditions of the facility and get people out of unsafe environments within the workspace.

With this intention, he was sure that the application of automated robots would be the primary way to get it done.

“A worker has to think, ‘could the round pop out of the chain,’ ‘could it fall to the ground,’ ‘could it swing against me and injure me with its weight?’ With robots, people will transition from handling explosives to handling the robots that handle the explosives,” Jette said.

The novel idea kickstarted operations at West Point as Crews spent most of his tenure at the academy teaching cadets, who had no prior knowledge, how to build robots.

“The concept I explained to them was, ‘I don’t want you spending too much effort building a robot. I want you to build a robot quickly, prototype it, and then I want you to focus on some actual research,’” Crews said.

Throughout the process, Crews spent many semesters designing and then fine-tuning the lesson plan for cadets so that they could work on materials usually reserved for the graduate level.

“I wanted them to do algorithms, I wanted them to do SLAM (Simultaneous Localization and Mapping), I wanted them to do machine learning; I want them to apply these concepts and they’ve been able to perform all of these different elements within the lab, and it’s been fantastic,” Crews said.

Last year, in the beginning of their research, Class of 2022 Cadets Alexander Murphy, Ethan Rabb, Steven Butts, Skander Guizani, and Isaac Hagberg ventured to the IAAAP to acquire data and practical knowledge of how they operationalize in the plant. They also took notes on the architectural structure of the facility to model in the laboratory at Mahan Hall, similar to the plant.

“We were allowed to see everything,” Butts said. “We were allowed to take notes and conceptualize everything we saw in our mind while being escorted by a government employee or the supervisor of whatever station we were at.”

They were allowed to observe, but they could not take photos or record videos of the warehouse due to operational security.

Once they had returned from Iowa, it was time to get in the lab, buckle down and work through two painstakers semesters of crafting robotic prototypes with safety at the forefront of their minds.

**Applying the Pressure Where It Counts**

It was April 18, and the cadets were underprepared.

They had just finished presenting their Warehouse Autonomous Robots (WAR) capstone project to officers and civilians professors at Mahan hall.

As the onlookers exited the laboratory, Crews hit the cadets with a poignant reality check.

“The presentation did not go well,” he said. “However, you need to experience failures under stress with people watching you because otherwise, imagine all this happening with the Secretary of the Army or amongst generals?”

“The WAR team spent two semesters developing an intricate vision and touch safety system meant to “stop, slow or alter robot movement,” Hagberg explained during a presentation.

First, they developed the robots’ mechanical structure, one with an omnidirectional base and a triangular frame with ‘meccanum’ wheels attached to the three ends of each module and a robotic arm attached to its surface to lift items and place them in certain areas.

The second robot served as a vision and touch safety prototype in the form of a robotic arm using HEBI modules capable of lifting the top four inches of an M795 round and moving them from one location to another.

The team plugged away at mathematical equations and coding sequences, teaching the robot arm how to identify the presence of humans relative to itself.

Leading up to their first presentation, the cadets thought they were ready. However, something in the code was amiss.

While the cadets properly explained what the robot arm could do, the code they had programmed into it did not allow it to perform tasks correctly.

When the robot arm didn’t move in short, aggressive spurts, a mistake in the coding sequence caused it not to move at all, and most importantly, it still couldn’t detect a human’s presence.

Safety, more so than anything else, was the selling point. If the robotic arm could not identify a human’s presence on the work floor while handling ammunition, the capstone project would be considered a pointless endeavor.

“They needed to fail their first presentation. They needed to feel ashamed of their work,” Crews said. “I was that cadet before. I came to present my project, and it just didn’t work. Then my advisor said, ‘we’re just gonna move on to the next thing,’ and they just skipped me. So, (the WAR team) needed to see that they don’t have it all together before Projects Day.”

For this reason, the cadets swung back into action, fine-tuning the robotic arm’s capabilities.

Moreover, correcting the errors came with improving the quality of their presentation.

Live demonstrations can come with their fair share of challenges. For example, products can break, malfunction or not work when prompted. However, bringing someone outside of the team to test the product can be highly beneficial in understanding what needs to be tuned before a live demo, Crews said.

“Essentially, I had to put on the pressure and invite people to the demo. They were doing a good job briefing people, but their hardware didn’t actually work,” Crews said.

Each cadet had a specific piece to work on and incorporate into the project based on the sublet disciplines Crews had shown them earlier last semester.

Butts took on a managerial role serving as a point of contact for outside contacts, sponsors, handling schedules for presentations, and getting the resources the team members needed, among other duties. He also designed the gripper attached to the robot arm that lifts the top casing of the M795 round.

Rabb took aim at the mathematical quandaries that go into coding the robot’s movement.

During the process, Rabb encountered challenges turning all the theories he read about and studied on robotics into something tangible.

“There were challenges in learning the theory, and it was interesting seeing how it applies to this particular research and then implementing it and showing that it works and I didn’t try to take shortcuts in the code,” Rabb said. “Also, Lt. Col. Crews likes to find out our shortcuts, so there was no point in trying to take it to begin with.”

Ammo detection was Hagberg’s domain.

Through computer vision and machine learning, he had to teach the robot how to locate and interface with the warhead of a round.

“Think of it as lining up your sight picture before you fire your rifle,” Hagberg said. “In this case, the first problem to solve is teaching the robot to accurately align itself with the warhead; then the second problem is moving to grab the individual round and pick it up.”

Murphy focused on programming the robot to intuit a sense of touch using torque feedback, the mathematical Jacobian method, and Denavit–Hartenberg parameters, which is a tool used in mechanical engineering during robotics development.

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The Corps of Engineers Ball and Projects Day

Hagberg and Rabb watched the HEBI modules on the robot arm beam a red light indicating something was wrong.

“I think this is marginally worse than our presentation two days ago,” Hagberg sarcastically noted.

“No, it’s better because at least something gets to somewhere,” Rabb responded as they stood before their robot arm mounted on a mobile desk at Eisenhower Hall.

The WAR team members, Murphy, Rabb, Guizani and Hagberg, had set up their robot station and were in their full dress India whites, performing last-minute preparations for the Corps of Engineers Ball. They had 15 minutes left to organize an unfinished product before Lt. Gen. Scott Spellmon, the 55th Chief of Engineers and commanding general of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), came to their station.

“The general’s here. I saw him downstairs,” Crews said to the team. “When you show him this, how are you going to fill the void when something goes wrong during the live demo?”

Then, suddenly, as if on cue, the robot arm abruptly tremored as if it were going into a seizure as the WAR team attempted some last-minute tweaks. Crews continued observing.

“It’s almost as if (the modules) are pushing against each other,” he said. Crews pointed at the two modules conflicting with one another.

“They are fighting. They should always have the opposite command of one another,” Crews advised.

The War team and Crews watched the robot arm continue to tremor.

“We’ll fill the void with some stories about where it was and how proud we are that it’s gotten to this point,” Hagberg said as the floor filled with other cadets organizing their stations in full dress, ready to make an impression.

The minutes ticked away, and soon, the floor was packed with spectators, scientists, professors, engineers and cadets. Despite the robot arm’s mechanical setbacks, the WAR team coordinated the presentation in a way that kept onlookers engaged.

They piqued the people’s interest with the novel concepts of information they presented.

Every interaction kept the team on their toes and prepared them for the pivotal moment when Spellmon reached the WAR team’s station.

“On the 27th, everything should work,” Crews said to the WAR team. “We should carry it over to (Michie Stadium) and leave it overnight because you’re not going to have access to it anymore on the 27th. Then on the morning of the 28th, the (Secretary of the Army Christine Wormuth’s) helicopter will land, and, I’m telling you right now, your demo will be her first stop.”

The presentation ended with Spellmon congratulating the cadets on their breakthroughs with the projects, but more improvements still needed to be made.

“So we had the Monday presentation in the lab, then we had the Corps of Engineers Ball presentation on Wednesday, and now we have Project Day coming up. It’s rehearsals on top of rehearsals,” Crews said.

The cadets put the Corps of Engineers Ball behind them as soon as it ended and immediately started toiling away at the final touches of the robotic arm.

The team had seven days left to debug and patch all the issues plaguing the project leading up to their third presentation on the 23rd annual Projects Day on April 28.

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It was three lessons ago leading up to Projects Day when Guizani finally hit his mark and made his most significant breakthrough. He along with the rest of the team, exhaled a sigh of relief when the robotic arm finally detected a human’s presence and came to a complete stop.

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The Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (EECS) hosted its annual induction ceremonies April 19 for the organizations associated with the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE): Eta Kappa Nu (HKN) and Upsilon Pi Epsilon (UPE). HKN is an honor society for electrical engineering and UPE is an honor society for computer science and information technology. The ceremony was held in the Black, Gray and Gold Room to provide a genuine in-person celebration for all inductees. Col. James Raftery, EECS Department head, welcomed cadets and faculty before Cadets Kevin Lin and Johnathan Riemerspeters, presidents of HKN and UPE, respectively, led the induction ceremony for their respective honor societies. Cadets inducted into the two honor societies ranked in the top 20% (for the class of 2024), top 25% (for the class of 2023) or top 33% (for the Class of 2022) of students in their fields of study. (Above) Those inducted into IEEE-HKN were Cadets Adam Elahmadi, Jordan Heida, Alexander Inman, Patrick Mullin, Alex Murawski, Philip West, Capt. Timothy Graziano and Capt. Ryan Neville. (Below) Those inducted into UPE were Maj. Eric Dubois, Dr. Maria Ebling and Cadets Cole Breton, Samantha Chinn, Kelsie Edie, Christopher Eno, Alexander Enriquez, Wyatt Evers, Darby Felter, Hans Fotta, Vedin Fowler, Matthew Gray, Isaac Hagberg, Orrin Harbol, Helen Hedrick, Jacob Huckelberry, Nathan Jenkins, Colin Jones, Michael Kahler, Kyle Krage, Michael Lance, Nicholas Liebers, Stephen McKinney, Joseph Moore, Alexander Nguyen, Dashiell Rogers, David Ryan, Nicholas Schultz, Lakhan Singh, Jack Summers, Edward Tang, Nicholas Tavassoli, Benjamin Wettstein and Luke Windish. The ceremony was graciously supported by the mess hall staff who provided a great meal for the induction ceremonies and the generous donors of the EECS Department.

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COMMUNITY FEATURED ITEMS

Cornwall-on-Hudson RiverFest returns June 5
After a two-year hiatus due to COVID-19, Cornwall-on-Hudson’s RiverFest is set to return from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. June 5. Musical groups John Gioia, Gypsy Funk Squad, Ladies of the Eighties, 105 Band and School of Rock are lined up—along with children’s entertainer, Story Laurie.
Vendor applications are still being accepted and can be downloaded from www.river-fest.com.
Now in its 23rd year, RiverFest is held at Donohue Park along the Hudson River and features a full day of music and entertainment, children’s activities, a large craft and food fair and kayaking.
There is no charge for RiverFest, and everyone is invited. Visit www.river-fest.com for up to date information.

(UPDATED) Mine Torne Road closures
Cadet Summer Training will begin soon and continue throughout the summer.
Due to training on Range 2 (artillery) and Range 12 (demolition), Mine Torne Road will be closed on certain days beginning Tuesday through June 27.
Here are the initial dates Mine Torne Road will be closed from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. each day below:
• Saturday, Sunday, May 28, 29 and 31.
• June 1, 3, 4, 6, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 26 and 27, and July 6-14 and 18-29.

West Point Community Gymnastics Club Day Camp
The West Point Community Gymnastics Club is offering a day camp from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. starting June 27 through July 1.
For any questions, call Carmine Giglio at 845-938-2880.
For more details, visit https://sites.google.com/view/westpointegcsummercamp/home.
Use the QR Code below to get more information or to register.

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“It was the idea behind the code itself that led me to figuring it out,” Guizani said. “Once I understood the concept of what Lt. Col. Crews wanted me to do, I transformed the concept into a code. It became a process I applied piece by piece until I finally got it.”

As Projects Day kicked off early in the morning, everyone made their first stop at the WAR team’s section, and everything went off without a hitch.
Unfortunately, the Secretary of the Army did not show up due to a change of plans, but the show went on, and the team presented their capstone project successfully. From safety to ammo detection, all of the moving parts worked seamlessly.
“I just feel relieved,” Butts said. “I’m definitely satisfied with how far we got. We did a lot in a year. If you compare us to other counseling groups, a capstone team is usually working on one aspect of a project. We looked at the safety, movement, design and the gripping, a part from other elements.”

For Murphy, it was amazing to reach the success he had mentioned previously during the Corps of Engineers Ball.
“It feels amazing. Obviously, this was a very stressful project to work on. I’d say definitely one of the hardest, if not the hardest one in the Mechanical and Civil Engineering Department,” Murphy said. “We had a lot of long nights. We were working every day on this capstone. So it feels good that all of our hard work and dedication to this project ended up producing something that people are interested in, that might make a positive change in the Army.”

Jette was thoroughly impressed with the progress the cadets made throughout the academic year and commended them for their arduous efforts.
“They took on a number of pretty challenging problems to resolve," Jette said. “For example, the locking hook that attaches to the round is safe, and it will not let go even if it loses power. That may seem inconsequential to some, but you’re asking cadets, undergraduates, to design and build a real device that actually works.”

Randy Doyle, the Environmental Coordinator on the IAAAP staff, worked with Crews and the cadets since the start of the project. With 39 years of military service before retiring, it was awe-inspiring for Doyle to watch the WAR team contribute to the advancement of the Army warfighter.
“I’ve been around a long time, and I just never comprehended that we in the Army have evolved to this capability,” Doyle said. “I mean, we were trained to be warfighters and now we’re training our Soldiers how to equip the warfighter.”
Keller Corner: Weekly updates, COVID-19 info

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 COVID-19 vaccine clinic open on Fridays only

The Keller Army Community Hospital has updated the COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic hours (for first, second or third/booster; for adults and pediatrics) to Fridays only. The updated schedule is:

- From 10-11:30 a.m. Friday for the adult population (ages 12 years and older).
- Appointments can be made on the COVAX Appointment Tool at https://informatics-stage.health.mil/COVAX/.
- From noon-2 p.m. Friday for pediatric population (ages 5-11 years old).

For appointments, call the Keller Appointment Line (845-938-7992 or 800-552-2907, from 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m.) to schedule a vaccination time.

The West Point COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic is located on the first floor in Keller Army Community Hospital, in Room 1C20, between the pharmacy and the entrance into the Allgood Clinic.

National Melanoma/Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month

As spring kicks in and the summer months approach, and exposure to the sun is increased, Keller Army Community Hospital is recognizing National Melanoma/Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month — dedicated to increasing public awareness of the importance of prevention, early detection and treatment of skin cancer, including basal cell, squamous cell and melanoma.

Skin cancer is the most common type of cancer in the United States, and more than 3.5 million skin cancers are diagnosed annually in more than 2 million people.

Every Sunday at 11 a.m., in May, the Keller Facebook page will provide information on skin cancers, including warning signs, causes and risk factors, treatment options and preventative measure you can take.

KACH provides options for your Pharmacy needs

The Keller Army Community Hospital Pharmacy provides options to meet your pharmaceutical needs.

- Patients can pick up their prescriptions (and refills) at Keller’s outpatient pharmacy pick-up windows.

Drug information and patient counseling is provided on new and refilled prescriptions for all eligible beneficiaries. Pharmacy hours are:
  - Monday: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.;
  - Tuesday: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.;
  - Wednesday: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.;
  - Thursday: 8 a.m.-2 p.m.; 3 p.m.-5 p.m.;
  - Friday: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

- Patients can pick up their refills at Keller’s ScriptCenter prescription pick-up kiosk in the main lobby. The ScriptCenter kiosk will provide a locker for secure and safe pickup of refill prescriptions, and will allow for pharmaceutical pickup after the pharmacy has closed. A full feature on the ScriptCenter kiosk at KACH can be found at https://www.army.mil/article/250422.

- Patients can receive their prescriptions through the convenience of “home delivery.” Registering for home delivery can be done online at https://militaryrx.express-scripts.com/home-delivery, by phone at 1-877-363-1303, or by asking your doctor or pharmacist to transfer your prescription to home delivery.

More information on the Keller Pharmacy information can be found at https://keller.tricare.mil/Health-Services/Pharmacy.

May is Blood Pressure, Stroke Awareness Month

Keller Army Community Hospital recognizes “High Blood Pressure Awareness” (every Tuesday) and “American Stroke Awareness” (every Wednesday) throughout May on the Keller Facebook page.

High blood pressure increases the risk for heart disease and stroke, two of the leading causes of death for Americans.

Tens of millions of adults in the United States have high blood pressure, and many do not have it under control.

Learn more facts about high blood pressure. High blood pressure usually has no symptoms, so the only way to know if you have it is to get your blood pressure measured.

Stroke is a disease that affects the arteries leading to and within the brain.

It is the fifth leading cause of death and a leading cause of disability in the United States.

A stroke occurs when a blood vessel that carries oxygen and nutrients to the brain is either blocked by a clot or bursts (or ruptures). When that happens, part of the brain cannot get the blood (and oxygen) it needs, so it and brain cells die.

Please join us at https://www.facebook.com/kellerarmycommunityhospital as we inform and raise awareness.

May is National Mental Health Awareness Month

ELIMINATING TOXIC INFLUENCES

Certain people and situations in life can trigger us to feel badly about ourselves or engage in destructive behaviors. Identifying the toxic influences in our lives and taking steps to create boundaries or a new life without them can improve mental and physical health over time.

TRAILS OF TOXIC PEOPLE

- Manipulation. Toxic people are often very good at manipulation. They may seem to be genuinely interested in your company and getting to know you at first, but once they have the upper hand, they use the knowledge they gain about you to try and get you to do what they want. They will often twist your words or make you feel guilty to get their way.

- They make you feel bad about yourself. Insults are the most direct way that toxic people can make you feel bad, but most of the time they do it in a more subtle way. When you are feeling happy or proud of yourself, they will find ways to "turn on your pedals" or downplay your achievements. They might also act like they are smarter than you, to make you feel dumb in comparison.

- Being judgemental. Everyone can be judgemental from time to time, but a toxic person is judgemental almost all of the time. They see things in black and white and criticize anything that they don’t agree with or approve of, instead of considering the circumstances or the feelings of other people.

- Negativity. Some people just can’t seem to see the good in life. They will find something to nitpick about just about anything and won’t even be able to find joy in anything. Being around someone like this can make it hard for you to enjoy yourself and be positive. Sometimes it can be easy to participate in the symptoms of depression or for negativity, so it is worth having a conversation with someone to determine if they need help getting through depression or if they are truly being toxic.

- Passive aggressive. These behaviors are a way that people express their discomfort without having a conversation about their problems. This type of hostility is less obvious than anger and can be shown in a number of different ways. Some forms of passive aggression include silent comments, sabotaging the efforts of others, and purposely doing nothing or not doing something to make things inconvenient for someone or get them upset.

- Self-centered. Toxic people care mostly about themselves. They don’t think about the actions that others do and how it may affect other people. Someone who is self-centered is focused on getting what they want and is unlikely to compromise or consider another person’s point of view.

- Difficulty with anger management. Someone who has trouble managing their anger will make you feel like you are walking on egg shells every time you are around them. The slightest thing can trigger them into a fit of rage, and often nasty, hurtful things are said while they are in this mental state. There may be apologies the day after, but often they are insincere and the toxic person will repeat their angry, hurtful behaviors soon after.

- Controlling. One of the most dangerous traits of a toxic person is controlling behavior. While you may try to restrict them from contacting your friends or family, or minimize the time you spend with them, they often infiltrate transportation or places to money to restrict your ability to interact with the world around you. If you are in a situation where someone is controlling your actions, you need to speak up. If you are in a situation where someone is controlling your actions, you need to speak up. If you are in a situation where someone is controlling your actions, you need to speak up.

Learn more facts about how to manage toxic people. It’s never easy, and you may want to get some outside help. But it is possible and it can make a big difference in your life.

FAST FACTS

- An average of 60% of Americans have experienced emotional abuse.

- Approximately 5% of U.S. women have, or have had, cancer, based on data from American Cancer Society.

- Toxic friends are common, and 53% of men report having a toxic friend at some point.

Mental Health America

IF YOU FEEL LIKE YOU ARE STRUGGLING WITH YOUR MENTAL HEALTH, VISIT MHASCREENING.ORG TO CHECK YOUR SYMPTOMS.

It’s never easy, and you may want to get some outside help. But it is possible and it can make a big difference in your life.
MWR events/offerings

FEATURED EVENT

Utah (non-resident) Concealed Permit Course
The Utah (non-resident) concealed permit course is a non-live fire class and will be held from 1-5:30 p.m. June 11 at the Buffalo Soldier Pavilion, located at 628 Hodges Place.
No firearms or permits are needed. This permit allows non-residents to carry a concealed handgun in 35 states (unfortunately, New York does not recognize the Utah permit). This is the ideal permit to have if you travel to different states. This class includes your passport style photo, finger prints, application, mailing envelope and address labels. All you have to do is send it off in the mail.

There is a nominal fee for this class. Please bring a blank check to this class when attending to pay for the application fee, which is currently at $63.25.

To register, visit westpoint.armymwr.com, visit the center or call 845-938-1700.

MWR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lunch Program at The West Point Club
The West Point Club invites you to stop by from 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. daily for its Lunch Program. Pick up classic staples at Bistro 603 like salads, sandwiches and desserts, plus daily carving board selections — or take advantage of the new and expanded “Buffet Bonanza” (dine-in only), featuring Taco Tuesdays, Wing Wednesdays and rotating international favorites on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays.

The Buffet Bonanza includes the chef’s choice of dessert and an iced tea. For more details, visit thewestpointclub.com or call 845-938-5120.

FAP Presents Wee-Play and 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 Tuesdays from 8:30-10 a.m. bi-weekly on Tuesday, June 7 and 21.

Wee-Read is a fun-filled story time including activities that promote speech development and learning. Wee-Read takes place Wednesdays from 9-10 a.m. bi-weekly on Wednesday, June 8 and 22. Both 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. For more details, visit the CYS hiring page at westpoint.armymwr.com.

Yoga at Trophy Point
The summer yoga classes at Trophy Point will be held from 9-10 a.m. on Saturdays for a nominal fee. Class dates are June 4, 18 and 25, July 9 and 23, Aug. 6 and 20 and Sept. 10.

Pre-registration is online at westpoint.armymwr.com. The class is limited to 20 participants.

Bring your own yoga mat. Participants must bring a group fitness coupon (available at the MWR Fitness Center) or exact change. Coupons can be purchased online or at the fitness center.

For more details, call 845-938-6490.

Bull Pond Reservations
Bull Pond reservations are now open to all eligible DOD personnel. Reservations are available on a first come, first served basis by calling 845-938-2649.

Questions can be emailed to daniel.b.eichner.naf@army.mil. For a listing of available dates, visit westpoint.armymwr.com.

West Point Departments Team Building Activity
Step out of your comfort zone, boost morale, get to know your colleagues on a new level and have fun. The West Point Departments team building activities will take place June through August at the Tronsue Marksmanship Center.

There is a nominal cost for the activities, which includes basic pistol instructions, firearm rental, targets, range time, 50 rounds of ammo and ear/eye protection. There is a minimum of six people, maximum of 12 people during a duration of two hours.

Must be 16 or older to participate. Pre-registration is required and no experience necessary. Open to groups and departments, and must be associated with USMA. To register, call 845-938-1700.

West Point Community Adult Intramural Summer Softball League
The MWR Intramural Sports Office is offering a Community Adult Intramural Softball League with games played Mondays and Wednesdays only from June 1 through Aug. 10 at the H-Lot Softball Fields.

It is open to active duty personnel, DOD civilians, retired personnel and West Point community family members. To sign-up, call MWR Intramural Sports Office at 845-938-3066.

West Point Community Adult Intramural Golf League
The MWR Intramural Sports Office is offering a Community Adult Intramural Golf League with games to be played from 4:30 p.m. until dusk Tuesdays at the West Point Golf Course. Course fees apply, but it’s free to join the golf league.

It is open to active duty personnel, DOD civilians, retired personnel and West Point community family members. To sign-up, call MWR Intramural Sports Office at 845-938-3066.

Child and Youth Services Lacrosse Development Program
Registration for Child and Youth Services’ Lacrosse Development Program is open. The program runs through June 12. Open to boys and girls in grades K-8.

Times and locations are to be determined. There is a nominal fee for this program.

For more details and/or to volunteer to coach, call 845-938-8896/8525.

West Point Community Outdoor Pickleball Open Play
Games for the West Point Community Outdoor Pickleball Open Play will take place noon-1 p.m. Wednesdays and 3-5 p.m. Sundays through June 29 at Clinton Courts by Daly Field.

It is open to active duty personnel, DOD civilians, retired personnel and West Point community family members. To sign-up, call MWR Intramural Sports Office at 845-938-3066.

(UPDATED) Child and Youth Services Youth Center Open Gym at the Youth Center
The Child and Youth Services Youth Center is offering an open gym that will run noon-4 p.m. Monday through Friday from June 6 through Aug. 19 at the Youth Center.

It is open to youth in grades 6-8. For more details, call 845-938-8896/8525.

Functional Fitness Classes with Anthony
New functional fitness classes with Anthony will be held at 6-7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the MWR Fitness Center.

The classes help prepare your body for real-life movement and activities. Train your muscles to work in unison. Simulate common movements you would do at home, work or in sports.

Register at the MWR Fitness Center. For more details, call 845-938-6490.

(NEW) ACS Teen Game Night
Army Community Service invites all West Point teens (middle & high schoolers) and their parents for a free Game Night at the MST (500 Washington Road) from 5-8 p.m. June 3.

Let loose and enjoy some family bonding time with your teen at this fun-filled event, featuring board games, Dungeons & Dragons, pizza, prizes and more. For more details, call 845-938-4629.

Note: This is not a drop off event. Parents must remain onsite at all times.

Dinner-To-Go Menu Items at the West Point Club
The West Point Club has a few new menu items that includes chicken noodle soup, pasta primavera, salmon with dill butter, rack of barbeque ribs, macaroni and cheese and individual cheese cakes. The West Point Club’s Dinner-To-Go is available Monday through Friday. Place your order by 2 p.m. that day and specify a pick up time between 4–5:30 p.m. and pick up your meal at the WPC’s Benny Havens Lounge. Servings for four or six are available for a nominal fee.

For pricing and menu items, visit thewestpointclub.com or call 845-446-5506/5504.

Morgan Farm Stable and Kennel for Horse Boarding, Riding Lessons and Pet Kenneling
Morgan Farm Stable and Kennel is located at 206 Morgan Farm Road in Highland Falls (behind O’Neill High School). It offers horse boarding, riding lessons and pet kenneling at an affordable price. For more details, call 845-938-3926 or visit westpoint.armymwr.com.
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Women’s rugby falls to Dartmouth in quarterfinals

Army West Point women’s rugby dropped a heartbreaker to Dartmouth, 14-10, in the quarterfinals of the Rugby 7s Collegiate Championship, on Sunday morning in Atlanta. The match was a physical battle from the opening whistle. Dartmouth scored the first points of the game off a try and conversion to take a 7-0 lead over Army. Kaitlyn Schwarting was quick to answer the attack by breaking through the Dartmouth line to cross the try zone. Her try cut Dartmouth’s lead to 7-5 heading into the break. Dartmouth’s offense was powerful coming out of the break, as it scored the first try of the half to jump to a 14-5 lead over Army. Sydney Schaaf turned on the wheels a few minutes later to power down the pitch and score Army’s second try of the contest. The Black Knights were not successful on the conversion, leaving the score at 14-10 in Dartmouth’s favor. The Black Knights fought to make on final push but came up short dropping the contest to Dartmouth.
Baseball secures championship spot, sweeps Holy Cross

By Meg Ellis
Army Athletic Communications

The top-seeded Army West Point baseball team is on track to claim its fourth-straight Patriot League Championship after defeating No. 4 Holy Cross in a semifinal doubleheader on Saturday afternoon at Johnson Stadium at Doubleday Field.

The Black Knights (29-21) downed the Crusaders (17-37) by a score of 9-3 before out-slugging their visitors in a 14-2 second game.

Game 1: Army 9, Holy Cross 3

After a few back-and-forth innings, Army took its final lead in the bottom of the fourth by scoring five runs that lifted the team to victory in game one.

Connelly Early pitched a career-high 8.0 innings in the contest, allowing just three earned runs on six hits. The Patriot League Pitcher of the Year fanned seven batters and earned runs on six hits. The Patriot League innings in the contest, allowing just three

frames, with Holy Cross using a pair of long balls to take a 3-2 lead in the top of the fourth. Army’s additional score during the action was recorded on Nick Manesis’ sac fly.

The Cadets did not remain behind the Crusaders for long, as the offense took care of business in the bottom of the fourth to overtake Holy Cross once and for all.

After Blake Ledoux tied up the game at 3-3 with an RBI single, Derek Berg scored an additional run on a wild pitch before Kevin Dubrule and Manesis drove in three more with a double and a single, respectively, to put the home team on top 7-3.

Holy Cross’ two runs in the top of the fourth were their last of the game, as Early cruised through his last four innings of work. Ross Friedrick’s solo shot and Cam Cerruto, who scored on a wild pitch, added to Army’s total in the seventh and pushed the team to its final margin of victory.

Early (7-3) was relieved by Robbie Buecker at the start of the ninth and though two Crusaders reached in that frame, the starter held them to another zero.

Following four scoreless innings, Holy Cross got on the board in the fifth with a two-out single before Dawson recorded the third out with a swinging punchout. After pitching a quality start, he was relieved in the top of the sixth by Trevor Finan, who sat down the Crusaders in order.

Army poured it on down the stretch, adding eight runs to its lead over the final three innings. Friedrick, Dubrule, Ruta and Manesis plated runners during the jamboree and contributed to the team’s 19 hits, which fell just short of tying a season-best 20 (vs. Holy Cross, April 2).

While the Black Knights ran away with the game, the Crusaders did tack on one final run to their total by drawing a bases-loaded walk in the seventh.

The Black Knights used four arms to get through the final innings and Dawson (4-1) was credited with the win.

Coach’s Corner

“I’m proud of the guys. The first game was a little slow … It was hard to get the guys going because they’ve had exams all week. We woke up between game one and game two.

“They’ve been through a lot this year (with injuries) but the guys have each other’s backs. Now we get to play for another championship. We’re grateful for the opportunity. Connelly Early set the tone … And got it done.

“In the second game, we shot out of the cannon. I thought having (Cam)Cerruto back was huge. The short game got it going and then we kept the pressure on.” — Head Coach Jim Foster

What’s Next

Army has locked up its spot in the Patriot League Championship and will play host to No.2 Bucknell. Dates, game times and other information will be announced as they are finalized.
The Army West Point men’s track and field team celebrate after capturing the 145th IC4A Outdoor Track and Field Championships for the first time in 18 years on Sunday in Williamsburg, Virginia. The title is the program’s second (2004) in its history.

Men’s track and field wins IC4A Championships

By Derick Thornton
Army Athletic Communications

The Army West Point men’s track and field team captured the 145th IC4A Outdoor Track and Field Championships for the first time in 18 years on Sunday in Williamsburg, Virginia. The title is the program’s second (2004) in its history.

Meet Summary
The Black Knights finished with 81 points out of the 21 events scored to finish eight points ahead of second place University of Albany. Army scored in nine events — 1,500 meters, 5,000 meters, 800 meters, 10,000 meters, pole vault, shot put, discus, hammer and javelin.

The throwers once again dominated their events. Jamir Gibson won the discus throw (54.60 meters) for the third time this outdoor season.

Jake Nwosu also scored for the Black Knights with a sixth-place finish.

In the hammer, Army finished 2-4 with Cam Smith finishing second (58.82 meters) followed by Gibson (58.61 meters) and Deven McNeal (58.52 meters).

Army picked up fourth and fifth place finishes in the javelin with Chris Barrett (60.64 meters) and Parker Brosious (59.97 meters). Luke Noonan placed seventh in the shot put for two points for the Black Knights.

Event Winners
• Discus — Gibson (54.60 meters).

Notable Performances
• Connor Quinlan finished second in the pole vault (4.68 meters).
• Luke Griner finished third in the 800 meters (1:50.36).
• Erik Lara secured a second place finish in the 10,000 meters (30:20.61).
• Marshall Beatty finished third in the 5,000 meters (14:08.12).
• Caden Foster and Zachary Simon finished third and fifth, respectively, in the 1,500 meters.

Coach’s Corner
“This meet has a long history as a regional championship on both the men’s and women’s sides. Teams from the northeast and mid-Atlantic typically compete at this championship and in most years it is a very competitive meet.

“It hasn’t been held at William and Mary in close to 30 years so this was a new experience for almost everyone on our team. Coming off the conference meet last weekend and the ensuing week of final exams we knew we wouldn’t be able to travel our full lineup down here so we have much less depth than we normally would at a championship meet like this.

“Having said that the people that are here are some of our top performers and their results reflect the strength of our team.

“We last won this meet in 2004, so it was a nice accomplishment for our men today. We didn’t have very much depth in the meet but we had quite a few top three finishes and almost everyone that we entered scored points.

“Jamir Gibson led the way for us with his win in the discus today. The discus is his best event and he is the best discus thrower to ever attend a service academy so it was not a surprise that he won today.

“His top throw was well short of his best but his consistency is usually better than most and today it was enough to win.

“The NCAA regional prelims are the next meet on our schedule. I expect that we will get about five men into that meet.

“The top 12 finishers at the regional will advance to the NCAA championship in Eugene.”

Up Next
The Black Knights who qualified for the NCAA East Regionals will compete from May 25-28 in Bloomington, Indiana.

For complete coverage of Army West Point cross country and track and field, follow the Black Knights on Twitter (Army WP TrackXC) and Instagram (goarmytrack) and online at www.goarmywestpoint.com.