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## Embracing the moment

Two new second lieutenants from the Class of 2010 rejoice after the hat toss and the end of the graduation ceremony at Michie Stadium May 22. The Class of 2010 graduated 1,002 members, representing approximately 76 percent, from a class that began with 1,320 cadets on R-Day in June 2006.

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# WTU commander awarded for leadership

By Lt. Col. Paul Kubik  
Special to the Pointer View

Capt. Scott Smiley received the Gen. Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award from the Army Chief of Staff Gen. George W. Casey, Jr. at the Pentagon May 6.

This award recognizes company grade commissioned officers and warrant officers who demonstrate the ideals for which Gen. MacArthur stood: Duty, Honor, Country. The award promotes junior officer leadership in the U.S. Army.

Smiley currently serves as the commander of the Warrior Transition Unit at West Point. As commander, he supervises and enables the administration and care of Soldiers spread from Maine to Pennsylvania. Prior to taking command, Smiley taught leadership in the Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership.

Smiley graduated from West Point in 2003 as an Engineering Management major. In April 2005, while serving as a Stryker Platoon Leader, he was attacked by a suicide vehicle borne improvised explosive device.

In addition to sustaining significant injuries, Smiley permanently lost his vision. Since completing his recovery for his other injuries and learning to function in society without vision, Smiley fought successfully to stay on active duty and has excelled in every assignment.

In his spare time, he has motivated thousands by sharing his experience in various forums, he has learned to surf, he

has gone downhill skiing, he has climbed Mount Rainier and he completed a master's degree at Duke University.

Smiley has done a number of other things many people might associate with someone with vision.

My Family and I met Scotty and Tiffany, Smiley's wife, in Palo Alto, Calif., in June 2005, shortly after his injury. We spent a great deal of time together, and during the entire time Scotty was always upbeat and positive.

Even having recently lost his vision, Scotty was constantly looking to explore new places and things.

He quickly relearned hundreds of everyday tasks, like going to the store, and he even managed to work out several times a week. Both Scotty and Tiffany were an incredible inspiration to our whole family.

At the ceremony, Scotty received an engraved 15-pound bronze bust of MacArthur from Casey, and after the ceremony he was enthusiastically approached by several other VIPs.

Scotty deflected all credit for his accomplishments to those around him and was cheerful and humble, as always.

## ABOUT THE MACARTHUR LEADERSHIP AWARD

Fourteen active duty, seven Army Reserve and seven National Guard officers are selected each year to receive the MacArthur Leadership Award. Awardees are presented with an engraved 15-pound bronze bust of MacArthur.



Army Chief of Staff Gen. George W. Casey, Jr. hosted the 23rd annual Gen. Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award Ceremony May 6. Capt. Scott Smiley, West Point Warrior Transition Unit commander, received the leadership award during the ceremony at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. U.S. ARMY PHOTO BY GREGORY L. JONES

## Think motorcycle safety this summer

By Tommy Gilligan  
Assistant Editor/Photo

According to estimates from the Department of Transportation, more people die annually in motorcycle accidents than lives lost since the start of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Nearly 3,000 people are killed annually in motorcycle-related incidents, and while progress has been made, every fatality is an indication that more can be done to train and educate.

With nearly 34,000 registered motorcycles on installations Army-wide, the U.S. Army, along with their Department of Defense counterparts, have taken a strong stance in motorcycle safety in recent years.

With the increase of motorcycle traffic on the roads with summer approaching, Brig. Gen. William Wolf (Class of 1979), the commanding general for U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Director of Army Safety, released a letter for motorcycle safety month.

In Wolf's letter released Army-wide, he notes that the Army has made significant progress turning the arrow

down on motorcycle fatalities, with a 37 percent overall reduction from the previous fiscal year.

He also stated that they have continued on the same path this year, "we have experienced three times fewer fatalities at this point compared to last year."

While many programs have been instituted to continue the trend to protect Soldiers during their off-duty activities, such as driving a motorcycle, Wolf notes that the Army-mandated Basic Riders Course teaches all present and potential riders the basics to riding.

Just like any training or schooling that is in the military, there are future opportunities for more advanced training for individuals.

One such program is the highly successful Motorcycle Mentorship Program. Novice riders are paired with seasoned riders in a friendly, peer group setting, while motorcycle simulators also help to prepare Soldiers for common hazards on the open road.

The ultimate safety for motorcycle riders still lies upon the shoulders of each individual licensed rider.

From reading and continuing to familiarize oneself with the U.S. Army motorcycle safety handbook where you can find proper personal protection equipment requirements to riding on a military installation to how to properly check that your vehicle is in proper working order with the DA official vehicle check list.

While the local laws may be more relaxed to civilian riders outside the confines of the installations, active duty members must adhere to DOD guidelines on and off post at all times.

For more information about regulations, local laws and upcoming class schedules, contact the safety office at 845-938-6133 or go to [www.whybike.com](http://www.whybike.com).

### Quick Tips

- Avoid riding in poor weather conditions.
- Position motorcycle in lane where you will be out of a motorist's blind spot.
- Use turn signals for every turn or lane change.

### Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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

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# DPW provides update to summer construction

By the West Point Department of Public Works

You might be wondering “What is the Department of Public Works doing which would close Cullum Road for more than a month?”

Cullum Road is the major north-south route through the central post area—so why would it be necessary to close it?

While the closure of this major route might be inconvenient and irritating, it is necessary for the execution and completion of three major construction projects.

DPW, in coordination with many post activities, has determined that this one long closure will, in the long term, be less inconvenient than three shorter duration closures.

During this closure, there will be three contractors working concurrently to accomplish all three projects in the shortest time possible, while minimizing the overall impact to the community.

The three projects are as follows:

- Rehabilitation/renovation of the Mahan Hall parking deck;
- Masonry repairs to the Thayer Hall Pedestrian Bridge;
- Renovation/upgrades to steam tunnel manholes in the area.

The Mahan Hall parking deck is being renovated to prevent further deterioration. The project will involve removal and replacement of storm drains, replacement of curbs, repaving of surface and underlining membrane.

The Thayer Hall Pedestrian Bridge project entails the repointing of all surfaces and the replacement of cap stones. This is being done to correct and prevent future water infiltration issues.

A crane is in place on Cullum Road to accomplish this and to work on the sides and underneath the bridge. Meanwhile, as a part of a post-wide steam manhole renovation contract, the manholes in the vicinity of the Mahan Hall Tunnel will be renovated during this closure.

## PARKING RESTRICTION – WILLIAMS ROAD

In order to replace an aging and rusted water tank in the Central Power Plant (Bldg. 604), the following parking restriction will be in effect: no parking allowed in the Central Power Plant parking lot June 1-2; and June 9 to allow for the use of a crane to safely remove and replace the water tank.

## CENTRAL POWER PLANT SHUTDOWN

The annual Central Power Plant shutdown is ongoing through June 13. During the shutdown, DPW work crews provide annual maintenance on the boilers and associated steam generating equipment.

## THAYER MOAT PARKING CLOSURE

The parking restrictions in Thayer Moat will continue through July 10. The contractor is continuing work in northern section of the moat.

All construction activity is in full swing with demolition work on the Arch.

For the safety of personnel and to prevent property damage, community members should obey construction barricades and not park in the northern section of the Thayer Hall moat.

Also, as a reminder, although a road closure sign is placed on Cullum Road near the entrance of Doubleday Field parking lot, traffic is still allowed to pass to park on Thayer Roof.

For further information or questions about the construction-related issues, call Martha Hinote, DPW Customer Relations, at 938-4407, or e-mail [martha.hinote@usma.edu](mailto:martha.hinote@usma.edu).



Parking restrictions in Thayer Moat will continue through July 10 as construction projects are ongoing. TOMMY GILLIGAN/PV



Retired Brig. Gen. Robert Berry, Col. James Kerin, Brig. Gen. Patrick Finnegan and retired Col. John Calabro cut the ceremonial ribbon to mark the official rededication of the William Faulkner Room in the Department of English and Philosophy.

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## Faulkner Room rededicated

By Lt. Col. Chris Kubik  
Dept. of English and Philosophy

In April 1962, Nobel Laureate and two-time Pulitzer Prize winner William Faulkner visited the U.S. Military Academy. Forty-eight years later, the Department of English and Philosophy remembered that visit in the William Faulkner Room Rededication Ceremony May 17.

During Faulkner's visit in 1962, he dined with the Superintendent, spoke to more than 1,400 cadets, faculty and guests, discussed literature with two sections of plebe English classes and had lunch at the Cadet Mess. One of the cadets who spoke with Faulkner, Daniel W. Christman, would later become the 55th Superintendent.

The Head of the Department of English and Philosophy, Col. James Kerin, noted during the ceremony that “the Faulkner visit is significant for what it links us to. But it is also important for what it showed the world about this military academy and its cadets.”

The original William Faulkner Room dedication took place in 1965 in the former Cadet Library, three years after Faulkner's visit.

Over the years, the room served as a centerpiece of appreciation for Faulkner's works and literature in general.

The William Faulkner Room Rededication Ceremony marked the move of the William Faulkner Room to its present location in Lincoln Hall, home of the Department of English and Philosophy.

**ALERT:** Due to safety issues on Williams Road and Library Corner, the Northbound bus routes will change today. Buses will travel from Buffalo Soldier Field up Mills Road past Michie Stadium to Stony Lonesome Road then Washington Road to Doubleday parking lot to the Supe's Box back to Washington Road to Ruger Road and then continue on its normal route.

The Southbound bus will continue to detour at Doubleday parking lot to the Supe's Box back onto Washington Road to Stony Lonesome Road then to Mills Road past the stadium to Buffalo Soldier Field and then continue its normal route.

# '80 grad looks back on career, start at West Point

By Mike Strasser  
Assistant Editor/Copy

For the first time in West Point history, two female cadets, from the Class of 2010, earned the highest honors bestowed upon a graduating class. This, the 212th West Point class, recognized Elizabeth Betterbed and Alexandra Rosenberg atop a class of 1,002 graduates, while President Barack Obama called out both individuals during his graduation address May 22.

"This underscores a fact that I've seen in the faces of our troops from Baghdad to Bagram—in the 21st century, our women in uniform play an indispensable role in our national defense. And time and again, they have proven themselves to be role models for our daughters and our sons—as students and as Soldiers and as leaders in the United States armed forces," Obama said.

Col. Debra Lewis knows something about firsts. A member of the first class of women to graduate the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, Lewis was also the first female U.S. Army Corps of Engineers district commander of Philadelphia and Seattle districts and the first woman to command a USACE district in Iraq in 2006.

Before Madonna became an icon, a group of women were breaking new ground at West Point when they became the first female cadets admitted into the prestigious military academy. One hundred and nineteen women started the journey in July 1976 and 62 graduated as members of the Class of 1980, changing 178 years of tradition at the once all-male academy.

Lewis returned May 20 for her retirement ceremony, reflecting on a 30-year Army career and those of her time at West Point. The significance of their presence at the academy wasn't fully comprehensible to her back then, Lewis said, but then again, it permeated every facet of their lives.

What sports would they play? How would they be tested physically? How will the barbers cut their hair and what uniform alterations would there be? One could only imagine the discussion and debate that transpired over the establishment of a hair length policy, let alone the nuances of footwear.

"Upon entry to West Point, men and women were issued combat boots and suede sneakers—no arch support—to run in," Lewis said. "That first summer, women suffered a high level of leg and foot injuries from

running two-to-four miles each morning. While I was a high school athlete, my farthest distance running previously was 1 1/2 miles. Yet, I made every run that first summer ... determined to 'pass out' before I 'fell out.'"

Project 60A was created prior to their arrival, using volunteer high school girls to determine how women will react to their initial exposure to ruck marches, physical fitness and other exercises. Results showed that "women possess much higher levels of physical ability than previously thought or that literature or existing evidence has led people to believe," as reported in 1976 by Dr. James Peterson, Office of Physical Education and principle designer of the project, in a Pointer View article. "With the exception of feminists, most people were telling us that women couldn't hack it."

Results of this study showed women had low levels of upper-body strength, but possess extraordinarily high levels of lower-body strength. Lewis said expectations were low for them from the start, but the female cadets improved each subsequent year as a group.

"Today, many areas of research are proving that women have a distinct advantage as a group, such as handling G-forces and interpersonal skills," Lewis said.

Lewis said she grew up playing football with her brothers and was never discouraged by her father to try new things. A graduate of the Class of 1950 and a veteran of World War II, Korean War and Vietnam War, retired Lt. Gen. Bennett L. Lewis, and his wife Malvere, provided their daughter with the guidance and fortitude to enter West Point. But nothing could prepare her for the hostility and derision that would follow.

"My choice to attend West Point was the first time I was exposed to extremely harsh negative words or disrespectful responses from people who did not know me personally, reacting simply because they could see I was a woman in a cadet uniform," Lewis said. "Initially, every negative response hit me hard. In response, I developed a talent for finding productive ways to deal with such situations."

It was at the Cadet Mess, where Lewis found a reliable ally.

"I had some pretty low days and there were times when you just needed someone who believed in you and be kind to you," Lewis said. "I had this waiter, his name was Jorge Chavez, and he saw the situation and was mindful of what was going on. He used



Col. Debra M. Lewis, as commander of Gulf Region Division's Central District, Army Corps of Engineers, presented soccer balls to the headmistress of a new girls high school in north Baghdad.

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to bring desserts to my table ... a whole extra pie. He'd bring me an extra dessert for lunch and dinner every day for four years. When I graduated I gave him a cadet saber, engraved, with my deepest appreciation. We need to be kinder and pay attention to one another because it's the right thing to do. A single act of kindness can transform a person's life."

Lewis was the academy's first female captain of its highly successful intercollegiate

equestrian team and was named the 1980 Academy Equestrian of the Year. On the topic of facing adversity, Lewis said it was good for her to learn how to persevere and develop empathy for others who faced similar hardships.

"I think I am a much better person for it and able to handle a much larger range of situations successfully, while helping others

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Col. Debra Lewis talks with some Class of 1950 graduates prior to her retirement ceremony inside Washington Hall at West Point May 20.

MIKE STRASSER/PV



## Whitfield Award

Cow Emily Bobenrieth received the Richard A. Whitfield Memorial Award from Sophia Whitfield May 17. The Whitfield Award is given in honor of Richard Whitfield, Class of 1971. Whitfield was a squad leader in Company G-3 when he died after an extended illness in January 1970. In commemoration of his outstanding qualities, the members of G-3, through voluntary contributions, established this award to be presented to the most outstanding squad leader for each academic year. It has been awarded annually for 40 years. Robert Whitfield, Richard's father, has traveled to West Point each year to present the award. This year his granddaughter, Sophia, joined him.

PHOTO BY FIRSTIE MATTHEW WILSON



## Bear Alert

West Point's Natural Resources Manager Christopher Pray reminds the community that black bears are prevalent at West Point at this time of the year. Community members should take down their bird feeders and treat their trash cans with ammonia to take away the appealing scent. This black bear (above) was spotted in Lusk Housing area two weeks ago.

PHOTO BY COL. CRAIG FLOWERS

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do the same," Lewis said. "Cadet Tianyi Xin (Class of 2011) once wrote that 'West Point is a crucible that molds us into leaders of character.' I could not agree more."

Lt. Gen. Kathleen Gainey, Director for Logistics, J4, The Joint Staff, described Lewis as a bound and determined woman.

"Anybody who knows Debra, knows she is a determined woman," Gainey said. "That class would never have made it through if they weren't determined women and did not have the fortitude to stick up for what is right."

Gainey saw Lewis in action, commanding the central district in Iraq for the Corps of Engineers. Lewis was responsible for reconstruction missions within Baghdad and Al Anbar Provinces, and during her one-year command there, the district managed a program valued at more than \$3 billion.

"I can tell you what a tough job that was because I got a chance to see firsthand the challenges she had and how she took them on, head first, and really made a difference," Gainey said.

Lewis also served as a West Point instructor in the Department of Systems Engineering. Her last assignment before retirement was as inspector general for Washington State's National Guard.

She plans to travel to all 50 states with her husband, retired Lt. Col. Doug Adams, as they embark on a yearlong "Duty, Honor, America Tour" to recognize and commemorate the sacrifice and selfless service of American Soldiers and their Families, past and present. In addition, they will help explore with other organizations and individuals methods to provide support.

With the Class of 2010 graduated and a new class about to begin, Lewis offered advice to both the new officers leaving and the cadets arriving next month.

"I now realize we are all leaders and our most important job is to bring out the absolute best in those around us, especially ourselves," Lewis said. "I am convinced the Class of 2010 is far better prepared and talented than we were. They

need to be. The only other advice to cadets I would give is to recommend they keep a copy of the Cadet Prayer handy to review periodically and as a compass for dealing with adversity and any tough days ahead of them. I've found it very inspiring and validating."

# Classes pass on tradition with legacy gifts

By Kathy Eastwood  
Staff Writer

West Point has many traditions, but one that goes almost unnoticed is the legacy gift tradition. It's not known exactly when this tradition began nor if all classes participate, but a number of cadets received gifts from their parents' and/or grandparents' classes during graduation week, to welcome these descendants into the Long Gray Line.

"My dad, Don Fowler, was a member of the Class of 1945 and presented me with a legacy gift upon my graduation in 1971," Don Fowler II said. "Dad was assigned to West Point and was the Associate Dean of Academics and presented me with a medallion in our backyard near Lusk Reservoir. I have always carried it with me through every deployment."

Fowler said one side of the medallion has the Class Crest of 1945 with his name below the crest and the back has one hand passing a saber to another.

Fowler's brother, Chris, also received the 1945 legacy medallion at his Class of 1981 graduation.

Mike Colacicco, Class of 1969, said he received a cigarette case from his father's Class—1940, but his class has not given gifts

to descendants to the best of his knowledge.

There were 75 members of the Class of 2010 who had one or both parents graduate from West Point. Those with grandparents or relatives further back were not necessarily tracked.

Descendants (children and grandchildren) of the Classes of 1947, 1971, 1973 and 1983 gift presentations are covered here.

Fowler's 1971 classmate, physics professor Dr. Tom Lainis, presented bookends to Kelsey Hassin, daughter of 1971 graduate Don Hassin, May 21 in the Thayer Award Room. The bookends have the new graduate's name and date and the other side has the name of her father.

Hassin is the class' first daughter-graduate. Dean of the Academic Board Brig. Gen. Patrick Finnegan and Superintendent Lt. Gen. Buster Hagenbeck also represented the Class of 1971. Hassin's parents, Don and Kathi Hassin; brother, Jared, Class of 2013; Firstie Joe Perez, Hassin's fiancé and Mark and Katy Perez, parents of Hassin's fiancé, attended.

The Class of 1971 began giving gifts in 1990. Retired Brig. Gen. Chris Arney, the head of the Mathematical Sciences Department, started the tradition and the class



**Firstie Kendall Poling sees her name engraved on an officer's saber she's admiring with her sister Taylor (left), mother Sally and father Gregory after the Graduation Parade May 21. The saber is a graduation gift from the Class of 1947 of which her maternal grandfather, Stewart "Bud" Vockel, Jr., is a member. The case has a small plaque with her name that says "Well Done" from the grandfathers of the Class of 1947.**

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chose the bookends. Bookends serve as the supporting base for books—books already written and books to be written.

Jim Johnston of the Association of Graduates and member of the Class of 1973 presented a gift to Elyse Fiore, daughter of Johnston's classmate Uldric (Ric) Fiore, Jr., May 21.

"My classmate, Lee Ross is a pilot and aerial photographer and has been providing the gift—aerial photographs of West Point—to descendants for nearly a decade," Johnston said.

Col. Donna Brazil, Col. Tim Trainor and Jane Jollota represented the Class of 1983, and presented four commemorative silver dollar coins May 20 at Jefferson Hall to Elizabeth Connors, whose parents, Mark and Cheryl Connors, were both members of the Class of 1983.

Other awardees were graduates Matthew Tullia, whose father Steve is a member of the Class of 1983; Dominic Rossi, father John Rossi;

and Phillip Rangitsch, who could not attend. The award was accepted by his parents Joseph and Maureen Rangitsch.

Did being the daughter of two West Pointers have any bearing on Elizabeth's decision to attend the academy?

"I don't think my parents influenced me going to West Point," Connors said. "I just went to all the football games. (Then again), my brother Kevin will be a plebe next year."

Linda Mastin, Chief of Web and Print Publications in the Directorate of Public Affairs and Communications and honorary member of her father's class—1947, presented 2010 graduate Kendall Poling an engraved officer's saber in a case from all of her 'grandfathers' in the Class of 1947.

Poling's maternal grandfather was Stewart "Bud" Vockel, Jr.



**Col. Tim Trainor (left), professor and Systems Engineering Department Head, and Col. Donna Brazil (right), academy professor of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership, present new graduates; Elizabeth Connors, Matthew Tullia and Dominic Rossi, with a legacy gift, a silver dollar coin with the engraving "They Stood Up For Us," from the class of 1983. Both of Connors' parents and Tullia and Rossi's fathers were 1983 graduates.**

KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

# GRAD FACTS

• Of the 1,002 cadets receiving their diplomas May 22, 14 were foreign cadets, representing Belize, Cameroon, Guyana, Iraq, Latvia, Maldives, Nicaragua, Peru, Romania, Rwanda and Thailand.

• 75 cadets from the Class of 2010 were sons or daughters of West Point graduates.

• The Class Motto is "Loyal 'Til the End."

• This is West Point's 212th graduating class and the 31st to graduate women.

• 32 members of the Class of 2010 earned recognition as Honor Graduates. This award reflects overall excellence in cadet performance—academic, military and physical.

• 151 members of the Class of 2010 had attended the U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School in Fort Monmouth, N.J.



It was a scene of mass jubilation at Michie Stadium May 22 when the Class of 2010 tossed their hats skyward, marking the end of one journey and the beginning of another for the 1,002 newly-commissioned second lieutenants. TOMMY GILLIGAN/PV



(Above) Tactical officers and noncommissioned officers congratulate a Class of 2010 U.S. Military Academy cadet after receiving his diploma during the graduation ceremony in Michie Stadium. TOMMY GILLIGAN/PV

## Branching Out

The Class of 2010 will serve in the following branches of the Army by the following numbers:

- Infantry: 195
- Armor: 88
- Field Artillery: 135
- Air Defense Artillery: 50
- Aviation: 107
- Engineer: 129
- Signal Corps: 42
- Military Police: 23
- Military Intelligence: 68
- Adjutant General's Corps: 23
- Finance: 6
- Chemical: 7
- Transportation: 25
- Ordnance: 24
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- Medical Service: 18
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This year's graduating class has 383 exceptional graduates who have made service to the United States their priority and thereby gained significant control over key aspects of their careers. These officers secured either the branch of their choice, their initial permanent duty station of choice, or the guaranteed option to further their education by attending a fully-funded, full-time graduate degree program at an institution of their choosing.

# Class of 2010 celebrates landmark achievements

By Mike Strasser  
Assistant Editor/Copy

Just over a thousand hats took flight May 22 marking the graduation of the West Point Class of 2010 and the transformation of cadets into commissioned second lieutenants. After the hats were tossed and with diplomas in hand, the officers exchanged hugs, handshakes and back slaps among colleagues, family and friends at Michie Stadium.

For 2nd Lt. James Henshaw, the feeling of euphoria following the ceremony was overwhelming. As he searched for familiar faces among the thousands on the football field, there was an energy not unlike that of a Super Bowl celebration.

"I'm looking for my friends right now because they're the ones who got me this far," Henshaw said, who will be going to Fort Sill, Okla., for field artillery training. "From Day One, you have someone who can help you make a bed properly to today, when my roommate and I helped clear out our room together."

It's that network of support and camaraderie Henshaw said he'll miss the most leaving West Point. But after a mind-numbing week of exams, it's the relentless studying and homework he's happy to leave behind.

Second Lt. Anthony Nash, a field artillery officer, is the first in his family to enter military service.

"I didn't come from a military family, however, but I might as well. My mom is very patriotic and acted as my first drill sergeant as I grew up," the Buffalo, N.Y., native said.

Nash said he first became interested in West Point after talking to his football coach from Bennett High School,



President Barack Obama delivered the graduation address May 22 at Michie Stadium. He is the 11th U.S. president to address the graduating class at West Point. TOMMY GILLIGAN/PV

who was a Class of 1980 graduate. He looks forward to a homecoming this summer in Western New York where he'll enjoy the local festivals and eat some of those famous chicken wings.

"I will spend most of my break hanging with my family and friends," Nash said. "After I get out of the Army, I want to go back to teach in the Buffalo Public School System."

Nash will be stationed at Fort Sill, Okla., for field artillery training, before heading to Ranger School. He said he'll then return to New York when he is assigned to Fort Drum.

Second Lt. Elizabeth Betterbed entered West Point with two clear objectives: make the soccer team and graduate. However, she's leaving with a whole lot more. Betterbed, a Fox Island, Wash., native, graduated with the highest accumulative cadet performance score.

The Engineering Corps officer is also a Rhodes Scholar recipient, a member of a team of mechanical engineers who helped develop a bionic foot for their capstone project, and served as deputy brigade commander, the second highest leadership position among the 4,400 Corps of Cadets. Of the four years at West Point, Betterbed said these final weeks have been the most memorable.

"This is as good as it gets. We just finished up our capstone project and got to test it on a Soldier from Walter Reed; I'm graduating with my whole family here. I mean, that's the greatest thing," Betterbed said. "Of course last year, our soccer team going to Patriot League Championships was a pretty cool and unique memory as well."

Betterbed, a four-year letter winner and starter on the women's soccer team, led the Black Knights in scoring this past fall.

"I made some good friends, had some great mentors and it's always fun to play your favorite sport after school every day," Betterbed, a two-time Academic All-American, said.

"And getting to compete with the 'Army' on your shirt is a

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About 27,000 were in attendance for the Class of 2010 Graduation. ERIC S. BARTELT/PV

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pretty cool thing."

Betterbed said she wants to do some world traveling this summer with her sister, Claire (Class of 2013), and will be picking out housing in England before starting school at Oxford. Joining her overseas is 2nd Lt. Alexandra P. Rosenberg of New York. Rosenberg earned the highest cumulative academic quality point average and was named the Class of 2010 Valedictorian.

Lt. Gen. Buster Hagenbeck, U.S. Military Academy Superintendent, recapped the narrative of the Class of 2010 as one of unprecedented achievements.

"They've met all the challenges of the West Point experience," the 57th USMA Superintendent said. "They're ready to assume the mantle of leadership, to transition from cadet to officer and with this, to accept the incredible responsibility that goes with leading American Soldiers."

"You've surpassed all of my expectations," Hagenbeck added. "As a class and as individuals, you've distinguished yourselves in all pursuits. Academically, you've won more Rhodes, Marshal, Truman, Rotary, National Science Foundation scholarships than any class of recent memory. On the fields of friendly strife, just this year alone you've led teams that have won six national club titles, seven Patriot League championships and you've won doing it the right way."

President Barack Obama applauded the Class of 2010 and their families for their patriotism and for committing themselves to serving the nation. During his graduation address, the commander-in-chief said he could empathize with the hardships

these cadets endured during their initial, or plebe, year.

"You have pushed yourself through the agony of Beast Barracks; the weeks of training in rain and mud; and, I am told, more inspections and drills than perhaps any class before you," Obama said. "Along the way, I'm sure you faced moments when you asked yourself: 'What am I doing here?' I have those moments sometimes."

Obama noted the diversity among the class with 14 foreign cadets representing such countries as Iraq, Nicaragua, Rwanda and Thailand.

The Class of 2010 was also represented by 136 women, 54 African Americans, 70 Asian/Pacific Islanders, 69 Hispanics and six Native Americans.

"This is the first time in academy history when your two top awards have been earned by female cadets," Obama said. "This underscores a fact I have seen in the faces of our troops from Baghdad to Bagram—in the 21st century, our women in uniform play an indispensable role in our national defense. Time and again, they have proven themselves to be role models for our daughters and sons—as students, Soldiers and as leaders in the United States Army."

"The faces in this stadium show a simple truth: America's Army represents the full breadth of the American experience," he said. "You come from every corner of our country—from privilege and poverty; cities and small towns. You worship all of the great religions that enrich the life of our people. You include the vast diversity of race and ethnicity that is fundamental to our nation's strength."



Cadets from the Class of 2010 take the oath of office as newly-commissioned second lieutenants, as administered by Brig. Gen. William E. Rapp, Commandant of Cadets. MIKE STRASSER/PV

# What's Happening

## (New Info) Shabbat services cancelled

Friday's Shabbat services are cancelled due to the end of the academic season and the absence of the cadet populace.

Further notices will be forthcoming as to the summer worship schedule and any other cancellations to be determined.

For more information, call the Jewish Chapel staff at 938-2710.

## Memorial Day activities

Honor our nation's fallen Soldiers at the New Windsor Cantonment at 2 p.m. Monday. 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) Memorial Day wreath laying ceremony

The garrison commander will conduct a wreath laying ceremony at noon Monday at Trophy Point's Battle Monument in honor of our nation's fallen comrades.

The ceremony will include a 21-gun salute.

The community is invited to attend.

## (New Info) Shuttle Bus service for Finnegan's retirement ceremony

A shuttle bus service will be provided from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesday for Brig. Gen. Patrick Finnegan's retirement ceremony.

People attending this event are encouraged to park in K-Lot and use shuttle service to and from Eisenhower Hall.

# Keller Corner

## KACH outpatient clinic closures

All outpatient clinics, laboratory, pharmacy and radiology will be closed Friday for a training holiday and Monday for Memorial Day.

The emergency room will remain open.

## Tobacco Cessation Program

Do you want to stop using tobacco? If you need help or information, contact Trish Titus, KACH Family Practice Clinic RN, at 938-3244.

## TRICARE Service Center

The TRICARE Service Center in Highland Falls will be undergoing computer maintenance and upgrades Wednesday.

Due to the maintenance, the office will open at noon.

## School and Sports Physicals

The Primary Care Department will begin offering school and sports physicals starting Tuesday.

Beat the summer rush and get your child's school and sports physical now.

If you are moving this summer, it is recommended that you schedule the physical at your next duty station as the criteria for the new school district may be different.

A physical exam must be within one

calendar year to be acceptable.

## 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. Wednesday, 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](mailto:teamfreds25@yahoo.com).

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:crystalwhite63@ccs.com).

## 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.

## Summer playground fun

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

calendar year to be acceptable.

If the physical expires prior to the beginning of another sport, a new exam is required.

This is also the time to review your child's immunizations and to prepare additional documentation for the administration of medications during school hours or emergency instructions for children with known allergies.

Obtain the necessary forms from the appropriate school nurse and bring them to your child's appointment.

Call 938-7992 or 800-552-2907 to request an appointment for a school or sports physical and save the summer for vacation fun.

## Check your wallet

All TRICARE Prime beneficiaries, including active duty servicemembers and cadets, should have a TRICARE Prime card.

You can request one by speaking to a customer service representative at 877-874-2273.

Present the TRICARE Prime card, along with your military ID card, whenever you need civilian health care.

The card also contains important information about emergency and out of area care.

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 the children.

For more information, contact Teki Snel at 446-5920 or e-mail her to [twc8454465920@earthlink.net](mailto: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](mailto:mprosperie@hvc.rr.com).

## 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](http://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](http://www.goarmysports.com). For more information or to inquire about a brochure, call 938-7671 or e-mail [ryan.wilman@usma.edu](mailto:ryan.wilman@usma.edu) or [rafael.vega@usma.edu](mailto: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](http://www.goarmysports.com).

## (New Info) RCI Survey

Balfour Beatty Communities will send out RCI Resident Satisfaction Surveys within the

next few days.

This survey is part of a performance assessment program and the community's participation is very important.

Take a moment to complete the survey, place it in the postage paid envelope by June 30, drop it in the mail and come to BBC Management office at 132 Bartlett Loop to fill out a prize entry form.

Balfour Beatty is holding an early bird special drawing the first week for a \$100 gift card. If you win, your name will still be eligible for further weekly drawings.

Get the form in early and have more chances to win.

Every Friday at 3 p.m., BBC will hold a raffle for a gift card, TomTom GPS system or a basketball hoop.

The final week BBC will raffle the grand prize of a Lenovo Notebook Computer and carrying case.

## (New Info) Simon Center for the Professional Military Ethic recruiting

The mission of the SCPME is to educate, train and inspire the Corps of Cadets to be courageous leaders of character who profess the Army values, beliefs and standards. The mission also reaffirms their own identities as professionals committed to serving the nation as well as to hone their moral and ethical decision-making skills in the relative safety of a classroom.

Due to the summer PCS surge, SCPME needs experienced officers and NCOs who are willing to share valuable combat and non-combat experiences.

Civilians are also encouraged to volunteer as they bring continuity and consistency to the program and can offer a wealth of experience in a variety of topics.

Cadets receive approximately 72 hours of professional military ethic education, including honor and respect education, through a combination of facilitator-led, small group discussions and dynamic guest speakers who support and reinforce the program's goals and objectives.

These 72 hours begin during Cadet Basic Training and end at the completion of a cadet's Cow year. A typical term during the academic year includes 8-10 fully resourced SCPME lessons, which occur on 10 designated days during Commandant's Hours from 12:30-1:45 p.m.

For more information or to volunteer, call Maj. Chad DeBos at 938-3028 or e-mail him at [chad.debos@usma.edu](mailto:chad.debos@usma.edu).

## (New Info) Sales Associates needed

Two part-time and two Special Events Sales Associates are needed at the Daughters of the U.S. Army Gift Shop.

If interested, pick up an application at the shop located inside the West Point Museum or contact Tanisha McInerney at 446-0566.

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

**Friday—Clash of the Titans,  
PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**

**Saturday—Why Did I Get  
Married Too, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**

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

# 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 today.

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](mailto:jim.mcguinness@usma.edu) or call 938-3066.

## 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. today at the ACS Training Room, Bldg. 622.

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

## Part-day Preschool CDC enrollment

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

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 Tuesday for slots on a "space available" basis.

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

## Memorial Day ceremony at Castle Point VA Hospital

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

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 the end of May.

For more information and to register, call 938-3487 or e-mail [william.luna@usma.edu](mailto: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. Tuesday 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.

## Indoor Swimming

The FMWR Community Swim program

summer session starts Tuesday 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.

## 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.

## 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](http://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:

- Saturday-Monday, 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.

## (New Info) Military Spouse Career Open House

Join ACS' Employment Readiness Program for its Career Open House from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. June 17.

Topics will include interview skills, dress for success and professional attire, job search assistance, and resumé review and much more.

This event will be held in the ACS common area in Bldg. 622.

Refreshments and on-site childcare will be provided.

For more information, call 938-5658.

## 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.

## (New Info) Family Child care Training

The Family Child care program will be offering training for individuals interested in providing child care services from the comfort of their homes.

You can choose whether to work with children ages 6 weeks through 12 years, for hourly, full/part time and weekend/evening care.

Training is set to take place from July 7-16.

To sign up, or for more information, contact Elizabeth Peralta at 938-6170 or [Elizabeth.Peralta@usma.edu](mailto:Elizabeth.Peralta@usma.edu).

## (New Info) CYSS Edge! June Photography Classes

There will be four Monday CYSS Edge! photography class sessions starting from 3:15-4:15 p.m. June 7 at the Youth Center, Bldg. 500.

The classes are open to CYSS members in grades 3-5. A minimal fee will be charged for the four classes.

Register by June 4 at the Youth Center (Bldg. 500). For more information, call 938-0829.

## 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.

## 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.

## (New Info) West Point Volunteers

If you were unable to attend the West Point Volunteer Recognition Ceremony and haven't received your certificate of appreciation from your organization, stop by the Army Volunteer Corps coordinator's office to pick up your certificate.

The office is located within Army Community Service in Bldg. 622.

For more information, call 938-3655 or 938-4621.

By this time, you should have heard of the Volunteer Management Information System. If you haven't already registered, now is the time to do so.

This is an Army-mandated system and West Point volunteers are required to use the system in order to be considered "registered."

Only registered volunteers are eligible for awards and recognition through the Army Volunteer Corps, including Black and Gold Awards and an invitation to next year's Volunteer Recognition Ceremony.

For more information about how to register, visit [www.westpointmwr.com/ACTIVITY/IVC/index.HTM](http://www.westpointmwr.com/ACTIVITY/IVC/index.HTM) or e-mail [christina.overstreet@usma.edu](mailto:christina.overstreet@usma.edu).

## (New Info) AFAP Issues

Got issues you would like to see resolved?

The Army Family Action Plan is your avenue for results.

If you have a suggestion for how the Army can improve quality of life at West Point, we want to hear about it.

For more information about AFAP or to submit an issue, visit [www.westpointmwr.com/afap.htm](http://www.westpointmwr.com/afap.htm) or call 938-3655.

## (New Info) Army Volunteer Corps

Are you interested in volunteering at West Point? There are many opportunities for you to get involved.

For more information, please visit [www.westpointmwr.com/ACTIVITY/IVC/index.HTM](http://www.westpointmwr.com/ACTIVITY/IVC/index.HTM) or call 938-3655.

## Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

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.

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Difficulty: Easy

# Adao's ambition moves from diving to signal corps

Story and photos by  
Eric S. Bartelt  
Managing Editor

Lindsey Adao spent her cadet career diving into everything headfirst with zeal and moxie that led her to being an ambitious cadet and one of the greatest divers in the history of the Army swimming and diving program. Now, Adao takes all her lessons learned at West Point and dives into her professional career as a signal corps officer after graduating from the U.S. Military Academy May 22.

Graduation was a day of reflection and celebration while emotions overflowed as Adao was recognized as the female Army Athletic Association Trophy winner and got a chance to briefly speak with President Barack Obama as he gave Adao her diploma.

Her experience meeting the president lasted about 15 seconds, but it felt like more of a blur to Adao when reflecting on the moment.

"I was on stage and as I was getting closer to the podium, I was getting more excited," Adao said about meeting the president. "It felt like I blacked out to where I didn't really remember much from the time I was (next) in the holding line to the time I saluted the president.

"I didn't hear my name called, it just kind of happened," she added. "It was very thrilling and a huge rush to get to be on stage with the president, shake his hand and talk to him a little."

While Adao's experience of receiving her diploma and meeting the president was a bit hazy, her career on the diving board was

exceptionally memorable in the annals of Army diving.

Adao, who didn't start diving until her junior year of high school, finished her collegiate career with two Patriot League "Diver of the Year" (2009 and 2010) awards when she finished in first place at the league championships in the 1-meter and 3-meter springboard dives in consecutive years.

During her dual meet career, Adao finished with a 50-17 record in the 1-meter dive and 45-22 record in the 3-meter dive. She went on to compete at the NCAA Zone A Championships all four years of her career while completing her diving career as the Patriot League, Army and Crandall Pool record holder in the 1-meter springboard event.

Adao's success earned her the coveted AAA Trophy that is given to one male and one female athlete in the graduating class. She is the fourth member of the swimming and diving program to earn the award and first diver to win it, so it was a special moment for Adao to get recognized as the best female athlete in the Class of 2010.

"The last person on the swim team who won it was Chelsea Haviland (in 2006), so to be put on the same level as her in some respect is truly an honor," Adao said. "I was so excited when I got that e-mail (saying I won it), I read it six times before calling my mom to tell her."

The New City, N.Y., native, which is about 20 miles from West Point, turned out a great collegiate diving career despite the fact she was an All-American gymnast and debated on continuing that career in



Second Lt. Lindsey Adao (center) has her shoulder boards placed by U.S. Military Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. Buster Hagenbeck and Roberta Adao, Lindsey's mother, during the officer oath and bar pinning ceremony at Eisenhower Hall May 22.

college at Penn State.

However, she spurned Penn State for the U.S. Military Academy because she found a niche on the diving board when she competed with the West Point Diving Club her junior and senior years of high school. The club is part of the U.S. Diving age group club for 18-year-olds and younger, and her two years with the club team helped develop her burgeoning skills.

Jonathan Johnson, the former Army diving coach, got her to join the pilot diving program and then interested in coming to the academy. Also, with the help of a friend, Noah Pincusoff, an Army enlisted Soldier, she was convinced to look seriously into West Point.

Adao chose the academy, but once she got here the coach she thought would be guiding her left and a new coach arrived, Ron Kontura, and the butting of heads began.

While they both looked at things at the opposite end of the spectrum, they eventually came together on things that helped her become very successful.

"I admit I was stubborn, very stubborn," Adao said. "I drew a line and I was not crossing it, but it helped that someone wanted me to cross the line. What helped the most with these new ideas he threw out that he and I knew I was uncomfortable with is it helped us come up with new solutions.

"He wanted me to do a new dive, but I didn't want to do it but I knew I didn't want to do my old dive, either," she added. "That's how we came up with the (reverse one-and-a-half twisting one-and-a-half) in the middle of the (Lehigh) meet (my junior year). I had always been apprehensive to try new dives and I was so scared going into it but it just

happened. It became a consistent dive for me and something I never again worried about."

Adao said that dive and performance at Lehigh was one of the best of her career next to her 1-meter and 3-meter wins at the Patriot League finals this year. Although, Adao admits she would butt heads and have philosophical differences on diving with Kontura, she said that he was right about changing up things that led to more successes.

Adao laughingly said her coach won and he was right, however, Kontura looked at it from a different perspective.

"I didn't win, that's not what it's about," Kontura said. "It's about getting her to reach her potential, wherever that is at a given moment. It's the key to coaching, which is taking individuals and getting them to where they can go and maximize their abilities."

Kontura admits Adao was one of the most frustrating athletes he's ever coached, but always knew she had the ability to be the best.

"Lindsey came to West Point as an individual who for the majority of her childhood trained as an athlete," Kontura said about her 15 years spent in gymnastics prior to the academy. "She is a very strong athlete and was built to be a diver. Gymnastics really set her up for success.

"By far, she's the most talented athlete that West Point has ever had from the diving perspective," he added. "In terms of athletic ability, she is as good as it gets for women in the NCAA. (Her gymnastics career) was valuable and led to her winning many (diving) awards. That training she did when she was 10, 11 and 12 years old reaped a lot of rewards at the academy."

Kontura said Adao grew a tremendous amount while at the academy as a diver and would trust her coaching right now.

However, more so than coaching, he believes she will make a great Army officer as the new second lieutenant heads into the signal corps.

"She is very good in front of people and presenting herself in a professional manner that really commands respect and notice—she handles herself really well," he said. "She's very well versed and says the appropriate thing at the appropriate time. Her enthusiasm about living that goes with it and with that comes a lot of intrinsic values that you can't really quantify.

"Diving aside, it's been great getting to know her and watch her grow from a teenager to a woman," Kontura added. "Lindsey's matured so much over the years and it's going to be a joy to continue to get updates from her and see how she is doing. I expect nothing but great things from her in the future in whatever she does."

Adao moves on to a future that includes Fort Campbell, Ky., where she will live with her husband, 1st Lt. Alan Colvin (Class of 2008), who she married Sunday, and lead troops once she completes her Basic Officer Leadership Course at Fort Gordon, Ga., that starts July 28.

For her, it's an exciting time knowing she will lead Soldiers while the Army has a foothold in places like Iraq and Afghanistan.

"It's such an honor to get to do this in the time we're doing it," Adao said. "People have different motivations coming here, especially during a time of war, but all my classmates stepped into West Point knowing exactly what they're

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President Barack Obama shakes 2nd Lt. Lindsey Adao's hand after giving Adao her diploma at West Point's Graduation Day at Michie Stadium May 22.

# One last flight on lacrosse field before Aviation career

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Coming out of high school, 2nd Lt. Tyler Seymour's number one goal was to play lacrosse at a Division I level school. The two-time high school All-American was not sure where he wanted to go. Not being from the traditional lacrosse "hot bed," the Nashua, N.H., native went on his official visits to make his mind up.

"It came down to (Virginia Military Institute) and Army after my visits," Seymour said. "I wanted to know where I was going to school before Thanksgiving of my senior year."

According to Seymour, the idea of joining the military was not something that he was looking toward much like virtually every male in his Family has done, with Seymour's father, Ted, recently retiring from the Air Force as a lieutenant colonel.

After listening to what all the schools had to offer, Seymour made his final official visit to West Point.

"After spending the weekend with all the guys here, the camaraderie and the feeling of unity, I felt I just knew where I wanted to



Col. Sam Johnson administers the Commissioning Oath to the Class of 2010 men's lacrosse team members during their Bar Pinning ceremony in Foley Field House May 22. Second Lt. Tyler Seymour is located to the far right.

go," Seymour said. "After I talked to my Family, I called Coach A (Joe Alberici, head men's lacrosse coach) and said I wanted to come to West Point, and he told me 'let's get after it.'"

Since the day he stepped on campus as a cadet, he has been contributing not only as an athlete, but in the classroom as well.

"I have taught Tyler in three or four classes," Lt. Col. Darryl Ahner, Class of 1990 and math assistant

professor, said. "He embodies everything what a cadet and a young officer should be.

"In the hardest class I teach to Firsties in mathematics, Tyler not only is one of the best students in the class, he also can see when people are struggling and goes out of his way to make sure they are keeping up in the classroom," Ahner added.

Seymour's Academic Quality Point Average enabled him to

branch Aviation, as less than 11 percent of the corps is selected to attend flight school annually.

As graduation approached May 22, for the large majority of the Class of 2010, they were looking forward to celebrating with Family and friends, but Seymour, along with his teammates, had other things on their minds.

"It has been a very intense week, from beating Syracuse in the Dome in double overtime to preparing for graduation to preparing for our second round (NCAA Playoff) game against Cornell," Seymour said excitedly.

The team's season was historic, as they defeated Navy twice, were Patriot League champions and defeated the defending national champions in the first round of the playoffs.

Many community members

have said this was the best they've seen Army lacrosse in years.

However, the season and the dream weekend did not end the way Seymour and his fellow Black Knights wanted to finish their careers at West Point, falling short to New York state rival Cornell in the quarterfinals.

Seymour finished his career by scoring the final Black Knight goal in the contest, and completed the season starting all 17 games and scoring 23 goals and dishing out nine assists.

"Tyler personifies the meaning of student/athlete. He has had an outstanding athletic and academic career at West Point," Alberici said. "I am very proud of how he represented this program in all that he did. Tyler's Firstie year performance on the field was a big part in this year's success."

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getting themselves into and, to me, it really means something to get to serve with people who are motivated.

"It means a lot to me to get to work with people who are making the sacrifices they're making day in and day out, deploying time and time again, separated from their Families," she added. "I'm very lucky and feel very fortunate that I'm going to get to work with people who are doing this because they want to do it."

Graduating was a symbol of transition for Adao. Adao grew up in the Hudson Valley region and will now move away from the home she's always known.

Adao spoke about her mother,

Roberta, being scared and fearful for Lindsey on R-Day back in June 2006.

Her mother is proud of what she has become through the academy's guidance and how successful she became, not only in diving but academics and being on the Brigade Staff in the Morale, Welfare and Recreation position her firstie year, during her time at West Point.

"I was very hesitant about her coming here and I didn't know if she was coming for the right reasons, but she so proved me wrong and I'm so proud of her for it," Roberta said. "There is still trepidation (with what the future holds), but I feel she is prepared to do what she is about to do and I can't be more proud."



Second Lt. Tyler Seymour spent his first full day as an Army officer competing in the NCAA Tournament quarterfinals against Cornell. Seymour scored Army's final goal in the 14-5 loss.

# Lacrosse finishes remarkable run with 14-5 loss to Cornell

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Cornell scored the first four goals of the game and used a string of six unanswered goals in the fourth quarter to pull away and defeat Army, 14-5, in the quarterfinals of the NCAA tournament Sunday at Stony Brook's Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium.

One week after the Black Knights knocked off two-time defending national champion Syracuse, 9-8, in a double-overtime shocker in the first round, Army (11-6) saw the Big Red take a 4-1 first-quarter lead and an 8-3 lead by halftime that proved to be too big a hole to dig out of for the Black Knights.

Cornell (12-5) senior attackman Ryan Hurley, the owner of the nation's third-longest active point streak at 49 games, scored two of his team's first four tallies to help stake the Big Red to the five-goal cushion by halftime.

Army looked to mount a comeback, kicking off the second half with a man-up tally by Firstie attackman Tyler Oates at 9:06, but the Cornell defense held Army scoreless over

the next 14 minutes while putting together the decisive six-goal run to advance to the national semifinal for the second straight year and third time since 2007.

Hurley finished with a game-high five points on four goals and one helper to record his eighth hat trick of the season and 25th of his career.

"First, I want to congratulate Cornell on a well-played game. They were outstanding on the ground in gaining possessions," Army head coach Joe Alberici said. "They got the goaltending they needed and did a terrific job of executing. It's pretty disappointing for our guys—I'm at a loss for words after coming out of a pretty emotional locker room. Cornell did the things they had to do in order to win. We just came up short today."

Firstie attackman Tyler Seymour led the Black Knights with a goal and an assist. Cow attackman Jeremy Boltus, Plebe attackman Garrett Thul and Yearling midfielder Devin Lynch scored one goal apiece, while Cow midfielder Rob McCallion added an assist. Cow goalkeeper Tom Palesky was credited with 11 saves in the loss.

Following the opening run from Cornell, Boltus got the Black Knights on the board with a rip that found the upper corner from 12 yards out with 2:04 showing in the first quarter.

Hurley helped the Big Red to a 6-1 advantage after registering the assist and tally on Cornell's next two scores. Army answered with two of the game's next three goals as McCallion found Lynch in open space for a blast from 10 yards out that made it 6-2.

Thul, who finished his first season as Army's most prolific goal- and point-scoring freshman (41 goals, nine assists), bounced his only point of the game at the 3:37 mark of the second stanza. Cornell freshman midfielder Steve Mock, who notched three goals, spun

past a defender and scored falling down to give the Big Red an 8-3 cushion at the half.

Oates started the third frame with a tally off of a low-to-high feed from Seymour, but Cornell responded with the definitive run to put the game out of reach.

After a 1-4 start, the Black Knights won 10 of their next 11 games, including a nine-game run that saw Army finish 6-0 in the Patriot League and win its first-ever Patriot League Tournament title with a 11-8 victory over Navy in the championship game.

It was also the program's first NCAA Tournament appearance since making three-straight from 2003-05, while the Syracuse win was the first in the NCAA Tournament since 1993.



Plebe attackman Garrett Thul scored a goal for Army in a 14-5 loss to Cornell at Stony Brook during the NCAA Tournament quarterfinals Sunday. Thul finished the season with 41 goals and nine assists.

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## Flooring the competition

Samantha Wender (above) concluded her 2009-10 gymnastics season by winning the U.S. Association of Independent Gymnastics Clubs N.Y. State championship gold medal on floor exercise (9.25), silver medal on beam and All-Around (36.325) and placement medals on vault (9.05) and bars. Two weeks earlier at the inaugural USAIGC National Individual Event Championships, Wender won the vault and beam title, and placed second on bars and third on floor.

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