International collaboration

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(Above and right photos) The U.S. Military Academy welcomed 77 international officers from 74 countries as it hosted the annual U.S. Army War College International Fellows visit on Sept. 28 at Eisenhower Hall and the Haig Room at the Jefferson Library. (Left photo) During the event, Dr. Peter Kilner, the William E. Simon Center for the Professional Military Ethic Chair for Character Development, discussed strategies, tactics and shared facets of U.S. military life and American culture, as the group spoke on the ethics of war and shared some key points about culture and how it influences military stratagems, among other topics.

PHOTOS BY JORGE GARCIA/PV
Philanthropist Ken Fisher to receive Thayer Award

By West Point Media Relations

Kenneth Fisher will receive the prestigious West Point Association of Graduates Thayer Award in a ceremony hosted by the U.S. Military Academy today. The Corps of Cadets will conduct a parade in his honor at 5 p.m., on the Plain, prior to the award presentation dinner.

Fisher is the chairman and CEO of Fisher House Foundation, which oversees an international network of comfort homes where military and veterans’ families can stay at no cost while a loved one is receiving medical treatment.

In 2011, under his leadership, the Fisher House Foundation partnered with the Department of Defense to establish Hero Miles and Hotels for Heroes, which helps provide air travel and hotel lodging for families of service members to stay close by when a Fisher House is not available.

In 2007, Fisher was appointed by the Bush Administration to the President’s Commission on Care of America’s Returning Wounded Warriors and has served on several policy boards in support of former U.S. Secretary of Defense Ashton Carter and former U.S. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel.

He is a member of the Board of Directors for the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and the Board of Directors of the Business Executives for National Security.

The Thayer Award, established in honor of Col. Sylvanus Thayer, “Father of the Military Academy,” is presented to an outstanding citizen whose service and accomplishments in the national interest exemplify the military academy’s motto, “Duty, Honor, Country.” The Association of Graduates has presented the award annually since 1958.


Last year’s recipient was Dr. Mae C. Jemison.
Foreign officers share knowledge during U.S. Army War college event

Story and photo by Jorge Garcia
PV Staff Writer

As military technology, tactics, and cultures evolve worldwide, the U.S. Military Academy continues its mission to foster relations and stay interconnected with its international allies as it hosted the U.S. Army War College International Fellows visit on Sept. 28 at Eisenhower Hall and the Haig Room in Jefferson Library.

During the event, 77 international officers from 74 countries learned about facets of U.S. military life and American culture, spoke on the ethics of war, and shared some key points about culture and how it influences military stratagems, among other topics.

During the event, participants, for the first time during a visit, watched real-world scenarios on a screen based on past combat events in which U.S. Soldiers were faced with a critical ultimatum that would influence the mission’s success.

“This notion of ethics for this particular exercise — this is the first time I think we’ve done this, and I’ve been doing this job 22 years,” Kevin Bremer, the chief of the International Student Management office, said. “I think most militaries have a pretty strong ethical background. Culturally, though, sometimes those ethics could be left or right, of where we stand and again, not to say that there is a right or wrong, it’s just might be different.”

After evaluating the scenarios and discussing perspective courses of action they would’ve taken to complete the mission, participants broke into a questions and answers segment with Dr. Peter Kilner, the William E. Simon Center for the Professional Military Ethics (SCPME) Chair for Character Development.

“There is no right answer,” Kilner said. “Remember, good military professionals can disagree about what should be done in the circumstance. That’s what professionals do, whether it’s medicine or whether it’s law, older, seasoned, wise professionals engage in conversation with less experienced people, but as equals — as professionals…”

Lt. Col. Juan Estaban from the Spanish Armed Forces asked, “How often do you practice this exercise with your candidates? I ask because I think we should probably practice this in our country.”

Kilner explained that West Point conducts these training events twice a semester, which occurs four times yearly.

“...When we do this, it requires 144 classrooms, 144 platoons,” Kilner responded. “So some of you have (U.S. Army) captains, majors and colonels at your tables. These are all some of the people who do this, but it’s pretty resource intensive because it involves all the seniors and a minimum of 144 faculty members.”

Bremer said that as the international officers learn more about the United States, its people, culture and traditions, they get to see the essential qualities that shape the country militarily and nationally. They also get a deep dive into the multiple ways in which the U.S. Army commissions officers outside of West Point.

“The aim is to expose them to facets of American life, with 11 educational institutions of higher learning being one of those facets,” Bremer said. “So, the military academy, U.S. higher education and the notion that the military academy is not the only source for commissioning in our Army is one of the cruxes we want to hone in on.”

After the event in Eisenhower Hall concluded, the participants walked to the Haig Room at the Jefferson Library to exchange knowledge and share cultural mannerisms in an informal setting.

Bremer added that, hopefully, the international participants take back all the knowledge they gathered during the event to their countries with a clearer perspective on American culture.

“We don’t try to sugarcoat anything. We don’t try and say this is better than what you’re doing back home. We’re just saying, this is how we do it,” Bremer said.
British officer shares wisdom during Kermit Roosevelt Lecture

Story and photos by Jorge Garcia
PV Staff Writer

The Class of 2024 Cadets gathered at Robinson Auditorium to learn about the legacy of Kermit Roosevelt and receive insight on strategies and tactics from British Lt. Gen. Sir Ralph Wooddisse, commander of the Field Army, during the 76th annual Kermit Roosevelt Lecture on Sept. 29 at the U.S. Military Academy.

In 1947, the annual exchange of American and British military lecturers began in memory of the late Kermit Roosevelt, a prominent Soldier, writer and the son of the 26th President of the United States, Theodore Roosevelt.

Wooddisse opened his lecture by commending the United States for how the country responded following the death of Queen Elizabeth II.

“It was striking that your commander-in-chief just three hours after the announcement, changed his entire schedule to come up and pay his respects to the U.K. embassy in Washington D.C., and even more striking that he was present at her funeral a little over a week ago in Westminster Abbey,” Wooddisse said. “It means a lot to us Brits that this country took the time and the trouble to pay their respects to this remarkable woman. So, thank you ... we are immensely grateful.”

As the lecture continued, Wooddisse recounted his first lecture, which took place over 20 years ago, during the immediate aftermath of the 9/11 attacks. Retired U.S. Army Gen. Burwell Bell III delivered the lecture.

“He spelled out the implications of 9/11 on U.S. foreign policy, the extent to which your country has been injured, and the necessary actions that you were about to take,” Wooddisse said. “It was a really powerful moment and it brought home to me just how visceral the mood was in your country at the time.”

He added that the speech was a foretelling of what would transpire in the future, given that two years later, Wooddisse found himself in Baghdad commanding a British special forces squadron that was part of a U.S. task force with U.S. Army Rangers, armor and aviation support.

“It was a seminal professional moment for me,” Wooddisse added. “It’s given me a decade’s long respect for your military, and in particular, the people who serve within it.”

Wooddisse then addressed Kermit Roosevelt and the acclaim he achieved during his tenure as a Soldier serving during World War I and II with U.S. and British Armed Forces.

Following his death in 1943, his wife, Belle Roosevelt, sought to honor his memory by establishing the annual lecture.

After he concluded his speech, Wooddisse broke into a questions and answers segment, in which he responded to a range of questions from cadets mainly focused on current affairs, military strategy and the continued partnership between U.S. and British Armed Forces.

“My predecessors who’ve done this lecture said that the West Point questions are always the best,” Wooddisse remarked.

As the event concluded, Wooddisse was gifted a cadet saber on behalf of the Class of 2024.

“Both of our nations, I believe, brought something important to the relationship. But it’s only when we combine our strengths that we are able to achieve great things ... and we will always be better together than apart,” Wooddisse concluded.
ROTC, West Point cadets collab on SOCOM Ignite innovation solutions

Story by Maj. Nick Reisweber
Department of Math Instructor

Eleven cadets took their academic acumen on the road recently to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to participate in the 2023 SOCOM Ignite Kickoff. In all, over 70 ROTC and West Point cadets worked to develop innovative solutions to SOCOM-submitted technical challenges.

The event brings Special Operations Forces operators, military students and researchers together to find solutions to real-world problems. This year’s projects focused on drone autonomy, casualty status communication tools and unconventional communications techniques, among others.

At the end of just two days, the teams presented their concepts and preliminary prototypes in-person to the end users, Special Forces Soldiers and Navy SEALs, on the receiving end of their solutions. This direct-to-customer model allows for immediate feedback and helps the most creative ideas to rapidly rise to the surface.

“The ability to, in a short time, come together with a team of other students, researchers and operators to tackle hard, real-world problems in an expedited environment is a testament to our cadets’ ingenuity and drive. It is a tremendous thing to witness,” said Lt. Col. James Starling, who led the West Point team at this year’s event.

This two-day workshop provided cadets the opportunity to explore the intersection of their academic interests and current operational environment.

The event brought together West Point cadets and ROTC cadets from MIT, Harvard, Texas Tech, Notre Dame and several other schools along with officers in the 75th Innovation Command and technical experts from MIT Lincoln Lab.

The discussions between the various stakeholders provided a tangible linkage between the classroom and the military.

Class of 2025 Cadet Zoe Winston attended this year’s kickoff and came away impressed at how she could use her education to make a difference within one of the project teams. Her project allowed her to work with medics on a patient data transfer system.

“At first, we had no idea what to expect … but we all brought a willingness to work hard and solve complex problems,” Winston said.

“If you’ve ever played a game of ‘Telephone,’ the results can be pretty hilarious. However, when we look at passing information from the Combat Medic on the ground to the crew in the MEDEVAC, then to the hospital, the Telephone Game isn’t so funny.”

Winston’s team developed the systems diagram to automate and transfer the vital information medics inscribe on a patient and digitally deliver it.

“What’s so cool about this project is that the complete vision is 10 years away or more in terms of what current technology is capable of,” Winston said. “However, what we were able to do is develop a method that works within the current confines of technology, training, and equipment that can help now.

Moreover, Winston was most impressed with the speed at which the team could move.

“We received real-time feedback from the End Users (the SOCOM medics themselves) about what would work, what they could use right away and so on. To quickly iterate on ideas and improve them in a dynamic environment, we produced a product we are all proud of after just 48 short hours,” Winston said.

While the trip highlighted cadet ingenuity, it has also served as a kickoff for yearlong research projects at West Point. Class of 2023 Cadets Eli Dabkowski and Madison McGovern attended last year’s event and continued working on the project through the rest of the past year, conducting follow-on research with an Academic Individual Advanced Development this summer, and both continue with their research as part of their senior thesis. This two-year arc of deep exposure into her field is commonplace in civilian institutions, but difficult to accomplish within the 47-month experience at West Point. However, Class of 2025 Cadet Emma McGovern recognized the power of deep learning.

“I love that this opportunity has let me really dive deep into solving a problem for the military,” McGovern said. “Having a research project where I can immediately bring what I’ve learned in the classroom that day for the past year plus and put it to real tangible use has been incredible.”

Class of 2024 Cadet Andrew Barlow briefs his team’s concern for optimizing resources in real time to Soldiers from SOCOM customer units during an in-stride check-in brief in the ROTC facility at MIT.

The 2023 SOCOM Ignite Kickoff Event brought together over 70 collaborators from around the country including West Point cadets and ROTC cadets from MIT, Harvard, Texas Tech, Notre Dame and several other schools along with officers in the 75th Innovation Command and technical experts from MIT Lincoln Lab.

Eleven cadets recently supported the SOCOM Ignite Kickoff at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. (Front row, left to right) Cadets Jack Hernon, Aiden Looney, Zoe Winston and Jason Ingersoll. (Back Row, left to right) Andrew Barlow, Morgan Brown, Tobias Hild, James Pinter, Alexander Boarnet and Carlton Spivey.

Photos by Lt. Col. James Bluman and a MIT Lincoln Lab Researcher.
Living history event Saturday at West Point Museum

By the West Point Museum

The West Point Museum will host a living history event featuring uniformed living historians and military displays from 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday.

Displays will include a variety of World War II and later military vehicles, which will be available for public inspection with uniformed interpreters to provide history and technical information on each display, provided courtesy of Duffle Bag Associates and the American Veterans Historical Association.

Other static displays of uniforms, equipment and weapons will demonstrate how the American Soldier has been equipped in the wars of the 20th century.

The event coincides with the Fall Foliage Festival in the Village of Highland Falls and Oktoberfest at the West Point Ski Slope.

Past living history events have proven immensely popular with visiting veterans and all who are interested in our military heritage.

Children especially enjoy the on-hands nature of the displays and wearing actual military helmets and gear.

Unfortunately, this is a one-day event with no rain date, and it will be necessary to cancel it if weather conditions are extreme.

The living history displays will be available during regular museum hours, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. and will be located at the plaza in front of the museum entrance, with some also in the public galleries of the museum.

The West Point Museum is open at no charge to the public from 9:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday.

The Daughters of the U.S. Army Gift Shop, located in the museum, is open during operational hours.

For additional information, call 845-938-3590 or email west-point-museum@army.mil.
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MINER TANE ROAD CLOSURES

Due to personally-owned weapon firing ranges, Mine
Tone Road will be closed to the public from 8:30 a.m.-4
p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 5 and Nov. 12.

For more details, contact Joseph Middlebrooks, range
operations, at 845-938-8556.

WEST POINT COMMUNITY GYMNASTICS CLUB

The West Point Community Gymnastics Club is now
in session for fall recreational gymnastics classes at the
Gross Center.

Fill out registration forms and send them in as soon
as possible to reserve your child(s) class time. When you
are filling out the forms, please designate your first and
second choices.

On your first day of class, sign the By Law form
by the front door. The days and times that WPCGC are
offering for classes are as follows:

- Ages 5-6 ad 7-9 (Girls)—Tuesdays and Thursdays
  at 6:30 p.m.;
- Ages 10-18 (Girls)—Tuesdays and Thursdays at
  7:30 p.m.;
- Ages 5-6 (Boys)—Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.;
- Ages 7-18 (Boys)—Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

There is a fee and the fee breakdown is as follows
per month:

- Annual registration — $75 one child, $85 per
  family;
- One child — $85;
- One child twice a week — $153;
- Two children — $161.50;
- Two children twice a week — $306;
- Three children — $238.

Tuition checks can be either mailed to WPCGC, P.O.
Box 211, West Point, NY 10996 or brought in during
class time.

(NEW) HUDSON HIGHLANDS NATURE MUSEUM'S
MEADOWS AND TRAILS 5K

Join the Hudson Highlands Nature Museum for its
sixth annual Meadows and Trails 5K on Oct. 15 at the
Outdoor Discovery Center, located at 120 Muser Drive,
across from 174 Angola Road, Cornwall.

Race packet pickup and same-day registration will
open at 9 a.m., and the 5K begins at 11 a.m., with the
awards ceremony at 11:45 a.m.

The 5K registration can be found on the Nature
Museum’s website at hhn.org. This event is rain or
shine. Please note, dogs are not allowed on the property,
and running with a stroller is not permitted.
Army Education and Workshops

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

Graduate studies

• John Jay College of Criminal Justice — master’s degree in public administration. For details, email Kim Heyman at kheyman@jjay.cuny.edu.

• Long Island University — master’s degrees in school counseling, mental health counseling, marriage and family counseling — call Mary Beth Leggett at 845-446-3818 or email marybeth.leggett@liu.edu.

AEC — Testing Office

The Army Education Center at West Point offers the following Army Personnel Tests (APT) — AFCT, DLAB, DLPT and SIFT. We also offer the TABE and GT Predictor.

Testing is offered by appointment only.

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

The AEC is also an Authorized Pearson VUE Testing Site, open on a space available basis to Soldiers, civilian personnel, military contractors and family members who hold a government ID card.

Army Career Skills Program

The Army’s Career Skills Program (CSP) prepares Soldiers for civilian employment through first-class apprenticeships, on the job training, job shadowing, internships and employment skills training.

Soldiers are eligible to participate in an Army CSP up to 180 days prior to separation from the Army and after completion of the mandatory five-day TAP workshop.

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

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 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 are a list of some upcoming events at the Cornwall Public Library:


• Tuesday, 2 p.m., Fall Pumpkin Craft for Adults — Have some crafting fun as you learn to make cute pumpkin decorations for your home. All supplies are provided. Registration required via the library’s online calendar. If registration is full, call the library at 845-534-8282 to be placed on a waiting list.

• Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Family Story Time, “Vulcan’s Voice” — A group of children’s stories for ages 2-5.

• Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Dog Tales — For grades K-12. Read to a furry friend from Hudson Valley Paws for a Cause. Register via the library’s online calendar for a 15-minute time slot of your choice — 6, 6:15, 6:30 or 6:45 p.m.

• Thursday, 6 p.m., Kids’ craft, “Pumpkin Lanterns” — Registration is required and opens one week prior to the program.

For all registration, visit the library’s online calendar at https://www.cornwallpubliclibrary.org/calendar/.

Tuesday Morning Protestant Women’s Bible Study

Join Protestant Women of the Chapel for weekly worship and devotions from 9-11 a.m.

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Keller Corner: Weekly updates, COVID-19 info

Keller Corner

For a one-stop shop of all updated coronavirus information, Keller Army Community Hospital notifications, how to stop the spread of COVID-19, federal/state/local guidance and the U.S. Military Academy and Army Garrison West Point webpages, visit https://kach.amedd.army.mil/West-Point-COVID-19-INFO.

KACH provides options for your Pharmacy needs
The Keller Army Community Hospital Pharmacy provides options to meet your pharmaceutical needs.
• Patients can pick up their prescriptions (and refills) at Keller’s outpatient pharmacy pick-up windows.
• Drug information and patient counseling is provided on new and refilled prescriptions for all eligible beneficiaries. Pharmacy hours are:
  - Monday: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
  - Tuesday: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
  - Wednesday: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
  - Thursday: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
  - Friday: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
• Patients can pick up their refills at Keller’s ScriptCenter prescription pick-up kiosk in the main lobby. The ScriptCenter kiosk will provide a locker for secure and safe pickup of refill prescriptions, and will allow for pharmaceutical pickup after the pharmacy has closed. A full feature on the ScriptCenter kiosk at KACH can be found at https://www.army.mil/article/250422.
• Patients can receive their prescriptions through the convenience of ‘home delivery.’ Registering for home delivery can be done online at https://militaryrx.express-scripts.com/home-delivery, by phone at 1-877-363-1303, or by asking your doctor or pharmacist to transfer your prescription to home delivery.

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

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.

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hosted in the ACS Building (622 Swift Road) from 10-11:30 a.m. in the Heritage Room.
This free, interactive workshop is for adult singles or couples looking to strengthen their relationships with others by discovering their own personal love language.
It is open to all DOD ID Cardholders. To make a reservation, email emily.a.calangi2.civ@army.mil or call ACS at 845-938-5658.

Child and Youth Services Learn to Play Ice Hockey
The Child and Youth Services Learn to Play Ice Hockey sessions will be played on Sundays from 1-2 p.m. Nov. 13 through Feb. 26 at Tate Rink. It is open to youth ages 4-12 registered with CYC. Registration is now open at Parent Central, located at 140 Buckner Loop.
Volunteer coaches are needed and the program is tentative based on volunteer coaches. Open to players with little to no experience in the game of ice hockey.
For a complete list of equipment that is needed, visit westpoint.armymwr.com. There is a nominal cost for these sessions. For more details, call 845-938-3208.

Women’s R.A.D. Self Defense Course
Join Army Community Services and get certified in R.A.D. Self-defense. This Wednesday and Oct. 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.

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).

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. Saturday, 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: 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.

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.

Tronsrue Marksmanship Center Now Open on Select Sundays
The Tronsrue Marksmanship Center will be open from 9 a.m.-noon Oct. 30. For more details, call 845-938-1700.
MWR events/offerings

FEATURED EVENT

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. Friday and 3-8 p.m. Saturday (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 Kindercorner, brought to you with the support of the West Point Spouses Club.

Pre-purchase your admission or Stein, or reserve your Stammtisch table open 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 thewestpointclub.com or call 845-938-8810.

MWR ANNOUNCEMENTS

(NEW) West Point Club Thanksgiving Dinner Buffet
Join the West Point Club for its annual Thanksgiving Dinner Buffet on Nov. 24. Reservations will be taken every half hour from noon-2 p.m.

There is a nominal cost for this dinner buffet. For a complete menu and pricing, visit thewestpointclub.com. To make reservations, call 845-938-5120.

(NEW) West Point Club Thanksgiving Dinner-To-Go
All of the West Point Club’s Thanksgiving Dinner-To-Go orders must be placed no later than 2 p.m. Nov. 16. Meal pick-up is between noon-5 p.m. Nov. 23. Re-heating directions are provided.

No refunds for cancellations after Nov. 16. An a la carte menu is only available with purchase of a full (To-Go) order.

For a complete menu, visit thewestpointclub.com. For more details and to place an order, call 845-938-5120.

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 4:30 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 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 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.

(NEW) ACS Employment Readiness Program
Currently seeking employment? Looking to brush up on your resume building skills? The ACS Employment Readiness Program will be hosting three more information sessions this October with a focus on federal employment, where you can learn all sorts of useful tips, tricks and tools to give your career search a boost.

These sessions will take place from 9-10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays in the ACS Building (622 Swift Road) Hudson Room, and is free and open to all active duty military and their dependents, as well as civilian federal employees.

To register, email Patrick.E.McCarron.civ@army.mil or call 845-938-0232. The information session dates and topics are as follows — Tuesday: “Military Spouse Preference,” Oct. 18: “USAJobs Tips & Tricks/Open Resume Workshop,” and Oct. 25: “Translating Spousal/Family Experience onto a Resume.”

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.

Luncheon dates are as follows: 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.

ACS Wee-Play and Wee-Read Program
West Point Parents, the ACS Family Advocacy Program’s new Wee-Ones schedule for October through December is now available. Wee-Play will take place from 8:30-10 a.m. bi-weekly, on Tuesdays. The upcoming dates for Wee-Play are this Oct. 18, Nov. 1, 15 and 29, and Dec. 13.

Wee-Read will take place from 9-10 a.m. bi-weekly, on Wednesdays. The upcoming dates for Wee-Read are Oct. 19, Nov. 2, 16 and 30, and Dec. 14.

Both will take place in the Youth Center Gym (Building 500). Wee-Ones programming is free and open to all ranks and DOD civilians with children ages 4 or under. Space is limited, so registration is required. Call 845-938-0633 to register.

Child and Youth Services Winter Sports Program
The winter sports season runs from Dec. 5 through Feb. 24. Registration begins Tuesday and runs through Nov. 10 for Military/DOD civilians and Oct. 31 for all other eligible.

The program includes basketball, volleyball, bowling and home school gym, which will be offered to various age groups.

For a complete listing of youth ages, dates and times, visit westpoint.armymwr.com. For more details and to register call 845-938-4458/1362.

Screen Time Safety: Youth and Teens Edition for Parents and Caregivers Workshop
Join Army Community Services and its partners at CID and DODEA for a workshop on cyber safety and awareness. Designed for parents and caregivers, this presentation is filled with information to equip you with the tools to safely manage the content, conduct, contact and associated risks our youth may face in the digital world.

This workshop is open to all DOD ID card holders. Email shaniece.r.lewis.civ@army.mil or call 845-938-0232. The information session dates and topics are as follows — Tuesday: “Military Spouse Preference,” Oct. 18: “USAJobs Tips & Tricks/Open Resume Workshop,” and Oct. 25: “Translating Spousal/Family Experience onto a Resume.”

Exploring and Understanding Your Love Language workshop
ACS invites you to come join them in exploring the Five Love Languages, as created by Gary Chapman. On Oct. 25, the Exploring and Understanding Your Love Language workshop will be
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Municipal Lot across from Sacred Heart of Jesus Church
Sophomore outside hitter Julia Johnson gets ready to spike the ball as she knocked three kills during Army West Point volleyball’s 3-1 victory over Holy Cross Saturday in Worcester, Mass.

Volleyball picks up road win at Holy Cross

By Emily Swanson
Army Athletic Communications

The Army West Point volleyball team concluded its stretch of four straight away matches with a 3-1 victory over the Holy Cross Crusaders on Saturday in Worcester, Massachusetts.

Match Synopsis
After dropping their first league match of the season at Colgate in the battle of unbeatens on Friday night, the Black Knights got back in the win column with a four-set win against the Crusaders.

Army had to erase a one set deficit after falling in the first set by the score of 25-21. The Black Knights responded with venom to open the second set.

The defense set the tone with the two first points coming off blocks. The Black Knights also got kills by Allanah Cutler and Savannah Bray, and a pair of aces by Diana Ethridge for a 9-0 lead.

Army led the entire way as the Black Knights tied the match at 1-1.

The Black Knights followed with their best statistical set of the match. Army finished with 16 kills for a .419 hitting percentage and a 69 sideout percentage, which were all match-best numbers.

The Black Knights roared to another fast start in the fourth set, leading 9-1 after 10 points.

Army didn’t slow down, accelerating to a 17-5 lead en route to a 25-12 victory.

There were a few lead changes in the early stages of the fourth set. However, Army went on a run to take a 17-9 lead.

The Black Knights finished the set on a strong service game by Mackenzie Karning.

Cadet Capsules
- Alyssa Lukasik set a career-high in kills with a match-leading total of 14.
- Ethridge recorded her seventh double-double of the season with 40 assists and 11 digs. She added a career-high five aces.
- Paige Fixemer had 10 kills and match-high five block assists.
- Bray added eight kills, nine digs and tied a career-high with two solo blocks.
- Sayler Butters had a match-leading 18 digs.

Inside the Numbers
- The eight aces are tied for second most this season.
- Lukasik’s .565 hitting percentage is the second highest by a Black Knight this season.
Women’s soccer shuts out American on Senior Night

The Army West Point women’s soccer’s defense kept American University scoreless in the Black Knights 1-0 win on Senior Night Saturday at Malek Stadium at Clinton Field. Senior co-captain Lauren Drysdale’s penalty kick goal edged the Black Knights past the Eagles to victory. The Black Knights’ defense was strong throughout the game en route to their third shutout in the last four games. While the Black Knights had scoring opportunities in the first half of play, most of the action came in the second half. In exciting fashion, the Black Knights took the lead with a penalty kick goal by Drysdale in the 55th minute.

Photo by Mady Salvani/Army Athletic Communications

Sports calendar

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

**MEN’S SOCCER**
Friday, 7 p.m. — Navy, Army-Navy Cup XI at Chester, Pennsylvania. (Stream ESPN-Plus.)

**SPRINT FOOTBALL**
Saturday, Noon — Alderson Broaddus University, Michie Stadium.

**VOLLEYBALL**
Friday, 7 p.m. — Bucknell, Gillis Field House.

Saturday, 4 p.m. — Loyola Maryland, Gillis Field House.
Hockey opens season with tie against Union

By Conor McCorry
Army Athletic Communications

Army West Point hockey (0-0-1, 0-0-0 AHA) opened its season with a 2-2 tie against Union College (1-0-1, 0-0-0 ECAC) on Sunday at Tate Rink. Joey Baez and Michael Sacco opened their scoring accounts with the Army goals, while Gavin Abric made 21 saves in net to start his junior campaign.

How it Happened

The Dutchmen were able to get on the board early, scoring through a well-executed tip from Nate Hanley less than six minutes into the contest. After a flurry of blocked shots from Union, they had the opportunity to take a two-goal lead with a five-minute power play. However, the Black Knights penalty kill picked up where it left off last season and kept the game at 1-0 heading into the second period.

Army came out stronger in the second period but were unable to capitalize on a pair of power plays in the period, with Baez hitting the post on an attempt from point.

Starting the third frame on a power play, Army would eventually capitalize on the advantage with a goal. After holding possession in the Union zone, Reese Farrell fired a shot just seconds after the power play ended, with the puck finding Sacco who was able to tuck the puck home from close range and give Army its first lead of the contest.

The Dutchmen were able to respond with 12:14 remaining in the period, with Owen Farris having a clean breakaway in on net. Abric stood tall to save the initial attempt, but Farris was able to fire in the rebound off Abric’s blocker to tie the score at two apiece. The teams would fight for the winning goal down the stretch, with Union eventually taking a penalty with 60 seconds remaining. Army was not able to score a last-minute winner and would take a minute of the power play into overtime for a unique 4-on-3 opportunity.

The Black Knights came close in the five-minute overtime period, with Anthony Firriolo finding pipe and Max Itagaki seeing a great shot well saved from the Dutchmen goalie, Connor Murphy.

Upon entering the shootout, Abric was able to make four saves before Union took it 2-1 in six rounds. As a non-league contest, the game result of a tie was decided before the shootout.

Inside the Box Score

• Sacco scored the fourth goal of his Army career to go along with three blocked shots and +1 rating.
• Abric made 21 saves in goal for the Black Knights across the 65 minutes of action.
• Baez scored the first Black Knights goal of the season. Baez added a blocked shot and +1 rating in addition to scoring in the shootout.
• Farrell saw his first action in a Black Knights uniform, adding an assist with a +1 rating and two shots on goal.
• John Keranen continued to dominate in the faceoff circle, winning 21 of 34 draws (.618).
• Vlasich made his Army debut, picking up an assist in the second period.
• Thomas Farrell and Brett Abdelnour each tabbed assists to begin the season, with Farrell firing five shots on goal.

Coach’s Corner

“There was a lot more good than bad. We have things to work on but there were some young guys, plebes and yearlings, who got quality ice time tonight.

“I loved our effort, I loved how we competed for 60-plus minutes. For special teams, our PK came up huge in a big moment of the game with the five-minute major, where the game could’ve gotten away from us.

“And then our power play, although it doesn’t show a power play goal, really that second goal was like a power play goal. A lot of good things, now we’ve gotta get ready to get back into league play where points are on the line.” — head coach Brian Riley.