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## West Point celebrates Martin Luther King, Jr.



The Cadet Gospel Choir entertained guests at the MLK Luncheon held at the West Point Club's Grand Ballroom Jan. 14 to celebrate the accomplishments of Martin Luther King, Jr. Retired Maj. Gen. Ronald Johnson, Senior Vice President, Referee Operations of the National Basketball Association, Class of 1976, was the guest speaker at the event.

Story and photos by  
Kathy Eastwood  
Staff Writer

West Point held its annual Martin Luther King, Jr. observance to celebrate what would have been his 81st birthday, a day early, Jan. 14 at the West Point Club's Grand Ballroom. The theme of this year's celebration is 'Celebrating the Evolution of the Dream.'

Retired Maj. Gen. Ron L. Johnson, Class of 1976, who now serves as senior vice president of referee operations for the National Basketball Association, was the guest speaker.

The Cadet Gospel Choir entertained the audience with the gospel song 'Lift Every Voice and Sing.' Rounding out the observance were four West Point Middle School students—Braylon Slade, Tenica Turner, Hannah Titlebaum and Michael Dimeo—who recited the moving 'I Have a Dream,' speech, a speech spoken by King within the shadows of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. Aug. 28, 1963. Each student spoke from different

parts of the room.

Johnson spoke of King's dream and the part we all should take in evolving that dream.

"Those of us who fail to learn the lessons of history are bound to live that same history again," he said. "We all should evolve to the point where we can live the dream that Dr. King aspired to. King's unwavering vision for a peaceful but just country fired the imagination and stirred the soul of a weary and downtrodden people."

Johnson also wondered what King would think of our world today.

"He would marvel at our technology, be stunned at the continued fall of Communism and rejoice in the success of black integration into all aspects of society," he said. "He would be amazed at Colin Powell's ascent from Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to Secretary of State and a possible presidential candidate. He would celebrate the election of President Barack Obama.

"Although Americans can take pride at what has been accomplished

in creating a climate of racial harmony that is the envy of the world, more must be done," Johnson added.

"Until both black and whites can look at an interracial couple without envy, jealousy and hate. Until black Americans can drive the highways of this great nation without feeling the shutter of abject terror when routinely stopped by a police officer. Until minorities representation in all aspects of society is truly proportional, and racial harmony and equal treatment under the law and, most importantly, until all acceptance by our fellow man is a fact and not a well-meaning goal, until all these things come to pass, Dr. King's dream for America, the beautiful, remains in evolution," he concluded.

Johnson suggested six ideas on how we as individuals can help to realize the dream of Dr. King.

"Be professional, performing any task to the best of your ability, establish a vision, break the mold, look beyond yourself, realize your full potential and establish a legacy."



Braylon Slade (left) and Tenica Turner recite the 'I Have a Dream' speech given by Martin Luther King, Jr. within the shadows of the Lincoln Memorial Aug. 28, 1963. Two other middle school children, Hannah Titlebaum and Michael Dimeo, recited parts of the speech in the audience. Each student took a turn in reciting part of the 'I Have a Dream' speech.

# Donations for Haiti earthquake victims

Compiled by Kathy Eastwood  
Staff Writer

A series of powerful earthquakes struck the Caribbean island of Haiti Jan. 12 with catastrophic affects. Homes, hospitals, government buildings and the airport at the capital city of Port-au-Prince were completely destroyed, making it difficult to get medical supplies, food and shelter into Haiti.

Because of this difficulty, monetary donations are the best way of getting aid to the victims.

Americans from all walks of life have given millions of dollars to Haiti through text messages, giving as little as \$10 to the Red Cross International Response fund with donations totaling \$11 million as of Jan. 15, according to [Rueters.com](http://Rueters.com), and donations continue to rise.

The U.S. Army Chief of Chaplains, Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) Doug Carver requested that a

designated offering be collected from all chapel worship services to support the Haitian relief effort.

The offerings should be collected between Jan. 29-31 for the American Red Cross, Haiti Relief.

People can also donate to the American Red Cross by texting \$10 to 'Haiti' at 90999 or call 1-800-733-2767. Many relief efforts are ongoing.

The U.S. Agency for International Development has provided a list of relief organizations and further information on its Web site at [www.usaid.gov/locations/latin\\_america\\_caribbean/country/haiti/eq/](http://www.usaid.gov/locations/latin_america_caribbean/country/haiti/eq/).

Other online sites include the U.S. Dept. of State Web site at [www.state.gov/p/wha/ci/harls/2010/135161.htm](http://www.state.gov/p/wha/ci/harls/2010/135161.htm) and the Clinton Bush Haiti Fund at <http://clintonbushhaitifund.org/>, <http://www.clintonfoundation.org/haitiearthquake/>.

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## SHARP

The members of the Sexual Harrassment/Assault Response and Prevention program are Maj. Maria Burger (USMA/USCC), Shelley Ariosto (Garrison), Dan Toohey (Victim Advocate), Lt. Col. Kim Kawamoto (ODIA) and Bernadette Orland (Dean). Community members can e-mail Burger at [Maria.Burger@usma.edu](mailto:Maria.Burger@usma.edu) for advice or to offer any recommendations on the program here. Cadets also can call the sexual assault support helpline at (845) 591-7215. West Point Soldiers and civilians needing assistance can call (845) 938-3369.

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Difficulty: Medium

digit appears twice in the same row, column, or 3-by-3 box.

See SOLUTION, page 9



Andrea Wells of the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Fitness Center shows surprise while looking at the scale. The FMWR is hosting the 2nd annual Fittest Loser Competition beginning Saturday. The competition runs through March 20. It is open to military, staff and faculty and community members who want to challenge themselves to lose weight and get fit. The competition kicks off at the Health and Wellness Fair hosted by the FMWR Fitness Center Saturday with weigh-ins at 7:30 a.m. The deadline to register for the contest is Feb. 6.

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## New law allows spouses to claim same home state as servicemembers

By C. Todd Lopez  
Army News Service

New legislation, signed by President Obama in November, allows military spouses to establish a permanent residence and carry it with them through each change of station.

The Military Spouses Residency Relief Act enables military spouses to do what their servicemembers have long been able to do—claim and maintain residency in one home state, pay income taxes only to that state and vote as a resident of that state, for the duration of their (spouses') military career, without regard to where they are stationed.

"The purpose was to allow the spouse to maintain the same domicile as the servicemember," Mary M. Benzinger, senior attorney, Pentagon Army and Air Force Legal Assistance Office, said.

The benefit of having both husband and wife able to establish and maintain domiciliary status in the same state—and carry that status wherever they go as a result of military PCS—is two-fold.

First, it simplifies paperwork. In the past, spouses would have to re-establish residency in whatever state they moved to as part of a PCS.

They had to pay income tax to that state if they worked, register their vehicle there and get a driver's license there. Additionally, if their servicemember maintained permanent domiciliary status in another state, the two might have to file state income taxes separately.

"It allows them to establish a domicile and carry it with them, every time they PCS, and not do what you hear a lot of—where the

servicemember stays a resident of Texas his whole career, and she (the spouse) has to be a domiciliary of every place the servicemember is stationed," Benzinger said. "That's what happened before this. You could never have a constant domicile. You had to be a resident of whatever state you were living in."

Second, in many cases, military members have opted to continue to maintain domiciliary status in one of the states that do not have state income tax—Alaska, Florida, Nevada, South Dakota, Texas, Washington, Wyoming, New Hampshire and Tennessee.

Those servicemembers do not pay state income tax. The new act would allow military spouses who have been present in one of those states—and established domiciliary status there—to maintain that status along with their servicemember spouse and to also not pay state income tax.

What the act does not allow, however, is for a spouse to "pick" a state where they can claim domiciliary status. Establishing domiciliary status in a state, in nearly every case, requires that the spouse has lived in the state.

"You cannot pick," Benzinger said. "You have to synch up, by physical presence and intent to remain."

Being able to adequately defend a claim of residency of one state—especially if doing so to avoid paying income taxes in the state where a spouse is currently living and working—might require more than prior residence. It could also require, among other things, showing intent to return there, land ownership, driver's licenses, car

registration or having voted there.

Additionally, the act does not mean military spouses do not need to pay state income tax.

If the state where a spouse maintains domiciliary status under the new act requires civilian residents to pay state income tax, then they must as well. This includes those states where the requirement to pay state income tax by a servicemember changes if a servicemember doesn't actually live in the state while serving.

The MSRRA, a federal law, does not convey to civilian spouses the benefits extended to servicemembers by individual states.

The MSRRA amendment applies retroactively to tax year 2009. This means that for some spouses—those who can show they met the requirements for domiciliary status for a state they did not live in during 2009—they may be able to get back tax withholdings from the state where they lived and worked.

The MSRRA is relatively new, and many states have yet to figure out how to deal with military spouse taxpayers who may want refunds, Benzinger said.

Additionally, she said while states have been relatively forgiving in the past when considering the claims of non-state residence by uniformed servicemembers for tax purposes, they might not be so forgiving of civilian spouses.

Before changing or claiming a different state of residence on any forms, Benzinger said servicemembers and their spouses should seek legal advice.

"The real solution is to go see your legal assistance attorney on your installation," Benzinger said.

## Villanueva heads to East-West Shrine Game

By Bob Beretta  
Athletic Communications

The tallest player in Army football history will represent West Point on the gridiron one more time as a collegian Saturday as Firstie Alejandro Villanueva participates in the 85th East-West Shrine Game at Florida Citrus Bowl Stadium in Orlando, Fla. The postseason all-star classic will be televised nationally by ESPN2 with the kickoff set for 3 p.m.

In a move that drew national attention, the 6-foot-10-inch Villanueva shifted from offensive tackle to wide receiver during spring practice a year ago, shortly after Rich Ellerson took over as Army's head coach. The unconventional position change proved a rousing success as Villanueva paced the Black Knights in receptions (34), receiving yards (522) and touchdown receptions (5) this past season.

Villanueva will work out at tight end for the East squad this week.

The East-West Shrine Game has been played annually since

1925 to help raise money and awareness for Shriners Hospitals for Children, an international system of 22 pediatric specialty hospitals that provide care for children with orthopaedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries and cleft lip and palate—all at no charge.

Bruising fullback Collin Mooney (Class of 2009) represented Army in last year's contest, while Caleb Campbell (Class of 2008) and Cameron Craig (Class of 2007) participated in the game in 2008 and 2007, respectively.

In addition to Army's Villanueva, tight ends Andrew Quarless of Penn State and Nate Byham of Pittsburgh are included on the East squad.

Villanueva's selection marks the ninth straight year that Army has been represented in the East-West Shrine game.

Army finished its first season under Ellerson at 5-7 overall, falling one victory shy of earning a berth in the Eagle Bank Bowl.

The Black Knights will begin their second spring practice session under Ellerson Feb. 17.



Firstie Alejandro Villanueva is participating in the East-West Shrine Game Saturday in Orlando, Fla.

TOMMY GILLIGAN/PV

# Rapp: West Point a national treasure, a pleasure to serve

Story and photo by Sgt. Vincent Fusco  
Dir. of Public Affairs & Communications

When Brig. Gen. William “Bill” Rapp, Class of 1984, first made the one-star promotion list more than two years ago, he had the opportunity to select a number of future assignments on his “dream sheet.” His list had only one preference—Commandant of the U.S. Corps of Cadets at West Point.

When he learned of his appointment here, he was both surprised and humbled by the recommendation to return to his alma mater and help develop future leaders of character.

“To me, this is an incredible privilege to be able to serve here,” Rapp said. “I consider West Point a national treasure.”

This is actually the fourth time he has taken residence on these grounds. The first was when his father, Col. (Ret.) Ed Rapp, was assigned as the Company E-4 tactical officer, and he attended grades three through five at the elementary school here.

After Rapp completed high school in Virginia’s Fairfax County, he returned as a cadet. He became involved in team handball and became the team captain as a firstie. He went on to become the cadet first captain of his class while ranking fifth academically out of 962 cadets.

Serving as handball team captain helped Rapp learn more about teamwork and excellence.

“Just being part of a team here at West Point reinforced the absolute value of teamwork, competition and pursuit of excellence,” Rapp said. “Then you get out in the Army, and you’re still part of teams. You may not put on an athletic uniform, but you’re still putting on a uniform and acting as a team.”

His first assignment, following his commission, as an engineer officer was with the 1st Armored Division in Germany, at the height of the Cold War. In addition to serving in an engineer unit within a cavalry squadron, Rapp continued his passion for sports by playing rugby.

“My first assignment got me completely fired up to stay in the Army well past my commitment,” Rapp said. “I just had a great time over there.”

Rapp has continued to excel academically over the course of his career. He earned a master’s and a doctoral degree in political science from Stanford University before he returned to West Point – for the third time – as an international relations instructor in the Dept. of Social Sciences from 1994-96.

Before his appointment as Commandant of Cadets, Rapp was the commander of the Northwest Division Corps of Engineers. It is the largest geographical division in the Corps of Engineers, encompassing the Missouri and Columbia river basins with districts spanning from St. Louis to the Puget Sound covering 14 states.

Rapp’s combat experience includes a tour in Operation Desert Storm as an airborne engineer company commander. He also deployed twice in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom—first as commander of the 555th Combat Engineer Group supporting the 101st Airborne Division, and again as Director of the Commander’s Initiatives Group serving under Gen. David Petraeus in Multi-National Forces-Iraq.

Rapp is married to the former Debbie Biggi of Sacramento,



**Brigadier Gen. William “Bill” Rapp, Commandant of the U.S. Corps of Cadets, sits with a picture of his children prominently displayed in his office. Rapp discussed how a Family hardship—two back-to-back tours in Iraq—offered the opportunity to connect with his children by following New York Yankees statistics during and after his second deployment.**

Calif. They have three children: Anna Marie, 15; David, 12; and Robby, 10. The Family dog, a Portuguese water dog named Jeter, earned his name from a Family tradition created out of hardship.

Three months after redeploying from his first combat tour in Iraq as the 555th commander, he was ordered to deploy back to serve on Petraeus’ staff for another year. The situation started to hit his sons hard and they began to experience problems at school because of the separation.

To hold the Family’s morale and spirit together, Rapp started following baseball statistics with his sons in order to show the importance of mathematics. The plan worked and everyone in the Family is a Yankees fan.

“They chose the Yankees and every single day while I was in Iraq, I’m calling back and talking (about) statistics on (Derek) Jeter’s batting average and all the pitchers,” Rapp said. “That’s what helped keep me and my boys connected while I was in Iraq for a second year with almost no gap in between the two tours.”

When the Family first heard about his appointment as commandant, his children were upset with having to leave their schools in Portland, Ore., in mid-semester. Rapp once again used the Family hobby to get them excited about his

reassignment.

“I said, ‘we’re moving to West Point and we’re 50 miles from Yankee Stadium,’” Rapp recalls. “(They said.) ‘really? O.K., let’s go Dad, we’re waiting on you!’”

When Rapp talks to cadets, he encourages them to take the time to enjoy their experience at West Point, and make it meaningful with at least one positive contribution.

“That positive contribution may be on the football field or it may be at Sunday school,” Rapp said. “It may be just (that) you’re a tutor for your classmates and your positive contribution to West Point was helping classmates who were failing in class actually make it through and graduate.”

# Army physician assistants train at West Point

By Capt. Brett S. Allmond  
PA-C, MPAS

The Keller Army Community Hospital staff is expanding this month to include two physician assistant students who are completing their Master of Physician Assistant studies. They will serve as staff in the hospital and the Cadet Health Clinic.

KACH was selected by the Office of the Surgeon General and the U.S. Army Medical Department Center and School to be a Phase II training site for the Interservice Physician Assistant Program based in Fort Sam Houston, Texas. West Point joins 13 other posts to include Fort Hood, Texas, Fort Riley, Kan., and Fort Bragg, N.C., in having PA students training at their facilities.

Phase II training lasts approximately 53 weeks, during which students rotate through a variety of clinics to gain clinical knowledge and experience. The clinics include, but are not limited to, the emergency department; podiatry; orthopedics; radiology; clinical laboratory; ear-nose-and-throat, internal medicine and allergy clinics; general surgery; dermatology; neurology; urology; pediatrics; obstetrics and gynecology; Family practice; ophthalmology and psychology rotations.

Captain Chris Gonzalez and officer candidate Ryan Kissane are the two PA students assigned to West Point.

Kissane, from Connecticut, was a medical section

sergeant for the 1-102nd Infantry Battalion in the Connecticut Army National Guard before he went to IPAP and will be commissioned as a 1st lieutenant upon his graduation from the Phase II course.

Gonzalez, a Class of 2001 graduate and a prior infantry officer, served with the 25th Infantry Division and with 1st Army Division West in Fort Carson, Colo., on the G-3 training staff. He was an infantry platoon leader and company executive officer before entering IPAP.

Both students are ready to accept the challenges of the Phase II part of their training. They know that upon graduation they must pass the Physician Assistant National Certification Examination before being allowed to practice as a physician's assistant. More than 90 percent of graduating PA's are sent to units that are deployable and will experience combat casualty care within the first year of their practice.

Army PA's plan, organize, perform and supervise troop medical care at Levels I and II (unit and division level). They direct services, teach and train enlisted medics, perform as medical platoon leaders or officers-in-charge in designated units. They function as the medical staff officer at battalion, brigade, division, corps and higher headquarters, and in joint commands, advising the surgeon and the commander of the respective command on medical matters relative to PA practice and on medical-related matters pertinent to unit readiness and unit mission.

Army PA's participate in the delivery of health care to

all categories of eligible beneficiaries, prescribe courses of treatment and medication when required—consistent with their capabilities and privileges. Specialty-trained PA's provide care in orthopedics, emergency medicine, general surgery, occupational health, cardiac perfusion and aviation medicine.

In the absence of a physician, the PA is the primary source of advice for determining the medical necessity, priority and requirements for patient evacuation, initial emergency care and stabilization.

The IPAP home is the Academy of Health Sciences, Army Medical Department Center and School at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. It has an educational agreement with the University of Nebraska Medical Center, in Omaha, Neb.

The program's mission is to educate and train physician assistants for the uniformed services (Army, Air Force, Navy and Coast Guard).

Applicants are both noncommissioned and commissioned officers in the uniformed services.

The students' only job is to attend school full-time, but they receive their annual pay grade salary plus comprehensive health benefits. In return for this educational opportunity, students incur a four-year service obligation upon successful completion of this program.

To learn more about the Army PA program, come to one of the AMEDD Combined Briefings from 9-11 a.m. or 1-3 p.m. Jan. 28 in Thayer Hall, Room 348.

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# Restoring the mystique of the Thayer Hotel

By Tommy Gilligan  
Assistant Editor

The memories of the roaring twenties are slowly disappearing through time. That generation's voices, values and ideals are far too often only heard and seen through the vision of Hollywood directors or photo albums that are seldom removed from trunks in the attic. Through these visions of a time of great change this young country blossomed—from Charles Lindbergh's solo flight across the Atlantic Ocean to John Logie Baird's invention of the first working mechanical television system—and life as they it knew was changing.

Yet with so many changes happening, the appreciation and demand for art was still there. The '20s was the start of the Art Deco craze—it brought another element of who a person was or what the building represented. Much like the rest of the country, the Thayer Hotel fell under that same thought process.

Just like the fading memories of the roaring twenties, the only full service hotel on the Hudson River from the George Washington Bridge to the state capital had lost some of its mystique.

"We are trying to restore the Thayer Hotel to a West Point standard because it is the very first thing that you see when you enter through the south gate," Rick Minicozzi, Class of 1986, said. "We want it to be worthy of being on West Point. However, for many years it hasn't been (meeting that standard)."

When Minicozzi and his business partners took ownership of the storied hotel, there was only one goal in mind—to bring the gothic-style historical landmark back to where it belonged.

"We want to bring it back to its grandeur," Minicozzi said. "We have the responsibility as the owners to hold the Thayer Hotel to a West Point standard."

The first of four phases of the renovation project began shortly after Christmas and plans are for it to be done by mid-February.

The renovations include restoring the bas reliefs that had been buried under paint and plaster, to removing drop cell and replace it with a replica of the original tin ceiling in the renamed Edgar Allen Poe River Front Restaurant. Its history was once forgotten, but now it's being brought back to realization.

"West Point graduates have tremendous amount of pride about the time they spent here," Minicozzi said. "We want them to have a hotel to stay at which embodies the spirit and the great thing the Army and West Point represents."

Throughout the hotel, art work is being displayed of the history of West Point, which includes nine art pieces that are on loan from the West Point Museum.

Along that theme, the creation of the Leadership Hallway will be chock-full of images of West Point to include the placement of a kiosk that will have the stories of Medal of Honor recipients.

Guests will be able to look up eras of war or specific names

of Medal of Honor recipients and be able to learn about these leaders.

As much as the focus has been on restoring the history and culture of this picturesque staple of the Hudson Valley, the hotel continues to find a home in the 21st century on the grounds peering over the banks of the Hudson River.

The four social rooms have gone under \$1.5 million renovations to be converted into active state-of-the-art business centers, which can also be used in a social capacity as well.

With many other plans to be revealed shortly, Minicozzi intends that their actions will not just positively influence the West Point Family circle, but will provide many positive aspects to the Highland Falls and Hudson Valley communities.

As three more phases of renovation begin over the coming months, the ownership of the Thayer Hotel plans to bring back the original grandeur and bring it to new heights.



## Discussing Photonics

Cow Dhru Desai (right) discusses Photonics research with Cow Lee White during the first Department of Physics and Nuclear Engineering Research Symposium held in the Haig Room in Jefferson Hall Jan. 13. The intent of the symposium was to give D/P&NE majors and junior faculty an overview of the tremendous research and design possibilities that are within the D/P&NE department. It helped encourage staff and cadets to get involved in the cutting-edge research that is being done here at West Point.

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## USMAPS CONSTRUCTION SITE OFF LIMITS

As a reminder to all community members, the USMAPS construction site located at the old TMP site near Washington Gate is off limits to all personnel. Recently, runners have entered the site apparently by "jumping the fence" to get to their normal trails. The site has heavy construction equipment stored and in use and an active decompression of landfill areas is in progress. All dangers might not be clearly apparent. Please do not risk your safety by entering the site. Visitors with a legitimate need to enter or transit the area should check in with the appropriate contractor personnel. For more information, contact DPW Customer Relations at 938-4407.

# FMWR Blurbs

## West Point Ski Lessons

Registration for ski lessons will take place from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Registration will take place at the Ski Rental office for ages 5 and older.

A CYSS membership is needed for ages 5-17.

For further information, visit our Web site at [westpointmwr.com](http://westpointmwr.com).

## Club Membership

Attention enlisted Soldiers and West Point cadets. Did you know that your West Point Club Membership is free?

Stop by the club today to start taking advantage of your membership savings—just let us know at the register that you are a member.

For more information, call 938-5120.

## Round Pond Reservations

Reservations for the 2010 camping season begins Tuesday for active duty military and cadets. All other categories may call starting Feb. 16.

Reservations may be made by phone at 938-8811 or in person at the West Point Ski Slope from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday.

## ACS Employment Readiness seminars and workshops

Why not make your New Year's Resolution something that will pay you back for years to come.

Sign-up for an "Employment Makeover" after the holidays. All workshops take place in the ACS Training Room in Bldg. 622.

- Friday, 10:30 a.m.-noon, Medical

Transcription Information Session;

- Tuesday, 10-11:30 a.m., Business Etiquette 101;

- Wednesday, 1:30-3 p.m., Career Plan Development.

For more information, call 938-5658 to sign up for a class or to schedule a one-on-one session.

## WPC junior membership night

A new special program for junior members is scheduled for children ages 3-12 and is from 5-8 p.m. today at the West Point Club.

Sign-up for the program the night of this event. Tables are reserved in the name of the child and Family member(s) who are club members and their guests.

There will be two buffet lines—one low for the little folks and one standard for the adults.

The cost is just a penny a pound for junior members and a minimal fee for adults.

For more information, call 938-5120.

## Out and About with ACS

Join Army Community Service as it begins a 12-part series called Out and About.

Every month ACS will highlight a different topic about what there is to do in the Hudson Valley, New York City and the northeast U.S.

Classes are free and open to all. The first class is "NYC, With Kids!" Come find out how to navigate the city and visit the best child-friendly venues.

The class will be held at 1 p.m. today in the ACS training room.

For more information, call 938-3487.

## Fitness Center Co-Op

Training will be held for any spouses interested in utilizing the Fitness Center Co-Op at 10:15 a.m. Jan. 26.

For more information, call Kim Tague at 938-3921.

## EDGE! Fitness and Nutrition Classes

EDGE! is offering fitness and nutrition classes for children in grades three and up that are registered in the CYSS program.

Classes run 3:30-4:35 p.m. through Feb. 11. Registration will be held at the Youth Center, Bldg. 500.

Youth will be transported to/from the MWR Fitness Center for classes.

For more information, call 938-0829.

## Fittest Loser Competition at the FMWR Fitness Center

The 2nd annual Fittest Loser Competition will kickoff at the Health and Wellness Fair Saturday.

Sign-up at the FMWR Fitness Center for a time slot to weigh in.

For more information, call 938-7060.

## EDGE! Photography Classes for the ImageMakers National Photography Contest

EDGE! is offering photography classes for children from first grade and up who are registered in the CYSS program.

Classes run 3-4 p.m., Monday-March 8. Registration will be held at the Youth Center, Bldg. 500.

Youth will be transported on post for photographic subject matter. The exhibit will be at the end of March.

For more information, call 938-0829.

## West Point Craft Shop winter classes

Classes are now forming at the Craft Shop. Beginner sewing for adults and teens takes place 6 p.m. Tuesday and Jan. 28.

An advanced beading class for adults is Jan. 28. It is an all day class, so bring a packed lunch. Learn to make a stunning Swarovski Crystal Heart Pendant.

Pre-registration and pre-payment is required for all classes.

There is a 30-minute class for teens and adults entitled "Fun with Chocolate" at 6 p.m. Feb. 4 and any 30-minute period between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Feb. 5.

A 30-minute class for children entitled Fun with Chocolate—takes place any time between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. Jan. 30.

For more information, call 938-4812.

## WPC Appreciation Night

A free buffet for West Point Club members and immediate dependents will be held from 5-8 p.m. Jan. 29.

Enjoy music, dancing and an available cash bar.

For more information and pricing for non-members, call 938-5120.

## Broadway performance of Wicked

Tickets go on sale at 8 a.m. Wednesday (in person pick-up only) at LTS, Bldg. 628, for Wicked at the Gershwin Theater in New York City.

Phone orders start Feb. 1, if tickets are still available. Show dates are April 13, 27 and May 20 and 25.

A van leaves West Point at 4 p.m. and leaves NYC at 10 p.m. for a 7 p.m. curtain time.

May 20—Van leaves West Point at 5 p.m. and leaves NYC at 11 p.m. for an 8 p.m. curtain time.

For more information, call 938-3601.

## Les Mills Body Pump certification

Les Mills Body Pump certification class dates are Jan. 29-31 and will be held at the FMWR Fitness Center.

For more information, call 938-7060.

## Long Trail Micro Brewery Tasting

The good folks from Vermont's Long Trail Micro Brewery are coming from 5-9 p.m. Feb. 26 to the Pierce Dining Room at the West Point Club to hold a beer tasting with heavy hors d'oeuvres and a chance to win a Vermont ski pass.

Call 938-5120 to make your reservation.

## Army Family Team Building

Army Family Team Building is designed to educate and empower members of the military community to develop skills and encourage behaviors that strengthen self-reliance, promote retention and enhance readiness.

Are you an AFTB Master Trainer or would you like to become a Master Trainer?

For more information, call Army Community Service at 938-5654.

## Super Bowl Party

Watch the big game Feb. 7 at the West Point Club's Benny Haven Lounge and Gray Room.

Doors open at 11:30 a.m. for game kickoff at 6:28 p.m. The club is featuring wings and a special half-time buffet.

For more information, call 938-5120.

## Valentine's Day Dinner Dance

From 6-10 p.m. Feb. 13, the West Point Club is hosting a Valentine's Day Dinner Dance—featuring a choice of Chateaubriand for two, Stuffed Filet of Sole or Chicken ala Valentino.

Enjoy music and dancing with your special someone and indulge them with our complimentary rose and chocolate.

Cash bar and wine list are available.

Call 938-5120 to make your reservation.

## Polar Fest

The 2010 Polar Fest returns to the West Point Ski Area Feb. 20.

Bring the whole Family for a day of downhill races, kids crafts, a pig roast, live band and more.

For more information, call 938-6497.

## Strength training for golfers

The FMWR Fitness Center is starting an eight-week strength training program for golfers.

The program runs Monday-Thursday, Feb. 1 through March 25. The times are as follows: Tuesdays and Thursdays 11:45 a.m., Mondays and Wednesdays 5 p.m.

For more information and to register, call the Fitness Center at 938-6490.

## TSP TICKER

### JANUARY share prices (as of 01/15)

C Fund	—	—	0.13	(13.4749)
S Fund	—	—	0.21	(16.8272)
I Fund	—	—	0.16	(19.0757)

# What's Happening

## Army Education Center

John Jay College is accepting applications for Master of Public Administration Degrees now until March 15. Please call (845) 446-5959 or (860) 430-9468 for more information.

## West Point AOG Gift Shop

The West Point Association of Graduates Gift Shop will be closed through today for 100 percent inventory.

Internet orders will not be processed through today.

## Baggers needed

The West Point Commissary needs baggers. Duties include bagging groceries and carry out service.

Baggers work for tips only.

For more information, contact Christina at 938-3663.

## WPWC Gift Shoppe

The West Point Women's Club Gift Shoppe has moved to Bldg. 695 (the old ITR office) and is open from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday and Jan. 30.

## Growing as a Family Sunday mornings

Start off the year right. From 9-10 a.m. beginning Sunday, new Sunday School classes will take place.

Park on Thayer Roof, walk down to the third floor and pick up a bagel and cup of coffee.

Adult classes are led by Dwain Gregory (The Jesus Everyone Should Know, study of Mark 1-4), Dave Hampton/Greg Parnell (Ephesians), Ian/Laurie McCulloh (Parenting/Couples Growth), Mike Warren (Discipleship and Bible Study) and Mike Durham (Max Lucado, Traveling Light).

To pre-register your children (all grades preschool through high school), contact the Director of Religious Education (Protestant Chapels) at [eric.bryan@usma.edu](mailto:eric.bryan@usma.edu) or 938-3412/4369.

## Class of 1929 Gallery

The West Point Class of 1929 Gallery will present an artist's reception featuring the works of Barbara J. Zucker, from 2-4 p.m. Sunday.

The Class of 1929 Gallery is located on Eisenhower Hall's fifth floor. Please RSVP for the reception to 938-6772.

"Contemporary Landscapes" will run through March 7.

## ASMC Luncheon

The American Society of Military Comptrollers January luncheon is from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Jan. 28 at the West Point Club. Colonel Craig Flowers, Director of Cadet Activities, will be the guest speaker.

To RSVP or get more information, contact Carol Spisso at 938-8831 or [carol.spisso@usma.edu](mailto:carol.spisso@usma.edu) by Monday.

## West Point Women's Club

Grants and scholarship applications are available at [www.westpointwomensclub.com](http://www.westpointwomensclub.com). The applications are due Feb. 27.

For more information, e-mail [jgrande@hvc.rr.com](mailto:jgrande@hvc.rr.com).

## Tax center

The tax center, located in Bldg. 626, is opening from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. starting Feb. 1. Filers should start getting documents together now (W-2's, mortgage interest statements, childcare expenses, etc.).

Call 938-4145 if you have any questions.

## Post Chapel 801 Worship Service

The West Point Community is invited to attend a contemporary worship service at Post Chapel at 8:01 a.m. Sundays.

The service features a Cadet Praise Band, a time for prayer and reflection and relevant preaching for practical Christian living. Watch-care is provided for preschool children.

A fellowship—including coffee, juice, pastries and sausage biscuits—follows the service.

## DUSA community grants

The West Point Chapter of the Daughters of the United States Army announces the 2010 Community Grant season runs now through Feb. 15.

Applications are available at the DUSA Gift Shop located at the West Point Museum.

Organizations must complete and return the applications by Feb. 15 to be considered.

Complete details are on the application.

## West Point School Board February Meeting

The West Point community is invited to attend the monthly School Board meeting at 4 p.m. Feb. 3 at the West Point Middle School.

This month's meeting will address the proposed expansion and renovation of the current elementary and middle schools,

changes to the school's computer password policy, and other topics of interest.

Come, listen, and voice your opinion. We look forward to seeing you there.

For more information, call Dan Baha at 938-4256.

## G&E Lecture

Dr. Dwight Bowman, Professor of Parasitology, College of Veterinary Medicine, from Cornell University will present a lecture on "Case Studies in Parasite Outbreaks" to students enrolled in EV396, Environmental Biological Systems from 12:50-1:45 p.m. Feb. 5 in Washington Hall, sixth floor conference room 6004.

Members of the West Point community are invited to attend.

For more information, contact Maj. Travis Rayfield at 938-4265.

## MCCW marriage class

The Military Council of Catholic Women will host The Hot-Button Topics in Your Marriage from 7-9 p.m. Feb. 4.

Remember Pre-Can, your preparation for marriage? Two married panelist couples will review the "Plan of Life" that soon-to-be married couples discuss prior to saying "I do."

Compare notes with your husband beforehand or bring him along. Whether you've been married for one or 50 years, this evening is for you.

Cadets are welcome to attend.

For more information, contact Susan Lathrop 859-4987.

## Applications for 2010 Scholarship for Military Children

Scholarship applications for the 2010 Scholarships for Military Children Program are available in commissaries worldwide and online through a link at [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com) and directly at [www.militaryscholar.org](http://www.militaryscholar.org).

Since the program began in 2000, it has awarded \$7.3 million in \$1,500 scholarships to more than 5,000 children of servicemembers.

Only dependent, unmarried children, younger than age 21 (age 23 if enrolled as a full-time student at a college or university) of active duty personnel, Reserve, Guard and retired military members, survivors of servicemembers who died while on active duty, or survivors of individuals who died while receiving retired pay from the military may apply for a scholarship.

Eligibility is determined using the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System database.

Applicants should ensure that they, as well as their sponsor, are enrolled in the DEERS database and have a current ID card.

Applicants should prepare to submit an essay on the following topic: "You can travel back in time; however, you cannot change events. What point in history would you visit and why?"

Applications must be turned in to a commissary by close of business Feb. 17.

At least one scholarship will be awarded at every store location with qualified applicants.

## DUSA continuing ed grants

Daughters of the U.S. Army continuing education grant applications are available now at the DUSA Gift Shop.

The deadline for applications is Feb. 8.

For more information, call Patty Bastianelli at 446-6684.

## DUSA Gift Shop position opening

The Daughters of the U.S. Army Gift Shop has an opening for a weekend sales associate.

Applications are available at the shop, located at the West Point Museum.

For more information, contact Tanisha McInerney at 446-0566.

## DUSA is hiring

The Daughters of the U.S. Army local chapter is hiring a bookkeeper part-time for an hourly wage. Knowledge of Excel, retail and accounting is necessary and Peachtree knowledge is a plus.

Resumes will be accepted until Feb. 22.

Interviews will be conducted the last week in February, with a start date on or about March 1.

For more information, call Ginger Hopkins, President, at (845) 567-3643.

Send resume and cover letter to:

DUSA President

PO Box 76

West Point, NY 10996

## DUSA scholarships

Daughters of the U.S. Army High School Scholarship applications are available at the James I. O'Neill High School and Cornwall High School Guidance offices now.

The application deadline is March 22.

For more information, call Patty Bastianelli at 446-6684.

# Keller Corner

## Refractive surgery seminar

The KACH ophthalmology service is conducting a Refractive Surgery Seminar from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday in Robinson Auditorium for cadets (Firsties and Cows) and active duty Army personnel interested in obtaining laser vision correction.

Find out how laser surgery works, the pros and cons of surgery and how to get treated here.

For more information, call the ophthalmology clinic at 938-2207.

## Army Physician Assistants Training Program at West Point

Is being an Army physician assistant, nurse, physician, dentist, veterinarian, optometrist or clinical or counseling psychologist part of your goals? Would you like to find out how the Army can help you accomplish this? Are you a leader? Do you want to be able to guide your subordinates in these career options?

If so, then come to the 2010 AMEDD combined briefings from 9-11 a.m. or 1-3 p.m. Jan. 28 in Thayer Hall Room 348.

## Childbirth preparation

The next series of childbirth preparation classes will be Feb. 2, 9, 16 and 23 in the KACH second floor classroom.

Classes are now held monthly. Call OBU at 938-3210 to register.

## Free developmental screenings

Not all children develop the same way, some need extra help. If you have concerns with your child's communication skills, motor skills, self-help skills, learning, behavior, and/or social interactions, come to the free

## Developmental/Hearing Screenings.

The screenings will be conducted from 8:45 a.m.-2 p.m. Feb. 9 at the CDC in conjunction with Audiology, EDIS and West Point School for children ages birth to 5 years old.

It is by appointment only, so call to schedule at 938-2698/6868.

## KACH outpatient clinics closure

All outpatient clinics, laboratory, pharmacy and radiology will be closed Feb. 15 in observance of Presidents' Day.

The emergency room will remain open.

## Beneficiaries enrolled in TRICARE Prime are guaranteed Prime Access Standards:

- Emergency Care—if you need emergency care, go to the nearest emergency room;
- Acute/Urgent Primary Care—Seen within 24 hours (earaches, high fever, etc.);
- Routine Primary Care—Seen within seven days (colds, allergies, check-ups);
- Wellness Care—Seen within 28 days (Well Child, pap, mammo, etc.);
- Specialty Care—Seen within 28 days (ortho, podiatry, PT, etc.).

Beginning with the next available appointment, the appointment center clerk will offer you appointments within the standards.

However, you can choose to select an appointment outside the access standards to meet your scheduling needs.

Make appointments by calling the Keller KACH Appointment Center or 845-938-7992 or 800-552-2907 or book online at [www.tricareonline.com](http://www.tricareonline.com).

# Balfour Beatty Communities Foundation accepting scholarship applications

By Dianne Borges  
Balfour Beatty Communities

In 2009, Balfour Beatty Communities, responsible for the privatized Family housing at West Point, formed the Balfour Beatty Communities Foundation, a non-profit organization committed to honoring military personnel—active, disabled and fallen—and their Families.

One of the primary goals of the Foundation is to promote the pursuit of education and a commitment to community leadership through educational scholarships to the children of active duty military members who reside in Family housing.

The Foundation is again offering scholarships that reward high school and undergraduate students in need of financial assistance, recognizing their educational and leadership efforts.

Family housing residents with high school and undergraduate students are encouraged to apply for these scholarships—valued up to \$2,500—for the 2010-11 academic year.

The application, details and requirements are on the foundation Website at [www.bbcommunitiesfoundation.org](http://www.bbcommunitiesfoundation.org).

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The application deadline is April 15.

Balfour Beatty Communities Foundation was proud to award 17 academic scholarships to students residing in its communities across the country for the 2009-10 academic year.

According to Bruce Robinson, BBC president and CEO, "Balfour Beatty Communities is committed to providing a quality living environment that supports the diverse interests and needs of our military Families. Through Balfour Beatty Communities Foundation, we say thank you for the work that you do and the sacrifices military Families make."

## Solution to Weekly Sudoku

5	2	9	1	4	8	6	7	3
6	7	8	5	3	9	1	4	2
4	1	3	2	6	7	8	9	5
2	3	6	8	1	4	7	5	9
8	5	4	9	7	6	3	2	1
7	9	1	3	2	5	4	6	8
9	6	5	7	8	3	2	1	4
1	8	7	4	5	2	9	3	6
3	4	2	6	9	1	5	8	7

## Influenza hotline

For information about influenza and flu shots, both seasonal and H1N1, call 938-0888.

## BBC LifeWorks events

### Pillow Making for Our Deployed Military Members

From 1:30-3:30 p.m. Friday, we'll help your child create a pillow for Family members or friends who are deployed. If you want to send a card with pictures with your pillow, please bring them in for us to send. Balfour Beatty Communities will pay for the postage and send it along.

### Inspire Your Heart with Art Day

To celebrate this day we are creating sand art. This isn't sand you'll find at the beach, so join us for a fun, creative craft project. Stop by 132 Bartlett Loop from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Jan. 28.

Call Jodi Gellman by today to RSVP at 446-6407 or email [jgellman@bbcgrp.com](mailto:jgellman@bbcgrp.com).

All events are free and open to current West Point residents.

## NOW SHOWING

in the movie theater at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752

Friday—The Twilight Saga: New Moon, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday—Old Dogs, PG, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday—Ninja Assassin, R, 9:30 p.m.

THE THEATER SCHEDULE ALSO CAN BE FOUND AT [WWW.AAFES.COM](http://WWW.AAFES.COM).



Viva! Las Vegas, the West Point Women's Club annual fundraiser, is from 6-11 p.m. Feb. 26 at the Thayer Hotel. The general public and all cadets are welcome. Games will include bingo, blackjack, roulette, craps and horseracing. Also, there is a poker tournament (separate buy-in), a silent auction and a fabulous floor show. Visit [www.westpointwomensclub.com](http://www.westpointwomensclub.com) or e-mail [wpwc.viva@gmail.com](mailto:wpwc.viva@gmail.com) for more information.

## Command Channel 8/23

Jan. 21-28

Army Newswatch (broadcast times) Thursday, Friday and Monday through Jan. 28

8:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

# Kyler sets Army wrestling wins record

By Tim Volkmann  
Athletic Communications

Firstie captain Matt Kyler established a new Army wrestling team record for career victories and was among four wrestlers to win individual championships at the Shorty Hitchcock Memorial Classic Sunday at Pucillo Gymnasium in Lancaster, Pa.

Kyler posted a 5-0 mark on the way to winning the 149-pound championship and now boasts a career mark of 137-29. Phillip Simpson posted a career record of 134-19 before his graduation in 2005.

Firstie Lance Penhale (125), Yearling Travis Coffey (133), Kyler and Firstie Richard Starks (197) all won individual championships as Army had at least one wrestler place in all 10 weight classes in the open, non-scoring event.

Kyler won 31 matches as a freshman, 43 as a sophomore and 40 as a junior and is now 23-2 this season. A 9-2 decision in the quarterfinals vaulted him past Simpson.

After losing a dual meet to American because of a schedule conflict, Army decided to wrestle in the Hitchcock Memorial Classic and came away with four champions, three runners-up, a third and three fourth-place finishers.

Kyler, ranked #8 in the latest Intermat poll, collected a fall and major decision on his way to the title at 149 pounds.

Penhale went 4-0 to win the 125-pound championship. A technical fall and pin moved him to the semifinals where a default and decision garnered him the title.

Coffey opened his tournament with a pin and then recorded four straight decisions to follow Penhale to the top of the podium.

Starks, who moved to #14 in Intermat's national rankings, battled to the championship at 197 pounds with four decisions.

Plebe Ryan Renkey went 4-1 at 125 pounds and his only loss was to Penhale in the finals. Renkey won three straight decisions and advanced to the finals with a fall before dropping a 9-4 decision to Penhale.

Plebe Patrick Marchetti collected a technical fall and major decision while finishing second at 165 pounds, while Yearling Michael Gorman won three straight decisions to place second at 174 pounds.

Plebe Collin Wittmeyer collected two decisions and a default in finishing second at 184 pounds.

Cow Casey Thome opened the event with two pins en route to finishing third at 141 pounds, securing a decision after dropping into the consolation bracket.

Yearling Jimmy Rafferty won four matches, one by fall, to finish fourth at 149 pounds, while Plebe Alan Lutterman rebounded from an opening match loss to place fourth at 285 pounds.

Cow Rudy Cheledni won four matches, including one via technical fall to place fourth at 157 pounds.

Army will continue its tournament competition this weekend in Ithaca at the two-day New York State Championships.



Firstie Matt Kyler established a new Army wrestling record for career victories (137) with his 5-0 mark at the Shorty Hitchcock Memorial Classic Sunday at Lancaster, Pa. With a career mark of 137-29, Kyler passed Phillip Simpson's 134 career wins established from 2001-05. Kyler is now ranked #8 in the nation at 149 pounds and has a 23-2 record in 2009-10.

COURTESY PHOTO

# Hojan-Clark, Hoey place on pommel at WP Open

By Mady Salvani  
Athletic Communications

Plebe Garrek Hojan-Clark and Yearling Jonathan Hoey medaled on the pommel horse to highlight Army's performance during the individual finals of the 19th annual West Point Gymnastics Open Jan. 16 at Christl Arena.

Hojan-Clark placed fourth on the pommel horse with a 13.35 showing and Hoey's 13.1 ranked sixth as both duplicated Friday's preliminary round finishes. Winner Felix Arnovich's 14.8 showing led a Penn State sweep of the top three places with teammates Mackenzie Dow (14.1) and Tony Beck (13.5) rounding out that group.

"I hit my sets both days," Hojan-Clark, following his first collegiate appearance at the West Point Open, said. "The first day was pretty good overall and I messed up the flop a little, but tonight I messed it up more. I felt my overall performance was good and it is the first time I have done well in a collegiate meet."

Penn State, capturing its 13th West Point Open title Jan. 15, claimed five of the six individual event winners with Navy's Dylan Parrott taking top honors on high bar for the second straight night.

Parrott bested the field during preliminary round and was crowned the individual champion following his 14.7 performance.

The Nittany Lions, ranked No. 6 in the preseason GymInfo poll, swept the top three places in two

of the individual events and went one-two in two others.

In addition to Arnovich's sweep on pommel horse, Noam Shaham ignited another on vault (15.8) while Nick Grant on floor exercise (15.2) and Miguel Pineda on still rings (14.5) led a one-two finish in their respective events. Matt Albrecht rounded out the Penn State medalists with his 14.25 routine on parallel bars.

Army finished fourth during the team performance Jan. 15. The Black Knights turned in a season-high 321.85 points, which was 7.5 points higher than their score in last week's debut against Penn State.

While the Nittany Lions took the top spot, Temple claimed runner-up honors for the second straight year, posting a 338.7, while Springfield College captured the bronze with a 329.0 following its highest finish at this annual event. Army edged Navy (320.5) by 1.35 points for fourth place followed by Brockport (263.8) and MIT (243.35).

The Black Knights turned in season highs on the pommel horse (54.8), the second highest score posted among the seven-team field, along with still rings (51.55) and high bar (51.0). Army's pommel horse score bettered last year's season best of 53.25.

"Overall, the goal coming into tonight's meet was to beat Navy and score at least a score of 320," Army head coach Doug Van Everen said. "We did that, but what was exciting is that we found out we could do a lot better. We gave up 10 points on



Plebe Garrek Hojan-Clark finished in fourth place on the pommel horse with a 13.35 score at the individual finals of the 19th annual West Point Gymnastics Open. PHOTOS BY ERIC S. BARTELT/PV

vault, parallel bars and still rings, and a 330 score or thereabouts will help us turn in a strong showing at our conference (ECAC/EIGL) meet later in the year."

The Black Knights are idle this week and return to action Jan. 31 when they head to New England to visit Springfield College for a triangular with The Pride and Navy.



Yearling Jonathan Hoey placed sixth in the individual finals on the pommel horse Jan. 16 at the West Point Gymnastics Open.



Yearling Chase Brown performed on the parallel bars and helped Army to its fourth place finish within a seven-team field at the West Point Gymnastics Open Jan. 15.

# Handball finishes fifth at 33rd annual WP Invite

Story and photos by  
Tommy Gilligan  
Assistant Editor

When you think about sports that excite the American public, there are some very distinct themes that cross them unilaterally—intensity, action, emotion and high scoring. These sports fill stadiums, change the economy depending of the record of the team, have Families change their plans according to their favorites teams schedule and have the most die-hard fans get their favorite team's logos tattooed to show their support of the club.

Throughout the fifty states there are four major sports that make most of the headlines through every media outlet. People check the newspapers and PDA's on their morning commute just to know what happen the night before with their teams. Yet our friends across the pond have the same intensity for different sports.

Where soccer is the most coveted sport worldwide, men's team handball has all the

ingredients to capture the American public attention with the same ferocity. Team Handball is the second most-watched sport in European countries.

Much like many sports here on the hallowed grounds where General Washington once roamed, team handball is not a sanctioned NCAA sport, but it is a Cadet Competitive Club team sport where the athletes take the same amount of pride in their team as the corps squad athletes do.

With athletes that once played on the baseball, basketball and football teams, as other cadets played on competitive teams growing up, the intensity is never lacking from these young men.

Team handball is a sport that may never have been played by any of the athletes on the team prior to joining the club, however, the theory and philosophies of the game have transcended through all these athletes previous experiences.

Coming off last season's national championship and 23rd overall title, the team



Firstie TJ Giordano, left, shoots the ball during the first half of a match versus Alberta. Giordano finished the tournament with team-high 34 goals.

is lead by eight Firsties setting their goals to remain on top of the national rankings and add another championship to their resume. Something that may be overlooked about this young team is the experience level. Not one of the cadets has more than four years of experience playing team handball.

On the other side of the court, many of their competitors have been playing this European-kept secret for nearly a decade or more.

This past weekend the Black Knights hosted the 33rd annual West Point Team Handball Open in Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center. Lead by co-captains Firsties Pat Saxby and Jason Borchik, the cadets set out against a field of 12 teams that traveled from all over North America to compete in this heated two-day tournament.

With scores reaching in the high 20's, there

was never a dull moment in the action.

Over the two days, the cadets that live by the slogan Teamwork-Honor-Brotherhood went 3-2 against fierce competitors.

They knocked off their top collegiate rival, the University of North Carolina Tarheels, in the tournament final to come in fifth place.

They were led by the scoring attack of Firsties T.J. Giordano (34 goals) and Rickey Royal (20 goals) in their three victories.

The Black Knights look to regain their dominance in early February in Chapel Hill North Carolina in at the Blue Cup tournament.



Cow Rickey Royal shoots the ball in midair during the 33rd annual West Point Invitational Team Handball Tournament Jan. 16. Royal finished with 20 goals over the two-day event.

## Intramural Basketball

As of Friday's results

NORTH DIVISION		EAST DIVISION	
TEAMS	W - L	TEAMS	W - L
1. SYSTEMS	9 - 2	1. BAND	10 - 4
2. MATH I	8 - 4	2. GARRISON	6 - 7
3. DMI	8 - 4	3. DPE	5 - 8
4. ODIA	4 - 8	4. MP's (out of league)	8 - 8
SOUTH DIVISION		WEST DIVISION	
TEAMS	W - L	TEAMS	W - L
1. HISTORY	5 - 6	1. DPE II	9 - 4
2. BS&L	4 - 8	2. MATH II	6 - 5
3. BTD	5 - 9	3. ENGLISH	4 - 8
4. D/LAW	5 - 9	4. GENE/DFL	5 - 9

## CLUB RESULTS

• **USMA Orienteering Club:** The USMA Orienteering Club traveled to Hard Labor Creek State Park near Rutledge, Ga., Jan. 15 to compete in the 2010 Georgia Navigator Cup.

Cadets competed in two days of long orienteering courses, dealing with substantial rains, cold temperatures and muddy woods. Overall, the team did very well, with a few cadets displaying excellent performances.

Yearling Keith Andersen placed second in the Men's 20-year-old category and Yearling Hannah Burgess placed second in the Female's 21-35-year-old category.

In the Men's 21-35 year old category, Cow Jordan Laughlin and Firstie Nick Lewis-Walls took second and third place, respectively. Plebes Matt Letarte and Nolan Miles also had great runs for their first orienteering experience in Georgia.

This was the Orienteering Club's last major meet until the Intercollegiate Championships at the end of February.

Yearling John Klaben competed at the Georgia Navigator Cup. COURTESY PHOTO



## Sports calendar

Jan. 21-30

### Corps

FRIDAY-SUNDAY—MEN'S TENNIS, ARMY OPEN, ALL DAY (EACH DAY), LICHTENBERG TENNIS CENTER.

FRIDAY—HOCKEY VS. CONNECTICUT, 7:05 P.M., TATE RINK.

SATURDAY—MEN'S BASKETBALL AT NAVY, ANNAPOLIS, MD., NOON (TELEVISION: CBS COLLEGE SPORTS.)

SATURDAY—WOMEN'S BASKETBALL AT NAVY, ANNAPOLIS, MD., 3 P.M.

SATURDAY—HOCKEY VS. CONNECTICUT, 7:05 P.M., TATE RINK.

WEDNESDAY—WOMEN'S BASKETBALL VS. LAFAYETTE, 7 P.M., CHRISTL ARENA.

JAN. 29—MEN'S TENNIS VS. FAIRFIELD, 5 P.M., 5 P.M.

JAN. 29—HOCKEY VS. AIR FORCE, 7:05 P.M., TATE RINK.

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# Swimming and diving split dual meet with Lehigh

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The Army swimming and diving team split a Patriot League dual meet with visiting Lehigh Jan. 15 at Crandall Pool. The Black Knights' men's team cruised to a 176-123 victory, while the Mountain Hawk women were victorious, 167-133.

Plebe Alyssa Tran and Yearling Paige Brink were each quadruple winners for the Army women (3-6), while four double-winners and winning performances in 12 of the night's 16 events spelled victory for the men (6-2).

"Tonight was a good start to the championship part of our season," Army head coach Mickey Wender said. "It is always a little challenging to come back after spending an extended amount of time just focused on training. Our younger performers are learning every time they compete and comprehend more what it will take to be successful down the road, especially come championship time."

Tran took top honors in the 50-meter freestyle (24.04), the 100-meter free (54.10) and the 100-meter fly (58.29), while Brink touched the wall first in the 200-meter butterfly by almost three seconds (2:07.94) and the 200-meter individual medley (2:13.81).

Brink was a member of both winning relays, teaming with Tran and Plebes Juliana Lynch and Becky Malone to start the night with a win in the 400-meter medley relay (3:59.00), and then joined Malone, Lynch and Plebe Danielle Myers to close the meet with a win in the 200-meter free relay (1:40.22).

"Alyssa is very talented. I was proud of the way she came back to win the 100-meter free and showed us a gear that we hadn't seen before," Wender said. "She caught the Lehigh swimmer out of the corner of her eye and came back like gangbusters to win the event. Paige was perhaps the most impressive. It is nice to have her back in the lineup after returning from a shoulder injury that limited her in the fall.

"Her win in the 200-meter fly showed a lot of toughness, and the way she held everyone off in the 200-meter IM was a great swim for her," Wender continued. "To anchor both winning relays punctuated a great come-back meet for Paige."

Lynch's night included a runner-up effort in the 200-meter backstroke (2:12.43) as well as a third-place showing in the 100-meter back (1:02.70), while Malone added a third-place finish in the 100-meter breast (1:09.33).

Firstie Lindsey Adao swept the diving events, compiling winning scores of 244.57 on one-meter and 227.85 on three-meter.



**Plebe Alyssa Tran was a quadruple winner Jan. 15 versus Lehigh. She won in the 50-meter freestyle, 100-meter free, 100-meter fly and the 400-meter medley relay.**

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Other highlights included a second-place swim by Cow Corri Payne in the 500-meter free (5:16.81) to go along with a third-place effort in the 200-meter free (1:59.45), while Firstie Amy Tang finished second in the 200-meter fly (58.82) and Plebe Christine Esachina was third in the 200-meter breast (2:32.17).

On the men's side, Lehigh started the night off by winning the 400-meter medley relay, but the Black Knights responded by winning 12 of the next 13 events to put the meet away.

Yearling Cody Reeb got Army back on track by taking first in the 1,000-meter free with a 9:49.03 clocking and later won the 500-meter free in 4:45.60. Plebe Bill McCarty followed with a winning effort in the 200-meter free (1:43.62) before also notching a first-place swim in the 100-meter free (47.54) later in the evening.

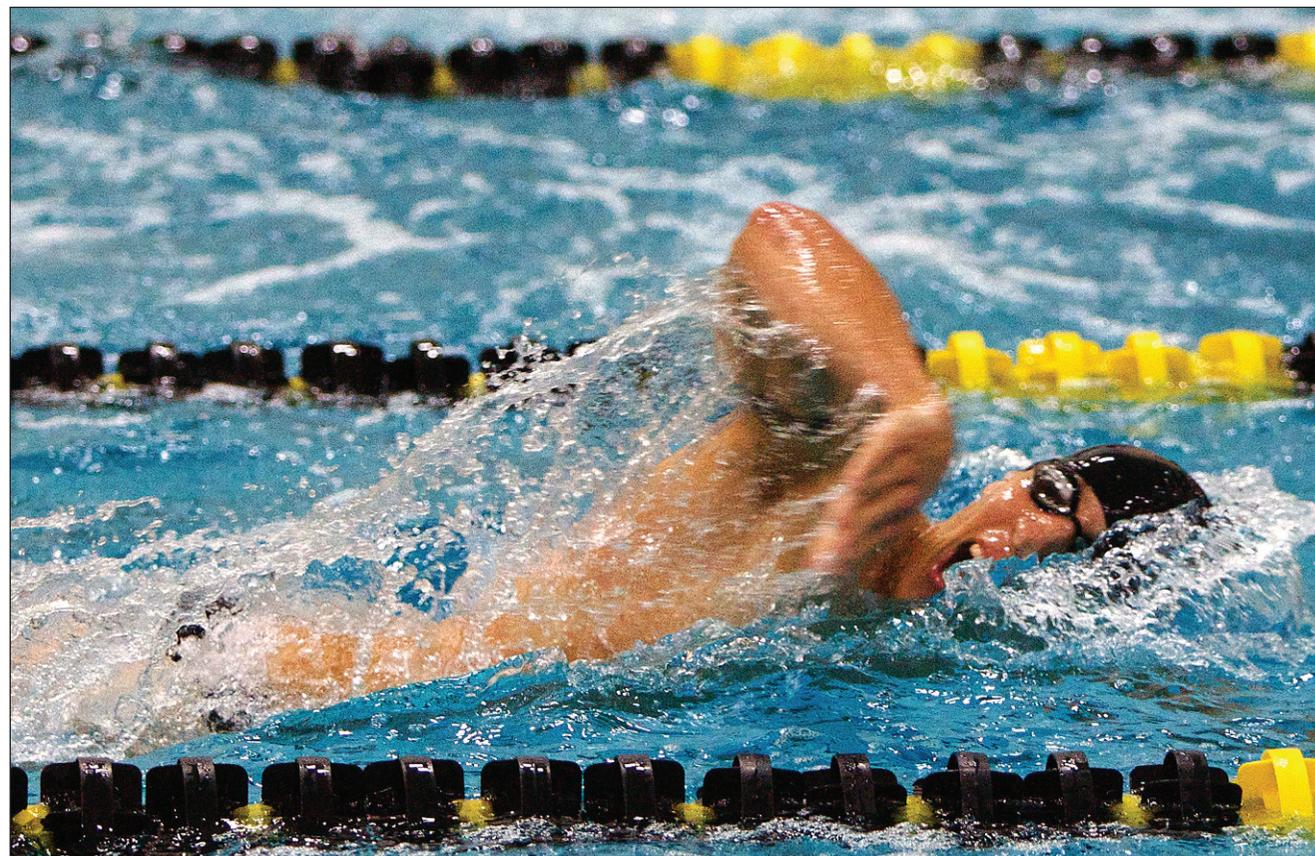
"Cody has been consistently good for us and is one of the stronger distance swimmers in the conference," Wender said.

"We really think he is coming around nicely and the best is yet to come for him for sure down the stretch."

Two events later, Firstie James McLaughlin touched the wall first in the 100-meter breast (58.16) before later cruising to a win in the 200-meter breast (2:07.39). Yearling Brody Blicke followed suit with a victory in the 200-meter fly (1:55.16) and also swam the evening's top time in the 100-meter fly (59.87) to lead a 1-2-3 Army sweep in the event.

Cow Brendan Murphy (21.46) and Plebe Brandon Faust (21.70) went 1-2 in the 50-meter free, before Plebe Chris Nguyen led a 1-2-3 Black Knight sweep in the three-meter diving event with a score of 248.17 to give the Black Knights a commanding lead.

Yearling Chuck Zhou added a winning performance in the 200-meter back (1:55.00), while Plebe Chad Drake was the top performer (245.25) in a 1-2-3 Army sweep in the one-meter diving competition.



**Plebe Bill McCarty won the 200-meter free (1:43.62) in his first race Jan. 15 versus Lehigh. Later that night, he won the 100-meter free (47.54), which helped Army cruise to a 176-123 victory of the Mountain Hawks.**