Exploring the branches

Aviation (above), Quartermaster (left) and Armor (right) catch the attention of cadets as they observe the displays during Branch Week Sept. 8 in Central Area. Branch Week, Sept. 6-9, is an annual event designed to give cadets a chance to learn more about the 17 U.S. Army branches available to officers. Cadets from each class year spoke with representatives to help them decide which branch best fits them for a professional career.

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CADET JACHIN BALE
Plan and Be Informed.

Many of us have been adversely affected by a natural disaster in some form or another, and the life you have built is worth protecting. Launched in February 2003, the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s Ready Campaign is a “national public service campaign designed to educate and empower the American people to prepare for, respond to and mitigate emergencies, including natural and man-made disasters.”

How do you prepare before the next disaster strikes? What are tools available to protect yourself and your family? The Ready West Point Program, a subsidiary of the Ready Army Program, has a three-pronged strategy that can serve as a starting point: Make a Kit, Have a Plan and Be Informed.

Make a Kit
Most recently at West Point’s New Leader Orientation Community Fair and National Night out events, I was asked about emergency kits by many of the attendees, specifically about their contents and where to start.

Every family, home and location is unique and therefore a family’s emergency prep kit should reflect that uniqueness.

A basic kit should include a flashlight, a few MREs or other types of non-perishable food items, extra batteries, a small toolkit, manual can opener, battery backup for cell phones, basic first aid kit, flashlight, battery powered or hand crank radio, water (one gallon per person per day) and an emergency contact list.

Ensure that you include a pet kit as well if applicable. A good starting point is a pre-packaged pet emergency pet kit, which includes many essentials that your pet will need during an emergency situation.

Tailor you kit to fit your needs, review the contents often to ensure there are no expired items, and place it in a strategic location so it is easily accessible when needed.

Have a Plan
When a disaster strikes, it is not the time to shoot from the hip. The plan is a key component of any strategy to be prepared in case of an emergency.

Common questions to assist in building a plan include: How will I receive emergency alerts and warnings? What is my shelter plan? What is my evacuation route? What is my family/household communication plan? Do I need to update my emergency prep kit?

Discuss these questions with your family and utilize the answers to serve a starting point to build your plan.

Consider any specific needs in your household, (e.g. dietary/medical needs, disabilities or access and functional needs including devices and equipment and responsibilities for assisting others).

Practice, practice, practice! Once you have your plan complete, practice it with your family/household so you are ready to put it into action when needed.

Be Informed
Know what disasters and hazards could affect your area, whether it be at West Point or in one of the surrounding communities, how to get emergency alerts, and where you would go if you and your family need to evacuate.

While the Hudson Valley is mainly known for adverse winter weather, there have been three major hurricanes that have occurred and rolled through the area since 2011, each of which caused multi-day power outages and severe infrastructure damage due to flooding.

An early Nor’ Easter during an Army home football game of the same year, affectionately known as snowmageddon, paralyzed the entire area with downed trees and power lines. Incidentally, Army did take the win that day in the snow, beating Fordham 55-0.

During the summer of 1999, there was a forest fire on Storm King Mountain that closed Route 9W for four months. Each of these disasters are different and should be prepared for accordingly.

More information on how to ensure you and your family are in great shape prior to the next emergency may be found at Ready.gov, RedCross.org and by searching Ready Army and Ready West Point.

Be proactive, protect your legacy and plan for natural disasters today!
Cadets explore options during Branch Week

Story by Jorge Garcia
PV Staff Writer

Cadets explored what the Army had to offer during the annual Branch Week event, which kicked off with 17 static displays, including artillery and rocket systems, tanks, helicopters and numerous other displays that represented every facet of the Army Sept. 6-9 in Central Area at the U.S. Military Academy.

During the process, cadets spoke with branch representatives to get an honest and accurate perspective on what each branch is like before confirming what branch suits them best coming into their senior year.

Ultimately, perspective plays a crucial role in identifying what personality traits fit best when branch representatives select candidates. Moreover, USMA 2014 graduate Capt. Joseph Marxen would tell you, “Personal desires are also considered when we go through the selection process. I was talking to a cadet this morning, and he was like, ‘I either want armor or logistics,’ and I’m like, ‘hey, those are two very different branches. It’s great that you’ve got desire for both.’”

Marxen added that he was able to coach the cadet and help him weigh the pros and cons of joining each branch based on his personality traits and desires.

“I asked, ‘why do you think you want this? Where do you think you would thrive?’” Marxen explained. “Because if I sell them on logistics and make it sound like the most awesome branch, what happens when they arrive at their unit and realize they don’t like their branch? They are probably not going to be a good officer, and it’s going to hurt the team’s performance.”

Class of 2025 Cadet Erich Brilliant said he loved the static displays and felt the presentation of Branch Week improved since last year’s event. “Aviation killed it this year — they always do, though,” Brilliant added. “The branch reps are a lot more talkative and energetic than last year.”

With the Quartermaster branch displaying a massive poster of their branch insignia over the far right end of Washington Hall, cadets like Class of 2024 Cadet Reilly Fish felt intrigued and compelled to see what the Quartermaster branch had to offer. He also took notice of the upgraded presence of the less popular branches.

“I think just about every branch has brought more to the table,” Fish said. “We’re also starting to see more from the smaller branches like the Med Service tent. I never really recognized it until this year because it was always super tiny. Same thing goes for transportation and quartermaster. It’s good to see the smaller branches are getting more exposure. Artillery has all their cool toys, but there is way more to see now from every branch.”

Branch Week also broadened the perspective of officers representing their branch. For 1st Lt. Aiden Naylor, the experience reminded him of his humble beginnings after joining the Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear branch.

“I think it’s brought my perspective back to the basics,” Naylor said. “It’s easy, once you get caught in the hustle and bustle and the stress of Army life, to start forgetting what you’re meant to do. But seeing how these cadets are so hopeful and idealistic is making me think about it from their perspective and it’s reenergizing me.”

USMA 2019 graduate 2nd Lt. Sorca Jordan said she was thrilled to inform cadets on her branch, Field Artillery. Throughout the week, she informed cadets about the realities they may face working in artillery and felt a sense of fulfillment mentoring cadets as they weighed on their decisions.

“I think this experience reaffirms my own confidence and my own ability to make an impact, which in turn, will be better for the organization as a whole,” Jordan concluded. “My colleagues and I are going to be commanders soon, and I need that confidence to be a good leader for future officers in the same way that these cadets will need confidence when they commission as lieutenants.”
By Meghan Dower-Rogers
Academic Research Division

The mood in the Haig Room on Sept. 1 was light. After being introduced by Dr. Joshua King, associate professor in the Department of Social Sciences, which sponsored the event, guest lecturer Dr. Ray Raymond walked up to the podium and announced to his audience of cadets, staff and faculty that he was “the oldest living West Point graduate,” drawing quiet laughter.

Then, Dr. Raymond grew serious, painting a grim picture of modern warfare: No front lines, no discernible enemy and gruesome injuries caused by contemporary weapons.

He then asked his audience to go back in time with him to 2008 in Iraq, where Bobby Sickler and another Soldier flying in a Kiowa helicopter about 50 feet above the ground witnessed a woman and her children who had been murdered by insurgents and had left the bodies in place to draw the Soldiers, who the insurgents knew would try to come to the civilians’ aid because of their moral code. When they got low enough, the enemy would shoot. The Soldiers were undeterred.

This incident was only one of many examples of young West Pointers putting others above themselves under the most extraordinary circumstances, which is the subject of Raymond’s new book, “Elite Souls: Portraits of Valor in Iraq and Afghanistan.”

The book, published by U.S. Naval Institute Press and set to be released in October, centers on the actions of five young officers: Sickler, Anthony Fuscellaro, Ross Pixler, Michael Eslinger and Stephen Tangen, who all earned the Nininger Award for valor in combat.

The theme throughout the narratives is that character matters.

The title “Elite Souls” comes from the 19th century French military thinker Ardant du Picq, who argued that selfless service in combat is found in moral courage personified by elite souls. The thesis is very much in line with Dr. Raymond’s own.

Raymond has been affiliated with West Point and the Department of Social Sciences since 1985, first as a British diplomat leading a group of European North Atlantic Treaty Organization members visiting West Point for a discussion on burden sharing, then as an Adjunct professor. He has mentored cadets in the Scholarship Program for nearly 30 years. In 2006, he was awarded the Outstanding Civilian Service Award by the Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army.

The idea for the book came from an essay he was asked to write for the Military Order of the Purple Heart, which led him to ask, “What is courage?”

To illustrate, he referred to his grandfather and cousin, a British Army officer in World War I and a Royal Navy commander in World War II, respectively. His grandfather, who was in his late 40s and married with children, volunteered to fight despite being eligible for exemption, and was killed, the fate of many officers in that war.

His cousin, Joseph James Maudsley, who commanded Royal Navy Escort Groups across the Atlantic guarding British, American, Canadian and other Allied ships carrying Lend-Lease equipment from the U.S., was decorated with the Distinguished Service Cross by His Majesty King George VI in 1943 for his valuable service.

Somehow, Raymond wanted to take the idea of moral courage exemplified by his family members and apply it to West Point. He found a way to do so by focusing on the five Nininger Award recipients.

He was assisted in his endeavor by then Association of Graduates President retired Col. Robert McClure, who offered to reach out to the officers regarding their interest in the project, and from then Social Sciences Department Chair Col. Suzanne Nielsen, who wrote letters to the officers on his behalf.

The men agreed, after being assured that their stories would be told in a way that would show West Point objectively, be honest and accurate, and be unsparring in its depictions of combat, which occupy most of the book.

To that end, Raymond interviewed not only his subjects, in some cases multiple times, but their commanders, family members and others who know them well.

Raymond noted that all of the men were driven by moral character to attend West Point, an institution they knew would encompass their beliefs, instilled by their parents.

The author gave the example of Pixler’s father, an assistant U.S. Attorney in Arizona, who continued pursuing Mexican drug cartels despite death threats to himself and his family.

His officers’ West Point education played a large role in shaping their moral compasses and how they would respond in combat, a factor that is strongly tied to Raymond’s thesis.

They learned how to decipher the Honor Code under the guidance of then Superintendent Lt. Gen. Dan Christman, who started the Simon Center for the Professional Military Ethic, and who the men credited with teaching them how to apply the code in morally challenging scenarios in the real world. They also benefited from being taught by faculty with combat experience.

Raymond poignantly stated that each man had told him that they had never killed an innocent civilian during their deployments.

In his lecture, the author encouraged the cadets to pursue international graduate education, as it would not only prepare them to be advisers to the National Command Authority, something that they were sure to confront, but also to learn how other countries approach political situations.

He said that often, nations impose their own beliefs onto those of others, expecting them to act as they would in a given scenario, which could lead to dire consequences.

He offered the example of United Kingdom Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain, who thought he could use diplomacy to counter Hitler’s invasions of Poland and Czechoslovakia in the late 1930s. Chamberlain had no grasp of Nazism or the evil it represented and appeasement failed.

Following the lecture, Dr. King opened the floor to questions. Lt. Col. Walt Cooper, a former Rhodes Scholar, asked the author to elaborate on the connection between moral and physical courage.

Raymond cited Gen. Mark Milley, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, who believes that moral courage is doing something because you believe it is the right thing to do no matter what as he proved during the final months of the Trump administration.

Raymond then illustrated a different kind of selfless courage with the example of Fuscellaro, who kept making helicopter runs, without orders, and while very low on ammunition and fuel, to ensure the safety of his Soldiers.

A cadet then posed the question of whether diplomacy is always the best option. Raymond explained that in some cases, as with Russian President Vladimir Putin and his invasion of Ukraine, negotiation is not possible.

However, when it can sometimes be effective, Raymond stated that “Diplomacy is always better. For heads of governments as well as their senior military and diplomatic advisers, the key to success is to know when and under what circumstances diplomacy is the best approach to resolving a problem and when force is necessary as a last resort.”

The biggest challenge in writing the book, according to the author, was being objective about West Point, which he admitted was difficult due to great love and admiration for, and strong connections to, the academy.

What Raymond most wants from the book is to provide cadets, the next generation of young officers, to draw inspiration from the five “Elite Souls,” the five Nininger Award recipients.
U.S. Military Academy held a Branch Recognition Parade followed by the Boxing Rumble on diagonal walk/apron and in north area of West Point on Friday. Each branch got to show off its assets and was named in a parade while the boxers participating in the Boxing Rumble were escorted to the ring by the branch they will represent. Overall, cadets got to enjoy nine bouts by the Army West Point Boxing team.

Photos by John Pellino and Kyle Osterhoudt/USMA PAO
Protestant Women of the Chapel enjoyed their fall 2022 Kickoff program on Sept. 6 at the Post Chapel. Over three dozen women, as well as their young children, met to start sessions under the leadership of PWOC President Amanda Bundt.

Sue Jones led the ladies in worship before a devotion from Chaplain Hudson on the PWOC theme “Come and See” highlighting Matthew 11:28-30. With the prop of a cowboy boot, he explained God does not call us to “pull ourselves up by the bootstraps.” God asks us to do quite the opposite and come to Him for help lightening our burdens since we can do nothing by ourselves.

Martha Kate Robinson, the Spiritual Life vice president, chose three book options for the Bible-based small group studies this semester: “In His Image” by Jen Wilkins, “Life Change’s Jeremiah and Lamentations” and “Walking with God in the Season of Motherhood” by Melissa Kruger.

Each small group study will meet at 9 a.m. on Tuesdays after a whole group devotional, breakfast and worship. For women with evening availability, a small group studying “Life Changer’s Jeremiah and Lamentations” will take place at 7 p.m. Thursdays in the Post Chapel.

The smaller setting allows for ladies to share their thoughts and lives as they pursue a closer walk with Christ.

At the fall 2022 Kickoff program, the women chose their studies and received books. If you are interested in joining, PWOC is always open to new members throughout the year. Email wp.pwoC@gmail.com to request a book or come at 9 a.m. Tuesday or at 7 p.m. Thursday.

Programs Vice President Audra Green worked to organize the event, brightened the Fellowship Hall with sunflowers, and organized the West Point Club’s catered buffet breakfast the ladies enjoyed as they met new members and caught up with friends.

Protestant Woman of the Chapel is active at military bases around the world and provides a Christian community for military spouses and active-duty military women. Moving makes finding a community challenging, but PWOC provides a place for women to come together in Christ and make friendships that go beyond the two hours of devotions on Tuesday morning or Thursday evening study.
Emergency Management networking

U.S. Army Garrison West Point and the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security (DPTMS) hosted their Emergency Management Partnership Networking event Sept. 1 during a ride on the Superintendent’s boat. The event included 50 emergency managers from USAG West Point, the U.S. Military Academy and external agencies, including the American Red Cross, FEMA, Army North Defense Coordinating Element, Department of Homeland Security, Rockland Police Academy, N.Y. State Police, Orange County Fire Services and Orange County Department of Emergency Management Services 911. Opening remarks were given by West Point’s Emergency Manager, George Gilbert, with Garrison Commander Col. Anthony Bianchi welcoming all attendees for the afternoon networking event. The focus was on networking and connecting with fellow emergency managers, but also developing and building strong relationships. Final remarks were given by DPTMS Plans and Operations Chief, Bob Brown, to finish up the afternoon event. This was the first event of what was termed as an opening bookend event for the beginning of Emergency Preparedness Month with the focus now on the West Point Emergency Preparedness Fair scheduled for 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sept. 24 in the Exchange parking lot.
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(NEW) Tuesday Morning Protestant Women’s Bible Study
Join Protestant Women of the Chapel for weekly worship and devotions from 9-11 a.m. Tuesdays. All women connected to West Point (including spouses, active duty, retired, civilian employees/contractors and their spouses) are welcome to meet at the Post Chapel (Building 692 Biddle Loop) for fellowship over breakfast, worship, hear a devotion from a fellow PWOC member and participate in a Bible-based book study with a small group.
PWOC provides an opportunity for women from any denomination or religious background to join a community of believers invested in each other’s lives.
To facilitate this, childcare is provided for children ages 0 to 6 in the Chapel Nursery (Building 791).
For up-to-date information, follow our Facebook page (West Point PWOC) or Instagram at @pwoc.westpoint.
For more information or questions, email wp.pwoc@gmail.com.

2022 Emergency Preparedness Fair
The 2022 Emergency Preparedness Fair takes place from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sept. 24 at the Exchange parking lot.
Are you ready for the next emergency? Ready West Point is about being prepared by making a kit, having a plan and being informed.
The event, sponsored by U.S. Army Garrison West Point and the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, is offering food, music, CPR demonstrations, fire extinguisher training, pet emergency kits, fire readiness and special drawings to win prizes.
COMMUNITY FEATURED ITEMS

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.

Transferring service members can contact Heyman at kimberly.j.heyman.ctr@army.mil.

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.

Propective 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 service-oriented care and concern for others.

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

(CNEW) Cornwall Public Library events
The Cornwall Public Library, located at 395 Hudson Street in Cornwall, offers community events for all ages to enjoy.

Below are a list of some upcoming events at the Cornwall Public Library:
- Today, 2 p.m., Mystery Book Group
- Book Pick: “Deal Breaker” by Harlan Coben—Drop-in program. Hard copies of book are available to borrow at the library; eBooks and eAudiobooks are available through Libby.
- Today, 4:30 p.m., Art Afternoon – Mini Nature Homes—For grades K-12. Limited space. Please register via the library’s online calendar starting one week prior to program. Dress for mess.
- Sunday, 1 p.m., An Afternoon with the Hudson Valley Chamber Musicians—Welcome the arrival of fall with an afternoon of beautiful woodwind chamber music. Location at the Munger Cottage. Space is limited and registration is required.
- Monday, 6 p.m., Dog Tales Meet & Greet—Wonder what it takes to become a certified R.E.A.D. therapy dog? Come to this informal session and meet the human and canine volunteers from Hudson Valley Paws for a Cause. It’s your chance to ask questions and pet a pooch. A drop-in event — no registration required.
- Tuesday, 9:30 a.m., Family Story Time—Enjoy a story time at the library with your whole family. Register your children via the library’s online calendar. Registration opens one week prior to the program.

Registration is required via the library’s online calendar at https://www.cornwallpubliclibrary.org/calendar.

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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://kah.mil/Health-Services/pharmacy.

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.

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.

National Preparedness Month
September is National Preparedness Month — an observance to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies that could happen at any time.

This year’s theme is “A Lasting Legacy.”

The life you’ve built is worth protecting. The goal is to promote family and community disaster and emergency planning now and throughout the year.

If you are new to West Point (and the northeast), then you should know the winters can be treacherous. But there are various other disasters and emergencies that the Greater West Point area needs to prepare for.

Limit the impacts that disasters have on you and your family. Know the risk of disasters in your area and check your insurance coverage.

Learn how to make your home stronger in the face of storms and other common hazards and act fast if you receive a local warning or alert.

Keller Army Community Hospital will provide preparedness information every Thursday on its Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/kellerarmycommunityhospital, to assist you with preparing yourself, your family and your community.

Additionally, as we approach the winter season, it is important to be aware of how to receive medical assistance and/or care during inclement weather.

Go to https://keller.tricare.mil/Patient-Resources/Inclement-Weather-Policy to learn about Keller Army Community Hospital’s Inclement Weather Policy.

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family members. To sign-up, call MWR Intramural Sports Office at 845-938-3066.

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 now 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.


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 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.

Personally-Owned Firearm Open Range Sessions
The personally-owned firearm open range sessions will be held from 9 a.m.—3 p.m. Oct. 8, Nov. 5 and 12 at the Gettysburg Range Complex (Range 5). The complex is located off Route 293, across from Round Pond Recreation Area.

Authorized users must have a Department of Defense issued form of identification and present it at the range.

One guest is authorized for each identification card holder and the guest must sign a liability waiver.

For a complete listing of all the rules and regulations, visit westpoint.armymwr.com or call 845-838-1700.

Cadet Appreciation Days at the Tronsrue Marksmanship Center
The Tronsrue Marksmanship Center is offering cadets a special discount for range fee and firearm rental on the following days: Sept. 28, Oct. 19, Nov. 2 and 16 and Dec. 6.

Ammo and targets are available at regular listed price. The center is open from 10 a.m.—3 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays and from 6:30-9 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays.

This appreciation program is available to cadets only. For more details, call 845-938-1700.

Women’s Intro to Pistol Class
A Women’s Introduction to Pistol Class will be held at the Tronsrue Marksmanship Center from 1-5 p.m. Sept. 25. Learn firearm safety and the fundamentals of shooting. Gain confidence needed to safely handle and operate a firearm. Available to women ages 21 and up.

No experience or equipment necessary to participate. There is a nominal fee for this class. Register online at westpoint.armymwr.com, at the center or by calling 845-938-1700.

Tronsrue Marksmanship Center Now Open on Select Sundays
The Tronsrue Marksmanship Center will be open from 9 a.m.-noon on the following Sundays: Sept. 25 and Oct. 30.

For more details, call 845-938-1700.

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.

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.

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 on 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.
MWR events/offerings

FEATURED EVENT

(NEW) 12th Annual West Point Oktoberfest
West Point MWR invites you to join it for its 12th annual West Point Oktoberfest from 4-9 p.m. Oct. 7 and 3-8 p.m. Oct. 8 (Family Day) at Victor Constant Ski Area.

This cultural celebration features traditional German food, drinks, music and dancing, with an American flair. Oktoberfest is open to the general public. Come enjoy authentic German entertainment provided by Alpine Squeeze and Robbie Lawrence and the Steel Workers, and food provided by the West Point Club.

Both days feature great food, beverages and entertainment, but Saturday will be a little bit more kid friendly with Kinderkorner, brought to you with the support of the West Point Spouses Club.

Pre-purchase your admission or Stein, or reserve your Stammtisch table online for great discounts.

Online sales are ongoing and end at 11:59 p.m. Oct. 6. This is your chance for easiest, quickest and cheapest admission into the event. For more details, visit westpoint.armymwr.com or call 845-938-8810.

MWR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Conquer the Vic 5K Trail Run
This year’s Conquer the Vic 5K Trail Run takes place at Victor Constant Ski Area on Sept. 25. Heats will be released every 20 minutes, starting at 8 a.m., with the first two being competitive heats with prizes to win. There will also be a one-mile “Conquer the Vic Jr.” heat offered for kids (11 or younger) at 9:40 a.m.

All racers will be timed, and will receive a bib with a built-in timing chip. Registering by Monday also guarantees racers a dri-fit T-shirt, medal and beverage.

Music will play throughout the course, and hot and ready breakfast items will be available at the West Point Golf Course. Games and activities will also be available.

This event is open to the public. Registration pricing is time sensitive. To register or for more details, visit westpoint.armymwr.com.

West Point Club’s Benny Haven’s Lounge is Open
Attention faculty, Soldiers, family members and civilians... The West Point Club’s Benny Haven’s Lounge is open for business. The lounge will be open from 4-9:30 p.m Thursdays and Fridays with new pub menu items available from 4-8:30 p.m.

For a complete menu, visit thewestpointclub.com. For more details, call 845-938-5120.

West Point Community Noontime Outdoor Pickleball League
The MWR Intramural Sports Office is offering a Community Noontime Pickleball League. Games will be played Thursdays only through Nov. 3 at the Clinton Tennis Courts.

It is open to active duty personnel, DOD civilians, retired personnel and West Point family members.

To sign-up, call MWR Intramural Sports at 845-938-3066 or visit westpoint.armymwr.com for more details.

2022-23 West Point Community Adult Intramural Hockey Sign-Ups
The MWR Intramural Sports Office is offering a Community Adult Intramural Hockey League. Games will be played Oct. 1 through April 30 from 6-7:30 a.m. Mondays and Thursdays and noon-1:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Tate Rink.

It is open to active duty personnel, DOD civilians, retired personnel and West Point family members. To sign-up, call MWR Intramural Sports at 845-938-3066 or visit westpoint.armymwr.com for more details.

West Point Club Dinner-To-Go
New days and new menu items are available at the West Point Club. A few of the menu items to include baked ziti, rack of barbecue ribs, salmon w/dill butter, barbecue pulled pork, macaroni and cheese and individual cheesecakes.

The West Point Club’s Dinner-To-Go is available Wednesday through Friday. Place your order by 2 p.m. that day and specify a pick up time between 4-6:30 p.m. and pick up your meal at the West Point Club’s Benny Haven’s Lounge.

Servings for four or six are available for a nominal fee.

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

Bow Hunter Education Course
The Bow Hunter Education Course class will be offered from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Sunday at the Round Pond Recreation Area’s Bonnette Cabin.

This course is free and the certificate is good for life. This class is required to purchase a New York State/West Point Bow Hunting license/permit.

For more details, call the Round Pond Office at 845-938-2503.

To register online, visit westpoint.armymwr.com.

(NEW) Women’s R.A.D. Self Defense Course
Join Army Community Services and get certified in R.A.D. Self-defense. On Oct. 5, 12 and 19, ACS will be holding a Women's R.A.D. Self-Defense Course from 6-8 p.m. at the MST Building (500 Washington Road).

This interactive three-session workshop will be taught by certified instructors from the Town of Woodbury Police Department, and feature simulated real-world scenarios. This course is free and open to all female DOD cardholders ages 14 and above. Participants must attend all three sessions in order to receive a certificate. Space is limited, so registration is required.

To make a reservation, call 845-938-5658 or email emily.a.calangi2.civ@army.mil.

(NEW) UTAH (Non-Resident) Concealed Permit Course
The UTAH (non-resident) concealed permit course is a non-live fire class and will be held from 1-5:30 p.m. Nov. 13 at the Buffalo Soldier Pavilion, located at 628 Hodges Place. No firearms or permits needed.

This permit allows non-residents to carry a concealed handgun in 35 states (unfortunately, New York does not recognize the UTAH permit). This is the ideal permit to have if you travel to different states. This class includes your passport style photo, fingerprint prints, application, mailing envelope and address labels. All you have to do is send it in the mail.

There is a nominal fee for this class. Please bring a blank check to this class when attending to pay for the application fee. To register, visit westpoint.armymwr.com, visit the center or call 845-938-1700.

(NEW) September and October trips with Leisure Travel Services
Leisure Travel Services is offering trips to New York City during the months of September and October. See below for the trips available:

• Sunday, Sept. 25—Feast of San Gennaro in Little Italy. Depart West Point at 9 a.m., leave NYC at 3 p.m.
• Thursday, Sept. 29—Theater Van to Broadway. Depart West Point at 4 p.m., leave NYC after the show;
• Wednesday, Oct. 26—Theater Van to Broadway. Depart West Point at 4 p.m., leave NYC 10:45 p.m.;
• Monday, Oct. 3—Greenwich Village Halloween Parade. Depart West Point at 4:30 p.m., leave NYC at 10:30 p.m.

There is a nominal fee for transportation. For reservations, call LTS at 845-938-3601.

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., through Nov. 1 at Daly Field and River Courts (weather permitting).

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

West Point Community 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 through Nov. 9 at the USMAPS football field.

It is open to active duty personnel, DOD civilians, retired personnel and West Point community members. To sign-up, call MWR Intramural Sports at 845-938-3066 or visit westpoint.armymwr.com for more details.
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Municipal Lot across from Sacred Heart of Jesus Church
Women’s soccer plays to draw at Boston College

By Mackenzie Collyer
Army Athletic Communications

The Black Knights battled back from a goal down twice to draw the Boston College Eagles, 2-2, on Sunday in Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts.

**Game Summary**

Army and Boston College provided four high quality goals in an entertaining contest. BC controlled the first 15 minutes. The Eagles scored the opener off a corner kick when Sophia Lowenberg headed home Laura Gouvin’s cross in the 29th minute. However, Army gradually played itself back into the game with high-pressing and it eventually paid off.

In the 38th minute, the Black Knights netted the equalizer. Cami Silvestro stole the ball and played a through ball to Jasmine Talley who unleashed a rocket outside of the box that found the corner of the net.

In the second half, the Black Knights started off brightly while controlling possession and chances. Army nearly took the lead in the 56th minute when Jordan Follenweider’s long distance lob was tip off the crossbar by the keeper.

Boston College took the lead against the run of play in the 62nd minute with a well-hit strike by Ella Richards in the box.

The Black Knights kept creating chances in search of the tying goal. Army found the equalizer in the 80th minute.

Talley played a cross into the box and Dara Murray beat both the keeper and a defender to slide home the tying goal.

**Coach’s Corner**

“A huge point on the road against a really solid BC side. To fight back from being a goal down twice was truly a collective effort as well as the attitude and actions of not getting complacent.”

“Two top finishes with the first beginning from solid defending from our forwards and midfielders to create a turnover that Cami (Silvestro) picked up and a Jas Talley’s laser, and to a Jas Talley great run and ball across for Dara’s relentless work to fight for the tying goal.

“I could not be more proud of this group today and the energy of players that came in were big time.” — Tracy Chao.

Men’s soccer posts 1-0 victory over Sacred Heart

By Conor McCorry
Army Athletic Communications

Army West Point men’s soccer used a late goal from Joey Hickson to take down Sacred Heart by a score of 1-0 on the road Saturday in Fairfield, Connecticut. The victory gave the Black Knights its second consecutive win as Tomas Hut tabbed his first solo clean sheet of the season.

Much like the Black Knights, the Pioneers came into the contest riding high as they had won their last two matches entering play.

There was not much doing for most of the first half in this one, with Jack Meyer having the best chance for the Black Knights in the 17th minute forcing a save.

The teams went into the break with just one shot on goal each.

The chances continued to come at a premium throughout the majority of the second half, with Sacred Heart firing off a flurry of shots through the opening 30 minutes that failed to test Hut behind his stout defense, who consistently got blocks in and forced shots wide.

The game was turned on its head in the 78th minute, when Atef Sikazwe went marauding down the right flank, dribbling past his defender and getting a cross in that found the head of Joey Hickson for his first Army goal.

Hickson found space in between the two Pioneers’ centerbacks, first making the run and then making no mistake with the finish into the bottom left corner.

The Pioneers would put the pressure on across the final 10 minutes, forcing three saves from Hut after the Black Knights went ahead.

A performance highlighted by the strength of the backline, Army was able to play out the remaining minutes with a one-goal advantage to collect its first road win of the season.

**Cadets Capsules**

- Hut made five saves in net to claim the victory and clean sheet.
- Sikazwe posted his first assist of the season.
- Hickson’s game-winning goal was the first of his career as he became the sixth different Black Knight to score this season.

**Coach’s Corner**

“A very good road performance from the Black Knights its second consecutive win as Tomas Hut tabbed his first solo clean sheet of the season.

Sophomore goaltender Tomas Hut grabbed his first shutout of the season leading Army West Point men’s soccer to a 1-0 victory over Sacred Heart Saturday in Fairfield, Conn. PHOTO BY Mady Salvani/ARMY ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS

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“I could not be more proud of this group today and the energy of players that came in were big time.” — head coach Brian Plotkin.

Games to follow:

- Army West Point men’s soccer will host Seton Hall on Tuesday at Gimbel Field. Army won the originally scheduled Tuesday contest, 2-0, against the Pirates on Tuesday.
- Army West Point women’s soccer will host Colgate on Friday at Michie Stadium. Army West Point women’s soccer tied Boston College, 2-2, Sunday at Chestnut Hill, Mass.

**Pointer View**
Men’s rugby opens season with win over Kutztown

The Army West Point men’s rugby team kicked off their 15s season with a 25-17 victory over the Kutztown Golden Bears Saturday at the Anderson Rugby Complex. The Black Knights opened the scoring two minutes into the contest. Maxwell Brown sprinted through the defense for the try. However, Kutztown hit back with a try three minutes later to tie the score, and went up 7-5 on a conversion one minute later. Army drove down the field and Adam Bazan scored a try for a 10-7 lead at the 11:37 mark. The Golden Bears tied the game at 10-10 four minutes later. A try by Matt de Frates (above) at the 21:15 mark broke the tie. Tiaan Mosconi and Jonny Haley added a try and a conversion, respectively, to give Army a 22-10 lead at halftime. Haley’s penalty kick gave the Black Knights a 25-10 lead. Kutztown cut the lead to 25-15 and added a conversion, but the Black Knights’ defense held off the comeback attempt.

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

**SPORTS CALENDAR**

**VOLLEYBALL**
Friday, 6 p.m.—American University, Gillis Field House.

**WOMEN’S SOCCER**
Friday, 6 p.m.—Lehigh, Conway, Malek Stadium at Clinton Field.

**SPRINT FOOTBALL**
Friday, 7 p.m.—Cornell, Shea Stadium.

**FOOTBALL**
Saturday, Noon—Villanova, Michie Stadium. (TV: CBS Sports Network.)

**VOLLEYBALL**
Saturday, 7 p.m.—Navy, Conway, Gillis Field House.
Quarterback Tyhier Tyler connected with running back Ay'Jaun Marshall (above) on a pass for a 77-yard touchdown in the first quarter of Army West Point football’s 41-38 overtime loss to UTSA Saturday at Michie Stadium. Photo by Danny Wild/Army Athletic Communications

Football drops home opener in OT thriller

By Eric Szczepinski
Army Athletic Communications

Army West Point football fell in overtime in its home opener, 41-38, against UTSA Saturday at Michie Stadium.

In the first quarter, a pair of pass breakups from safety Marquel Broughton, the Roadrunners were set up with a fourth and short at the Black Knights 28-yard line, with Army stuffing the run up the middle with Broughton making the stop. UTSA would return the favor on Army’s opening possession, forcing a turnover on downs after Tyrell Robinson got the ball across midfield with an 11-yard run.

Outside linebacker Andre Carter would wreak havoc on UTSA’s next drive, with his sack helping Army force a three and out. Army’s big play prowess continued on the next drive, with quarterback Tyhier Tyler connecting over the middle with running back Ay’Jaun Marshall for a 77-yard touchdown. It was the second big play midway through the second quarter.

The Black Knights were able to drive down quickly on its ensuing drive, with Ballard hitting wide receiver Isaiah Alston for a 48-yard gain and Josh Lingenfelter for 25 yards to set up a first and goal. Running back Jakobi Buchanan punched in a 1-yard touchdown run on a pivotal fourth and goal to give Army back its seven-point lead at 14-7.

UTSA would find the end zone to tie the score with a 29-yard touchdown pass from Frank Harris to wide receiver Zakhari Franklin.

Getting the ball back with under 90 seconds remaining in the half, Ballard was able to drive down quickly to set up another first and goal, and highlight a 42-yard completion to running back Braheam Murphy down to the one-yard line. Army went to its goal-to-go connoisseur in Buchanan, who promptly notched his second touchdown of the game and fifth multi-score game of his career as the Black Knights took a 21-14 lead into half.

Receiving the second half kickoff, Army put together its most time-consuming drive of the afternoon with a 12-play, 75-yard drive that took 8:11 off the clock, culminating in a 16-yard rushing touchdown by Tyler. After a Roadrunners answer, Army took a 28-21 lead into the final quarter.

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The Roadrunners would continue their second-half scoring run, punching in a one-yard touchdown run to take its first lead of the game with just over seven minutes remaining. On Army’s ensuing drive, Alston drew a key pass interference call to set up the Black Knights in opposition territory with less than two minutes remaining.

Needing a big play, Ballard was able to connect with Robinson for a 42-yard touchdown pass up the seam to tie up the score, 35-35, with 1:03 remaining followed by K Quinn Maretzki’s fifth extra point of the contest.

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Game Notes
• Army’s quarterback duo of Tyler and Ballard combined for 13-18 passing for 307 yards and two touchdowns (Robinson also completed a pass, 1-1 for six yards). It was Army’s first 300-yard passing game since 11/17/2007 vs. Tulsa.
• Tyler picked up right where he left off from last week with Marshall, connecting for a 77-yard touchdown midway through the first quarter to strike first. It was Marshall’s third career receiving touchdown and the touchdown was tied for the 13th-longest passing play in Army’s history.
• Ballard connected with Robinson on a 42-yard touchdown with 1:03 remaining in the fourth quarter to tie the game, 35-35 and force overtime. Robinson finished with four receptions for 76 yards and a touchdown, while also adding 25 yards on eight carries.
• Carter exploded for 2.5 sacks, his fifth career multi-sack. His first full sack of the season came for loss of four on a third-down to force a UTSA punt in the second quarter.
• Carter now has 19.0 career sacks, second most in Army history behind Josh McNary’s 28.0 (2007-10).
• Broughton led the Black Knights’ defense with nine tackles (six solo) and had a career best three Passes defended.

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