



Salute for the Ages

Retired Gen. Ralph E. Haines, Jr., 96, accompanied by Cadet First Captain Tyler Gordy salute the "Father of the Academy" Sylvanus Thayer at the foot of Thayer Statue during the annual alumni wreath-laying ceremony Tuesday on the Plain. See pages 8-9 for the alumni activity story and photos.

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New Supe nominated *Huntoon chosen to be next academy leader*

WASHINGTON—Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates announced Tuesday that President Barack Obama has nominated Lt. Gen. David H. Huntoon, Jr. for reappointment to the rank of lieutenant general and assignment as the 58th Superintendent of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

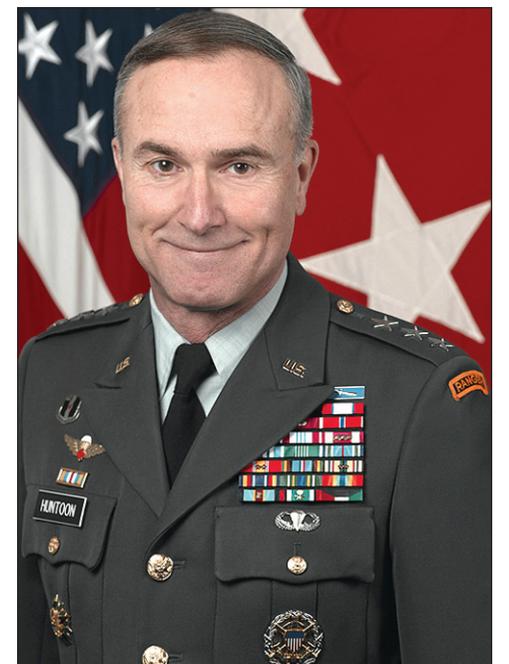
A 1973 West Point graduate, Huntoon was commissioned in the infantry and, after attending Infantry Officer Basic, served with the 3rd Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) at Fort Myer, Va. He later became commander of the regiment.

He served with the 9th Division at Fort Lewis, Wash., the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) in Germany and attended Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and later became Deputy Commandant there.

During Operations Just Cause and Desert Storm, he served with the XVIII Airborne Corps in Fort Bragg, N.C.

He was the Commandant of the United States Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Pa., and is currently serving as Director of the Army Staff, United States Army, Washington, D.C.

Huntoon earned a master's degree in international relations from Georgetown University.



Lt. Gen. David H. Huntoon, Jr. was nominated Tuesday to be the 58th Superintendent of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. Huntoon is a 1973 West Point graduate and was commissioned into the infantry.

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Summer construction activities and closures

By Martha Hinote
Directorate of Public Works

There are 15 major construction projects scheduled to begin immediately following graduation and continuing through the summer. Three projects will have an immediate impact on the community and will result in a major road closure and parking restrictions.

Because of renovations to the Mahan Hall parking deck, masonry repairs and renovations to the Thayer Hall pedestrian bridge and part of the steam system repairs, Cullum Road near the Mahan Hall tunnel will be closed.

The closure will be at the same time as the renovations are going on to minimize the impact to the community.

The Mahan Tunnel closure will result in rerouting traffic and the closure of the Mahan Tunnel parking deck will eliminate approximately 30 spaces, including the relocation of the handicapped designated spaces.

During the closure, central area north

bound traffic will be routed from Buffalo Soldier Field, to Williams Road to South Dock. Drivers should continue on Williams Road past the Power Plant/Thayer Hall and Bldg. 600 (Taylor Hall). Williams Road will be one-way north from South Dock. Drive up the Cullum Road Ramp from Bldg. 600 and intersect with Cullum Road near Library corner.

Northbound post shuttle buses will follow the detour as listed and will pick up and discharge passengers behind Bldg. 600. Southbound Washington Road-Cullum Road central area traffic will end at Thayer Roof-Library corner. Southbound traffic will use Doubleday Field-Clinton Field to change directions.

The southbound post shuttle bus, southbound CPA Express and Shortline Bus will discharge and pick up passengers behind the reviewing stands on Thayer Extension.

Through traffic, both north- and southbound will detour via Stony Lonesome Road to Mills Road to BSF.

The closure is scheduled to begin Monday

and continue through June 27.

Community members in central area should expect traffic delays during the early portion of a very busy construction season.

There will be through traffic impact at Brewerton Road near the Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center while steam vaults are rebuilt and piping replaced around June 30.

Community members are encouraged to pay attention to public information media for the latest construction information updates.

Two general CPA parking spaces along Williams Road near the Central Power Plant will be closed Monday through May 27.

No parking is allowed in the Central Power Plant parking lot from Monday through May 27, June 1-2 and June 9 to allow a crane to be safely removed and to replace the water tank.

There will be a Central Power Plant shutdown while the work is being done.

For more information or questions, call Martha Hinote, DPW customer relations, at 938-4407.

Supporting Soldiers, civilians and their Families with Information Technology

Commentary from Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch
Installation Management Commander



Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch

The Installation Management community is committed to leveraging the power of technology to expand our communication capabilities and enhance our ability to serve and support Soldiers, civilians and Families.

In today's world, information technology is at the core of all we do at work, at home and at play.

Smaller, more powerful and less expensive IT products hit the market every day. Becoming savvy with state-of-the-art technology helps us work smarter, learn more efficiently and play harder.

Over the past six months, I have visited many garrisons, listening to many members of the Army Family to better understand how they prefer to receive information and communicate. Because more than 75 percent communicate and retrieve information through the Internet and other electronic means, I now communicate through my Facebook page and the IMCOM Twitter, Flickr and YouTube sites.

This implements the Deputy Secretary of Defense's Feb. 25 memorandum that requires DOD unclassified networks be configured for Internet-based capabilities like YouTube, Facebook, MySpace, Twitter and Google Apps.

Because IT is so critical to how we do business and communicate, I have made IT one of the focus areas of the Services and Infrastructure Core Enterprise in my role as co-lead of the SICE board. SICE is a collaborative and cross-functional team of more than 15 commands, organizations and staff offices formed to develop solutions to Army-wide challenges.

Presently, the SICE team is developing plans to modernize

and standardize IT services on Army installations.

The results will enhance delivery of IT in the deployment process, training and programs such as Comprehensive Soldier Fitness. Also, look for improved IT to lead to improvements on how we deliver on our promises of the Army Family Covenant and Army Community Covenant.

The most important components of IT—telecommunications, information assurance and data processing—tie into every aspect of installation management.

We use telecommunications to connect Soldiers to their Families by video teleconference when they deploy. Tech-smart Soldiers and Family members use it when they 'tweet' to friends and Family through their Twitter accounts.

Information assurance measures and practices reduce risk and ensure our communications and information remain secure from malicious attacks.

IA enables Soldiers and civilians to communicate with government-issued Blackberries, knowing conversations are secure from unauthorized individuals.

Most of us use data processing to manage our bits and bytes of information each day when we work on desktop computers, laptops, scanners and copiers. And, cell phones may be the most powerful device of all, since they incorporate all three of these IT components.

Every day, the universe of IT products expands. Mobile handheld devices like the current generation of smartphones open up possibilities only dreamed of a few years ago. The convergence of cell phones, digital cameras, music players, GPS, video games, camcorders, electronic book readers and mobile Web browsers rapidly change how we communicate and interact.

As the IMCOM commander, I am dedicated to embracing these new, exciting technologies and adapting them to continue to be ahead of the curve in supporting Soldier, civilian and Family well-being and mission readiness.

Each generation of Soldiers brings a valuable, new perspective to the Army. It is up to us to stay in step with communication capabilities that are in-sync with a quality of life commensurate with service.

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Enroll in the Exceptional Family Member Program

Commentary by Josephine Toohey
Exceptional Family Member Program coordinator

Enrollment in the Exceptional Family Member Program is mandatory, per Army Regulation 608-75, for all Soldiers who have a Family member seeing a specialist for any medical, counseling concern and/or child who is receiving additional services at school such as an Individual Educational Plan or Individual Family Service Plan.

The regulation also provides information about updating EFM status by Soldiers who are responsible for maintaining accurate records if there are any significant changes in service for the EFM or at a minimum of every three years.

Currently, the Department of the Army has more than 20,000 Soldiers who have outdated EFM enrollments. Of those, 103 EFM Families are from the West Point community.

On April 20, I sent an e-mail requesting this information be updated as soon as feasible.

To date we have only 15 corrected and are working on five others. If you have an EFM, I strongly urge you to begin the process of correcting your records today.

The Army is holding Request for Orders and enlisted assignments of Soldiers whose documents are not updated.

The DD2792 or DD 2792-1 would help you get started and I am available to assist at any time. Feel free to contact me via e-mail at josephine.toohey@us.army.mil.

If you are considered permanent status here at West Point and feel this will not affect you, consider the overall readiness of every Soldier.

As a reminder, everyone must adhere to the regulations that we use every day. This will ensure that our community, as part of the Total Army Family, is effective and ready to perform its mission on a moment's notice.

GRAD DAY POSTMARK

Starting Saturday, the Postal Service is offering a special pictorial U.S. Military Academy Graduation Day Station Postmark at the West Point Post Office, 634 Swift Road.

Pictorial postmarks are available only for the dates indicated, and requests must be postmarked no later than 30 days following the requested pictorial postmark date.

Customers wishing to obtain a postmark should affix stamps to any envelope or postcard of their choice, address the envelope or postcard to themselves or others, insert a card of postcard thickness in envelopes for sturdiness and tuck in the flap.

Place the envelope or postcard in a larger envelope before June 21 and address it to:

PICTORIAL POSTMARK
USMA Graduation Day Station Postmark
Postmaster
West Point, NY 10996.

Customers can also send stamped envelopes and postcards without addresses for postmark, as long as they supply a larger envelope with adequate postage and their return address.

After applying the pictorial postmark, the Postal Service returns the items (with or without addresses) under addressed protective cover.

Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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3	1	2	5	7	9	8	6	4
4	9	5	2	8	6	1	3	7
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“There’s always one more thing you can do to increase your odds of success...” – Retired Lt. Gen. Harold “Hal” Moore

Plaque dedication unveils new warrior athlete award

Story and photo by Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor/Copy

Long before the Warrior Ethos was added to the Army lexicon, a Soldier by the name of Hal Moore epitomized those attributes and ingrained them into the troops he led in battle. His actions are well-documented in print and film when he commanded a battalion against overwhelming forces in the first major battle of the Vietnam War. Now his legacy will reverberate among the warrior-athletes at West Point.

Retired Lt. Gen. Harold “Hal” Moore returned to his alma mater May 10 for the Warrior Athlete of Excellence Award dedication ceremony. The award, which bears his name, will be presented annually to a male and female cadet from the graduating class who exemplify the leadership qualities of Moore and the tenets of the Warrior Ethos on the athletic playing fields and in the Department of Physical Education combatives program.

“The mental toughness, the perseverance and the teamwork learned through sports transfers directly to building that warrior ethos that served him and his men so well in Vietnam, and that same ethos serves our graduates today in Iraq and Afghanistan,” Lt. Gen. Buster Hagenbeck, West Point superintendent, said.

Accompanying the decorated Korean and Vietnam War veteran was close friend and manager for the St. Louis Cardinals Tony LaRussa, as well as retired Command Sgt. Maj. Basil Plumley, Moore’s senior noncommissioned officer at the Battle of Ia Drang.

Moore delighted attendees with stories about his time at West Point and his close relationship with Plumley. Moore recalled the years it took, knocking door-to-door at senate offices, to get an appointment to West Point. After securing an Annapolis slot, he bargained with one congressman to swap that appointment for one to West Point.

“And I learned a valuable lesson from that,” Moore said. “In any situation, in any problem, there’s always a solution. There’s always one more thing you can do to influence the situation in your favor.”

Moore said he struggled for that cherished diploma. Most nights, after Taps was played, Moore would camp out in the commode, studying mathematics for hours after “lights out.”

“And I’m proud to say that I graduated at the top of . . . the bottom 15 percent of my class,” Moore said, as laughter broke out among the audience. “But I did get what I wanted. I got my diploma at West Point.”

When asked what one lesson he would pass onto cadets who will become future combat leaders, Moore referred to his comrade-in-arms and top NCO.

“The first thing that any officer should do when he reports into his unit . . . if he’s a second lieutenant, the first thing to do is go to his platoon sergeant, and say ‘Sergeant, I want you to teach me how to be a good platoon leader.’ If he’s the company commander, go to the first sergeant, ‘First sergeant, I want your advice on how to be a good company commander,’” Moore said.

The wall plaque was unveiled at Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center, and is several feet away from the Coach K Teaching Character Through Sport Award commemorative plaques, another honor presented annually to West Point athletes. The Lt. Gen. Harold “Hal” G. Moore Warrior Athlete of Excellence Award will be presented for the first time in 2011. Recipients will be selected by a Department of Physical Education panel who will assess the nominees’ warrior ethos and demonstrated character attributes on the athletic fields and in the DPE combatives program. Character attributes include mental toughness, coachability, perseverance, athletic skill and Warrior Ethos.



Pictured are retired Command Sgt. Maj. Basil Plumley and retired Lt. Gen. Harold “Hal” G. Moore at the unveiling of the new Warrior Athlete of Excellence Award plaque at Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center May 10. Beginning in 2011, the Lt. Gen. Harold “Hal” Moore award will be presented to a male and female cadet who best exemplifies the leadership qualities of Moore and the tenets of the Warrior Ethos on the athletic playing fields and in the Department of Physical Education combatives program.

Inside Scoop

Lt. Gen. Hal Moore (Class of 1945) was assigned to Company C-1 at West Point and was a member of the Catholic Chapel Choir, among other activities.

“I played baseball at West Point on the C Squad as a plebe,” Moore said. “I wasn’t worth a damn; I couldn’t hit a curveball, so I didn’t play very long.”

In 1954, he returned to West Point as an infantry instructor and became a role model for many cadets, including Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf (Class of 1956). In the introduction to the book “We are Soldiers Still,” Schwarzkopf said Moore had convinced him to branch infantry, though the elder Schwarzkopf, a major general, urged him to choose ordnance because he would “never make general as a mud-foot infantryman.”

Class treasurer prepares to soar new heights after graduation

By Sgt. Vincent Fusco
Dir. of Public Affairs & Communications

Upon his commission Saturday, Firstie Walter Arévalo from Houston will embark on a new and exciting journey as an aviation lieutenant. To reach those soaring heights, however, took a great deal of work and perseverance through years of not just his life, but his parents' as well.

When Arévalo was born in Mississippi, his parents were college students who left their small village in Honduras to pursue degrees. When they chose to start their new family, against the wishes of their elders, they lost their support for college and were left to fend for themselves.

As the years passed, the family changed and grew. Walter, 23, now has four siblings—Tasha, 20; Wesley, 15; Loui, 13; and Isabella, 8. They endured many financial, as well as academic, struggles. Arévalo grew up speaking both Spanish and English at a bilingual school, but when the family moved and he started the third grade in an English only school, he struggled to separate the languages while learning how to write and spell in each.

But when he conquered those challenges, it paid off for him as he is now equally fluent in English and Spanish. He is also an accomplished violinist of 13 years, and earned many scholarships through dedication to his studies.

When the time came to choose a college, Arévalo feared that even with his scholarships there would be no money left to send his younger sister Tasha to college after his parents finished paying for his education. When he learned about the academy in high school, he found many things about the curriculum he liked, such as the record of academic excellence, importance of honor and the physical challenges.

"I always enjoyed challenging my classmates, my siblings, my neighbors in any kind of physical activity, because I enjoyed winning," Arévalo said.

Arévalo decided to apply to the academy, and after doing so prayed with his family upon the heavy commitments of four years at the academy, plus five or more years in the active duty Army.

Arévalo has no regrets in deciding to join the Long Gray Line, but while away he came to appreciate sharing moments with his family such as talking at the dinner table or watching a movie together.

"I do wish my family was closer, (but) the best things in life don't come easily," Arévalo said.

To show his gratitude toward his parents for their encouragement throughout his life, Arévalo paid for them to visit on Ring Weekend and bought them West Point rings.

"I'm just very appreciative of the support I've gotten through all my years at the academy," Arévalo said. "All my success through the academy and through life I dedicate to my parents. If it weren't for them, I have no idea where I'd be."

He also gave back to his native country by visiting Honduras three times to support various humanitarian missions—one Academic Individual Advanced Development trip with Water for People to help analyze the efficiency of water systems channeling water from natural springs to remote villages, another AIAD to help build elementary schools in remote small villages and a trip with the Office of Christian Fellowship to build a clinic for two orphanages, a foster home and a Christian church.

"It's really rewarding," Arévalo said. "It's truly a blessing to be able to help, maybe not my family directly, but the country and other people in the same condition."

As class treasurer, Arévalo sought out career starter loans for his classmates to cover new officer expenses such as uniforms, car payments, rent and insurance.

He worked with 12 different banks before USAA agreed to give loans of \$30,000 per cadet at only 1.49 percent interest.

The dedicated study ethic Arévalo learned from his parents has also helped his younger



From left to right, Walter Arevalo (father), Wilma Arevalo (mother), Firstie Walter Arevalo and Juan Jose Arevalo (uncle).

COURTESY PHOTO

sister Tasha achieve her own success.

She is an honor society member and club leader at a community college in Houston, and will soon transfer to Texas A&M on a scholarship.

"She too has really taken to heart the value of sticking to education, and having that investment help you out in return," Arévalo said.

Though his degree, commission and knowledge base are all valuable tools he

worked hard to earn, Arevalo does not consider them a measure of success.

"I grew up knowing education was the key to success, but what was success necessarily?" Arévalo said. "Honestly, the one thing that ... I consider success is family: starting my family and keeping my parents within my family."

After his commission, Arévalo plans to spend two months in Honduras before heading to Fort Rucker, Ala., to start flight school.

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Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention

The members of the Sexual Harassment/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 for advice or to offer any recommendations on the program here. Cadets also can call the sexual assault support helpline at 591-7215. West Point Soldiers and civilians needing assistance can call 938-3369.

A Powwow celebration



Plebe Phillip Corbins carries in the POW/MIA flag during the grand entry of the dancers at the Keepers of the Peace Powwow May 2 at Trophy Point. The event was the first Native American powwow held at West Point in its 208-year history. A child (right) enjoys dancing to the rhythmic beat of the drums during the powwow.

PHOTOS BY PLEBE KHIRSEN CORBINS



May is National Stroke Month

By Dr. Neomie Friedman
KACH Emergency Room Director

May is National Stroke Awareness Month, so now is a good time to check if you are at risk.

Do you have any of the following uncontrolled medical problems—heart disease, high blood pressure, elevated cholesterol or diabetes? Do you smoke cigarettes? Then you have an increased risk of stroke or cerebrovascular accident.

Strokes are the third leading cause of death in the United States. Two types of strokes exist—ischemic and hemorrhagic.

Ischemic strokes are more common. It basically means that blood flow to the brain ceases due to a clot.

Hemorrhagic strokes occur when blood flow ceases due to a vessel that becomes disrupted and breaks, and blood leaks into brain tissue.

There are treatments that exist for a stroke, but one needs to recognize the symptoms and get to a stroke center within three hours to be eligible for those treatments.

Use this mnemonic to help recognize stroke symptoms:

Face—is one side of the face drooping down?

Arms—can the person raise both arms. Does one seem weak?

Speech—is the speech slurred or confusing?

Time—is critical. Call 911 immediately.

Time is the most critical factor in stroke evaluation and treatment.

St. Luke's Cornwall Hospital is the nearest stroke center to West Point.

Prompt evaluation of stroke patients can decrease morbidity and mortality from strokes.

A three-hour window exists for ischemic strokes to administer a medication called t-Pa.

This medicine dissolves the clots that are causing the stroke.

If you believe someone is having a stroke, dial 911 for assistance.

Time wasted can result in brain tissue loss.

To decrease your risk of strokes, do not smoke tobacco, maintain a healthy lifestyle and control any chronic medical conditions.

Pisano earns Mason Award, readies for Georgetown

Story and photo by Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor/Copy

Having taken his share of bumps and bruises as a member of the West Point Boxing Team, Firstie A.J. Pisano is no stranger to Keller Army Community Hospital. But instead of receiving treatment, his last visit there yielded something even better.

Col. Michael Deaton, KACH commander, presented Pisano with the Richard M. Mason Memorial Award May 11. The award honors the cadet with the highest grade point average who is entering medical school.

"He's kind of a multi-faceted young man," Deaton said. "He was a walk-on pitcher for the baseball team when he was a plebe, and just this last year he won the heavyweight title at the Brigade Boxing Open. Beyond his athletic and academic abilities ... he's got a spiritual side to him. He spent a month hiking around India, spent some time with patients at Mother Theresa's facility and in the process, got to meet the Dalai Lama. A.J. is a remarkable young man and I've had the pleasure of knowing him since last fall when he was interviewing for medical school. I've been tremendously impressed with him."

After graduation Saturday, the future Medical Corps officer will soon return to the classroom, as he pursues his medical degree at the School of Medicine at Georgetown University. Transitioning from the military academy to medical school won't be difficult for Pisano.

"West Point has given me some good tools and has molded me into who I am today," Pisano said. "I know I've got the

discipline and can work hard and reach my goals. Coming from high school, I was kind of a slacker, but after West Point, I know I can do it."

Pisano, a member of the three-time national championship West Point Boxing Team, finished his competitive boxing career with the heavyweight title at the Brigade Boxing Open in February. Trading in his boxing gloves for surgical gloves was an easy choice for the 22-year-old Life Sciences major.

"I've always, even before I came here, had the idea of becoming a doctor," Pisano said. "I like the idea of healing Soldiers. I think it could be a meaningful career."

The Miami native said boxing was influential in his development as a future officer.

"I think you learn a lot about yourself in the ring," Pisano said. "You also learn how to overcome challenges, work hard toward a goal and deal with stress. When I trained last year for regionals and nationals, I had two-a-day practices, cutting weight, running 3-5 miles a day. Just knowing your body can deal with that builds some mental toughness, and knowing that you can get into the ring with someone who's trying to punch you in the face."

The Mason Award is named for U.S. Military Academy Class of 1968 graduate Richard Mason.

Following his graduation, Mason served several highly decorated tours in Vietnam. Upon redeployment, he entered medical school, serving his medical residency and internship in Internal Medicine at Letterman Army Medical Center. Mason died of



Col. Michael Deaton, Keller Army Community Hospital commander, presented Firstie A.J. Pisano with the Richard M. Mason Memorial Award May 11, which honors the cadet with the highest grade point average who is entering medical school. The future Medical Corps officer will be graduating West Point Saturday and continue his education at the School of Medicine at Georgetown University.

cancer in 1977 at the age of 30. His parents established the award in his honor.

Upon receiving the commander's coin and award plaque, Pisano thanked the medical

personnel in attendance at Keller.

"I'm just glad I'll no longer be on the receiving end of the knife, as I'll be joining you guys pretty soon," he joked.



Ready...Set...Go!

After the start of the 5K and 10K Race, children had the chance to participate in a one-mile Fun Run May 15 at West Point. Armed Forces Day brought out hundreds of runners for the annual event and for the Decades Car Show, the first benefit show hosted by the Warrior Transition Unit and Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers. Participants who ran the 10K had a chance to qualify for the West Point Army Ten Miler Team. The annual race is scheduled Oct. 24 in Washington, D.C. To qualify, race times need to be submitted by June 30 to Sheryle Miller, FMWR Recreation Division. The Ten Miler Team will be decided by July 12.

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Lt. Gen. Buster Hagenbeck, West Point superintendent, accompanies retired Gen. Ralph E. Haines Jr., Class of 1935, and his son, retired Lt. Col. William L. Haines (Class of 1967) to Thayer Statue for the annual wreath-laying ceremony Tuesday on the Plain. **MIKE STRASSER/PV**

By Mike Strasser and Tommy Gilligan
Assistant Editors

“Are you wearing your long underwear today,” asked a visiting graduate from the Class of 1945 to a group of cadets assisting alumni before the alumni exercises Tuesday.

A legitimate question indeed, considering the rainfall that would damper an otherwise joyous reunion. Hundreds huddled under umbrellas and any accommodating overhead coverage to participate in and view the alumni march to Thayer Statue.

Retired Gen. Ralph E. Haines Jr., Class of 1935, presented a wreath at the foot of monument,

honoring the originator of the Long Gray Line. Wearing a hat proclaiming, “‘35 is Still Alive,” the Army’s oldest living four-star general took a moment to address the audience. He paid tribute to the Father of West Point, Col. Sylvanus Thayer, and left the field with some memorable levity.

“Life is a dangerous endeavor which few of us get out of alive,” Haines said, before ending his impromptu speech with a rousing “Beat Navy.”

A little laughter was in order for the soggy spectators filling the bleachers on the Plain and along Washington Road. Haines, 96, was accompanied to Graduation Week events by his son, retired Lt. Col. William L. Haines, Class of 1967.

Haines’ last visit to West Point was for his 70th class reunion in 2005. He said he enjoyed the return trip to his alma mater, where he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Cavalry.

He recalled his four years here as “the good life” and offered a little advice to the cadets about to graduate Saturday.

“Selfless service is the true criteria of a leader,” Haines said. “I would tell these second lieutenants to demonstrate selfless service to the people they are privileged to lead.”

Haines served as Vice Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army from 1967 to 1968. Between 1970 and 1973, Haines commanded the U.S. Army Continental Army Command as

GRADS BRAVE WEATHER TO HONOR TRADITION



Two cordons of cadets stand at attention while more than 800 alumni, primarily from the classes of 1935, 1940, 1945, 1950, 1955 and 1960, march across the plain to Col. Sylvanus Thayer’s statue for the annual wreath-laying ceremony Tuesday at West Point. **TOMMY GILLIGAN/PV**

well as the U.S. Army Readiness Command and U.S. Army Forces Atlantic.

His command numbered 650,000 active and reserve army personnel and 100,000 civilian employees. After 37 years of active duty, Haines retired in January of 1973.

The alumni luncheon allowed guests to dry off before the Distinguished Graduate Award presentation inside Washington Hall. Among the honorees was a former West Point superintendent, retired Lt. Gen. Daniel W. Christman. As one of five distinguished graduates honored, Christman said as a 16-year-old high school student, West Point made a lasting first impression, and one which would continue as a cadet, instructor and senior officer.

“The more I was involved with the academy, I believed the young officers represented a model for the country from whatever commissioning source,” said the 55th superintendent and Class of 1965 graduate.

While the Class of 2010 has endured the rigors of academia at the highest standards, Christman said it’s important for them to remember that their education doesn’t stop after graduation.

“There is life after Hooah, and right now you need to focus on your tactical competence. Be the best platoon leader and company commander you can be,” Christman said. “You need to make sure that you continue your education so that you are professionally adept to manage the challenges you will incur as a major, lieutenant colonel or even as a diplomat.

More than 800 graduates, primarily from the classes of 1935, 1940, 1945, 1950, 1955 and 1960, were in attendance at this year’s festivities which began Sunday with an Alumni Band Concert and a Black Knight Awards Ceremony.



Class of 1967 graduate Thomas E. White’s grandson looks at his grandfather’s Distinguished Graduate medal during the presentation of the 2010 Distinguished Graduates in the Cadet Mess Hall in Washington Hall. **TOMMY GILLIGAN/PV**



Retired Lt. Gen. Daniel W. Christman, Class of 1965 and former Superintendent, is presented one of the five Distinguished Graduates awards by Jodi K. Glone, Chairman of the West Point Association of Graduates, and current West Point Superintendent Lt. Gen. Buster Hagenbeck in Washington Hall. **TOMMY GILLIGAN/PV**



Chuck Watters leads a procession from the Class of 1950 at the start of the Alumni March and Thayer Wreath-Laying Ceremony Tuesday at West Point. **MIKE STRASSER/PV**

What's Happening

(New Info) Speed and Agility Camp

The Speed and Agility Camp scheduled to begin in June is cancelled.

Book Signing

Roger Miller will sign his book, "An Inside Look at the Long Gray Line" from 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. today at USMA Cadet Bookstore on the fourth floor, Thayer Hall.

(New Info) Jewish Baccalaureate Service

An unveiling of Jewish graduate names on the Alumni Wall in the Jewish Chapel begins at 6:45 tonight before the baccalaureate service.

The service will begin at 7 p.m. in the chapel sanctuary. Refreshments will be served following the service.

Family Fun Day

The Children's Angel Network of Highland Falls is hosting its 2nd annual St. Jude's Family Fun Day Saturday at Holy Innocents Church, Main Street, Highland Falls.

Come and enjoy an afternoon of pony rides, a petting zoo, vendors, food and a giant slide.

The event is free, but donations are being accepted for the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

For more information, call 446-2030.

(New Info) Walk for Fitness and Fun with the Volkssport Club

The West Point Volkssport Club will walk in Fort Montgomery Sunday.

Registration is at 10 a.m. at the Visitor's Center at the Battle Site, Route 9W, Fort Montgomery.

The walk begins at 10:15 a.m. All participants are invited to a pre-walk breakfast at Foodies, which is across the street from the Fort Montgomery Post Office, beginning at 9 a.m.

There are two trails through the historic battle site into Bear Mountain State Park, including the trailside zoo and around the lake.

One part of the trail is on natural surface

and sturdy shoes and walking sticks are recommended.

The walk is free with AVA credit.

Pets are welcome, but must be leashed.

For more information, call 446-4709 or go to www.ava.org/clubs/westpoint.

Vehicle return to D Lot

The following is a change from the original message about RVs, boats and all other vehicles that were removed from D Lot for graduation.

Authorized West Point residents are now allowed to restore their RVs, boats and other vehicles to D Lot Sunday, the day after graduation, through Sept. 1.

The vehicles will need to be moved again prior to the football season.

Those authorized to store vehicles on West Point may again use D Lot beginning Nov. 8, after the final home football game.

Please note that all vehicles stored at West Point must be registered with the Provost Marshal's office.

Veterans' Spring Picnic

The Orange County Veterans Coalition will host the 2010 Orange County Veterans Spring Picnic and Resource Fair from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday at the Thomas Bull Memorial Park, Day Camp Pavilion on Route 416 in Montgomery.

Veterans and their Families will receive information covering a wide variety of veteran benefits and concerns by participating government agencies and veteran assistance groups.

Captain Squeeze and the Zydeco Moshers will perform and participants can relax with a free picnic-style Family barbecue with hamburgers, hot dogs, salads and cold drinks.

For more information, call 291-2470.

(New Info) Retirement Luncheon for Bruce Middleton

Bruce Middleton is retiring after celebrating 30 years of service to the nation and West Point.

His retirement celebration is at the West

Point Club's Gray Room at 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Tuesday.

The luncheon is hosted by DPTMS.

Lunch is pay as you go.

RSVP to Chowyer Jones at 938-8559 or Jaime Cote at 938-8858 no later than May 21.

HHC Change-of-Command

Headquarters and Headquarters Company U.S. Army Garrison West Point will have a change of command ceremony at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the West Point Club's Grand Ballroom.

The Great West Point Giveaway

The Great West Point Giveaway is a free 'swap' open to all West Point residents.

The Post Chapel basement will be open to allow you to give away or take useful goods from 9-11:30 a.m. June 2, June 16, July 7 and July 21. All items leftover or not swapped by 11:30 a.m., must be picked up by the original owner.

For more information, e-mail teamfreds25@yahoo.com.

Memorial Day activities

Honor our nation's fallen Soldiers at the New Windsor Cantonment at 2 p.m. May 31. Enjoy watching the cantonment staff in 18th century dress and performing a ceremony to honor our nation's veterans at the cemetery site. Admission is free.

From 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m., visitors will see Soldiers performing musket drills, blacksmithing and other activities performed at the original encampment.

In addition to the special programs and activities, the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor and the New Windsor Cantonment Visitor Center are open.

For more information, call 561-1765.

(New Info) Bible Study

The Protestant Women of the Chapel will begin Bible study at 7 p.m. Thursday nights in the chapel basement starting June 3.

The study group will study "Get Out of the Pit" by Beth Moore.

For more information, contact Robin Meyer at 446-8798 or e-mail her at robinmeyer@hvc.rr.com, so she can deliver a book to you or contact Crystal White at 839-0274 or e-mail at crystalwhite63@ccs.com.

(New Info) West Point Yard Sale

Due to inclement weather from the previous yard sale, there will be another West Point Yard Sale from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. June 5.

The Embroiders' Guild of America

The Mid-Hudson Chapter of the Embroiders' Guild of America is hosting a needlework show from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. June 5 and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. June 6 at the Jenack Appraisers Gallery on Route 13A, the Sugar Loaf Bypass Road.

For more information, call Marie at 986-7316 or Nancy at 783-4657.

(New Info) Summer Playground Fun

Summer playground fun begins June 9 at the Five Star Inn. The following playground dates include:

- June 16 at Stony II (Dragon Park);
- June 30 at New Brick;
- July 7 at Lee Road;
- July 14 at Five Star Inn;
- July 21 at WP Elementary School;
- July 28 at Grey Ghost;

• Aug. 4 at Post Chapel (Biddle Loop).

All playground times are 9:30-11 a.m. Please bring water and sun block for children.

For more information, contact Teki Snel at 446-5920 or e-mail her at twc8454465920@earthlink.net.

Vacation Bible School

The Vacation Bible School needs adult/teenager and pre-teen volunteers from June 21-25 at the West Point Elementary School.

Volunteer positions include music, games, Bible story, crafts, crew and assistant crew leaders.

If interested in volunteering, contact Melissa Prosperie at 859-4351 or e-mail her at mprosperie@hvc.rr.com.

Clearwater Great Hudson River Revival

Inspired by Pete Seeger's desire to clean up the Hudson River more than 40 years ago, the Clearwater's Great Hudson River Revival is now a yearly festival with music, dancing, storytellers, crafts and the sloop Clearwater and the schooner Mystic Whaler will be conducting sails throughout the weekend as well as rides offered on smaller boats.

This year's event is June 19-20 at Croton Point Park in Croton-on-Hudson.

For more information, call 418-3596 or go to www.clearwaterfestival.org.

Boys Basketball Camp

Army Men's Basketball Head Coach Zach Spiker is directing the 2010 West Point Boys Basketball Camp July 5-9.

Boys ages 8-18 are welcome to participate. Early registration is suggested.

For more information, call 446-4996 ext. 119 or visit www.goarmysports.com.

Wrestling Camps

There are three wrestling camps offered this summer at West Point. The dates are:

- July 6-10, "Ranger Style" intensive camp;
- July 18-22, Competition/technique Camp;
- July 18-22, Kids Camp.

It is an intense training environment for ages 12-18 at the regular camps and for ages 9-12 at the Kids Camp.

Register online at www.goarmysports.com. For more information or to inquire about a brochure, call 938-7671 or e-mail ryan.wilman@usma.edu or rafael.vega@usma.edu.

Girls Basketball Camp

Army Women's Basketball will hold positional series of clinics from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Aug. 1-3. Girls must be ages 8-18 to participate.

Fine tune your game with West Point basketball coaches and increase your positional IQ.

Registration is required through the camp section of www.goarmysports.com.

Second Division Reunion

The Second (Indianhead) Division Association is searching for anyone who ever served in the 2nd Infantry Division at any time.

For information about the association and its annual reunion in Danvers, Mass., from Aug. 18-22, visit the association's Web site at www.2ida.org or contact Mike Davino at (808) 744-5062.

Keller Corner

KACH outpatient clinic closures

All outpatient clinics, laboratory, pharmacy and radiology will be closed May 28 for a training holiday and May 31 for Memorial Day.

The Emergency Room will remain open.

DEERS

Did you know that when life changes, you need to update DEERS. DEERS stands for the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System and it's the key to your Family benefits.

Re-enlisting, commissioning, separating, retiring or PCSing all require changes to DEERS, and those are just your professional changes.

Personal changes such as getting married, having a new baby, divorcing, moving or simply getting a new phone number also require changes to DEERS.

Call 938-3746 to make sure you have the proper documentation before visiting the ID Card Section in Bldg. 622 for most DEERS changes.

An address change may also be e-mailed to www.tricare.osd.mil/deers.

TRICARE Behavioral Health

Did you know that if you are enrolled in TRICARE Prime, you may receive the first eight behavioral health care outpatient visits from a TRICARE network provider without a referral from your PCM or prior authorization from your regional contractor.

After the first eight visits (starting with the ninth visit), your behavioral health care provider must receive prior authorization from your regional contractor.

Behavioral health care providers include psychiatrists, clinical psychologists, certified psychiatric nurse specialists and clinical social workers.

For more health benefit information, contact the health benefit advisors at 938-4838.

KACH Referral Assistance

Need help or have questions about a referral? Call 938-5373 and a referral specialist will be happy to assist you.

FMWR Blurbs

Staff and Faculty Softball Leagues forming now

The FMWR Sports office is sponsoring the summer staff and faculty softball league, which is open to all West Point personnel, 18 years of age and older.

Deadline for team entries is May 27.

League play starts the week of June 7 and continues through Aug. 16.

Games are played Monday-Thursday at 5:30, 6:30 and 7:30 p.m.

For information or to enter a team, e-mail jim.mcguinness@usma.edu or call 938-3066.

Part-day Preschool CDC enrollment

The Child Development Center is continuing part-day preschool enrollment for the 2010-11 academic year through Friday for military Families with children.

DOD civilian children enrollment is Monday through May 28.

No phone calls will be taken for registration.

Parents need to report to the CDC registration at 8 a.m. Patrons can sign up children after June 1 for slots on a "space available" basis.

For more information, call Outreach Services at 938-4458.

ACS Culture Club

This month's ACS Culture Club meets from 5:30-8 p.m. Tuesday and will teach participants how to make authentic homemade Texas tortillas.

Please bring a potluck dish traditional of your Family's culture or a Tex-Mex dish to share.

For more information, call 938-3487.

Free workshop

A free workshop for parents and caregivers, "Who's in Charge at Your House," is scheduled from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday at the West Point Child Development Center.

Call 938-3921 to register.

Art EDGE! Make a Birdhouse

Art EDGE! Birdhouse-making session is at 3 p.m. Wednesday at the Youth Center (Bldg. 500) for grades 6 and up.

Register at the Youth Center or for more information, call 938-0829.

Out and About with ACS

Are you interested in historic landmarks?

The fifth installment of Army Community Service's Out and About series will visit battle grounds, museums and historical homes in the

Hudson Valley and beyond.

Join the group at 3 p.m. May 27 at the ACS Training Room, Bldg. 622.

For more information or to RSVP, contact ACS at 938-4621.

Memorial Day Ceremony at Castle Point VA Hospital

BOSS is heading to the VA Hospital at Castle Point for its Memorial Day ceremony May 28.

Volunteer a few hours of your time to help escort the veterans to and from the ceremony.

Transportation is provided and will leave Buffalo Soldier Pavilion at 1 p.m. and return by 4 p.m.

For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Jermaine Malone at 938-8063 or Sheryle Miller at 938-6497.

English for Language Learners

English for Language Learners is a free class for anyone who wants to improve their English skills.

Classes will be held in the ACS training room, Bldg. 622.

Classes will continue each Monday through May 31.

For more information and to register, call 938-3487 or e-mail william.luna@usma.edu.

Membership Appreciation Night

All club members are invited to enjoy a free buffet and dessert bar from 5-8 p.m. June 1 at the West Point Club's Grand Ballroom.

Enjoy music, dancing and a cash bar.

Patrons who sign up for membership on this night can eat for free too.

There is a nominal fee for non-members who want to attend this event.

For more information, call 938-5120.

(New Info) Indoor Swimming

The FMWR Community Swim program summer session starts June 1 and continues through Sept. 3, operating from noon-1:30 p.m. Monday-Friday in Crandall Pool at the Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center.

The program is free of charge. All participants must have a valid military or CAC card for entry into the facility.

For more information, call 938-2985.

BOSS Six Flags Trip

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers is going to Six Flags Great Adventure in New Jersey June 5.

A limited number of spaces are available.

Call now to reserve a place for you and one guest at 938-2070 or 938-8063.

(New Info) Post Library Summer Reading Program

Join the West Point Post Library for their Summer Sea Odyssey reading program.

The program is open to all West Point Community children ages 3-12.

Registration runs from June 7-18. The program runs June 21-July 30.

For more information, call 938-2974.

(New Info) The Scion Battle of the Builds competition

What can you create? The Scion Battle of the Builds competition is a military design challenge giving participants the opportunity to construct their ideal Scion xB.

Entries must be received by June 11.

Go to BattleOfTheBuilds.com for an official copy of the rules and to enter your design.

For more information, call 938-4915.

Delafield and Round Pond swim passes on sale now

Delafield and Round Pond swim punch cards can be purchased at the FMWR Fitness Center and Round Pond.

Starting June 11, cards will be available for purchase at Delafield Pond.

Punch cards are valid for use at Round Pond and Delafield swim areas. Each punch card is good for 12 visits.

Daily swim passes are available at a minimal cost for cadets, children (ages 3-13) and adults.

Children under age 14 must pass an administered swim test to be allowed in the deep area of both ponds.

Children ages 13 and below must be accompanied by an adult.

Round Pond Beach hours of operation:

- May 29-31, noon-5 p.m.;
- June 5-6, noon-5 p.m.;

Open for the season June 11, regular hours are:

- Mon.-Sun., noon-6 p.m.

Delafield Pond Hours of Operation:

Open for the season June 11, regular hours are:

- Mon.-Sun., 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Army Family Team Building Super Sign-Up

Join ACS from 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. June 15 for its Army Family Team Building Super Sign-Up Family Celebration.

There will be games, prizes, hot dogs, popcorn and cotton candy.

To register, call 938-5654.

WFSG Hearts Apart Support Group

The WFSG Hearts Apart Support Group, presented by the ACS Mobilization and Deployment Program, is for Families of deployed Soldiers.

The next group meeting is from 5:30-7:30 p.m. June 19.

Dinner and special activities will be provided for the entire Family.

Group meetings take place at Youth Services, Bldg. 500.

For more information, call 938-5658.

Army Ten Miler

West Point FMWR is sponsoring a team of four active duty runners to represent West Point at the Army Ten Miler Oct. 24.

To qualify, you must have participated in the West Point 10K.

For more information, call 938-6497.

Fit EDGE! Intro to Golf

There is a Fit EDGE! Introduction to golf for grades 3-5, from 3:15-4:15 p.m. every Tuesday in May.

There is also an instruction class for grades 6-12, from 3:15-4:15 p.m. every Thursday in May.

Register at the Youth Center, Bldg. 500, Washington Road.

Class sizes are limited.

For more information, call 938-0829.

FMWR Craft Shop

Do you have a graduation, retirement or promotion gift that you need framed or engraved?

The FMWR Craft Shop can do it for you. Most work is completed in about three weeks. The Craft Shop is conveniently located in Bldg. 648 behind the Post Office.

For more information, call 938-4812.

CYSS Technology Camps

The CYSS Summer Technology Camps are coming.

Sign up now for four-day classes in Lego Robotics, Stop Motion Animation or Anime Studio.

Class dates are in July and August at the Youth Center, Bldg. 500.

For more information, call 938-3727.

Horse Riding Camps

Register now for one of Morgan Farm's three- or five-day summer riding camps.

Dates are available in June, July and August.

For more information, call 938-3926.

Command Channel 8/23

May 20-27

Army Newswatch (broadcast times)

Thursday, Friday and Monday through May 27

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

Graduation Banquet

(broadcast times)

Friday, 6 p.m.

Graduation Ceremony

(broadcast times)

Saturday, 10 a.m.

NOW SHOWING

in the movie theater at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752.

Friday—How to Train Your Dragon, PG, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday—Diary of a Wimpy Kid, PG, 7:30 p.m.

THE THEATER SCHEDULE ALSO CAN BE FOUND

AT WWW.AAFES.COM.

BBC LifeWorks events

May coloring contest

Stop by 132 Bartlett Loop to pick up a Bal-4 Bike Safety Coloring Page. Color the page, be creative and submit your entry no later than May 28. Winners will be chosen by age category and prizes will be awarded.

For more information, call Jodi Gellman, LifeWorks coordinator, at 446-6407 or e-mail her at jgellman@bbcgrp.com.

Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

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Rules: Fill in the empty cells with the digits 1-9 so that no digit appears twice in the same row, column, or 3-by-3 box.

Difficulty: Hard

Help us tell the West Point Story by submitting your ideas to: Eric Bartelt, managing editor, at 938-2015/3883, or e-mail eric.bartelt@usma.edu. Story submissions should include point of contact information (name, phone number, e-mail address).

Lynch scores winner in double OT, defeats Orange

By Tim Volkmann
Athletic Communications

Army Yearling midfielder Devin Lynch took a feed from Cow attackman Jeremy Boltus and scored the double-overtime game-winning goal as the Black Knights shocked

two-time defending national champion Syracuse University 9-8 Sunday in the first round of the NCAA Lacrosse Tournament at the Carrier Dome in Syracuse.

Boltus drew an Orange double-team as he made a hard run to the left side of the goal, allowing the streaking Lynch to get free on

the Syracuse crease. Lynch took the eight-yard pass in stride and stuffed the tally in the top right corner of the net with 5.7 seconds left on the clock as the Black Knights (11-5) outscored Syracuse 5-2 in the second half, including three unanswered goals to finish the contest.

It was Army's first NCAA Tournament victory since upsetting Maryland 15-11 in 1993 as well as its first win over Syracuse in three tournament meetings. SU defeated the Black Knights 8-7 in 1984 and 12-3 in 1996.

Cow midfielder Derek Sipperly won 11 of 17 faceoffs on the evening as the gritty Black Knights built a 36-32 advantage in ground balls against the same team that compiled a 38-20 edge during the 12-7 defeat in the regular-season meeting at the Carrier Dome Feb. 28.

It was the only time Syracuse had been out-ground balled all season long.

Boltus, Lynch and Plebe attackman Garrett Thul were each credited with two goals and an assist, while Cow midfielder Rob McCallion was credited with a goal and two assists. Cow goalkeeper Tom Palesky made 13 saves, including five in the first quarter to keep Army in the game and preserve the win.

"This is a very proud moment for the Army lacrosse Family, alumni and all the guys overseas that we say in the locker room we play for," Army head coach Joe Alberici said. "It's a hard thing to put your arms around if you're not in the program, how important this is to so many people beyond the guys here. It's just a little something for our guys over in Afghanistan and Iraq.

"I'm certainly proud of our guys and the effort they put forth, the belief they had in what we're doing and the plan, and how hard they played," he added. "It was great to see them get rewarded for the victory tonight."

Syracuse looked to put the game away early as senior attackman Cody Jamieson scored a pair of goals only 31 seconds apart to put the Orange up 2-0 with 12:02 on the clock. McCallion got the Army offense going with a 12-yard bouncer at 9:56, but three unanswered Syracuse goals over the next five minutes staked the home team to a 5-1 lead with 12:44 left in the second quarter.

However, momentum slowly started to shift Army's way. Following a Syracuse slashing penalty, a man-up goal by Firstie attackman Tyler Seymour from close range

off a McCallion pass at 11:47 started a 3-1 Army run to finish the half that made it a 6-4 game at intermission.

While the Army defense forced six turnovers in the quarter and held the potent Orange attack scoreless for over a 12-minute span, Boltus' first tally came on a 15-yard rip off a Lynch feed at the 1:57 mark. Syracuse junior attackman Steven Keogh scored in transition with 32 seconds remaining, but Lynch beat the halftime horn with a leaping goal with only one second showing to pull Army back within two.

Jamieson opened the third quarter with his third goal of the game to put Syracuse up by three, 7-4, with 9:04 on the clock, but Army finished the game on a 5-1 run on its way to victory. O'Sullivan converted a man-up strike off the stick of Thul with 4:21 to play in the quarter, before Thul scored a goal of his own on a bounce shot from close range with 48 seconds left in the period to make it a one-goal affair.

Syracuse caused an Army turnover and came up with a hard-fought ground ball that set up Keogh's second goal with 12:05 showing on the fourth-quarter clock, but it would prove to be the Orange's final tally of the contest as they were shutout for the final 20 minutes of the game. A goal by Thul at 9:39 and Boltus at 6:49 knotted the game 8-8 to force extra time.

The Black Knights carried the momentum into the first overtime and had possession for nearly all of the first four-minute session. Army unleashed three shots in the first extra frame, but none found the mark. The Orange had the ball twice in the period, but turned it over both times.

In the second overtime, Sipperly won the faceoff to set up an offensive chance for Cow midfielder Brendan Butler, but SU junior goalie John Galloway was there to deny Butler's attempt in front.

However, the Orange turned the ball over again on the following possession and failed to back up a shot that Army Cow defenseman Bill Henderson was able to get to first and set up the winning possession with a 1:12 left.

The miscues set the stage for Boltus, who drove hard to the cage and dumped the ball to Lynch for the winner. It was the first and only time the Black Knights had led all evening.

Army takes on Cornell in the NCAA quarterfinals at noon Sunday at Stony Brook.



Yearling midfielder Devin Lynch scored the winning goal in double overtime to shock two-time defending lacrosse champion Syracuse University 9-8 at the Carrier Dome Sunday.

PHOTO BY CLAIRE HAYES

Sylve wins the IC4A/ECAC Championships 110-meter hurdles Sunday

By Dallas Miller
Athletic Communications

Cow Domonick Sylve won the IC4A 110-meter hurdles in 13.85 seconds for his second IC4A championship of the season and posted the top performance for the Army track and field teams on the final day of the IC4A/ECAC Championships Sunday at Weaver Stadium in Princeton, N.J.

The Long Beach, Calif., native, who qualified for the finals by clocking in at 14.05 in the prelims, collected his second championship of the season after winning the 60-meter hurdles during the indoor campaign.

Sylve is the reigning indoor (60 meters) and outdoor (110 meters) Patriot League hurdle champion, and ranks first on Army's all-time performance list in both events.

"He has set himself up well for the NCAA

Regional in Greensboro and beyond," head coach Troy Engle remarked on Sylve's remaining meets.

Yearling Michael Hutchins cleared 2.02 meters in the high jump to tie for fourth place, while Plebe McKenzie Majchrzak placed ninth in the ECAC high jump with a height of 1.65 meters.

In the discus championship, Firstie Kurt Bujewski landed in third place with a mark of 50.05 meters for the top IC4A showing of his career.

Cow Kasandra Clark, competing in the ECAC women's championship, tied for seventh place among 21 competitors by clearing the bar at 3.65 meters, just short of her academy-record 3.70-meter height set at Yale last month.

The Black Knights had three competitors in the shot put field, with Bujewski leading the way with a heave of 15.34 meters that netted

20th overall. Firstie Matt Nulk was just behind at 15.33 meters and Firstie Joe Nemeth (23rd) followed at 15.21 meters.

In the 4x400-meter relay, Firstie Brandon Wright, Cow Chris Michels and Yearlings Taylor Kensy and Michael Hutchins were 12th in the first running of that race with a time of 3:13.03. Cow Alfred McDaniel, Sylve, Plebe Brian Austin and Firstie Zachary Batcho combined to complete the 4x100-meter relay in 41.78 to garner 17th overall. McDaniel also soared 6.38 meters in the long jump to earn 36th place overall.

Firstie captain Adam Schwartz earned 28th overall in the IC4A hammer with a heave of 51.34 meters.

On May 14, Firstie Kirk Chitwood finished 19th in the steeplechase (9:18.66) and Firstie Zach Reiter was 32nd in the 5,000-meter (14:56.15) to lead the Black Knights.

Firstie Andrew Ferrara qualified for

Sunday's 800-meter championship with a strong outing in the prelims, but did not compete in the final. Ferrara moved from eighth to second on Army's all-time 800-meter records list with a time of 1:48.57 May 14, which qualified him for Sunday's championship.

The Torrance, Calif., native's previous personal record of 1:50.02 was set at the same venue April 16, and trails Cardell Williams' time of 1:47.64 for the top 800-meter clocking in Army outdoor history.

In the team standings, the Army men were tied for 15th among 50 teams with a combined 19 points in the championship. Connecticut earned medalist honors with 64 points.

Members of the Army track and field team, who rank among the top 48 in their respective event in the East Region, will next compete at the NCAA National Semifinal May 27-29 in Greensboro, N.C.

Baseball resilient, but fails to reach PL finals

Story and photos by
Eric S. Bartelt
Managing Editor

The sign reads "400" and dangles in dead center field at Doubleday Field. Army Cow center fielder David Darnell ran feverishly to that "400" sign to make a valiant effort to save the Black Knights season, but his effort came up short on the mammoth shot hit by Bucknell junior first baseman Doug Shribman.

Shribman, who had four home runs and eight hits in three games, had Army's number all weekend as his grand-slam home run in the top of the seventh inning cemented Bucknell's 11-7 victory in game three of the Patriot League Baseball Tournament semifinal best-of-three game series at Doubleday Field Sunday.

Army played the role of comeback kids throughout the weekend.

The Bison took game one, 11-9, despite a great hitting performance by the Black Knights' Cow left fielder Ben Koenigsfeld, who went 4-for-4 with a home run, a double and three runs batted in.

The top seeded Black Knights (28-17) were on the verge of elimination in game two, down 4-1 to the Bison, before a five-run outburst in the eighth inning, highlighted by back-to-back home runs by Cow shortstop Clint Moore, who hit a three-run shot, and Cow first baseman Kevin McKague to give Army the 6-4 win.

In game three, the trend that had continued throughout the first two games repeated itself as the Bison jumped ahead and Army kept on their tails.

The Bison (23-32) went ahead in the top of the first inning with two runs, but Army clawed back with single runs in the first and second innings.



Cow left fielder Ben Koenigsfeld celebrates with teammates, Yearling catcher J.T. Watkins and Cow first baseman Kevin McKague, after he hit a home run during game one of the Patriot League Tournament semifinal series versus Bucknell May 15.

Moore knocked a base hit and then scored later on McKague's single in the first. Cow third baseman Steve May ripped an RBI single in the second to score Cow right fielder Shaun Wixted to tie the game at 2-2.

After Bucknell took a 6-2 lead over the next two innings, Yearling catcher J.T. Watkins singled, advanced to third on a double off the wall by Darnell and then scored on Yearling second baseman Zach Price's groundout to get them closer at 6-3.

The fourth seeded Bison added another run in the fifth inning on a home run by senior shortstop Ben Allen and then got the decisive runs on the grand slam by Shribman to straightaway center field off Yearling reliever Manny Fernandez.

"I give Bucknell a lot of credit," head coach Joe Sottolano said. "They put balls in play with authority and swung the bats loosely. The wind was gusting out and we left balls up (in the strike zone), and I said that to the (pitching) staff ahead of time.

"I told them I have never seen a ground ball leave the park and if we work them down in the zone, we would get those ground balls—we just did not do that," he added about Army giving up eight home runs in the three games. "That's disappointing because the pitching staff has been outstanding. However, we had our opportunities offensively and we could have done the same thing, but they did a little more than we did and they wound up winning it.

"Our pitching got us to this point," Sottolano concluded. "It's just a shame we didn't throw as well as I think we could have (this weekend)."

Army would not go away as the team added two runs in the seventh on a two-run single by Koenigsfeld and then two more runs in the ninth inning on Cow designated hitter



Cow designated hitter Joey Henshaw finished the three-game series with six hits, including a two-run homer in the bottom of the ninth of game three to pull Army closer at 11-7 Sunday.

Joey Henshaw's two-run homer, his fourth of the season, to complete the scoring on the day at 11-7.

Koenigsfeld finished the weekend strong with seven hits, four hits for extra bases, and five runs batted in.

"I felt good with my play, felt good hitting the ball and I was comfortable out there," Koenigsfeld, Patriot League Tournament MVP last year, said. "As a team, we hit pretty well and we had a lot of hits in each game. Unfortunately, we just couldn't keep them off the board—they just outthit us."

The team was resilient each game, not giving up when things looked lost as Bucknell continued to take multiple run leads. Sottolano

credits his team for not backing down and for having the will to come back when it was looking bleak.

"It's a tough group and they don't stop," Sottolano said. "They kept coming and that's good to see. It's a credit to their heart, their soul and their desire, and we're proud of that."

It was a tough pill to swallow for an Army team that was looking for another back-to-back Patriot League championship such as the titles it achieved in 2004 and 2005.

Koenigsfeld was highly disappointed because there were high expectations coming into the season and then after the team finished the Patriot League with a

16-4 regular season record.

However, the team is expected to get back all nine players who started in the batting order Sunday and will only lose one starting pitcher to graduation. With what they learned this weekend, the team should come back much stronger next year.

"I remember my freshman year, the same thing happened to us and then the next year (last season) we came out and used it as motivation, knowing what it felt like to be down like this," Koenigsfeld said about their semifinal loss to Bucknell two seasons ago before winning the PL Tournament last year. "We need to take this feeling and make sure it doesn't happen again."



Yearling second baseman Zach Price made a great diving stop flipping the ball to Cow shortstop Clint Moore to get the out.

Softball earns 4-1 win against Lehigh, but is eliminated by Bucknell

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Yearling pitcher Shawna Bleyl scattered five hits and allowed just one run and Plebe shortstop Alex Reynolds' bases-clearing double snapped a scoreless tie as top seed and host Army defeated No. 2 seed Lehigh 4-1 in an elimination game of the Patriot League Softball Tournament May 14.

The Black Knights then suffered the same fate in a 2-1 loss to No. 3 Bucknell in the double elimination tournament.

The Black Knights tied the school all-time mark of 33 wins—first set in 1988—with its defeat of defending champion Lehigh in posting its third win of the season against the Mountain Hawks, who failed to win a tournament game for the first time in program history.

Bleyl and Lehigh's Rebecca Bliss (10-8) were embroiled in a pitcher's duel over the first four innings in Army's opening game of the day.

The Mountain Hawks threatened in their first at bat with runners at the corners, but Bleyl nipped it with a

strikeout looking. A fielder's choice groundout ended another threat in the third inning with runners again in the corners.

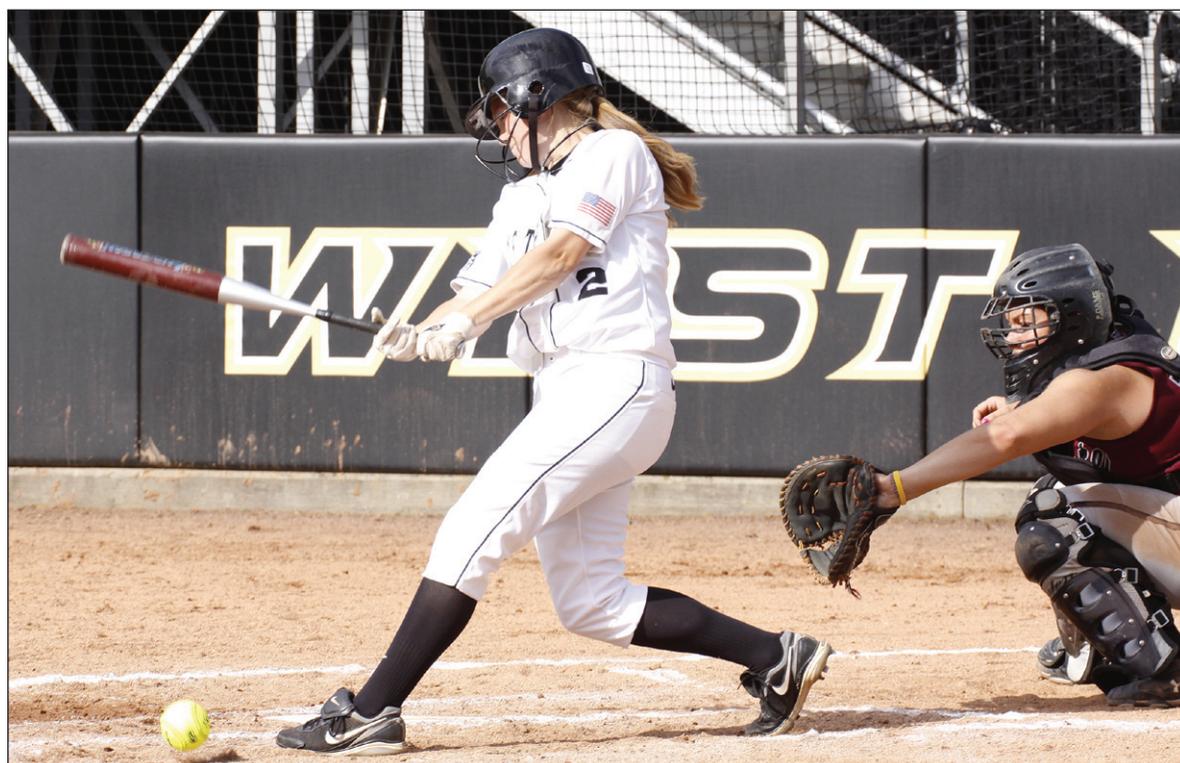
Army snapped Bliss' no hitter in the third inning then threatened her shutout in the fourth when Yearling third baseman Rachael Duval led off with a double but was stranded at third as Bliss retired the side in order.

The Black Knights roughed up Bliss in the bottom of the fourth inning, capitalizing on three walks and four timely hits highlighted by Reynolds' three-run double with one out scoring Yearling pinch hitter Clara Navarro (walk), Cow second baseman Jessica Garcia (single) and Firstie left fielder Jennae Tomlinson (walk) on her lone hit of the game.

Yearling first baseman Alexis AuBuchon's two-out RBI delivered Reynolds as Army staked Bleyl to a 4-0 lead.

Bleyl, who had stranded seven Lehigh runners over the first five frames, was touched for her lone run of the game when leadoff hitter Liz Lucas belted a home run in the top of the sixth.

The sophomore right-hander



Firstie left fielder Jennae Tomlinson walked and scored on Plebe shortstop Alex Reynolds' three-run triple in Army's 4-1 win over Lehigh at the Patriot League Softball Tournament May 14. Army opened with a loss to Colgate 3-1 and then were eliminated by Bucknell 2-1.

retired the final six batters she faced to end the game and moved to 15-4 for the most wins by a pitcher since Leigh Harrell registered that number in 2004.

The 15 wins are tied with Harrell and Shauna Evans for fourth place on Army's single-season wins chart.

Bucknell's Alex MacLean threw a one hitter, struck out five and walked none in the final elimination game as the Bison ended Army's hopes and kept their own alive, advancing through the losers' bracket to the May 15 championship round where they faced Colgate.

With Bucknell holding a 2-0 lead, AuBuchon snapped MacLean's perfect game in the top of the fifth with her one-out team leading 17th double of the season.

Army denied MacLean the shutout when pinch runner Natalie Gruenbaum,

taking over for AuBuchon, scored on a fielding error by the first baseman in what would have been the final out of the inning.

MacLean retired the final seven batters she faced, moving to 11-5.

Bucknell opened the scoring in the third inning when Alyssa Okita laced a single to the gap in left field to score Jane Messersmith, who led off with a double and was sacrificed to third.

The Bison added what proved to be the game-deciding run with Messersmith singling home Elyse Colmenero, who doubled, in the bottom of the fourth inning.

Bleyl, taking over from Yearling starter Beverly Nordin (7-9) in that inning, allowed just two hits pitching the final three frames.

Army turned in its best showing at the tournament since reaching the championship finals in 2006.

The Black Knights did not qualify for the tournament in 2009 and suffered back-to-back defeats in 2008 and 2007.



Firstie catcher Erin McClain completed a double play with a throw to first base against Colgate May 13.

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Yearling pitcher Shawna Bleyl earned Army's win versus Lehigh and the only victory the Black Knights got at the PL Tournament. Bleyl finished the season with 15 wins.