Approximately 1,200 candidates of the Class of 2026 report to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point for Reception Day Monday. (Above and bottom left) The new cadets receive detailed instruction from members of the cadet cadre, begin to learn from their New Cadet Handbook for Cadet Basic Training 2022 (bottom center) and receive a regulation Army haircut at the academy (bottom right).

Photos by John Pellino/USMA PAO, Kyle Osterhoudt/USMA PAO, Michelle Matos/USMA PAO and Jorge Garcia/PV

New class arrives on R-Day
Gilland becomes West Point’s 61st Superintendent

Story by Jorge Garcia
PV Staff Writer

Friends and family gathered at the superintendent’s residence to watch as the former superintendent, Gen. Darryl A. Williams, relinquished command of the U.S. Military Academy to the 61st Superintendent, Lt. Gen. Steven W. Gilland, during a change of command ceremony on Monday at West Point.

“It’s a humble privilege to serve as the 61st superintendent and to lead this garrison ... and, most importantly, this institution ...” Gilland said. “As the world’s preeminent leadership institution, we will continue to develop leaders of character for our Army guided by a ‘people-first’ mindset and a ‘winning matters’ attitude.”

Recently serving as the deputy commanding general of 3rd Armored Corps at Fort Hood, Texas, Gilland spent his storied career leaving his mark on the Long Gray Line as a USMA Class of 1990 graduate.

Currently, he holds a master’s degree in operational art and science and, in the past, has served as the Commandant of Cadets at West Point.

Gilland also served as the commanding general of the 2nd Infantry Division in South Korea, and received multiple awards and decorations throughout his career, including the Army Distinguished Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal and Legion of Merit, among others.

“We will remain integrated with the Army’s priorities of readiness, modernization and people, as well as the Secretary of the Army’s (Christine Wormuth’s) six objectives,” Gilland said. “West Point is a living, breathing leadership laboratory, and as such, we will continue to educate, train and inspire leaders to build cohesive teams who are trained, disciplined and fit.”

Gilland added how vital West Point’s mission is to never lose focus on the significant choice young future leaders like the Class of 2026 and other aspiring leaders across the country have made to protect and serve the Nation.

“They are the future of our Army,” Gilland said. “... And we have the honor, responsibility and obligation to train and inspire them. Let us all serve as role models demonstrating what it means to live and lead honorably and to represent excellence to our Army’s next-generation leaders of character.”

During the ceremony, both Gilland and Williams received promotions. Gilland’s family pinned his shoulders as he ranked up to a lieutenant general. Meanwhile, Williams earned his fourth star as general.

“... We try to live the Army values every single day, and (the Chief of Staff Gen. James McConville) asked me about a year ago, ‘hey, do you think you can go a little longer?’ I said, ‘if I get to serve with our great Soldiers and noncommissioned officers chief, absolutely,’” Williams said.

Williams will assume command of U.S. Army Europe and Africa during a ceremony Tuesday in Wiesbaden, Germany.
New cadets integrate into West Point during R-Day

Story by Jorge Garcia
PV Staff Writer

After they had parted ways with family and friends, the culture shock shook the young cadet candidate hopefuls to their core as they spent the day transitioning from civilians to new cadets during Reception Day Monday at the U.S. Military Academy.

This year, West Point received about 12,600 applications from aspiring students. However, more than 1,200 new cadets reported to West Point to kickstart their inprocessing to join the Class of 2026 and begin their 47-month experience.

Roughly 38% of minority enrollment included 144 African Americans, 143 Hispanic Americans, 163 Asian Americans and 23 Native Americans. In addition, 261 women, 11 combat veterans and 16 international students were inprocessed to West Point.

For Class of 2023 Cadet Kai Youngren, the Cadet Basic Training commander, part of meeting the challenge of shaping over 1,200 new cadets is learning everyone’s quirks to adequately guide them to success.

“Being responsible for over 1,200 people is an incredibly enormous responsibility,” Youngren said. “Learning to pay attention to the smallest details, to check on your cadets and remain positive each and every day in order to inspire the vast quantity of the regiment is something that’s going to be very, very useful for me when I take over a platoon of 40 people.”

New Cadet Sean Kim stood in line with his parents, Paul and Yoon Kim, who originally hail from South Korea, as they waited to enter Eisenhower Hall to say their farewells.

Paul and Yoon expressed how proud they were to watch their son take this monumental step in his life and hoped that he would learn the value and importance of leadership, friendship and confidence.

Eisenhower Hall to say their farewells.

“I came to West Point because I want to serve people,” Sean Kim said. “For as long as I can remember, I always had a desire to serve. From getting mentored by firefighters and police officers to ultimately coming here, I’ve always valued interpersonal connections through serving the community.”

Throughout the process, new cadets transitioned from civilian clothing to Army Physical Training Uniforms. Additionally, they received marching and saluting instructions, haircuts and medical services. They also entered oath rooms, where they signed the official paperwork, stood at attention, raised their right hand and took their oath, solidifying their presence at West Point.

As R-Day culminated, the new cadets also took the pivotal first step in an old West Point tradition of reporting to upperclass cadets sporting red sashes. In order to officially report to a company, one must successfully report to the cadet in the red sash. However, the test is designed to overwhelm the candidates, help pinpoint mistakes and overcome their first obstacle.

“The biggest takeaway that we want (new cadets) to have when they’re sitting up in their rooms tonight wondering ‘Why the heck they joined the U.S. Military Academy,’ I want them to look to their left and right and see their bunkmates and realize that’s the people who they’re going to rely on to get through the next six weeks, the next 47 months of their lives and to really feel welcomed into the Long Gray Line,” Youngren concluded.
Perata assumes command of Keller Army Community Hospital

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

Col. Brianna M. Perata assumed command of the West Point Health Service Area and Keller Army Community Hospital, West Point, from Col. Amy L. Jackson, during a ceremony Friday at KACH.

The presiding officer was Brig. Gen Mary V. Krueger, commanding general, Regional Health Command – Atlantic.

Perata was commissioned into the United States Army through the Reserve Officer Training Corps. She was the Distinguished Military Graduate from the University of San Francisco, where she graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 2000.

In 2010, she graduated with a Master of Science degree from the University of California at San Francisco and earned certification as a Perinatal Clinical Nurse Specialist.

In 2021, she graduated from the National War College with a Master of Science in National Security Strategy.

Her first military assignment was as a Medical-Surgical Nurse at Tripler Army Medical Center, Honolulu, Hawaii. She served at Heidelberg Medical Department Activity (MEDDAC), Heidelberg, Germany, as a Maternal-Child staff nurse; MEDDAC Dewitt as the Maternal-Child and Inpatient Psychiatry Transitional Director; and Fort Belvoir Community Hospital Section Chief for the Maternal-Child and Inpatient Psychiatry wards and the Maternal-Child Clinical Nurse Specialist; as well as various other assignments in the United States and Europe.

Perata previously served as the Regional Nurse Executive, Regional Health Command – Atlantic, at Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

“Col. Perata is an engaged and thoughtful leader, and I know she is the right leader to carry the (Keller Army Community Hospital) guidon forward,” Krueger said. “I know she will serve Keller well and I know the West Point community will welcome her family.”

Jackson assumed command of Keller Army Community Hospital on July 10, 2020. Her next assignment will be the Chief of Primary Care at Bryant H. Womack Army Medical Center at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

“Col. Jackson is a talented and visionary leader,” Krueger said. “She remained on the frontlines executing the U.S. Army Surgeon General’s orders to remain ready, responsive and relevant, delivering high-quality care and health service support to the U.S. Military Academy.

“She did all this in the midst of a pandemic. I can guarantee when she (Jackson) went to her pre-command course, there was no lecture on how to lead through a pandemic,” Krueger added.

“Being Keller’s commander has been such an honor and privilege,” Jackson said. “There is nothing more noble or awe inspiring to consider the impact of your (Keller staff) day-to-day activities on the Army mission and readiness. I know you will continue to excel under Col. Perata’s leadership.”

COVID-19 Mask Policy

As a reminder, the Defense Health Agency requires masks to be worn — at All times, by All people (staff, beneficiaries, visitors) – while inside military medical facilities. At West Point, these facilities include Keller Army Community Hospital/Allgood Clinic, Mologne Cadet Health Clinic, Saunders Dental Clinic, Hearing Conservation Clinic, Substance Use Disorder Clinical Care, Physical Therapy at the Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center, West Point Public Health and Behavioral Health.

Courtesy Graphic

Photos by Jorge Garcia/PV

Col. Brianna M. Perata (above photos) assumed command of the West Point Health Service Area and Keller Army Community Hospital, West Point, from Col. Amy L. Jackson, during a ceremony Friday at KACH.
Col. Diana Loucks has a passion for understanding space weather and its impact on military effectiveness. Her work investigates how the aurora affects GPS signals in the Arctic.

As Loucks explains, “Space weather’s effects on Global Positioning System (GPS) signals in the auroral oval have led to numerous advances in how we understand the behavior of the high-latitude ionosphere. As our understanding has grown, so has the depth of our questions about how these kilometer-scale structures develop, and the effects they have on ground and aerial users.”

The National Science Foundation has awarded Loucks with the Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) Program Award for impact in this area. The Foundation is awarding Loucks an estimated $767,000 over five years to fund a post-doctoral fellow and establish interdisciplinary and interdepartmental research and internships.

The overall goal of her CAREER Award research is to formalize space weather research to operations activities at West Point. This award will enhance undergraduate space science education at West Point, develop broader undergraduate position, navigation and timing (PNT) curriculum, and enable her to secure funding for subsequent and important work in the field.

Starting this line of research in 2014, Loucks has continued this work at West Point for the past five years, where she applies this knowledge to the hundreds of cadets and faculty that she teaches and mentors as the director of Advanced Physics in West Point’s Department of Physics and Nuclear Engineering.

The impact her work has on cadets at West Point is immeasurable. Over the years, she has personally mentored 38 cadets through in-depth studies.

“The research I have conducted with Col. Diana Loucks was a cornerstone of my academic development during my undergraduate studies,” 2nd Lt. Adam Hoxeng said. “It greatly expanded my academic network and was my first introduction to the challenging yet exciting world of original academic research.”

Directly addressing the Army’s needs, her research provides an understanding of operational impacts of aurora for on-the-ground commanders.

“The space weather research Col. Loucks has conducted has greatly impacted my academic career as a cadet and beyond,” 2nd Lt. Chase Lewis said. “Since graduating, I’ve had the opportunity to work on projects for the EOD community where I have had to reach back to Col. Loucks for expertise about how space weather and the aurora might affect electronics and magnetically sensitive explosives on the ground.”

Her mentees also consist of students from various disciplines. In her most recent work, she led an interdisciplinary research team comprised of four academic majors and two graduation year groups. Cadets presented the culmination of their year-long work at West Point’s Projects Day Conference. Their experience is discussed in a recently published article at https://www.army.mil/article/256152.

Under Loucks’s leadership, this project will encourage the next generation of scientists and engineers, foster industry collaboration, and expand the available workforce for the Nation.

The Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) Program is a Foundation-wide activity that offers the NSF’s most prestigious awards in support of early-career faculty who have the potential to serve as academic role models in research and education and to lead advances in the mission of their department or organization.

Activities pursued by early-career faculty should build a firm foundation for a lifetime of leadership in integrating education and research. The CAREER Program embodies NSF’s commitment to encourage faculty and academic institutions to value and support the integration of research and education.


Loucks currently serves as an academy professor at West Point. Prior to her appointment as a professor, she was a Space Operations officer, where she most recently served as the chief of Space and Special Programs for the 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colorado, including support to combat operations as a member of Combined Joint Task Force-4 (June 2013-April 2014), Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan. Loucks holds a master’s degree and Ph.D. in Aerospace Engineering Sciences from the University of Colorado.

Learn more about the Department of Physics and Nuclear Engineering at https://www.westpoint.edu/academics/physics-and-nuclear-engineering and the West Point Academic Program at https://www.westpoint.edu/academics.
IN FOCUS: DRILL SERGEANTS TRAIN CADET CADRE

Drill sergeants take charge in guiding cadet cadre

**Drill sergeants from the 198th Infantry Training Brigade demonstrate and train Cadet Basic Training cadre June 16 at Gillis Field House on the “First 100 Yards” in order to prepare them to effectively execute “The Long Gray Line Starts Here” for incoming cadets on Reception Day.**

**Photo by Christopher Hennen/USMA PAO**

Drill sergeants take charge in guiding cadet cadre

**Story by Spc. Kelvin Johnson**
40th Public Affairs Detachment

During the early morning hours, some upperclass cadets were greeted by a group of noncommissioned officers donning the intimidating, yet renowned campaign hat (round brown). Inspired and challenged during their two-week training, the cadets received instruction on basic military tactics from the drill sergeants of the 198th Infantry Training Brigade of the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command.

Cadets used this experience to now teach and guide the incoming U.S. Military Academy Class of 2026 during Cadet Basic Training, which started Monday.

CBT is a demanding progression of training requirements that form the foundation for all new cadets at West Point. Starting with Reception Day, the six-week training regimen consists of academic briefs and rigorous testing to prepare the new cadets for the West Point culture. The new cadets will then develop their basic Soldier tasks through marksmanship, land navigation, patrol bases and other additional skills.

“This exercise is to ensure that these future officers get a perspective on what the basic fundamentals of the Army are,” said Sgt. 1st Class Jacob Brock, a drill sergeant with 1st Battalion, 50th Infantry Regiment, at Fort Benning, Georgia. “Not only does it provide them basic tactical skill, it also allows the cadets to understand what enlisted infantry Soldiers go through during their 22-week course.”

During the two weeks, the cadets went through the “First 100 Yards,” drill and ceremony, physical readiness drills, resiliency training and more.

The “First 100 Yards” is a 90-minute event that allows trainees to demonstrate their ability to move as members of a platoon, take responsibility for equipment, advance through obstacles and react to stressful situations.

Some events that took place in the “First 100 Yards” were the tug of war, relay races and maneuvering through obstacle courses.

Brock said every aspect of training is vital. However, he hopes that these cadets will also understand the traits and characteristics of the team as they rise and fall based on the efforts of each individual.

“Everyone has to play their role and put in their best effort, or the whole thing fails,” Brock said. “That includes motivation, attention to detail, attention to discipline and teamwork, which allows the mission to be accomplished.”

With the drill sergeants demanding presence, Class of 2023 Cadet Kai Youngren, as the CBT commander, understood what message the drill sergeants wanted to convey to the cadets.

“We had to change our minds to the mentality of being a team,” Youngren said. “The Army is one big team. Within that big team, we have a variety of little teams that need to work cohesively together so that we can accomplish large and complex missions that are vital to our Nation’s survival and success.”

He also stated that he wants incoming personnel to understand how motivation, attention to detail, discipline and teamwork are not practices limited to Army standards. Instead, these character traits are things you carry with you throughout your entire life.

“I hope these (new) cadets acknowledge the importance that moving together as a team is going to be incredibly important for their success both in CBT but also through their time at West Point and beyond in their Army careers,” Youngren said.

With the CBT experience providing a new perspective on teamwork to the cadet cadre, they are ready to bestow what they learned onto the incoming cadets working diligently to become a part of the Long Gray Line, Youngren stated.

“When undertaking complex and arduous tasks, the people to your left and right want to see you succeed,” he said. “They can pick up the slack where you are lacking and help you succeed, but it takes tight coordination and good bonds.”

While not being accustomed to receiving rugged mentorship from drill sergeants, cadets faced this new experience as an opportunity to learn.

“This experience was tough and different,” Youngren said. “The drill sergeants will enter your personal space and demand a variety of tasks. The challenging part was completing the task exactly how they wanted it, while being yelled at to complete a different task. This raised my level of attention to detail.”

Two weeks later, the cadets are now in their leadership roles, and the drill sergeants are proud of their cadet cadre.”
Attend law school at government expense

The Office of The Judge Advocate General will be accepting applications for the Army’s Funded Legal Education Program (FLEP) starting in August.

Under this FLEP program, the Army projects sending up to 25 active duty commissioned officers and noncommissioned officers to civilian law school at government expense.

Selected officers and NCOs will attend law school beginning in fall 2023 and remain on active duty while attending law school.

We are seeking exceptional leaders with the confidence, humility and character needed to provide principled counsel and premier legal support to the best clients in the world.

Interested officers and NCOs should review Army MILPER Message 22-076 and Chapter 10, AR 27-1 (The Judge Advocate General’s Funded Legal Education Program) to determine their eligibility.

This program is open to regular Army captains, lieutenants, sergeants first class, staff sergeants and sergeants.

Applicants must also hold a bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university. Eligibility is governed by statute (10 U.S.C. 2004) and non-waivable.

Applicants must interview with the Staff Judge Advocate, U.S. Military Academy. All interviews will be scheduled through the Deputy Staff Judge Advocate at 845-938-3205.
Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

The program, performed by GNSO’s 60-piece orchestra under the direction of Maestro Russell Ger, includes works by Ludwig von Beethoven, Wolfgang Mozart, Modest Mussorgsky, Richard Strauss, Piotr Tchaikovsky and Giuseppe Verdi.

This year, visitors have the option to purchase tickets to a limited pre-performance Champagne Toast on Boscobel’s East Terrace before gates open to the general public.

Following the performance, visitors will have the opportunity to enjoy a clear view of the fireworks display presented by the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, directly across the river from Boscobel. The fireworks are scheduled to begin after the concert, around 9:10 p.m.

Gates for Symphony Picnic will open at Boscobel on at 6 p.m. Saturday. The music starts at 7:30 p.m. and will conclude around 9:10 p.m., including an intermission that will allow guests to mingle with musicians.

Boscobel is located at 1601 Route 9D, Garrison. Tickets are available at www.boscobel.org or call 845-265-3638.

(NEW) Cornwall Public Library events

The Cornwall Public Library, located at 395 Hudson Street in Cornwall, offers community events for all ages to enjoy. Below is a list of some upcoming events:

- Tuesday, 9:30 a.m., Family Story Time — Enjoy story time at the library with your whole family. Please register your children via the library’s online calendar at https://www.cornwallpubliclibrary.org/calendar/. Registration opens one week prior to the program.
- July 7, 6:30 p.m., Art Time — For grades K-12. Create your own “Great Wave” using acrylic paints and your imagination. Registration opens one week prior to the program.
- July 9, 10 a.m., Introduction to Babysitting — For grades 6-12. Instructor Denise Schirmer teaches participants how to be a responsible babysitter. Space is limited and registration is required.
COMMUNITY FEATURED ITEMS

Mine Torne Road closures
Cadet Summer Training is ongoing and will continue throughout the summer. Due to training on Range 2 (artillery) and Range 12 (demolition), Mine Torne Road will be closed on certain days through July 29. Here are the initial dates Mine Torne Road will be closed from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. each day below:
- July 6-14 and 18-29.

West Point Bass Club
The West Point Bass Club is now accepting new members. The bass club shares angling knowledge, conducts tournaments, promotes sustainable fishing and performs community service in support of the West Point Outdoor Recreation. Membership is open to military, DOD civilians, veterans of the Armed Forces and their dependents.
For more information, contact Todd Messitt at toddmessa@aol.com or go to https://pbwimmer.wixsite.com/bassclubatwestpoint.

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.

AEC — 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.

Transitioning service members can contact Heyman at kimberly.i.heyman ctr@army.mil.

2nd Infantry Division Reunion
The Second Infantry Division Association is searching for anyone who served in the Army’s 2nd Infantry Division at any time in its history to venture to its reunion.
For information about the association and its 99th annual reunion in Kansas City, Missouri, from Sept. 28-Oct. 2, contact Mike Davino at 2ida.pao@charter.net or call 919-498-1910.

Highlands Arts Alliance Summer Arts Showcase
In the spirit of creativity and community, the Highlands Arts Alliance is inviting Hudson Valley creators of all ages to participate in its second virtual exhibition, the Summer Arts Showcase.
The online exhibition will be featured on its website from July 18 through Aug. 31.
The showcase is free and open to all Hudson Valley creators, whether they are members of Highlands Arts Alliance or not. Those interested in participating can register online at www.highlandsartsalliance.org/summerartsshowcase.
The deadline for registration and submissions is July 15.

Exchange teams up with Disney+ for military-exclusive streaming discount
The Army & Air Force Exchange Service is offering a special discount on Disney+ annual subscriptions, available exclusively to members of the military community.
Service members, military family members, honorably discharged veterans and all other authorized Exchange shoppers worldwide get 25% off annual Disney+ annual subscriptions when they sign up via ShopMyExchange.com.
Disney+ brings you Disney, Pixar, Marvel, Star Wars and National Geographic in one place.
Available to new and returning users, this exclusive offer will provide discounted year-over-year pricing for Disney+, the flagship direct-to-consumer streaming service from the Walt Disney Company.
The offer is accessible to U.S. military members and families based both domestically and abroad in more than 80 countries and territories.
Prospective subscribers must have a ShopMyExchange.com account and be 18 or older.

A Boscobel Tradition Continues: Newburgh Symphony to Perform “Freedom” Concert
Boscobel House and Gardens and the Greater Newburgh Symphony Orchestra (GNSO) will present a concert of “Freedom” on Boscobel’s Great Lawn overlooking the Hudson River in Garrison, New York.
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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/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.

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:

- o Monday: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.;
- o Tuesday: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.;
- o Wednesday: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.;
- o Thursday: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.;
- o 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.

KACH receives new ‘3-D’-like mammogram equipment

Keller Army Community Hospital continues to improve its mammography equipment with the installation of the “Mammomat Revelation” with 50-degree wide-angle tomosynthesis.

“The new technology will allow radiologists and breast care professionals to work more efficiently than ever before,” Lt. Col. Brandi Hicks, chief, Department of Radiology, Keller Army Community Hospital, said. “Patients will experience a more comfortable examination with reliable and quick results.”

The Mammomat Revelation utilizes a unique 50-degree, digital breast tomosynthesis (DBT), which provides ‘three-dimensional-like’ capabilities.

This will improve cancer detection and help to decrease our call backs for additional images.


Lt. Col. Neil McMullin, deputy commander for Clinical Services, Keller Army Community Hospital, highlighted the importance of having mammography services at Keller.

“Mammography is crucial to early diagnosis of breast cancer. One of the most important factors that impacts breast cancer survival is early detection,” McMullin said. “Keller is ready to offer easy access to this essential service to our nearly 13,000 beneficiaries.”

The American Cancer Society says:

- Women ages 40 to 44 should have the choice to start annual breast cancer screening with mammograms if they wish to do so.
- Women ages 45 to 54 should get mammograms every year.
- Women ages 55 and older should switch to mammograms every two years, or can continue yearly screening.
- Screening should continue as long as a woman is in good health and is expected to live 10 more years or longer.
- All women should communicate with their primary care physician to be familiar with the known benefits, limitations and potential harms linked to breast cancer screening.

Mammogram screenings can be scheduled through the Keller Radiology Department at 845-938-2714, between 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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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.

CYS See the Point

Child and Youth Services is offering its annual “See the Point!” tour for all incoming sixth-eighth graders who are new to West Point during July and August.

Highlights of this free tour include bowling at the West Point Bowling Center, meeting the Army Mules at Morgan Farm, paintball at Outdoor Recreation, and more.

Tours will take place on July 21, 28, Aug. 4 and Aug 11, starting and ending at the MST (500 Washington Road).

You must register at least 48 hours before your tour of choice.

To register, call Parent & Outreach Services at 845-938-4458/1362/3969.

For more details, call 845-938-2092.

Kids Bowl Free

The West Point Bowling Center is a participant of the Kids Bowl Free Program.

Now through Aug. 31, kids ages 2-15 get two free bowling games every program day.

To receive the game coupons (via email on every program day), you must first register for the offer online at kidsbowlfree.com/Army.

For more details, call the West Point Bowling Center at 845-938-2140 or visit westpoint.armymwr.com.

MWR swimming open for the 2022 Summer Swim Season

Long Pond, Round Pond and Lake Frederick are open for the season, and the days and hours will vary.

Visit westpoint.armymwr.com for details and pricing. For more details, call 845-938-7060.

CYS Youth Fall Recreational Sports

The Child and Youth Services Youth Fall Recreational Sports season will run from Aug. 29 through Oct. 27. Sport offerings include soccer, volleyball, flag football, running club and Intro to Golf.

Times, locations and prices vary depending on sport and age group. Additional information is available online at westpointcys.com. Registration opens July 11 for Military/DOD civilians (Aug. 1 for all others), and runs through Aug. 12.

To register, or if you have questions, call the Youth Sports Office at 845-938-4458/1362.

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 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.

League play has started, there are currently eight teams but some teams are in need of more players.

For more details, 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 p.m. until dusk Tuesdays at the West Point Golf Course through Aug. 9. 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.

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.
FEATURED EVENT

West Point Community Fair and Vendor Registration

West Point Morale, Welfare and Recreation and U.S. Army Garrison West Point will host a community fair from 3-5 p.m. July 20 in Crest Hall and the Grand Ballroom in Eisenhower Hall.

Come see what West Point and the Hudson Valley has to offer. New military, civilians and family members recently assigned to West Point are encouraged to attend.

The event is open to the general public.

Vendor registration for the community fair takes place through July 13. West Point DOD agencies, affiliated West Point private and public organizations, off-post non-DOD organizations and businesses are welcome.

To register as a vendor, contact Derrick Stanton Jr., MWR Marketing manager, at 845-938-8186 or email derrick.stanton2.naf@army.mil.

MWR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer 2022 Specials at the Tronsrue Marksmanship Center

The following specials run through August at the Tronsrue Marksmanship Center range:

- Tuesdays — Two-for-Tuesday: Bring an additional shooter to shoot free all day.
- Wednesday — Customer Appreciation Day: 50% off range fee with valid credentials, VA or military/DOD ID.
- Thursdays — Youth ages 12-16 shoot free (range and rental). Youth must be supervised by an adult.
- Fridays — Date Night: Additional shooter shoots free all night.

For more details, call 845-938-1700.

(NEW) Child and Youth Services Summer Sports Clinics

Registration is now open for Child and Youth Services Summer Sports Clinics. The clinics will be held Monday through Friday, July 11-29 at Dragon Park. Times will be for youth ages 5-8 (4-5 p.m.) and youth ages 9-12 (5-6 p.m.).

CYS Youth Sports will be offering different sports themes each week decided by the coaches. For more details and to register, call 845-938-1362.

(NEW) West Point Community Noontime Ultimate Frisbee Fall League

The MWR Intramural Sports Office is offering a Community Noontime Ultimate Frisbee Fall League. Games will be played Monday through Friday, from noon-1:15 p.m., Aug. 15 through Nov. 1 at Daly Field and River Courts (weather permitting).

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.

Zumba Classes with Ginella

Zumba classes with Ginella have new days and times starting July 11 at the MWR Fitness Center. Classes will be held from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays and from 9:15-10:15 a.m. July 16 and 30 only.

There is a nominal fee for the classes. To register, visit westpoint.armymwr.com or call 845-938-6490.

Standup Paddleboard (SUP) Yoga Classes with Angie

Standup Paddleboard (SUP) Yoga classes with Angie will be held from 10-11:30 a.m. Saturdays at the Round Pond Recreation Area swim beach.

Dates for the SUP Yoga classes are: Saturday, July 9 and 30, Aug. 6, 13, 20 and 27 and Sept. 3. There is a nominal fee for these classes, which include all equipment. Registration is required online at westpoint.armymwr.com.

For more details, call OREC at 845-938-0123.

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 at West Point

The Family Advocacy Program invites West Point parents (all ranks and DOD civilians) with children ages 4 or younger to the Youth Center Gym (Building 500) for its bi-weekly Wee-Ones programs for young children: Wee-Play and Wee-Read.

Wee-Play is an open play group designed for your little ones to learn, play, make new friends and develop their social, cognitive and motor skills. Wee-Read is a fun-filled story time with activities that promote speech development and learning.

Wee-Play takes place from 8:30-10 a.m. on Tuesdays. Upcoming Wee-Play sessions are July 12 and 26, Aug. 9 and 23 and Sept. 6 and 20.

Wee-Read takes place from 9-10 a.m. on Wednesdays.

Wee-Read sessions will take place July 13 and 27, Aug. 10 and 24 and Sept. 7 and 21.

Two-Person Golf Team Championship at the West Point Golf Course

A two-day event for two-person golf team championship will begin at 7 a.m. July 23-24 at the West Point Golf Course.

The format is a six holes best ball, six holes scramble and six holes alternative shot.

There is a nominal fee for this two-day event. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place.

For pricing, visit golfatwestpoint.com or for more details and to sign-up, call 845-938-2435.

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 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 through August at the Tronsrue Marksmanship Center.

There is a nominal cost for the activities, which includes basic pistol instructions, firearm rental,
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Army West Point summer sports camps return for 2022

For the first time in two years, the Army West Point Athletics Association will be hosting youth sports camps this summer. Camps will begin in June and run through August, with both overnight and commuter options available. Various teams from the Office of the Directorate of Intercollegiate Athletics (ODIA) will hold camps, including baseball, men’s basketball, women’s basketball, football, hockey, men’s lacrosse, women’s lacrosse, rabble rousers, men’s rugby, women’s rugby, men’s soccer, women’s soccer, softball, track and field/cross country, volleyball and wrestling. Further information and registration links can be found at armysportscamps.com.

West Point Summer Softball League 2022 Regular Season

STANDINGS       W   -   L
UPPER DIVISION
1. GARRISON      14   -   0
2. EECS/BTD/DPE  10   -   2
3. DPW           9   -   3
4. MPs/DES       9   -   5
LOWER DIVISION
5. MATH          6   -   8
6. ODIA          3   -   11
7. BTD           1   -   11
8. PANE          0   -   12

Games as of Monday in the regular season schedule.

(Left) Garrison faced Electrical Engineering and Computer Science/Brigade Tactical Department/Department of Physical Education in a battle of undefeated teams June 23 at H Lot Softball Fields. Garrison won both games over EECS/BTD/DPE, 13-3 and 18-8. Photos by Mady Salvani/Amy Athletic Communications
Venz joins Ward’s wrestling staff for 2022-23

By Meg Ellis
Army Athletic Communications

Army West Point wrestling’s Head Coach Kevin Ward has announced on June 16 the addition of Taylor Venz to his staff for the upcoming season.

Venz, who is coming off an extremely successful career with Big Ten powerhouse Nebraska, will serve as the Black Knights’ volunteer assistant coach.

“Taylor Venz is an incredible addition to our staff and will make an immediate impact on our upper-weight wrestlers through his ability to train alongside them and will influence the entire team in a positive way through his passion for excellence, humble-warrior type attitude, and desire to help others reach their potential,” Ward said. “As an elite wrestler and NCAA All-American who trained at one of the nation’s best programs in Nebraska, he was able to learn from some of the top coaches and athletes in the country. We can’t wait for him to bring his experiences to West Point to help grow America’s Team.”

Venz was a highly-decorated Husker as a five-time NCAA qualifier (2018-22) and an NCAA All-American (2018).

The Farmington, Minnesota, native’s accolades also include an NWCA First Team All-American selection (2020) and a pair of NWCA Scholar All-American nods (2020-21).

The 2018 Most Valuable Wrestler for Nebraska, Venz finished fourth at that season’s NCAA Championship as a redshirt freshman, going 6-2 in the tournament.

He finished his career with a 14-8 mark at the event to go along with an overall career record of 41-18 in dual action. Nebraska’s Lifter of the Year in 2018 turned in 28 career pins, 16 technical falls and 16 major decisions for a total of 60 bonus point victories.

In total, he was 101-40 while suiting up for the Huskers and placed within the top-five at the Big Ten Championship in five different campaigns.

“I’m thrilled to be joining the wrestling program at West Point,” Venz said. “It is an honor to be able to work with an exceptional group of individuals, and I can’t wait to help these men achieve their goals on the mat.”
Carter selected to Phil Steele Preseason All-American Team

By Derick Thornton
Army Athletic Communications

Rising senior Andre Carter II was named to the Phil Steele 2022 Preseason All-American Team. The Missouri City, Texas, native was tabbed to the Defensive All-American Third Team.

Carter became the first Black Knight to be named an AP All-American (Third Team) since 1990 after a breakout 2021 campaign. He set the program single-season sack record with 15.5, which were second in the nation; he added 44 total tackles, 18.5 tackles-for-loss, forced four fumbles, blocked one kick and tallied one interception in 13 games played.

He was also the recipient of the Thruston Hughes Memorial Award, which is presented to the most valuable player on the team as voted on by his teammates.

For complete coverage of Army West Point football, follow the Black Knights on Twitter and Instagram at @ArmyWP_Football and online at www.goarmywestpoint.com.

Eight named to Phil Steele Preseason All-Independent Teams

By Derick Thornton
Army Athletic Communications

Eight Black Knights have been selected to the 2022 Phil Steele Preseason All-Independent Teams.

Linebacker Andre Carter II, offensive tackle Jordyn Law, cornerback Jabari Moore, safety Marquel Broughton and punt returner Tyrell Robinson were named to the first team.

Offensive guard Connor Bishop, defensive end Kwabena Bonsu, long snapper Ryan Aguilar and Robinson at running back made the second team. Five Black Knights on the 2022 preseason list were named to the 2021 Phil Steele All-Independent Team — Carter, Broughton, Robinson, Law and Moore.

Carter set the program single-season sack record with 15.5, which were second in the nation. He earned AP All-American Third Team honors. Law started in 12 games on the offensive line and recovered the game-winning fumble in the endzone against Air Force. Moore led the team in pass breakups and shared team-high honors in interceptions with two while playing in all 13 games in 2021. Broughton, a two-time captain, had a career-high 80 total tackles and three tackles for loss last season.

Robinson played in all 13 games and finished with career-highs in rushing (609) yards, which were second on the team, and rushing touchdowns (3). Bishop played an integral part in the rushing attack as the starting center, which was second in the nation in yards per game (286) last season.

Bonsu had 31 total tackles, including one sack and 2.5 tackles for loss in 13 games last season. Aguilar saw action in all 13 games last season for one of the most efficient special teams units in the nation.