Another busy week for DCA as we prepare for Plebe-Parent Weekend events. I am sure the class of 2023 has been eagerly awaiting for this weekend to arrive, with the opportunity to see their families and take a break from their studies.

The clubs continue to stay active and achieve wins as well as gained experience. Congratulations to: Water Polo for their wins against Yale and Boston at the Army Water Polo Memorial Tournament, Men’s Team Handball for their victory against Boston Team Handball at NTHL Match Day, West Point Obstacle Course team for placing 2nd out of 12 international teams at the Chimialtalli International Military Competition and an impressive success by the Ethics Debate Forum who finished 3rd out of 21 teams at the Lockheed Martin Engineering Ethics Case Competition.

A reminder to all, the USMA Bookstore and Cadet Store will be open to the Public for Plebe-Parent Weekend. The latest apparel and gifts are on sale and available for the whole family. Hours are extended today, 6 March, from 0800-1700. The Cadet Store will also be open on Saturday from 0900-1600. Lunch options are available on Friday, 6 March at the First-Class Club. See the flyer inside for further details about food options.

Due to ongoing construction in Eisenhower Hall, from 8 March until 15 March 2020, the DCA Business Office will be temporarily relocated to the conference room in Riverside Café on the second floor of Eisenhower Hall. Please call 845-938-4456 ext. 211 to contact any DCA personnel during this time. This construction will not impact DCA Catering offices. DCA will be back in their normal offices on the 3rd Floor of Eisenhower Hall on 16 March.

The Cadet Store and USMA Bookstore will be closed from 9 March through 15 March for semi-annual inventories. They will both be open for normal business hours beginning on 16 March.

Beat Navy!!

COL Thomas Hansbarger
Director
Directorate of Cadet Activities
On 29 February, Men’s Team Handball traveled to Boston, MA for the NTHL Match Day. West Point Black had one make-up game against Boston Team Handball and came away victorious 37-29. West Point Gold finished the weekend 0-3 but Blake Havern and Chris Frazier demonstrated excellent leadership potential by keeping the team focused on the fundamentals while playing higher skilled opponents.

West Point Women’s Handball traveled to Boston, Massachusetts to compete against the Boston Team Handball Club on 29 February – 01 March. The team began the trip by visiting Bunker Hill, where the Massachusetts Militia successfully beat the British in 1774 after the British had sieged the city. On Sunday, both West Point Black and West Point Gold faced Boston on the court. Gold played hard, putting 15 points up on the board even though they eventually lost. Black similarly fought hard and kept the game close but unfortunately, got behind and lost by ten. Boston is arguably the strongest team in the league right now and both teams were challenged by the competition. Both teams will have the opportunity for a rematch after Spring Break on our home court for the Laura Walker Invitational. The level of play by both teams continues to show great development towards success at College Nationals in April.
This weekend, 29 February-1 March, Army hosted the annual Army Water Polo Memorial Tournament. 16 Teams competed in this tournament including all three service academies. This is the first time in over 30 years that all three service academies have competed together. Army defeated both Yale (14-6) and Boston (13-8) on Saturday.

On Sunday Army took on both the Air Force and Navy’s NCAA Division 1 teams. Despite losing both games, Army was able to compete at a very high level of play. The team learned the value of strong legs and crisp passing to facilitate openings within our offense. In regards to hosting the tournament, every team including Air Force and Navy expressed a desire to return to the tournament next spring.
The Army West Point Equestrian Team had a triumphant ending to their 2019-2020 regular season. The team traveled to Crosswinds Equestrian Center in Lagrangeville, NY on 28 February, to compete against other talented teams in the Northeast region, vying for the last spots in the upcoming regional competition. This year, Army has ten riders qualified for the IHSA regional competition on 28 March, at Centenary University Equestrian Center. Riders have worked hard accruing points all year, and they will continue to work to compete at the regional, zone, and national levels of competition in the post season.

The team also enjoyed an all-region potluck with fellow riders and coaches after the competition. It was a great opportunity for team bonding! The E-team is now focused on preparing regional qualifiers for their upcoming competition on 27 March and continuing to build all members into formidable riders next year.

Over the weekend, the team had several notable placings. They are as follows:

Anna Jerald ’21 placed third in her open flat class
Karissa Stubblefield ’22 won her limit fences class
Cira Wolf ’20 placed third in limit flat, Victoria Kearns ’22 won her novice flat class
Ashley Merritt ’22 earned second in her novice flat class
Kate Patterson ’23 earned third in her pre novice flat class
Wyatt Flynn ’22 earned second in his pre novice flat class
Natalie Block ’23 won in her respective introductory class
Caneel Dixon ’20 won in her respective introductory class
**COMPETITIVE CLUBS**

**MILITARY CLUBS**

**WEST POINT OBSTACLE COURSE**

On 23 February, WP Obstacle Course team competed in Mexico City. Black Team consisting of 10 cadets, 1 managing cadet, and one OIC, placed second overall out of twelve international teams at the Chimialtalli International Military Competition 2020. The events consisted of a 22.5 km march, one-rope bridge, obstacle course, minefield, LRC, pistol, TC3, Night Land Nav, Zodiac, 15km race, urban combat, cargo delivery, and rifle shoot. Overall, the cadets enjoyed competing and building bonds with our gracious Mexican hosts. The trip is a valuable training tool for the team and a chance to compete on the international stage.

**ACADEMIC CLUBS**

**ETHICS DEBATE FORUM**

On 22 February, the Ethics debate team was in Atlanta, GA for the National Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl. The team finished 13th out of 36 teams competing from across the country.

The 26th-28th of February, the team traveled to Bethesda, MD for the Lockheed Martin Engineering Ethics Case Competition. The team finished 3rd out of 21 teams competing from across the country.
On 29 February, Theatre Arts Guild traveled to NYC. It was a great trip to expose the cadets to Broadway productions. They explored the Theatre and Museum district between the shows, and cadets discussed the innovative staging technology used in the revival of West Side Story.

After the show, cadets discussed critical plot adjustments and how West Side Story contrasts and aligns with Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. After seeing "Six" about the six wives of Henry VIII, cadets critiqued the historical accuracy of the show and discussed how women are recorded in history.
West Point Snow Sports Instructor Club (WPSSIC) spent the weekend of 29 February-1 March up at Mount Snow, VT. While working on ski instruction techniques cadets were also able to cut loose and work on their own individual skiing/snowboarding proficiency on a ski area larger than Victor Constant. 32 cadets participated and this was the highlight trip for the club as lessons end this week for the community. The WPSSIC is excited to get next season underway, Navy Skis in Jeans!

**OUTDOOR SPORTS (ULTIMATE FRISBEE)**

The Ultimate Frisbee team traveled to Pittsgrove township, NJ on 22 February, for the Bring the Huckus Ultimate Tournament. The team was able to participate in 5 of 7 scheduled games in this tournament. Given the situation of not being able to compete in every match, the team did not achieve the desired outcome. This was the first tournament of the season and the team is solidifying its roster for the remainder of the season. **The team beat both Princeton and MIT at this tournament.**

**SNOW SPORTS (CLUB SKIING)**

On 28 February, Club Skiing traveled to West Dover, VT, where fresh powder was found by 34 skiers and boarders over a 3-day trip. Some die-hard cadets even hit the slopes in their dress grey. Go Army!
Officers’ Christian Fellowship club traveled to Rindge, NH on 8 February, for the Northeast Academy/ROTC Retreat OCF. Cadets were able to interact with ROTC cadets from several universities and Colleges in America’s Northeastern Region. Meeting and interacting with ROTC students from a variety of branches and programs was beneficial to the Cadets development and network growth. It was good for understanding who we will be serving alongside in the future and the experiences they’ve had that are different than ours.
On the weekend of the 20th-23rd of February, 10 Cadets and 2 members of the Staff and Faculty at West Point participated in the Aleph Institute’s Military Lay Leader Training Conference in Surfside, Florida. Participants from the full joint and NATO community came together at the Shul (an Orthodox Synagogue) for faith, fellowship, and training focused on providing support to our Soldiers and Jewish communities wherever deployed/stationed.

Rabbis, Chaplains, Jewish lay leaders and personnel converged in Bal Harbour, Florida for a 5-day meeting of the minds and hearts. Courses and lectures addressing Education, Resiliency and Logistics of Jewish needs were a mainstay of the training course. The weekend hosted by The Shul of Bal Harbour was a meticulously planned event that hosted a panel of Chaplains, military personnel and experts in their respective fields of the highest ranks from around the world including enlisted members such as Sergeant Major Sam Yudin.

The West Point Cadets were introduced to the conference participants and presented on the topics of life at West Point and the multitude of activities in which they participate due to the incredible support of both Rabbi David Ruderman, the West Point Jewish Chaplain and the Jewish Chapel Fund which sponsor events. Significant presentations on focused leadership sparked influential conversations from LTC(R) Terry Bresnick (USMA ’69) from Innovative Decision Analysis and the President of the West Point Jewish Chapel Fund.

During the weekend, the group attended a variety of services, group meals, participated in religious traditions (e.g., putting on tefillin), and had opportunities to talk with guest speakers and religious leaders from across the military joint community. The weekend was made possible from the generous and professional support by the West Point Jewish Chapel Fund and Staff.
# Club Away Events

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