Training with drones

(Above) Dr. Michael Novitzky, an assistant professor in the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, instructs cadets on how to pilot the Parrot Anafi drone during Cadet Leadership Development Training from July 26-28 at the U.S. Military Academy. Their mission — to monitor and identify the notional enemy within close proximity of the platoon’s position while they perform battle drills. (Below) Class of 2023 Cadet Kendall Mitchell (left) and Class of 2024 Cadet Nana Sarpong (right) collaborate during the event to detect enemy positions at Camp Shea during the CLDT drone training. Photos by Jorge Garcia/PV

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A miracle is born at West Point

Story by Jorge Garcia
PV Staff Writer

Capt. Kelvin Riddle, a tactical officer at the U.S. Military Academy, knew his wife would eventually give birth to their fourth child, Hudsyn Claire Riddle. However, he did not foresee how that unique birth would transpire, for Lindsey Riddle would give birth under painstaking circumstances that would speak to the virtue and unyielding strength of motherhood.

The morning began like any other day on June 17. Kelvin was ready to hear the buzz of Cadet Field Training.

“They thought I would stay in the field overnight with my cadets, but my wife woke me up at 3:45 a.m. and said, ‘hey, it’s time,’” Kelvin said.

He got his kids ready and took them to his friend’s house in Stony Lonesome, which was seven minutes away from his house.

“Before I could get past the stadium from my house, my wife called me and said, ‘hey, I can feel the baby’s head,’” he explained. “I started freaking out a bit and I sped up a little bit more to get the kids up the hill and about three to four minutes later, she called me and said, ‘hey, I’m holding the baby.’ I thought she was joking.”

He quickly dropped his kids off at his friend’s house and moved with frantic urgency back to his car and called 911. The firefighters and military police on base immediately responded. As soon as he got down the hill from Stony and back to his house, the firefighters were outside his door preparing to enter.

“My wife opened the door and she was literally standing there with the baby in her arms,” Kelvin said. “Me, the firefighters and MP’s were shocked and wondering what just happened. And so, we immediately got her seated. Once we got her seated, the firefighter clamped the umbilical cord then I cut the umbilical cord.”

The firefighters asked Lindsey a series of questions to gauge her health. Soon after, the ambulance came to pick her up and transport her from Keller Hospital to Montefiore St. Luke’s Cornwall Hospital for follow-up care.

For Lindsey, the experience was beautiful and surreal. Before the birth, Lindsey simply believed she had to use the restroom before she went to the hospital. As she exited the restroom and made her way into the kitchen, she felt the urge to push.

She listened to her body and grabbed the bar stool in her kitchen. She gave it one good push to alleviate the pain but didn’t believe she was having the baby yet.

“She was giving a push to re-adjust the baby,” Kelvin said. “With that one push, the baby crowned. Another push came right behind it and she pushed the baby further out. Her instincts kicked in. She didn’t want the baby to hit the floor because she was standing.”

She reached under and grabbed the baby’s head as she came out smoothly. Then, she grabbed the baby carefully and flipped her upwards to unwrap the umbilical cord around her neck.

“Thank god there was no health complications. Everything was completely fine, but it was definitely an interesting birth. Our two dogs got to witness the whole thing and they can’t tell me about it,” Kelvin said. “She was very pleased about the professionalism the firefighters and MP’s maintained given the extent of the emergency. I’m sure this doesn’t happen often at West Point.”

Hudsyn, now a few weeks old, is said to be the last child the Riddles have and they are thrilled to welcome their miracle child to West Point.

(Above) Capt. Kelvin Riddle and his family, including his youngest Hudsyn Claire Riddle (below).
Soldiers work toward SAMC induction, earn honor

Members of the West Point Sergeant Audie Murphy Club (SAMC) welcome the newest members (standing, fourth through sixth from the left) of the SAMC July 29 at Jefferson Hall.

As part of a Sergeant Audie Murphy Award Board, members of Task Force Leader participated in a six-mile ruck march, while carrying a 35-pound ruck sack, on July 25 at Camp Buckner. The SAMA is an award for noncommissioned officers whose leadership achievements and performance merit special recognition.

Sgt. 1st Class Charles Bell, member of Task Force Leader, participated in a Sergeant Audie Murphy Award Board inside of the Thayer Award Room on July 27 at West Point.
Cadets enhance tactical skills through CLDT drone training

Story and photos by Jorge Garcia
PV Staff Writer

Improving data collection and communication methods on the battlefield is an ever-evolving process at the U.S. Military Academy. Because of this, professors in the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science lent their robotics expertise to cadets to expand their training in battlefield tactics through the use of unmanned aerial vehicles (drones) during Cadet Leadership Development Training from July 26-28.

Faculty members at EECS ordered the parts to build the drones and programmed coded algorithms that would allow cadets to control and maneuver the technology in various ways.

Organized at the forest grounds of Camp Shea, senior and junior cadets engaged in notional yet dynamic combat scenarios that developed their techniques and procedures to react to small UAVs during a firefight. Cadets also learned how to leverage the drone’s intelligence gathering, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR) capabilities as they explored how to execute lethal engagements to discriminate and distinguish between notional friendlies and enemy combatants.

With that, all of the training conducted during CLDT was influenced by how researchers at EECS created the drones.

They installed the motors, applied speed controllers, fitted propellers and wiring, installed the power distribution and management and applied the flight controller on the battery compartment, essentially building everything from scratch, Col. Christopher Korpela, the director of the Robotics Research Center, said.

“There’s benefits to applying the pieces yourself and adding additional features that can assist cadets out in the field,” Korpela added. “If one wanted to add certain payloads, cameras and we want to add an acoustic sensor, we want to add a lidar, we want to add a high end inertial navigation system for really accurate information on your location — we can customize it.”

Cadets were issued several distinct drone models, each with its own specific features. The Skydio 2 drone was among the cheaper models, which can fly for 15-20 minutes and gives you a standard bird’s eye view of what’s happening on the ground.

The Skydio X2D is one of the more advanced drones fitted with unique features, including obstacle avoidance, which allows the drone to detect and avoid obstacles in its path. The X2D also has thermal imaging cameras that can detect heat signatures, which enabled cadets, during training, to detect enemies hiding under thick foliage. Finally, the Parrot Anafi drone holds a slightly longer battery life and thermal imaging features.

“Cadets typically use the drone for several things, the first thing is to check their positions to see if they’re exposed to the enemy because we know that the opponent also has the same technological capabilities, so platoon leaders want to make sure their platoons are strategically hidden,” Dr. Michael Novitzky, an assistant professor in the EECS Department, said. “Second is cadets are always looking for the enemy location, their size and their methods of maneuverability. The third use, which has the most significant impact, is calling indirect fire.”

Class of 2023 Cadet Christian Litton experienced this first hand as he led a platoon to victory during training. However, his path to victory came with failures that helped him understand which direction to take in operating the drones and using his map in the most effective way possible.

“I was a platoon leader for the very first lane for CLDT in my platoon. I didn’t coordinate that lane very well because it was the first time I did this,” Litton said. “...One of the main mistakes I made was I did not get eyes on the enemy before I maneuvered my platoon. One of the biggest advantages that ISR drone platforms provide is, I, as the commander in combat training, can see the chess board and observe where the pieces are so I can maneuver my pieces to the safest and most strategically secure battle positions.”

With the drone’s bird’s eye view, Litton obtained information on the enemy’s location. Soon after, he would use the enemy disposition to maneuver his gun teams and effectively call for indirect fire.

“This method of combat is something that we’re seeing a lot in eastern Europe right now — coordinating fireworks between drones and between infantry on the ground or even drones deploying explosives from above,” Litton said. “We were able to confirm that the enemy was moving to Building 5, in the notional village, through the combination of map reading and information we gathered from the drone.”

The drone pilot moved to various locations in the forest based on Litton’s calculated intuition. Then, he called for fire onto Building 5 and eliminated an entire enemy squad, which was approximately an eighth of the enemy’s forces.

“He made sure his communication equipment was intact. He kept a topographic map on him to identify and monitor where his people were and then narrowed that battlefield down,” Novitzky said. “When he got a new report he updated his map. I was like, ‘man, battle tracking? This guy is on another level.’ The reason I bring him up is that during the exercise when he was talking to the drone operator, you can hear he was actively looking for new information to notate and apply it to the success of his mission.”

The training concluded and Novitzky needed feedback on the effectiveness of the drones. An After Action Review was held.

That’s when he asked Litton, “how was the drone useful? Was the drone not useful at times? What would you improve?”

Litton said he and his team were able to get a bird’s eye view of the landscape and get confirmation on sightings on the size of the enemy. So, whenever he found that the enemy was down in numbers, that would help him figure out, on the map, what elements he would look for to make an educated decision.

“Aafter the AAR, he came back to me with a request, he goes, ‘I want it to be faster.’ So, we were talking about that and I was like, ‘well there are some limitations to speeding it up, but what if we put two drones up? Would that be...”

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Cadets expanded their training in battlefield tactics through the use of unmanned aerial vehicles (drones) and other conventional tactics during CLDT July 26-28. Photos by Kyle Osterhoudt and Christopher Hennen/USMA PAO

better?“ He said it would be,” Novitzky said.

Novitzky added how humbling the experience was working with cadets and watching them take the department’s research off the ground.

“I’m living my research dream right now,” Novitzky said. “I was allowed to do some research where people were somewhat stressed in using my tech. I learned some basic lessons like communication equipment is super important. If the tech you develop fails a cadet, he or she is going to stop using it. Being able to come to West Point and incorporate my research to summer training like this is just taking it to a whole other level.”
Once reluctant to lead, Soldier propels Team USA resurgence at CISM World Cup

By Joe Ladcan
Army News Service

SPOKANE, Wash. — At local parks in Fairfax, Virginia, Haley Roberson endured her own form of boot camp.

Years before she joined the Army, her mother, Cassandra, put her through soccer hell on grassy fields every day after school.

For three to four hours a day, Haley practiced her juggling and passing under the Virginia sun. When she’d make a mistake or couldn’t complete a set, Cassandra would have her daughter doing pushups or running laps. She also had Haley watch video of the game.

Ironically her father, Rodney, a former Marine Corps drill sergeant, didn’t put the fear in his daughter — mom did. “She hated me because I was hard on her,” said Cassandra, a former personal trainer. “But I needed her to succeed.”

In 2007, when a soccer coach in Virginia had ranked her daughter Haley last among a group of 21 girls in technical and tactical skills, Cassandra took it personal.

Young Haley always had blazing speed. She could outrun every girl on her co-ed team and outkick the boys, but lacked the refined passing and dribbling skills to excel.

Haley, an Army chemicals officer stationed at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, recently led the U.S. Armed Forces Women’s Soccer team as one of the top goal scorers at the 2022 Military Women’s World Cup. Her play combined with Army Capt. Kailey Utley helped propel the Women’s World Cup. Her play combined with Army Capt. Kailey Utley helped propel the

Roberson began playing for regional and state teams and had dedicated her weekends and head and was never forced, I just was so busyquietly in the background.

Roberson drew so much defensive attention that the team depended on her in Meade, Washington.

Cassandra urged her daughter to continue her soccer career by attending college in the south, where friends and family could watch her compete. Cassandra said she and other young girls didn’t have the opportunity to play the game growing up in Alabama. She wanted her daughter to show friends and family a young, African-American girl who excelled in a white-dominated sport.

Cassandra said she idolized another Black soccer player, U.S. National Team member Crystal Dunn, who has played nearly every position on the field except goalkeeper. Dunn also became the youngest ever National Women’s Soccer League MVP.

“It was nice to see someone that not only looked like me, but kind of played similar to me,” she said. “And had the experience of being played around different positions as well.”

Haley’s abilities drew the attention of several of the nation’s top programs, before the program and eventually the university when she and some of her teammates didn’t have the right team chemistry.

Roberson had always flashed potential as a scorer and Auburn wanted to position her up front but at the time, Roberson refused.

Instead, she transferred to Troy University where she found her niche, directing the Trojans’ defense in the backline. But she never saw herself as a leader or someone who teammates could count on. She shunned leadership, preferring instead to contribute quietly in the background.

“I always struggled with the spotlight,” she said. “I was always a good player but I was not prepared or wanted to take on the role or responsibility of that.”

After graduating from Troy with a broadcast journalism degree and master’s degree in 2017, Haley competed in a Swedish professional league as she decided she wanted to do something more and looked into joining the U.S. military. Eventually, she decided on the Army. Haley played for a semi-pro soccer team in Pensacola, Florida, when she filed her paperwork to join the Army as an officer.

“(Joining the military) was always something that was kind of in the back of my head and was never forced, I just was so busy playing soccer,” Roberson said.

Reinventing herself

Being a platoon leader at Joint Base Lewis-McChord changed Roberson in ways she couldn’t have imagined. For the first time, she had junior Soldiers looking to her for advice. She did her best to solve problems and encourage her troops to take college courses.

That experience helped Roberson, now a first lieutenant, achieve a new level of maturity.

During a Team USA training camp, she returned to playing outside back but U.S. coach Derrick Weyand experimented with her at center forward.

But after a grueling three weeks at Fairchild Air Force Base, Weyand moved her permanently to an offensive leadership role. For the first time in her career aside from a brief stint in high school, Roberson played on the front line.

“I had to learn to play a position that was different than I’d ever played before,” Roberson said of playing forward. “So I had to get over myself and I had to have that confidence in myself.”

The move resulted in Roberson’s first career hat trick at any level, when she poured in three goals in the tournament-opening 10-0 over Belgium. The hat trick proved to be a revelation for Roberson, who had only scored two goals during her entire college career.

Roberson’s six goals during the five-game tournament rank second only to Cameroon’s Ebika Tabe. “She knew the team depended on her and she carried (the responsibility) on her back,” Cassandra said.

Roberson drew so much defensive attention in the Americans’ 2-1 loss to Cameroon that the Cameroonians had to double Roberson after she headed in the lone score of the game for the U.S.

After defeating Germany 2-1 to remain in medal contention, the Americans’ 2022 CISM run ended with a 3-0 loss to South Korea in the bronze medal game. Roberson had opportunities to get on the board, most notably when her close shot hit the upper crossbar seconds into the match.

Still, the U.S. became a CISM contender again in Spokane with a new influx of talent.

“As a team, the (goal) was to get better every day and I think we showed that,” Roberson said. “The exposure for the team is increasing and with exposure comes more talent.”
KACH to administer COVID-19 vaccine to ages 6 months to 5 years old

By Robert Lanier
KACH Public Affairs Officer

West Point Public Health has received an allotment of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine that received ‘Emergency Use Authorization’ for individuals ages 6 months to five years old. Vaccine schedule times — for individuals ages 6 months to 5 years old — will be from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesdays. Appointments can be made through the Keller Appointment Center at 845-938-7992 or 800-552-2907.

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

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that everyone 6 months and older get vaccinated against COVID-19 to reduce their risk of severe disease, hospitalizations or developing long-term COVID-19 complications.

Vaccinating children 6 months and older is a critical opportunity to protect them from severe illness, especially those disproportionately impacted by COVID-19, such as certain racial and ethnic groups and children with disabilities.

COVID-19 vaccination among younger children can also help decrease the strain on the healthcare system and provide families with greater confidence with children participating in childcare, school and other activities with less risk for serious COVID-19 illness.

For more information on the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine that received ‘Emergency Use Authorization’ for individuals ages 6 months to five years, go to the Keller COVID-19 Vaccine Information page at https://keller.tricare.mil/Health-Services/West-Point-Dept-of-Public-Health/COVID-19-Vaccine-INFO.

West Point Public Health recommends you protect your whole family and slow the spread of COVID-19 in the Greater West Point community by getting yourself and your children ages 6 months and older vaccinated against COVID-19.

Parents with questions are encouraged to talk to their child’s healthcare provider, school nurse or local pharmacist to learn more about the COVID-19 vaccine, and the importance of keeping children up to date with all recommended vaccinations.
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To sign-up, call MWR Intramural Sports at (845) 938-3066 or email Major Byron.Critchfield@westpoint.edu.

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service-oriented care and concern for others.

Transportation is provided as needed. For any questions, visit the church website at www.gracebaptistny.org.

(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:

- **Monday, 10 a.m., Make It Monday**—For grades K-5. Exercise your creative muscle this summer. On select Mondays at 10 a.m., there will be a new craft project prepared for curbside pickup at the library. Materials are available on a first-come, first-served basis and while supplies last.

- **Monday, 6:30 p.m., Teen Book Club**—Book Pick: “The Inheritance Games” by Jennifer Barnes. Grades 9-12. Register in person when you pick up a copy of the book at the library. eBooks and eAudiobooks are available through the Libby app.

- **Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., B.Y.O.C. Concert Series**—Performer: Mark Henderson. Enjoy music under the stars this summer, featuring a variety of local artists.

- **Aug. 11, 6:30 p.m., PJ Story Time**—Put on your PJs and join us for a special evening story time at the library. All ages are welcome. In-person, outside, weather permitting. This is a drop-in event — no registration required. Each concert is a drop-in event, outside on the lawn near the library portico. Be sure to Bring Your Own Chair (or blanket) to sit on.

Registration is required for some events via the library’s online calendar. A Zoom link will be emailed to registrants on the day of the program.

Please register your children via the library’s online calendar at https://www.cornwallpubliclibrary.org/calendar/.

Highland Arts Alliance Photographers’ Salon

The Highland Arts Alliance Photographers’ Salon is hosting its first meeting from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday at the American Legion Hall on 134 Old State Road in Highland Falls.

The monthly gathering allows to connect with fellow photographers, share and critique work, and learn new techniques. The event is moderated by photographer Karen Parashkevov.

For details, visit www.highlandsartsalliance.org/photographersalon.

11th annual Storm King Run

The 11th annual Storm King Run involves a 10K, 5K and 1-mile Kids Fun Run along the historic Hudson River on Aug. 28. The start and finish is near West Point’s Washington Gate on Route 218.

The event schedule is below:

- 7:30 a.m.—Packet pick-up and on-site registration opens;
- 9 a.m.—1-mile Kids Fun Run start;
- 9:15 a.m.—10K/5K start.

There will be awards for top three finishers in each age/gender category. Food and drink is provided. Tech T-shirts will be distributed.

Proceeds benefit the scholarship fund of the West Point-Highland Falls Rotary Club.

For more details, visit/register at rotary-wphf.org or call 831-236-6663.
**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 toddmess@aol.com or go to [https://pbwimmer.wixsite.com/bassclubatwestpoint](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 MaryBeth 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 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](http://www.highlandsartsalliance.org/summerartsshowcase).

The deadline for registration and submissions is Friday.

**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.

**Grace Baptist Church of Highland Falls Services**

The West Point community is invited to attend any and all services at the Grace Baptist Church, located at 54 Old State Road, in Highland Falls.

The church is less than three miles from Thayer Gate and only two miles from the Bear Mountain Bridge.

The church holds services on Sunday morning (Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.), Sunday evening (6 p.m.) and Wednesday evening (7 p.m.), as well as seasonal Bible studies for men, women and college-aged students.

Grace’s church family encourages a warm, inviting atmosphere of worship and genuine friendliness.

This unique body of believers love Jesus Christ and desire spiritual growth, as well as See COMMUNITY FEATURED ITEMS, PAGE 8
**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 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.-2 p.m.; 3 p.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.

Happy 232nd Birthday to the men and women of the U.S. Coast Guard

August is National Immunization and Influenza Awareness Month

National Immunization and Influenza Awareness Month (NIIAM) is an annual observance held in August to highlight the importance of vaccination for people of all ages. NIIAM was established to encourage people of all ages to make sure they are up to date on the vaccines recommended for them.

Communities have continued to use the month each year to raise awareness about the important role vaccines play in preventing serious, sometimes deadly, diseases.

This is a great time to check children’s vaccination records to make sure they are up to date. To schedule a vaccination, call the Keller Appointment Center at 845-938-7992 or 800-552-2907, between 7 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.; make an appointment online at www.tricare.mil; or make an appointment request through Relay Health.

Suicide and Crisis National Lifeline add 988 option

The Suicide and Crisis National Lifeline number added “988” as a dialing option on July 16. The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 1-800-273-8255 phone number is still active and will remain in effect.

Calling either option will connect you to a trained counselors that is part of the existing National Suicide Prevention Lifeline network. These trained counselors will listen, understand how the problems are affecting you, provide support, and connect you to resources if necessary.

For more information, go to https://988lifeline.org/current-events/the-lifeline-and-988/.

Being ‘healthy’ includes ‘mental health.’ Getting help is a sign of strength.

DHA requires masks worn in MTFs

The Defense Health Agency requires masks to be worn – at all times — while in military medical facilities.

This includes Keller Army Community Hospital/Allgood Clinic, Mologne Cadet Health Clinic, Hearing Conservation Clinic, Saunders Dental Clinic, Physical Therapy at Arvin Gym, West Point Veterinary Clinic, West Point Public Health, and Behavioral Health.

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**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 today and Aug. 11, starting and ending at the MSTR (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 westpointsys.com. Registration is open for Military/DOD civilians and opens Monday 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.

**Homeschool Boat Ride**

CYS invites West Point homeschooling families to enjoy a scenic cruise down the Hudson River, where they can relax, take in the fall foliage and connect with one another.

This event takes place from 1:30-3 p.m. Oct. 6, starting off from the Superintendent’s Boat South Dock, and is free and open to all CYS registered homeschooling youth.

You can bring your own snacks and drinks. Participants must register by Oct. 4 by calling P&OS at 845-938-4458/1362/3969. For more details, call School Support Services at 845-938-2092.

**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.

**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.

**COVID-19 MASK GUIDANCE/POLICY**

Masks are required in health care settings, even if you’re fully vaccinated.

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**MWR events/offering**

### FEATURED EVENT

**Ring Run 5K Race**

The Ring Run 5K Race will be held at 8 a.m. Aug. 27 with a start and finish at the Thayer Extension. Pre-register online at westpoint.armymwr.com. Day of registration starts at 7 a.m.

There is a nominal fee for this 5K event, which includes a 2023 class ring crest race T-shirt. Prizes will be awarded for top-three male and female finishers and top male and female cadet finishers. Package pick-up is from 10 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Aug. 26 at the MWR Fitness Center. For more details, call 845-938-6490.

### 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.
- **Wednesdays** — 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.

**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.

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**NEW A-Day Buffet West Point Club**

This traditional buffet on Acceptance Day will be held from 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. on Aug. 13 in the West Point Club’s Grand Ballroom. For a complete menu, visit thewestpointclub.com.

There is a nominal fee for this event. For reservations, contact Rose Tumacder at 845-938-8007 or emails rose.a.tumacder.naf@army.mil.

**NEW West Point Community Flag Football Wednesday Evening League**

The MWR Intramural Sports Office is offering a Community Flag Football League this fall. The games will be played from 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 7 through Nov. 9 at the USMAPS football 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.

**NEW Spirit Luncheons are back at the West Point Club**

The Football Spirit Luncheons are back and will be held in the West Point Club’s Grand Ballroom. The doors open at 11 a.m. and the luncheons begin at noon. Tickets go on sale Aug. 15 for a nominal fee and can be purchased at the WPC Admin Office, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Purchase tickets in advance and save on day of luncheon pricing. Each luncheon is a Pep Rally for that week’s game. Luncheon dates are as follows: Sept. 9 — UTSA, Sept. 15 — Villanova, Sept. 29 — Georgia State, Oct. 13 — Colgate, Oct. 20 — ULM, Nov. 1 — Air Force, Nov. 17 — UCONN and Dec. 7 — Navy.

For reservations, call 845-938-5120. For more details, visit thewestpointclub.com.

**CYS Home School Gym Class**

The Child and Youth Services home school gym classes will be held Aug. 29 through Oct. 25. Two sessions are available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11-11:45 a.m. or 12:15-1 p.m.

The classes will be held at the MST gymnasium located at Building 500, Washington Road. Cost is $25 per child for the entire session. Open to all home school children in grades K-8th. Register at Parent Central, 140 Buckner Loop. Children must have full immunization records in order to register and participate. For more details, call 845-938-4458/1362.

**Junior Black Knights Travel Soccer Team Tryouts**

CYS will be conducting tryouts for the Junior Black Knights Travel Soccer Team from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday and Aug. 1 at H-Lot. This free tryout is open to all West Point and Highland Falls/Fort Montgomery Central School District residents born between 2009 and 2015.

JBK offers the following teams (based on age and divided into boys & girls divisions): U14 (For Birth Years 2009-2010), U12 (For Birth Years 2011-2012) and U10 (For Birth Years 2013-2015). Youth U12 or under who do not make the travel soccer team may register instead for the CYS Recreation Soccer League.

Additional family-led summer kickarounds are held Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Dragon Park.

Call the Youth Sports Office at 845-938-8896/8525 for more details.

**Zumba Classes with Ginella**

Zumba classes with Ginella have new days and times starting Monday at the MWR Fitness Center. Classes will be held from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays.

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, Aug. 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 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 Aug. 10 and 24 and Sept. 7 and 21.

**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 Saturday and Aug. 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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No. 1 seed Garrison took the Upper Division playoff championship by defeating No. 2 seed MP/DES two games to none with 14-4 and 12-2 victories on Monday at the MWR Softball Field #3.

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West Point Summer Softball League 2022 regular season final standings and playoff results

Garrison takes Upper Division championship with sweep of MP/DES

Playoff results: July 27, 28 and Monday.

Upper Division semifinals (July 27 and 28)—Each series is three games.

*1st seed Garrison defeated 4th seed DPW two games to none (13-3, 13-3).

*3rd seed MP/DES defeated 2nd seed EECS/BSL/DPE two games to one (5-6, 14-10, 22-16).

Lower Division semifinals (July 27 and 28)—Each series is three games.

*1st seed Math defeated 4th seed PANE two games to none (16-6, 21-11).

*2nd seed BTD defeated 3rd seed ODIA two games to one (12-10, 4-19, 14-4).

Upper Division Championship (Monday)—The series is three games.

*1st seed Garrison defeated 2nd seed MP/DES two games to none (14-4, 12-2).

Lower Division Championship (Wednesday)—The series is three games.

*1st seed Math vs. 2nd seed BTD. — See results in next week's paper.
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By Derick Thornton
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He made his impact felt across the season highlighted by recording two receptions for 118 yards and a TD vs. Airforce and logging a career-long 87-yard touchdown run vs. Massachusetts last season.

The award is given out by the Louisville Sports Commission in the memory of the late football legend and Louisville native Paul Hornung. This year 52 players across college football were named to the Watch List.

In 2021, the 52 players on this preseason Watch List accounted for more than 25,000 total yards in total offense and 215 touchdowns rushing, receiving and 16 returning kickoffs and five punts. On defense, the players combined for 325 tackles, six interceptions and one safety.

The Black Knights open the season at Coastal Carolina on Sept. 3 before opening their six-game home schedule at Michie Stadium against UTSA on Sept. 10.

Season ticket memberships are on sale now with packages priced as low as $160 per seat. A three-game mini-plan package is also available, which allows fans the option to create their plan by selecting three games priced as low as $100.

To purchase your tickets, call 1-877-TIX-ARMY or visit www.goarmywestpoint.com/tickets.

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.

**View Army West Point Schedule at www.goarmywestpoint.com/calendar.aspx?.

**Sports calendar**

**Women's Soccer**

Aug. 21, 1 p.m.—Fairleigh Dickinson, Malek Stadium at Clinton field.

Women's Soccer

Aug. 26, 9 p.m.—Air Force, USAFA in Colorado.

**Football**

Sept. 3, 7 p.m.—Coastal Carolina, Conway, South Carolina. (Stream: ESPN-Plus.)
Army West Point Director of Athletics Mike Buddie has announced the hiring of Chris Tracz as its next baseball coach, the 19th baseball coach in the 133-year history of the program July 27.

Tracz, 40, spent the last 13 seasons (2010-22) as the head coach at Marist College (Poughkeepsie, New York), totaling a win-loss record of 315–282–2 (.526), and a Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference coaching record of 170–117 (.592), Marist’s all-time winningest coach.

Last season, he led the Red Foxes to a 29-15 record, finishing second in the MAAC, tying for their most regular season wins since 2017, the same year they won the MAAC Tournament and advanced to the Gainesville Regional. Tracz also led the Red Foxes to a nation’s-best 11-game win streak at the end of last season, which was impressive enough to be named MAAC Coach of the Year for the first time in his career.

“My family and I are excited to join the Army West Point family,” Tracz said. “For us this is one of the most unique and special jobs in college baseball. We will embrace our role in the cadet-athlete experience and look forward to continuing the long tradition of success in the Patriot League and nationally. I am thankful to West Point Superintendent Lt. Gen. Steve Gilland, Director of Athletics Mike Buddie and Deputy Athletic Director Dan McCarthy for the privilege to serve Army West Point as its next baseball coach. Go Army! Beat Navy!”

In his time as head coach, Tracz has produced eight MLB Draft picks, one All-American, three MAAC Pitchers of the Year, eight First Team All-MAAC Selections, 18 Second Team All-MAAC Selections, 101 MAAC All-Academic honorees and six CoSIDA Academic All-District Selections.

This marks Tracz’s second stint with the Black Knights, as he served as an assistant coach during the 2009 season, helping the Army pitching staff lead the Patriot League in six statistical categories including wins, ERA, shutouts, complete games, strikeouts and saves en route to a Patriot League championship.

“Chris Tracz is widely regarded as a great coach, mentor and teacher,” Director of Athletics Mike Buddie said. “His ability to identify and develop talent has served him well as a head coach and we are thrilled that he will be shaping and impacting the lives of our cadets. We are excited to welcome Chris, his wife Katie, daughters Taylor and Quinn, and son Carter to the USMA community.”

Following his playing career, Tracz got his first coaching job as an assistant at Marist from 2006-08.

Tracz inherits an Army club that posted a 29-15 record this past season, winning its fourth consecutive Patriot League Title, the 11th title in program history, while also becoming the first team in conference history to win four-consecutive crowns.