

## Dean's Weekly Significant Activities Report

10 October 2012

*The Dean's Weekly Significant Activities Report is an internal report on all activities conducted within the Departments, Centers & Staff. The Report is provided to the Dean for situation awareness, throughout the organization for shared situation awareness, and to select external organizations for outreach and communication. Portions of the Dean's Weekly Significant Activities Report are further staffed in a report to the Superintendent. POC for the report is MS Lesley Beckstrom at 938-5105.*

### *Picture of the Week*



**Twenty-five cadets in EV481 Water Resources Planning & Design and one faculty member from the Department of Geography and Environmental Engineering conducted an inspection of the New York harbor on 4 OCT 12. COL Paul Owen, the new commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers NY District gave the cadets an overview of the USACE NY mission and discussed challenges the Corps routinely faces.**

## Department of History

**Seventy-five plebes enrolled in Advanced History of the United States (HI 155) and History of the United States (HI 105) recently traveled back in time via two coach buses that took them to Philadelphia and Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.** The 22-23 September trip section, which reinforced their study of the Revolution and early republic, brought them to Independence Hall where, in 1776, the Continental Congress approved the Declaration of Independence and, on 17 September 1787, members of the Constitutional Convention signed the new framework for government that they proposed to the states for ratification. The cadets also visited several other sites, including the Liberty Bell, the National Constitution Center museum, and the Continental Army's 1777-78 Valley Forge encampment. The trip had many highlights. One unanticipated honor was bestowed on cadets at Valley Forge. "We arrived as it opened for the day," said Major Greg Tomlin, who helped to lead the trip section with Professor Robert McDonald, Major Adrienne Harrison, and Major Andy Forney. "Several of our cadets were enlisted to by the park rangers to help raise the flag."



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**MAJ Joseph C. Scott travelled to Fargo, North Dakota, 26-30 September for the 2012 Northern Great Plains History Conference to present his paper on the US Army's failed Safeguard ballistic missile defense program.** The conference was well-attended, with many excellent presentations. Other highlights of the conference included a luncheon for members of the Society for Military History, a historical walking tour of the Red River of the North, a reception in a museum dedicated to the Hjemkomst Viking ship, and a visit to a decommissioned ICBM launch facility.

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**Students from HI358 (Strategy, Policy, and Generalship) visited the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site in Hyde Park on 2 October.**



Overall, 42 cadets presented what they had learned about American military leaders during the Second World War and toured portions of the presidential library. The trip culminated in a visit to Springwood, FDR's life-long home. Inside, cadets learned about the relationship between the house and various important episodes and individuals in the president's life. Despite the rain, it was a rewarding visit.

**West Point's Center for the Advancement of Leader Development & Organizational Learning (CALDOL)**

**MX400 Mission Command Guest Speakers.**

On 1 September 2012, first class cadets in "MX400: Officership" spent 90 minutes with one of five leaders: COL Brian Mennes—the commander of 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade, 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division—1LT Samuel Herbert, 1LT Eugene Connors, CPT Scott Haran, or 1LT Anthony Maldonado. Barely two weeks removed from their deployment to Afghanistan, these leaders put their block leave on hold to share their most challenging experiences and lessons learned with the class of 2013.



CALDOL, in partnership with the Simon Center for the Professional Military Ethic (SCPME), helped prepare these leaders for their speaking sessions and then facilitated the dialogue during the event. Each officer spoke individually to between 80 and 100 cadets about their mission command challenges in combat. Their stories were candid and deeply insightful, leaving cadets energized about the profession of arms and leading Soldiers.



Thanks go out to the Simon Center for sponsoring this awesome event! Thanks also go out to the five guest speakers for taking time away from your families during block leave to share your inspirational stories with future leaders.

Positive, Inspiring, Energizing! POC: [jason.wayne@usma.edu](mailto:jason.wayne@usma.edu)

## Department of English and Philosophy

### Past Events

1. On 28 September, Dr. Steve Svoboda, orthopedist and director of the sports medicine fellowship at Keller Army Hospital, visited DEP's EP433 Senior Seminar and provided APL majors studying literature that explores the interrelationships of humankind and machines a fascinating presentation on current orthopedic efforts to repair what might be called broken human parts. Dr Svoboda provided cadets with an appreciation of current surgical trends regarding mechanical implants, the limitations of tissue replacement material, and the current efforts to discover a replacement material superior to the healthy human bone interface. He also helped students understand the degree to which human-machine fusion has been remarkably successful and radically unsuccessful in the last fifty years. LTC Svoboda is the second of a series of interdisciplinary speakers to visit EP433 this fall; COL Kevin Huggins visited class on 14 September 2012 and spoke to students about technological innovation and computer science currently employed in--and in development for--the battlefield. Later this semester, as students finish reading Huxley's "Brave New World," LTC Carl Ohlson, Director of CEP will meet with cadets to discuss contemporary conditioning methodologies that make humans more efficient in their use of machines in both sports and in the Army.



*LTC Steven Svoboda, Director of the Sports Medicine Fellowship at Keller Army Hospital spoke with cadets enrolled in EP433 (Senior Seminar) about human-machine fusion and the repairing and replacing of human body parts.*

2. On 2 October, five members of the EN101 Composition and EN302 Advanced Composition faculty traveled to Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, New York to attend the annual William Starr Lecture on freshman writing. This year's lecture featured veteran journalist, author and editor, Roy Peter Clark. Mr. Clark's most recent work is *Writing Tools: 50 Essential Strategies for Every Writer* (2006), a compendium of tips and techniques for good writing. He is also vice president and senior scholar at the Poynter Institute, a prestigious non-profit school for journalists located in St. Petersburg, FL. As part of the visit, our faculty conferred with colleagues at Vassar, to include Dr. Matt Schultz, the Head of Vassar's freshman writing seminar.

### Department of Geography and Environmental Engineering

**1. Guest Lecture – CSCMO.** The Center for the Study of Civil-Military Operations (CSCMO) sponsored a lecture visit by Mr. Patrick Chovanec, Associate Professor of Practice at Tsinghua University's School of Economics and Management in Beijing, China. A former political aide to senior Republican Party leaders in the U.S., he is a frequent and influential commentator on China's economy, US-China relations, and other global issues in both the international and Chinese media. In individual formats, Mr. Chovanec lectured to cadet members and faculty from the Model U.N., West Point Negotiations Project and the Debate Club on various topics of Chinese-US relations and culture. The point of contact is Mr. John Melkon at [john.melkon@usma.edu](mailto:john.melkon@usma.edu).



Picture – Mr. Chovanec speaks to cadets concerning China.

**2. US Institute for Peace Table-Top Exercise Participation.** On September 27<sup>th</sup>, MAJ Dustin Menhart from D/G&EnE participated as a liaison from the Center of Study for Civil and Military Operations (CSCMO) during a Table-Top Exercise hosted in our nations' capital. The training facilitated through the United States Institute of Peace and the U.S. Army Peacekeeping and Stability Operations Institute looked at relationship building from our U.S. armed forces and non-governmental humanitarian organizations in hostile or potentially hostile environments, particularly, Afghanistan. If anyone is interested in hearing about the lessons learned from this exercise, please contact MAJ Dustin Menhart at [dustin.menhart@usma.edu](mailto:dustin.menhart@usma.edu).

**3. Guest Lecture – EV375 (Geography of Africa):** Dr. Garth Myers presented a lecture entitled “*How Africa's Cities Matter: The five themes in African urban geography*” in EV375 (Geography of Africa) on Friday, 5 October, 2012. Dr. Myers is a Paul E. Raether Distinguished Professor of Urban International Studies at Trinity College in Hartford, CT. Prior to Trinity, he directed the Center of African Studies at the University of Kansas. He has lived, worked and researched in the region and published extensively on Sub-Saharan urban issues and evolving trends. Dr. Myers met with Honors Cadets in the afternoon who will be taking part in an urban research project in Dakar, Senegal this winter. Dr. Myers will be accompanying the Cadets in a project fully funded by US Army Africa Command. POC is MAJ Tom Hanlon at [thomas.hanlon@usma.edu](mailto:thomas.hanlon@usma.edu).

**4. Green Gov Conference Attendance.** On 24 September 2012, LTC Mark Smith (D/G&EnE) traveled to Washington DC in support of the US Coast Guard's receipt of the 2012 GreenGov Presidential Award, honoring Federal agency teams and individuals who are taking innovative approaches to curbing waste, reducing energy use and saving taxpayer money in Federal agency operations. LTC Smith participated as West Point's representative to the Green Dream Team Award which was presented to the Sustainability Club, US Coast Guard Academy for their work as voluntary organization of cadets focused on improving the environmental footprint at the Academy and in the surrounding New London, CT area. LTC Smith also participated in the conference and interacted with waste management representatives, as well as companies that could assist West Point reduce its total electrical demand. The POC is LTC Mark Smith, [mark.smith@usma.edu](mailto:mark.smith@usma.edu).



*Photo:* The Honorable Nancy Sutley, Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality (center) presents the GreenGov Presidential Award to the Green Dream Team, comprised of representatives from the US Coast Guard Academy, West Point, the US Fish and Wildlife Service, and Boy Scouts.

**5. Environmental Science majors learn about the Ecology of West Point.** On Wednesday, 3 October, 17 cadets from D/GENE's EV471 Ecology class spent the morning hiking through a variety of ecologically important areas on West Point, led by Chris Pray, Natural Resource manager, West Point, Mary (Marnie) Miller-Keas, intern for the West Point Natural Resources, and LTC Mark Smith, instructor. Cadets viewed a deer enclosure used to study the impact of deer browsing on oak seedlings outside of the enclosure with the unbrowsed areas within the fencing. Cadets also learned about forest and fire management, the timber rattle snake, exotic and endangered species management, and species that are common to vernal (temporary) pools that appear after heavy rains. The cadets had a great time, despite becoming soaked during the steady rains that fell as the trip finished. The POC is LTC Mark Smith, [mark.smith@usma.edu](mailto:mark.smith@usma.edu).





*Photo:* Class of 2013 Environmental Science majors are taught by Chris Pray, Natural Resources manager, West Point, during their annual Ecology class hike into West Point Natural Resources areas. The fence behind the cadets is a deer enclosure used to compare the impact of deer browsing on oak seedlings outside of the enclosure with the unbrowsed areas within the fence. The cadets examine a wood frog common to the vernal (temporary) pools that appear after heavy rains.

**6. EV481 Trip to USACE-NY District & the NY Harbor:** Twenty-five cadets in EV481 Water Resources Planning & Design and one faculty member from the Department of Geography and Environmental Engineering conducted an inspection of the New York harbor on 4 OCT 12. COL Paul Owen, the new commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers NY District gave the cadets an overview of the USACE NY mission and discussed challenges the Corps routinely faces. LTC Michael Clancy, the Deputy District Commander welcomed the group aboard the USACE vessel *Hayward* and showed the group many of the ways that the Corps of Engineers enable harbor operations. Of special interest to the cadets were underwater demolitions supporting dredging operations designed to enhance waterway navigation of ocean going vessels. Cadets also witnessed the intermodal cargo operations by which many imports and exports pass through the eastern US. The cadets learned that the water resources planning principles of economic development, environmental quality, and social well-being influence every USACE operation. The POC is MAJ Christian Dietz at [Christian.dietz@usma.edu](mailto:Christian.dietz@usma.edu).



*Photo:* COL Paul Owen, the USACE NY District CDR) describes the many roles and missions of the district to EV481 students. The hour long briefing reinforced the lessons taught in the first block of EV481. Of interest to cadets were civil works projects from their home areas and military construction projects within the district, such as barracks renovations.



*Photo:* EV481 cadets pause for a group photo with LTC Michael Clancy (Deputy CDR, USACE NY) after his description of the Brooklyn port operations.

**Department of Civil and Mechanical Engineering****COMPLETED**

1. **ASCE Committee on Accreditation.** On 6 October 2013, COL Stephen Ressler participated in a meeting of the newly created American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Committee on Accreditation in St. Louis, MO. The purpose of the committee is to coordinate ASCE's participation in the ABET accreditation process for civil engineering programs nationwide. COL Ressler served as Acting Chair for the meeting in St. Louis. POC is COL S. Ressler, [Stephen.ressler@usma.edu](mailto:Stephen.ressler@usma.edu).
2. **ASCE Committee on Faculty Development.** On 6 October 2013, COL Joe Hanus chaired the fall national meeting of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Committee on Faculty Development in St. Louis, MO. The committee's charge is to create and implement programs to foster the development and advancement of faculty as effective educators. The flagship program is the annual Excellence in Civil Engineering Education (ExCEED) Teaching Workshop, which has been held annually at West Point since 1999. POC is COL Joe Hanus, [Joseph.Hanus@usma.edu](mailto:Joseph.Hanus@usma.edu).
3. **CE472 Advanced Soil Mechanics Trip Section.** On Thursday, 4 October 12, the Advanced Soil Mechanics and Foundation Design course participated in a trip section to the East Side Access (ESA) tunnel and terminal construction on-going approximately 120-ft below Grand Central Terminal in New York City. This Metro Transit Authority capital construction project has a budget of \$8.2B and is slated for completion in 2019. When completed, the ESA will connect the Long Island Rail Road's Main and Port Washington lines in Queens to a new terminal beneath Grand Central Terminal in Manhattan. During the tour, cadets observed drilling and blast activity, installation of rock bolts, shotcrete application, and other aspects of a large-scale tunneling operation. POC: Dr. Brock E. Barry, [brock.barry@usma.edu](mailto:brock.barry@usma.edu).



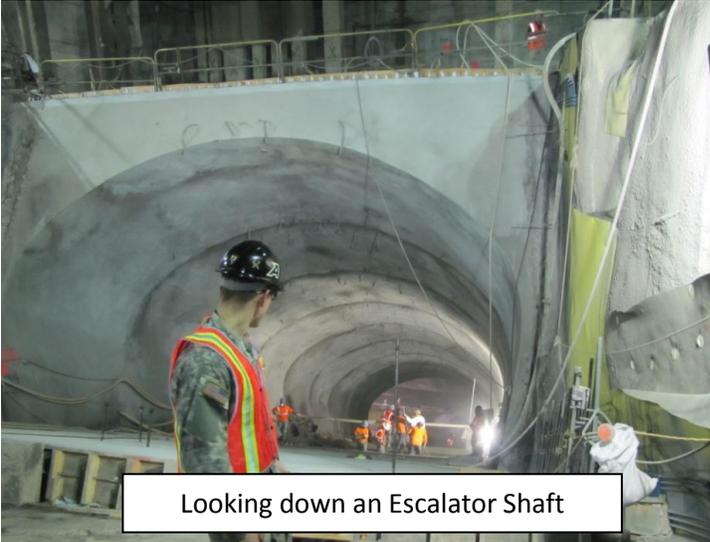
Touring the Site



Rock Bolt Installation



Group Photo



Looking down an Escalator Shaft

**AARS**  
Gross Attendance Report  
2 - 9 Oct 2012

Date	CADET ABSENCES	ABSENCES	ARRIVED LATE	DEPARTED EARLY	TOTAL
09-Oct-12	114	178	47	4	229
05-Oct-12	300	483	49	6	538
04-Oct-12	188	322	36	4	362
03-Oct-12	139	238	32	4	274
02-Oct-12	111	233	65	2	300

Cadet Absences equals number of cadets absent 1 or more class period

Absences are the number of classes missed by the cadets that were absent

**Department of Social Sciences**

**International Relations Major wins *Foreign Affairs Magazine* Student Essay Contest**

Cadet William (Billy) Wright, Class of 2013, an International Relations majors and a Rhodes scholarship candidate, has won the annual *Foreign Affairs* magazine student essay contest. There were hundreds of essay submissions and he was initially chosen as one of three finalists by a panel of Council on Foreign Relations judges. He was then chosen as the winner through a public vote on Facebook. The Council on Foreign Relations will recognize his winning essay during a student reception in New York City on October 12<sup>th</sup>. The title of his essay was "American Foreign Policy through Past and Future Elections: Adjusting the Sails."

**Model UN Team Wins Best Small Delegation Award at Yale Model UN Tournament**

Last weekend, the Model United Nations team travelled to New Haven, Connecticut to participate in the Security Council Simulation at Yale and won the award for Best Small Delegation (1st Place). The conference featured national and international students, with a shared interest in international relations, simulating the executive bodies of various nations and organizations during a time of crisis. The competition focused on responding to an emergency in the most effective way possible while using debating and rhetorical skills to rally support from other competitors. As a team, the members of the Model United Nations team won 11 individual awards, with distinguished performances from the following members:

**Best Delegate (1st Place)**

Will Dickson '13

Colleen Harrison '13  
Warren Geary '14

**Outstanding Delegate (2nd Place)**

Patrick Brown '14  
Or Taylor '16  
Holly Harrington '16  
Anthony Veith '16

**Honorable Mention (3rd Place)**

Brandon Moore '14  
Matt Moellering '14  
Jason Lally '15  
Megan McNulty '15

**Department of Foreign Languages**

**Completed Events**

*Arabic.* Four Arabic SAP cadets are currently in their fifth week of classes at al-Akhwayn University in Ifrane, Morocco. Students recently attended an open forum discussing the film, *Innocence of Muslims*.



**In this photo: Cadet Cantrell, left and Kathy Geehan, another International student attending Al Akhwayn listen as a Moroccan student argues that no one will ever know the US government role, if any, in the filming of *Innocence of Muslims*.**

One Arabic SAP cadet, Zach Taylor is currently in his fifth week of classes at the Center for International Learning, Muscat, Oman.



**In this photo: CDT Zach Taylor, fourth from left, with his classmates wearing traditional Arab clothing.**

***French.*** SAP Cadets are currently in classes at their respective universities; eight at St. Cyr, two at Université Catholique de Lyon, and two at Université Catholique de Lille.

All Saint-Cyr cadets are currently involved in field training with the French Foreign Legion in Nîmes, France.

SAP CDTs Rogacki and Botero began their language courses at Université Catholique de Lyon.

Cadets from the French Club attended the 50th annual New York Film Festival at the Lincoln Center in Manhattan on Monday, October 8th, 2012. They attended the U.S. Premiere of Valeria Sarmiento's film, *Lines of Wellington*, a historical portrayal of the Peninsular War of 1810. The film explored the devastation of total war that involved French, British, and Portuguese military forces as well as the civilians who occupied the Iberian Peninsula.



**In this photo: French Club Cadets pose for “paparazzi” on the red carpet at the film premier of Valeria Sarmiento’s film, *Lines of Wellington* in NYC.**

All French SAP cadets currently in France have been invited to join the West Point Society of Paris by Adam Falk for a dinner at École Militaire in Paris on 20 October 2012.

**German.** German SAP cadets continue their immersion experiences at their academic institutions in Hamburg and Munich, Germany, and Wiener-Neustadt, Austria. Cadets in Hamburg and Austria were able to meet up in Munich to have a first-hand Oktoberfest experience over the weekend in addition to attending “Die Garde Fest” in Vienna over the weekend. In attendance at the Garde (Guard) Fest were officers from Germany, Austria, Ireland, Poland, Bosnia, and the US, a traditional band, and guests in traditional dress. Cadets in Hamburg took time for a local hike with Helmut Schmidt University (HSU) schoolmates from the German Army. The HSU cadets also were able to enjoy a meal with former DFL colleague MAJ Doug Willig who is studying for two years at Hamburg to complete the German-version of ILE.



**In this photo: SAP Germany (Hamburg) Cadet Karl Crist breaks for a photo with his German officer schoolmates from Helmut Schmidt University in Hamburg.**

Dr. Brian McInnis attended the German Studies Association conference on Friday, 05 October. Dr. McInnis present a paper at the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on the topic of the representation of the eye in physiology in 18<sup>th</sup> century German language literature.

Congratulations to MAJ Jordan Francis and his wife Elysia as the welcomed their first son, Xavier Spero Makana Francis on Monday, 8 October at 1433. Xavier weighed in at 6 lbs, 9 oz and stretched out to 20.5 inches.

On Sunday, 14 October, young officers from the German Armed Forces Information Officers division will pay a visit to West Point. Hosted by LTC Fidorra, the group will tour the Visitors Center and the West Point Museum before receiving a walking tour of the attractions surrounding the Plain.

**Russian:** Russian SAP cadets in Odessa, Ukraine completed their fourth week of study at the Odessa Language Study Centre. They topped off their week of studies with a 20 km bike ride along the Black Sea, followed by a swim in that same sea.

Russian SAP cadets in Voronezh, Russia, completed their sixth week of study at Voronezh State University. The cadets spent the week in St. Petersburg, Russia, visiting many of the historically and culturally significant sights of that beautiful city.

Members of the Russian Language and Culture Forum put together a terrific display of Russian/regional cultural artifacts for West Point's annual Diversity/International Day event at Eisenhower Hall on 2 October. Visitors to our table feasted on tasty examples of typical Russian

cuisine, including pelmeny, bliny and kvass, while learning some about Russia, the Russian people and their neighbors.



**In this photo: Russian Club members and Dr. Xenia Harwell, Assistant Professor of German, assists visitors to the Russian display at West Point's annual Diversity/International Day on 2 October.**

Sunday, 7 October, ten cadets of the USMA Kosciuszko Squadron Polish Culture Forum, led by a Russian major, Nick Burton, '13, marched in the 75<sup>th</sup> Annual General Casimir Pulaski Parade in New York City. Before the Parade, Cadets took part in services at St Patrick's Cathedral commemorating Pulaski, "Father of the American Cavalry," and were guests of honor at the official Parade breakfast. After marching up 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue with the USMA color guard, K Squad cadets joined post-parade festivities, sampling authentic Polish food at a Brooklyn restaurant.



**In this photo: Cadets in the 75<sup>th</sup> Annual General Casimir Pulaski Parade in New York City.**

## The Institute for Innovation and Development

Minerva at West Point:



**Dr. Gerdes Presents at the 2012 ISSS/ISAC Conference**

The University of North Carolina and the Triangle Institute of Security Studies in Chapel Hill, NC hosted this year's 2012 conference of the International Security Studies Section (ISSS) of the International Studies Association (ISA) and the International Security and Arms Control Section (ISAC) of the American Political Science Association (APSA) from 4 to 6 October 2012.

The conference keynote speech was delivered by General McMaster on the importance of history to the study of military strategy, and network analysis in contemporary threats.

Dr. Luke Gerdes, the Minerva Fellow from the Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership gave a presentation titled "The Specific Challenges of Implementing Network Methods in the Study of Radical Groups in the Asian Context," which described the limitations of existing datasets and which discussed network-based strategies to overcome these limitations. Dr. Gerdes also spoke with Minerva faculty members from the University of Arizona regarding aspects of research overlap.

There are no prohibitions against undergraduate submissions for future ISSS/ISAC meetings. The opportunity for undergraduate participation, specifically related to security-related research is encouraged.

Research Operations:

G8 is still working on correcting the WBS structure for the FY12 to FY13 rollover for funding crossing over into this FY.

The table below shows new external funding as of 10 Oct.

FY13 Research Funds					
Seq#	Dept	MIPR#	Price	Project Desc	Status
1	PRC	F2KBAB2226G001	\$ 40,000.00	Research projects in high energy lasers	Processing
2	IETD	12-9469	\$ 135,817.00	Cyber Fast Track Program	Processing
3	NSC	MIPR2IDAT4D227	\$ 9,000.00	Vulnerable-Aware RobotSwarm	Processing
<b>FY13 Status</b>					
Qty MIPR Received for FY:				<b>3</b>	
Value Non-Spendable:				<b>\$184,817</b>	
Spendable:				<b>\$0.00</b>	

**Network Science Center**

For the latest information from the Network Science Center visit our blog

**The Central Node:** <http://blog.netsciwestpoint.org/>

**Representatives from NYSCI visit West Point**

Dr. Stephen Uzzo, VP, Science & Technology, and Catherine Cramer both from the New York Hall of Science (NYSCI) came to West Point Friday to get acquainted with research programs at West Point, learn more about ongoing projects at the Network Science Center, and explore the network science curriculum offered to cadets. While here, they learned cadets are more involved in research across than they anticipated. They were given a tour of the new science center by LTC Kraig Sheetz (D/PANE). They attended a Fundamentals of Network Science class taught by Dr. Chris Arney's which gave them an insight to how classes are taught at the Academy. Dr. Uzzo and Ms. Cramer are interested in building further collaborations between NSC and NYSCI to expand network science education initiatives.

**Use the link below to read the latest electronic newsletter from the Network Science Center**  
[Newsblast Volume 2 Issue 10](#)

### ***Future Events***

**National Laboratory Visit:** On 22 October, Jon Ventura from Los Alamos National Laboratory, Barry Goldman from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, and Tim Wall from Sandia National Laboratory are planning to visit USMA. The National Labs offer exciting areas of research in all areas of physical and social sciences, engineering, and mathematics and computer science. Dr. Dan Schultz is organizing briefing for faculty and cadets.

### **Department of Systems Engineering**

On 3 Nov, General Via, Commander of Army Materiel Command, visited a Project Management (EM411) class to talk to cadets about Project Management and Leadership. His message to cadets was, "Do the very best you can at whatever job you are assigned, and things will work themselves out." Following General Via's remarks, the cadets engaged in a very active question and answer session.



### **Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership**

#### Completed Events

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**Mr. and Mrs. Robert McDonald Cadet Leadership Conference.**

On 4-7 October, the BS&L department hosted undergraduate leaders from 22 of the top United States academic institutions and 10 top international universities. The conference's mission was to create a team-based, problem-solving exercise that would bolster participant's leadership skills, foster critical thinking and inspire collaboration. It provided participants an ability to connect with 12-prominent leaders from across the globe. The participants explored the topic of "Leading in an Interconnected World," as it relates to the following six topics: Education, Health Care, Media, Global Economy, Environmental/Disaster Response, and Food Security.  
**POC: MAJ Brett Lanier, BSL, x5034.**

*Picture below:* COL Banks, BS&L Department Head providing opening remarks at the conference



**Picture below:** Mr. Robert McDonald and all of the participants at the first Annual Mr. and Mrs. Robert McDonald Cadet Leadership Conference



**Picture below:** Dr. Morten Ender moderating one of the leadership panels in the Haig Room



**Faculty Outreach:****Teaching Outreach-Guest Speaker.**

On 9 October 2012, PL393 (Criminology) hosted Ms. Vasiliki "Bessie" Georgoulas as a guest speaker. Ms. Georgoulas is a former crime scene investigator and "blood spatter" expert, and she gave an excellent class on the history, uses, and technology of fingerprinting. Cadets were also able to handle standard crime scene investigative tools and ask questions about Ms. Georgoulas' experience. **POC: MAJ David Uthlaut, BSL, x3270.**

*Picture below:* Bessie Georgoulas speaking to the cadets about fingerprint analysis

**West Point Chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers**

On October 2nd, 2012, three scientists and engineers from the Army Research Lab visited West Point and held a discussion with the West Point Chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers and Excel Scholars. Dr. Emery, the outreach and small business program manager, Dr. Nichols, material research scientist, and Dr. Riddick, research aerospace engineer, all held engaging discussions with cadets ranging from overcoming obstacles in education to the benefits of networking and hard work. Fifty cadets were in attendance as well as faculty from the Department of BS&L, Department of Math, and ODIA. **POC Dr. Ericka Rovira, BSL, x5902**

**2012 conference of the International Security Studies Section (ISSS)**

Dr. Luke Gerdes (Minerva Fellow), gave a presentation titled "The Specific Challenges of Implementing Network Methods in the Study of Radical Groups in the Asian Context," which described the limitations of existing datasets and which discussed network-based strategies to overcome these limitations at the 2012 conference of the International Security Studies Section (ISSS) of the International Studies Association (ISA) and the International Security and Arms Control Section (ISAC) of the American Political Science

Association (APSA). The meeting was hosted by the University of North Carolina and the Triangle Institute of Security Studies in Chapel Hill, NC, from 4 to 6 October 2012. **POC: Dr. Luke Gerdes, BSL, x3270.**

**Picture below:** Dr Gerdes presenting "The Specific Challenges of Implementing Network Methods in the Study of Radical Groups in the Asian Context" at the 2012 conference of the International Security Studies Section (ISSS).

