CONGRATULATIONS to all Cadets, Coaches and OIC's for finishing a successful year of Extracurricular Club events! You have created a culture of excellence and the entire DCA Team applauds you!!

CONGRATULATIONS to the Class of 2022! You have all persevered through incredibly challenging seasons to reach this exceptional milestone in your lives! May all the challenges you meet in the future be overcome with even more success!
Extracurricular Clubs Highlights

**National Winners:**

**Orienteering**
The Orienteering Team traveled to East Fork State Park in Batavia, OH to compete in the “Flying Pig XXIV” Junior Nationals race. Despite complications and setbacks, the team demonstrated incredible resilience and secured the Intercollegiate Varsity National Championship. Congratulations to Charles Marashlian ‘22, Adam Johantges ‘22, Nathan Jones ‘23, Corri Railey ‘23, and Tyler Wilson ‘24 for outstanding performances in their races and bringing home the title.

**Boxing:**
Army West Point Boxing took home the 1st Place Men's NCBA National Championship and the 3rd Place Women's NCBA National Championship in Charlotte, NC from 7-9 April 2022. Four Boxers brought home individual National Titles: CDT Sharnae Harmon – Women’s 119 weight class (3-2 win), CDT Dylan Sheriff – Men’s 119 weight class (3-2 win), CDT Ryan Chi – Men’s 156 weight class (4-1 win), CDT Richard Eyre – Men’s 175 weight class (5-0 win)
14 members of West Point’s Combat Weapons Team (CWT) traveled to Sig Sauer Academy in Epping, NH for the “Relentless Warrior” National Championship Match on 9 April 2022. In addition to USMA, teams from Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Texas A&M, Virginia Tech, Virginia Military Institute, and the Royal Military College of Canada also competed. The competition was sponsored by gun manufacturer Sig Sauer and took place on the company’s sprawling training facility in New Hampshire. Cadets employed a variety of familiar weapons such as their individual M17 pistols and AR-15 rifles, in addition to unfamiliar weapons provided on the various stages of the competition. The shooting took place in a variety of positions and conditions, both moving and static. Some stages required pistols, some required pistols and rifles, and other stages featured weapons such as submachine guns and shotguns. Each stage was unique in terms of both the scenario and the actions required. Shooting took place in the standing, kneeling, and prone positions, and sometimes also involved crouching, crawling, and/or running. Despite some very stiff competition and miserable weather conditions, the CWT successfully defended their national title as the top collegiate two-gun team, taking 7 out of the top ten individual honors and placing first overall. Jake Vollmond (F2) was the top overall shooter for the competition and CWT also won 2nd and 3rd place as well. The Sig Sauer team were great hosts, and our cadets represented the Academy well. CWT looks forward to defending their national championship again in 2023.

**Women’s Team Handball: National Champions**

![Women’s Team Handball: National Champions](image1)

**Men’s Team Handball: National Champions**

Men’s Team Handball (West Point Black) won their 14th consecutive USA Team Handball Collegiate National Championship in Chapel Hill, North Carolina on Sun, 10APR22. The team went 5-0 in the tournament of ten teams and defeated Ohio State in the Championship Game 31-30. The team finished with a +75-goal differential or the tournament. The Gold Team finished in 5th Place after a defeating UNC Heels 22-14. The team finished 3-2 in the tournament with a +21-goal differential. Firstie Luke Windish was named to the All- Tournament Team and Cow Spencer Knudsen was name Most Valuable Goalie. The following were named USA Team Handball 2nd Team Academic All Americans for having a GPA above 3.500: LEARY, WILLIAM (3.833) GRAY, COLIN (3.724) HAVERN, BLAKE (3.580) WINDISH, LUKE (3.561)
Beat Navy!

**Pistol:** Due to bad weather, the Pistol Team did not travel to Annapolis for our annual Army-Navy Pistol Match. Instead, we shot a virtual match with each team shooting on their home range. Army won the first event, Sport Pistol, with a 4-person team score of 2234 to Navy’s 2143. Junior Luke Braun had the match high score with a 571 out of a possible 600. Army won the Standard Pistol event with a team score of 2117 to Navy’s 2035. Luke Braun had the match high score of 551. Army won the final event, Air Pistol, with a team score of 2174 to Navy’s 2161. Senior Team Captain, Matt Donze, shot the match high score of 563. Army’s 3 event aggregate score was 6525 to Navy’s 6339.

**Fencing:** This event was a 3-way sister academy only competition - Army v. Navy v. Air Force. Army fenced Air Force first and was up against some very stiff competition as AF is Division I. Despite the tough odds, our women's foil and men's saber squads landed wins. Overall, Army beat Navy. Our women's team did fantastic with a clean sweep of Navy, winning in all 3 weapons.

**Fly Fishing:** **Army Fly Fishing Beats Navy!** The Cadet Fly Fishing Club had 4 participants in the first ever Army Navy fly fishing competition on 30 October 2021 on the South Branch of the Raritan River in New Jersey. The event was organized by Trout Unlimited Service Partnership. Hope Bedford, Matthew Donze, Kyle Hamrock, and Kelly Kruger were the Army team. The morning fishing was to determine who would fish in the afternoon final competition. Total inches of fish caught was the scoring technique. While Navy had a 58" to 55" advantage in the morning, Kruger was top scorer of all with 43". He and Donze advanced to the final competition. The 2-hour competition started very slow for Army. With 15 minutes left, Navy was ahead 55" to 13". Donze and Kruger each caught multiple fish in the final minutes to secure a 65" to 55" victory. The club was grateful to the supporters who allowed such a neat event to occur, and the club is grateful to DCA support to allow the club to be resourced and ready for an event like this.
**Water Polo:** On April 9th, AWP met at CGR at 0600 to begin the 4h30min journey to Annapolis. We arrived at Annapolis with plenty of time before our first game at 1430 against an experienced NOVA masters team. Unfortunately, we lost to the NOVA team 12-17. The team quickly refocused as our star match was next. In an exciting game, Army was victorious and defeated the Navy Club team 15-9, securing our first gold star since COVID.

**Other Good News Stories:**

**FUN FACT:** The Pittsburgh Steelers (NFL) will only travel 6,442 miles this season and never leave the Eastern time zone. MTHB traveled almost 17,000 miles this season!
**Marathon:** The Marathon Team superbly represented the Academy, the Army, and the United States at the Vienna City Marathon, the team’s Nationals competition for AY22. Zack Gould ('23) and Haley Seaward ('23) each placed 1st in their gender out of all U.S. runners, with times of 2:39:37 and 3:17:54, respectively. Emily Dinallo ('22) placed 3rd out of all female U.S. runners, and top ten in the category was achieved by Daniela Etzel ('24), Kerry Colford ('24), Alexandra Cajigal ('23), Grace Meyer ('25), and Aubrey Boatwright ('25). Kyle Stacks ('22) placed 2nd out of all male U.S. runners, and top ten in the category was achieved by Dashiell Rogers ('23), Xander Shoemake ('25), Jacob Bukowski ('24), Jake Pinuelas ('24), and Byron Critchfield (OIC). A total of 5 out of our 15 runners accomplished a personal best in the marathon distance. The Vienna City Marathon is Austria’s largest sporting event and a World Athletics Label Road Race that gathered about 8000 competitors for the full marathon this year. The trip also served to enhance relations with the Theresian Military Academy and provide a unique cultural experience for team members. The team received a personalized tour of both the Academy and the city of Vienna (photos attached), with a special thanks to COL Lampersberger and CDT Mairhofer from the Academy.

**Japanese Forum:** JFC visited the Embassy of Japan in the US and the Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, D.C., for learning about the U.S.-Japan alliance and Japanese culture. At the Embassy, the cadets received a three-hour briefing from the military officer in charge and learned about Japan's defense system in Asia and its relations with neighboring countries. They also participated in the Cherry Blossom Festival in D.C., a testament to the friendship between the U.S. and Japan and learned about the U.S.-Japan relationship that has continued for more than 100 years.
Native American Heritage Forum: The U.S. Naval Academy Native American Heritage Club hosted the Tri-Academy gathering in Annapolis. West Point cadets bunked with Navy battle-buddies and mustered for a welcome huddle on Saturday morning. At the welcome, West Point NAHF presented authentic bone and glass beaded necklaces as recognition for their continued work supporting the Native American military community. Necklace recipients were Cadet Jadon Wullschleger from USAFA and Cadet Celeste Duran from USNA. Cadets enjoyed breakfast together at Naval Bagels. The group then traveled to the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, DC; shared lunch in small groups based on preference; and visited various other museums on the National Mall, including the National Archives to the Declaration of Independence.

Drill Team: The Drill Team competed in the Cornell University Invitational Drill Competition. The Drill team took 1st overall; 1st in Color guard; 1st in Platoon Trick; 1st, 2nd, & 3rd in Dual Trick; 2nd in Platoon Regulation; and 2nd in Squad Regulation.

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Cornell University
Invitational Drill Competition
in Ithaca, NY.

17x Members of the USMA Black Knight Drill Team placed 2nd overall in the annual competition.

The team also placed in the following events,
1st in Tandem Exhibition
1st in Color Guard
2nd in Platoon Exhibition
2nd in Platoon Regulation

Exhibition at this link:
https://www.instagram.com/tv/B32fb1Tj311/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link
Cadet Programs Highlights

Cadet Programs executed six class weekend Banquets and major events during the 2021-2022 academic year, while continuing to be flexible as we worked through covid protocols. A limited number of guests were able to attend most events until graduation. Graduation was back to "pre-covid" with a banquet reception and full mess hall seating of cadets and guests. In all, 14,000 cadets and guests attended Ring Weekend, 500th Night, Yearling Winter Weekend, 100th Night, Plebe Parent Weekend and Graduation. Other well attended events were the Class Halloween Parties, Beat Air Force and Beat Navy spirit events, Cadet Casino Night, March Madness, and Regimental barbecues.

A line up of entertainment was well received at the First-Class Club weekly. Favorites included the Cadet Band "No Strings Attached", Open Mic Night, Karaoke and Trivia nights.

Academy Stores (Cadet Store)

The 2021-2022 academic was eventful for the Cadet Store. The Store moved into Thayer Hall into a smaller area, requiring a reset of items the Corps needs daily. The Cadet Store and the Bookstore combined to resume normal daily operations and support all annual events, like Reorganization week, Class Rings and Accessories purchases for the Class of 2023, Plebe footwear issue, CST support and many other events. Support continued thru graduation announcements, diploma frames, gift items and anything else that the students need prior to Graduation.
The Cadet Store also supported A-Day, R-Day, Ring Weekend, Plebe/Parent Weekend, Summer Leadership Experience. We have also begun implementation of a new point of sales system that will help carry us forward into the future. We are proud to support the Corps of Cadets and feel-good knowing that all our proceeds are returned directly to the Corps in support of all Extracurricular Clubs and Cadet Events run through DCA.
DCA CULINARY GROUP

As we reflect on Post-Covid Realities in the Food & Beverage Industry that included inflation, labor shortages and supply shocks and vulnerabilities, we’ve had to DO MORE WITH LESS! I could not be more proud of my Team of Managers and their staff. Despite the challenges, they all found creative solutions to operate.

Our focus the next couple of weeks is defining the "Next Chapter" of DCA Culinary Group and its locations. What changes if any are needed in our business model, how do we ease labor pressures and meet customer demand.

At the end of the day, we are in the Hospitality Industry and saying No is not an option, but using our creative resources will lead us to a path of success.

Maria Hoagland
Director DCA Culinary Group
GRANT HALL

Grant Hall continues to be a bustling hub for Cadets. Doing over 408,000 transactions per year on average, Grant is always busy and accommodating the Corps schedule. With the addition of PJ’s Coffee Cafe and Burrito Bowl, Grant remains the busiest DCA entity. After completing renovations in August 2020, popularity continue to build. Dealing with staffing hardships and lingering Covid issues have been obstacles in the way that the Grant Hall staff has overcome. Grant Hall offers a comfortable conference room for use of staff and Cadet groups daily. Completing delivery contracts for food and coffee all over West Point for Cadet Chapel, Sports teams and faculty have helped Grant Hall perform.

FIRST CLASS CLUB KITCHEN & TAPS

Hosting this week in ARMY FOOTBALL with Coach Monken. This allowed Cadets and Army Football supporters to meet the coach each week. Coming out of Covid the club was able to support the Corps with Covid mitigation protocols still in place. Permitting the Cow Class into the club, have helped keep sales moving upward. Some of the events held this year at First Club are Trivia Night, Wing Wednesday, Taco Tuesday, Musical Entertainment, Karaoke, Post Night/Branch Night, BCS Football Championship Watch Party.
Academy Store (Bookstore)

Special Orders -
- Army Navy Shirt T-shirts
- Boodle Gift Boxes
- Class Shirts and Merchandise for Cadets & Parents Clubs

**Book Signings**
- *Goatnapping Gladiators of West Point* by Chris Arney
- *Expression of Hope* by Mel Pender
- *The Confident Mind* by Nate Zinsser
- *Robert Lee and Me* by Ty Seidule

**Remote Events** support
- USMAPS R-Day, Parents Weekend,
- Graduation Review, A-Day, R-Day,
- Parents Weekend, Plebe Parent Weekend, Home Football Games

**Supplies** -
- Items for USCC and USMAPS including Textbooks, School Supplies, and Class Shirts for USMAPS
- Plebe Issue Items for USCC to include Computer Accessories, Bookbags, and supplies
Cadet Hostess

After a combined 30 years in Cullum Hall, the Cadet Hostess Office was vacated from the first floor to prepare for the multi-million-dollar renovation of the historic building. In September, Cynthia Hunter and Kathy Keirsey packed up and inventoried furnishings accumulated over many decades. Cadet Hostesses also functioned as Building Commandant, and oversaw thousands of activities held in the ballroom, main floor, and river-view terrace. DCA Clubs utilized meeting and storage space in the lower two floors, originally designed as bachelor officer quarters.

Sharyn Amoroso returned as Cadet Hostess for the last semester and conducted “Customs and Courtesies” etiquette briefs for the Plebes and Yearlings in Ike Hall, as well as for the Cadet Candidates as they each prepared for their respective Class Banquets with guests.

At the end of the AY 21/22, Mrs. Kathleen Keirsey retires after 26 years as the Assistant Cadet Hostess.
In the latter half of the second semester, twelve companies attended Wine Tasting Classes held in the ’63 Lounge. A professional sommelier focused instruction on wine appreciation, proper pairing with food, responsible consumption and serving with style.

Specialty presentations on “What Right Looks Like” were held for BS&L’s Diversity Group of women, and for cadets attending the high-profile Viennese Opera Ball in NYC.

Beginning with limited attendance and mask wearing in January, the Hostess Office helped execute major class banquets (500th Night, Yearling Winter Weekend, 100th Night, Plebe Parent Weekend, and Graduation) for a total of approximately 11,000 cadets and guests. In addition, assistance was given to Corps-wide Dining-Ins such as Flipper Dinner and the commemorative MacArthur “Duty Honor Country” Dinner. The Hostess Office joined a team of personnel across USCC to make these class traditions a success while adhering to current covid guidelines.
Cultural Arts Events:

Grindhouse Nashville & Black night Oasis, live music performance, Camp Illumination.

Rob Lake Magic, family friendly magic show, Eisenhower Hall Theatre.

Momix, modern dance, the circus, sculpture, and acrobatic athleticism rolled into one night of entertainment, Eisenhower Hall Theatre.

Cadet Battleground Talent Showcase auditions, Ike’s Riverside Café.


Cadet Battleground Talent Showcase Finals, Eisenhower Hall Theatre.
Cadet Publications

Cadet Publications continued to produce several top-quality and award winning publications for the Corps of Cadets despite pandemic related challenges.

2021 Howitzer Yearbook-The 2021 yearbook, at 672 pages, one of our largest books ever produced, was delivered on time in November 2021 to the 2021 graduates and the corps of cadets. Filled with beautiful portraits, picturesque stills, and action candid’s, this book truly represented the success of the 2020-2021 academic year.

Class of 2025 Bugle Notes-Produced for the incoming new cadets, this traditional keepsake knowledge book contains key West Point, Army, and DoD information. It was produced on time and provided to the class during the summer of 2021.

Class of 2024 Mortar Magazine-A mini yearbook for the Camp Buckner experience, this 78 page publication contained a beautiful historical record of the experiences of this class during their abbreviated but valuable summer training.

2021-2022 West Point Cadet Planner-The cadet planner was produced in August for the corps and included the AY 2021-2022 and key info throughout. The book is used by new cadets as an academic training tool but it is valued by the corps and staff and faculty throughout.

2022 Circle in the Spiral-Featuring photography, artwork, and literary pieces all from the Corps, this yearly produced publication showcases creativity in the Corps!

2022 West Point Wall Calendar-This beautiful 12 month wall calendar features photography from our talented members of the Corps and is sold to the staff/faculty and general public.