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Boxing takes fourth straight national title

Senior Steven Henao-Escobar lands a right upper-cut on U.S. Coast Guard Academy's Justin Maio during the second round of the 2011 National Collegiate Boxing Association Championships 147-pound bout. Escobar went on to win the fight and his second consecutive national title. He earned one of four individual national titles for Army, helping the team win its fourth consecutive team national title. (Story and photos from the national championships on page 13.)

TOMMY GILLIGAN/PAO

Crossing the line of departure

Gen. Martin Dempsey

From the Office of the Chief of Staff

I'm honored to be your 37th Chief of Staff. I want to assure you that I'm well aware of the challenges we face but equally aware of the opportunities we will have in the next four years to do a lot of good both for the Army and for the nation.

My transition team did a great job helping me "see" our Army, and I want to share two of its observations.

1. We are really good. We've accomplished everything that's been asked of us. Our Soldiers and their Families are proud, courageous and resolute. Our leaders are effective, engaged and innovative.

2. We are uncertain about the future. The missions in Iraq and Afghanistan appear to be stabilizing. The nation's economic condition appears to be declining. Senior leaders are questioning our role.

We have been here before, and, as I like to tell those who are interested in our Army, "I like the problem we have." We've never been better organized, better trained or better equipped.

Of course, that's at least in part because we've never been better resourced. As our resourcing changes, we'll change—but we'll be changing from a position of great strength. That's why I like the problem we have.

Over the next few months and in collaboration with our Secretary of the Army, I'll share some thoughts with you about the role of our Army, how we will remain adaptable, how our active and reserve components will contribute to maintaining our position as the nation's decisive land force, and how we will remain the nation's pre-eminent leadership experience.

The "talk on the street" is all about how resource constraints are coming and about how we must act to ensure a "soft landing." You won't hear that from me. I didn't take the job as your 37th Chief of Staff to orchestrate a "soft landing."

I took the job as the 37th to team with an incredible group of senior military and civilian leaders to make our Army smarter, better and more capable—with the resources we are given—so that we provide the nation with the greatest number of options for an uncertain future.

We remain an Army at war. We will provide whatever it takes to achieve our objectives in the current fights. We will keep faith with our Families and with our wounded.

One other thing you need to know about me. In my 37 years, I've been deployed several times to several different kinds of conflict.

In each case, upon notification to deploy, I was able to requisition nearly everything my unit needed. What I couldn't requisition was trust, discipline and fitness.

These qualities have to exist in every unit and in every Soldier of our Army all the time. When I come to visit your organization—whether a tactical formation or part of our institutional Army—I'll want to know what you're doing to develop a climate of trust, to ensure the discipline of your Soldiers and to increase the fitness of the force.

I'm proud to serve with you.

Gen. Martin E. Dempsey
37th Chief of Staff

Class of 2012 Cadet Bonita DeAntona and Class of 2011 Cadet Matthew Passmore begin the one-mile walk in support of Sexual Assault Awareness Month April 6. The walk began at Thayer Statue with Army Community Service staff and colleagues from the Mental Health Association in Orange County, Inc. providing informational brochures and campaign T-shirts. MIKE STRASSER/PV

Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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

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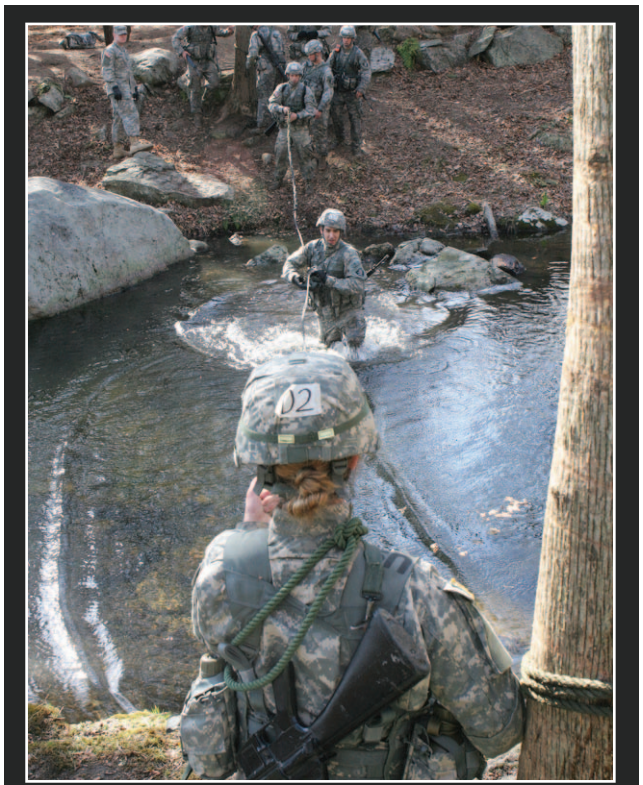
The 45th Sandhurst Military Skills Competition

More than 400 cadets from around the world to compete at West Point



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File photos

By Jim Fox
West Point Media Relations

More than 400 cadets from military academies and universities around the world will compete in the 45th annual Sandhurst Military Skills Competition (**www.usma.edu/dmi/sandhurst_competition.htm**) from 6 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Saturday at Camp Buckner.

The competition is free and open to the public. Spectator parking will be indicated along Route 293. Information about where to go to best view the competition will be provided at the Sandhurst Visitor's Booth.

The defending champion team from the United Kingdom's Royal Military Academy Sandhurst will attempt to retain the title against the other U. K. Royal Military Academy Sandhurst team, the 32 teams from West Point, as well as the U.S. Naval Academy, U.S. Air Force Academy, eight select university ROTC teams, the U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School, Canada's Royal Military College, Afghanistan's National Military Academy, Taiwan's Military Academy, Australia's Royal Military College at Duntroon and the Chilean Military Academy.

Teams are comprised of eight men and one woman. The competition consists of 11 different events ranging from marksmanship to water crossings and tests individual and team military skills as well as athletic proficiency.

Teams accumulate points during the rigorous competition and have the opportunity to earn up to 1,000 points throughout the course.

The competition originated in 1967 when the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst presented a sword to the U.S. Military Academy. The inscription on the sword reads: "To provide the Corps of Cadets with a challenging and rewarding regimental skills competition, which will enhance professional development and military excellence in selected Soldier skills." From then on, an annual event has been held to do just that.

For directions to this rain or shine event, contact the West Point Visitors Center at 845-938-2638.

The Basics

- Estimated start time of first team is 6 a.m. Saturday from Okinawa Hall on Camp Buckner;
- Estimated time for last team to finish is 3:30 p.m. at Camp Buckner Parade Field;
- Individual team starts will be posted on the SANCOM website (see address in story);
- Spectators are welcome to attend the awards ceremony at 6 p.m. at Washington Hall;
- Spectators are not permitted on the land navigation course;
- All competitors know the rules; however, it is by design they do not know the concept of each event. Please do not provide information to teams that will put a team at risk for disqualification.

Spectator Parking/Shuttle Service

- Parking will be available Saturday at Area K and Camp Natural Bridge (in the vicinity of the competition). Look for signs along Route 293;
- Offsite parking with shuttle service is available within West Point, at Lot A (in the vicinity of Michie Stadium);
- Spectators should plan 20-30 minutes additional travel time if using shuttle services;
- There will be a final shuttle service departing at 5 p.m. from Camp Buckner to transport spectators to the awards ceremony. There will be no shuttle service following the ceremony returning spectators to off-post parking areas. Motorists parked at Area K are encouraged to drive onto post and park in Lot A for the awards ceremony.

Political intrigue prevails during Congressional Exercise

Story and photo by Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor

Corey Young is an investigative reporter for a national newspaper, covering the political scene deep within the halls and chambers of Congress. This Washington insider has a lot of competition from a press corps hungry to get the scoop on immigration reform.

Well, not exactly.

Young is actually a Class of 2013 cadet studying American Politics, but he portrayed a Washington Post journalist during a Congressional Simulation Exercise April 4 at Eisenhower Hall.

Young was among the 120 cadets representing media, lobbyists, presidential advisers and congressional legislators in a hands-on, real-world simulation of government in action.

The issue of the day was immigration reform, and it was the job of the media to provide accurate, breaking news ahead of the competition. At times, that meant deciphering rhetoric and discovering the truth of the matter.

"So many people were coming up to me and telling me 'dirt' that they had," Young said. "I had to start turning some of them away so I could go find out what was really going on."

Young's approach was to contact the highest-ranking members of both parties to get both sides of the story and try to file accurate, unbiased reports the entire day. One of the day's biggest stories occurred during a Senate Judiciary Committee meeting when the democratic chairman refused to count a vote from a member of the opposing party who was absent prior to voting.

"I thought it was a really good move, though, and, according to the rules they made, it was legal," Young said.

The exercise involved the exchange of political points between different factions to create the best possible outcome. Throughout the day, cadets learned the ripple effect one person or party can have in politics. For example, a congressman's ill-chosen words to the press generated a great story, but proved costly to the politician.

"Based on comments from the last iteration, we decided to empower the media with the ability to award or take away political capital points with their articles," Maj. Kent Park, who co-created the exercise four semesters ago for the Department of Social Sciences, said. "This shifted the tone of the articles from entertainment to more serious journalism."

Park said traditional classroom lectures familiarize cadets with the lawmaking process and gave them adequate knowledge about the roles and influences of the key factors in this process.

"While this is critical to establishing the foundational knowledge for understanding this complex system, it is not sufficient for deeper comprehension and understanding of the lawmaking process," Park said. "We designed the simulation with the hopes of helping the students not only understand, but also feel, what it is like to be part of the process. In short, we wanted them to take this personally and become emotionally tied to the exercise."

Class of 2013 Cadet Sara Roger certainly got caught up with the political intrigue as a member of a special interest group. The night prior to the exercise, Roger joined her fellow Tea Party Express member to meet with the Republican committee heads in the Senate to form an alliance with another lobby group.

Cadets gather around the media board where a constant stream of stories was filed by various members of the Washington press corps. The Congressional Simulation Exercise provided hands-on, real-world simulation of government in action.

She thought this merger of political capital would provide powerful clout in negotiations. It didn't quite work out that way.

"I never thought people would be so selfish," Roger said. "Throughout the exercise, my allies and I allotted political capital to various committee heads with the intentions of using it to swing votes within their committees, and they ended up keeping it all for themselves. And they didn't feel bad about it."

Still, her group came close to achieving their objectives in the end and learned a few lessons about politics.

"Learning about it in a book and actually living it were two different experiences for me, the latter being the most rewarding," Roger said. "It not only provided knowledge in this subject, but gave me wisdom on how to deal with people."

Participation in the exercise counts for 10 percent of their final grade, but Park said it proved to be more valuable than that for some cadets.

"I knew we accomplished something when during a class discussion about the current budget impasse in Congress, a cadet commented that before (the exercise), he would have just shook his head in contempt that reinforced his cynical view of our political system," Park said. "(Now) he was much more sympathetic to the incredibly complex system which our elected leaders have to work through. While still maintaining a healthy dose of cynicism, I believe the cadets walk away from this experience with a deeper understanding of politics and less contempt for those who engage in it."

'Forever One Team'

The Class of 2014 Crest was unveiled April 8 at the Sponsor Appreciation Dinner at Washington Hall. The crest banner includes the class motto, "Forever One Team," and the use of roman numerals serves to capture the ancient spirit that underlies the theme of the crest and fulfills an integral part in the overall design of the crest—acting as the base for the design. The sword and saber rest before the eagle's wings, serving to remind each graduate of his/her duty as warriors first. Debra Dalton/West Point Public Affairs

Challenge Forum poses complex problems for leaders

Story and photo by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

Class of 2012 cadets, tactical officers and faculty members involved in the Leader Challenge Forum at the Firstie Club April 6 look at real-life situations handled by officers in the field.

Imagine you are a platoon leader in Iraq and your mission is to clear 30 houses across a bridge where you just lost a member of your platoon through enemy fire, your platoon is tired after 13 hours of work and low on water. What should you do?

This was the scenario presented to the Class of 2012 during a Leader Challenge Forum presented by the Center for Company-level Leaders April 6 at the Firsties Club.

One of the ways West Point instructors and tactical officers' help with cadet leader development is by designing resources that will bring to West Point, and across the Army, the experiences of those who have amassed lessons learned in combat.

The forum allowed members of the Class of 2012 to benefit from those lessons with the aid of experienced faculty members and tactical officers.

The class watched a video of a young platoon officer in combat having to make a decision regarding completing a mission. The video showed a real-life situation where a platoon officer needed to make a decision whether or not to go forward when his platoon is exhausted, low on water and with low morale due to loss of a platoon member, or to find another alternative.

The cadets then discussed a possible decision in a "What would you do" situation with other members of their class and the facilitators. After the discussion, the video was continued to what the platoon leader's decision was.

"With this leader challenge project, we go out into the field to find out what young officers are up against," Maj. Seth Hall, C-4 tactical officer, said.

In 2007, the CCL interviewed more than 300 junior officers in Iraq and Afghanistan to design, develop and implement selected PME2 lessons that engage cadets, current officers in the operational Army and facilitators in discussions around actual leadership challenges being faced today by junior officers, according to their website (**http://companycommand.army.mil/aboutccl/aboutCCL.htm**).

The real-life platoon leader generally talks about his experience in writing or in video, which is then brought back as a resource for leader development.

"We use the platoon leader's experience by utilizing the "World Café" technique," Hall said. "The cadets form small groups with a facilitator to discuss what they would do in the same situation. Then, after 20 minutes, the group changes to talk with another facilitator. This allows cadets to cross pollinate ideas and key concepts with their classmates and with their instructors."

Cadets are able to take leader challenges online to learn of real-life situations, read the answers of other experienced platoon leaders, hear the rest of the story and then discuss the scenario in small-group settings with a coach or mentor what they would do in the same situation.

The forum included an unsuspecting cadet who was asked to stand up in front of the forum in a role-playing scenario and call his TAC officer, as if he were in the field, to explain the situation.

One of the ways that the CCL connects to leaders in the field is through online professional forums such as Company Command and Platoon Leader forums, which bring leaders to the military and West Point to share their experiences to improve individual and company effectiveness.

Security Conference a first at West Point for Model UN

Submitted by the West Point Model UN Team

On March 31, 65 students from universities across the U.S. and Canada including Harvard, Columbia and McGill universities met at West Point for the first ever West Point Security Conference.

The WPSC was conceived two years ago by Cadets George Lemeur and Andrew Swick, members of the Class of 2011, and the West Point Model United Nations Team. Following the 2009 Model UN competition year, they concluded that the collegiate Model UN community would benefit from a conference organized by the West Point team that would highlight the strengths of West Point and the Army.

The four-day conference, with support from the Department of Social Sciences and advisor Dr. Scott Silverstone, simulated the national security structure of the U.S. through the National Security Council and six subordinate committees.

The working groups included terrorism and intelligence, as well as U.S. Africa Command as it reacted to a complex international crisis.

During the simulation, delegates were forced to deal with the detonation of a dirty bomb in Houston, an insurgency in Somalia and escalating tensions with China over the Strait of Malacca. Delegates were asked throughout the process to think strategically to develop a grand strategy to address U.S. interests in the long term.

Sixty-five students from universities throughout the U.S. and Canada participated in the first West Point Security Conference March 31. Courtesy Photo

In addition to the crisis simulation, WPSC hosted a series of social events designed to bring together civilian and military students and facilitate the formation of professional relationships.

On the first night, the conference hosted Gen. William "Kip" Ward as the keynote speaker. The former top commander of the U.S. Africa Command set the tone for the remainder of the event by highlighting the importance of interagency cooperation and preventative problem solving.

Other social events included a plenary session and cocktail mixer with professors from the SOSH Department and, as a culminating event, a formal gala marked by a policy address by the "president" in the simulation.

The West Point Security Conference achieved an important first for West Point by holding a Model UN conference on USMA soil and realized its stated goal of bringing together future military and civilian decision makers to build relationships and hone their craft.

Moreover, WPSC looks poised only to grow, and the reins for next year's conference have already been turned over to Class of 2012 Cadet Michael Kerper.

Combat Weapons strong in All-Army, Joint Service competitions

By Class of 2012 Cadet Aaron Pool
Combat Weapons Team PAO

The past few weeks have been exciting for West Point's Combat Weapons Team. The team competed in the annual All-Army competition at Fort Benning, Ga., and recently at the Joint Service Academy Combat Weapons Competition held at the U.S. Naval Academy.

The CWT placed fourth overall and second for the pistol portion out of 48 teams at the All-Army competition, which involved shooting different stages with both the service M4 rifle and M9 pistol.

Class of 2011 Cadet Matt Ray had an outstanding performance as the Combined Arms (rifle and pistol) champion, best cadet and third overall in the competition.

"The All-Army competition gives us a great opportunity to interact with fellow Soldiers out in the regular Army and offers us good training we'll be able to use as lieutenants," Ray said.

Fellow team members Cadets Andrew Beck, James Dallman, Mike Tovo and Phil Hayward from the Class of 2011 and Class of 2012 Cadet Eric Gallagher, all contributed to the impressive showing from West Point.

The All-Army competition is hosted by the Army Marksmanship Unit and provides challenging courses of fire in which active, reserve and National Guard units from around the Army can come to compete.

West Point has been well-represented in this annual competition by the Combat Weapons Team, including a first-place finish two years ago.

More recently, the CWT competed in the annual JSACWC shooting match against Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard.

This year's match was hosted at the U.S. Naval Academy and included eight challenging courses of fire involving M4 rifle, M9 pistol and shotgun stages. Eager to repeat last year's championship, the CWT trained hard this year but lost to Navy by just nine seconds. Individually, Ray and Class of 2012 Cadet Aaron Pool placed second and third, respectively.

"This team has been the best experience I have had at West Point," Ray, a future infantry officer assigned to 4th Brigade at Fort Richardson, Alaska, said. "It has prepared me well in a lot of different facets of leadership which will help me as a platoon leader."

The Combat Weapons Team is a competitive shooting team at West Point. It trains cadets to combine the tactics, techniques and protocols of military units, domestic police forces and civilian security services to create a comprehensive foundation of skills in urban warfare and promote creative solutions to the problems involved in close-quarters battle.

Cadets engage in Operation Ant-Trax

Class of 2011 Cadet Maria Casaletto and Class of 2013 Cadet Christopher Best receive advice from Fire Department Chief James Kane. Cadets from West Point's homeland security course conducted a functional exercise with the New York City Fire Department April 7. "Operation Ant-Trax" was a scenario based on the discovery of anthrax within Grand Central Station, which resulted in the New York City mayor declaring a state of emergency. Cadets were called in to cover the Command Staff, Operations, Planning, Logistics, Finance/Administration and Design Team sections of the operation.

Sgt. Alexandria Corneiro/West Point PAO

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Highlighting volunteerism at West Point

By Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

Volunteerism has a long and spirited history in America going back to when the colonies were struggling for independence. It was Benjamin Franklin who began the first volunteer firefighting company. Volunteers organized boycotts of British products and collected funds for the Revolutionary War. During the Civil War, women's aid societies cropped up to make bandages, shirts, towels, bedclothes and tents for Soldiers.

That spirit of volunteerism hasn't changed today. Both President George H. W. Bush and President Barack Obama sought volunteer initiatives early in their administrations.

Bush was the first president to establish an office within the White House dedicated to promoting volunteerism with the Thousand Points of Light campaign.

Obama initiated the United We Serve call to service in 2009.

Volunteerism is a way of life in the Army, as evident with the establishment of the Army Volunteer Corps in 2005.

At West Point, volunteerism is highly regarded as part of the greater 47-month learning experience for cadets.

"When cadets witness a member of the staff and faculty participating as a volunteer, regardless of the activity, it sends a powerful message about the positive concept of selfless service—a fundamental Army value," Lt. Gen. David H. Huntoon Jr., West Point superintendent, said.

As coordinator for the West Point Volunteer Corps, Christina Overstreet not only helps volunteers find positions but matches positions to the volunteers' skills.

West Point has about 1,200 volunteers currently active in the community with an estimated 85,000 hours of service contributed in 2010.

"I work with volunteers to find out what their interests are and what they hope to gain from volunteering and try to match them up with organizations that could best utilize their skills, even if it means creating a new position," Overstreet said.

Each year, West Point honors volunteers at a Volunteer Recognition Ceremony recognizing those dedicated individuals who heed the call for youth sports coaches, aiding Families of deployed Soldiers, entertaining and celebrating children with the annual Month of the Military Child event and cadets volunteering to help at the Special Olympics, to name a few.

"Volunteers are always needed in a variety of areas," Overstreet said. "We have one-time, short-term and long-term volunteer opportunities. What I tell people is West Point offers a wide variety of unique volunteer opportunities, from assisting with graduation events, Puppies Behind Bars, where volunteers help socialize service dogs to work with wounded Soldiers and helping with Red Cross blood drives."

Overstreet said volunteering is something everyone can do regardless of their schedule, experience or skill.

"As a military spouse, I've always thought of volunteering within the military community as my way of serving without wearing a uniform," she said. "It is important to give back to our communities whether our schedules permit us to volunteer one hour per day or one hour per month."

Richard Walls, event coordinator for the Soldier Family Assistance Center, a part of West Point's Army Community Service, began volunteering when he reached the age of 18 and signed up for the volunteer fire department in his community.

He has been volunteering ever since for many different organizations over the years.

"SFAC supports the Warrior Transition Unit. I spend several days a week either on post or networking from home and in my community to bring positive events both on and off post to our recovering Soldiers," Walls said.

Walls also volunteers for ACS and the Red Cross during their events on post.

"Volunteering is important as it helps to define the character of your community, a place where I have chosen to raise my family," he said. "Good citizenship brings out the best in (the volunteers) surroundings and that is what I want for my children. They in turn will do the same for the next generation."

Diana Ringquist, the volunteer community chairperson and leader for the West Point Girl Scouts, said volunteerism is highly valued in her family.

"Volunteerism has been a lifelong activity for me," Ringquist said. "I grew up in the country and it was essential that neighbors helped neighbors and then, when my daughter decided to join the Girl Scouts, I was happy to be a helper-mom.

"When we PCS'd to West Point, I was hoping to be a co-leader again (as I was in my last unit)," she added. "This was when West Point Girl Scouts lost their entire service unit board and about 90 percent of their leaders and only part way through their validation. Faced with the decision to step up or watch Girl Scouting at West Point dissolve, the choice was obvious—I would ensure that the Girl Scouts got through revalidation and then step aside so someone more qualified and familiar with the area could take over. That was under two years ago, and I'm still the VCC and POC for West Point."

Ringquist said volunteering is important because just throwing money at things isn't always a solution.

"Someone needs to do the actual work, provide the human connection, reach out to others and create awareness to connect with others," she said. "If it weren't for volunteers, many organizations would not exist, many services would disappear and many of our neighbors would suffer, as would our communities and our world."

Bargain hunters gather for Yard Sale

Community members and the public stop on Washington Road to look at treasures for sale at the biannual post-wide yard sale April 9. People chose from a number of items from baby clothes, knicknacks, paintings and furniture. The next yard sale will be in the fall. KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

Engineer Regiment welcomes members from Class of 2011

By Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor

On March 29, the Engineer Regiment congratulated Cadet of 2011 Cadet Erin Anthony on becoming the first recipient of the David M. Fraser Award for Engineering Excellence and Leadership during the 2011 Engineer Branch Send-off Dinner, hosted by the Society of American Military Engineer and the Army Engineer Association.

"I've heard great things about David Fraser as a cadet and as an officer and really can relate to him as a leader, athlete and engineer," Anthony said. "It was terrific to have his parents and brother there for the inaugural award and having them in attendance made the night special for me. Being selected to receive the Fraser Award by my peers is a great feeling.

"The Engineer Regiment is truly a great group of Soldiers, officers and alumni, and I think (this event) demonstrated how beneficial those connections will be for us as we move forward in our Army careers," Anthony added. "The fact that so many industry leaders sponsored the event proves the great bonds between Army Engineers past and present, and we are looking forward to developing those relationships in the coming years."

The Engineer Regiment represents the entire family of the Engineer Branch, to include active-duty, retirees, reserve and National Guard members of all ranks as well as the civilian component of the Corps of Engineers. The Send-off Dinner is an annual gathering at West Point of the Engineer Regiment community, established in 2005, to celebrate the legacy of the Army's oldest branch, as well as to welcome its newest members.

To the 138 future engineer officers from the Class of 2011, Lt. Gen. Robert Van Antwerp provided some advice.

"We're going to be looking for two things from you. We're looking for competency out of you, and that means what you've learned here is a very important part, but you're about to get the practical application of your life. Some call that on-the-job-training and you'll see that in your very first duty assignment," Van Antwerp, the 52nd Chief of Engineers and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers commanding general, said.

Cadet of 2011 Cadet Michael Thiesing was presented the Sapper Spirit Award from the Army Engineer Association, given to Engineer Soldiers who demonstrate mastery of all tasks during the course of instruction.

Engineer Spirit is defined as demonstrating the ability to motivate others while displaying consistent and infectious enthusiasm toward mission accomplishment under demanding conditions and being creative and ingenious when developing solutions to problems.

"Receiving the Sapper Spirit Award was a great honor, and I'm extremely grateful to the Army Engineer Association for sponsoring the award," Thiesing said. "It's nice to get to be the one to stand up in front of everybody and be recognized, but I easily could have picked a dozen of my classmates out of the audience who deserve such an award as much, if not more so, than me. None of us have made it here alone. Cooperation, especially in tough engineering courses, was absolutely essential for all of us."

For Thiesing it was originally a toss-up between studying chemistry or engineering, so he decided to do both by way of majoring in chemical engineering.

He feels fortunate to be so close to joining the engineer community.

"Ever since pinning on our first castles in November, we have been made to feel like we are a part of a family," Thiesing said. "Almost without exception, engineer officers are proud of what they do and they are enthusiastic about doing it. More so than anything else, (this dinner) affirmed those feelings of enthusiasm and family and made me even more excited to join their ranks in the Engineer Regiment."

More available online

- An extended version of this story is available at **http://1.usa.gov/11engineersendoff**
- Col. Stephen Ressler shares a story about David M. Fraser, the Class of 2004 cadet and engineer officer honored at the Engineer Branch Send-Off Dinner at **http://1.usa.gov/frasertribute**
- A photo album from the Engineer Send-Off, with a few additional photos recently added, is available at **http://bit.ly/2011sendoff**

FMWR Blurbs

Buds and Suds Night at the West Point Club

Bring your best bud and we will supply the suds from 5-8 p.m. tonight at the Benny Haven Lounge.

Awesome music, free munchies and plenty of suds at the cash bar.

For more information, call 938-5120.

SAS Night

Come join the fun at the Lee Area CDC for School Age Services Night Friday. The theme will be West Point Idol.

This event is open to students in grades 1-5 and the cost is minimal.

For reservations, call 938-0941.

Hunter's Education course

The Hunter's Education course will be held from 6-10 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday at the Bonneville Cabin, Round Pond. Patrons must attend both training dates.

The course is free and open to the public for ages 11 and above. Bring photo identification.

To register, call 938-2503.

Personal Finance Profession training for military spouses

The FINRA Investor Education Foundation, together with the National Military Family Association and the Association for Financial Counseling and Planning Education, announced the application period for the FINRA Foundation Military Spouse Accredited Financial Counselor Fellowship is now open.

This program provides up to 200 military spouses with the education necessary to enter the financial counseling career field.

Current or surviving spouses of any servicemember of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard and the Commissioned Corps of PHS or NOAA (active duty, National Guard, Reserve or retirees) are eligible for this program.

Military spouses with interest or experience in financial education are encouraged to apply.

Applications are only accepted online at **www.militaryfamily.org/fellowship** and must be received by midnight Friday.

Art EDGE! Spring Photography for Kids

Spring Photography for children in grades 1-5 takes place at 3:30-5 p.m. Tuesdays through May 10.

Children will be transported around post to photograph subjects. Bring your own camera or borrow an EDGE! digital camera. CYSS membership and a field trip permission slip are required to participate for a nominal fee.

Enroll at Parent Central (Lee Area CDC) by calling 938-4458. Class size is limited.

Texas Hold'em

Play big and win big with the 2011 Texas Hold'em Tournament at the West Point Club's Pierce Dining Room every Wednesday through May 11.

Doors open at 5 p.m., registration closes at 5:30 p.m. and games begin at 6 p.m. Finals play is May 14.

For more information, call 938-5120.

Art EDGE! Spring Photography for Teens

Spring Photography for middle school student teens in grades 6 and above takes place at 3:30-5 p.m. Wednesdays through May 11.

Youth will be transported on and around post to photograph subjects. Bring your own camera or borrow an EDGE! digital camera.

CYSS membership and a field trip permission slip are required to participate free of charge.

Enroll at Parent Central (Lee Area CDC) by calling 938-4458. Class size is limited.

BOSS Earth Day Hudson River Clean Up

Join BOSS for an Earth Day Hudson River Clean Up from 2-5 p.m. April 21 at North Dock. A picnic will follow the clean up at the North Dock picnic area.

For more information, call 938-6497.

Callaway Demo Day

Stop by the West Point Golf Course from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. April 23 to meet with representatives from Callaway.

For more details, call 938-2435.

Easter Sunday Brunch and Egg Hunt

Join the West Point Club April 24 for its traditional Easter brunch. Two seatings are available from 9-11 a.m. in the Pierce Dining room and noon-2 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom.

Children can enjoy an Easter egg hunt and an appearance from the Easter bunny from 11 a.m.-noon at the field across from the Club.

Special discounts are available for spouses of deployed Soldiers.

Pre-paid reservations are required by Wednesday.

For reservations, call 938-5120.

Arts and Crafts Framing Madness

Come to the Craft Shop for all of your custom framing projects.

Bring one custom framing project and receive 10 percent off your order. Bring two framing projects and receive 15 percent off, bring three framing projects and receive 20 percent off your entire order.

This special offer expires April 30.

For more information, call the Craft Shop at 938-4812.

Month of the Military Child Festival

Please join CYSS for the Month of the Military Child Festival at the Victor Constant Ski Lodge from 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. April 30.

Tickets are on sale now at Stony CDC (Bldg. 1207). No charge for Families of deployed Soldiers.

For more information, call 938-3921.

Softball Tournaments forming

The FMWR Sports Office will conduct an over 30 softball tournament for all USMA personnel 30 years of age or older as of May 1.

Interested in entering a team, contact Jim McGuinness. Games will start the week of May 9, with games being played at 8 p.m. and 9 p.m.

The deadline for team entries is May 4.

For more information, call Jim McGuinness at 938-3066.

Army 10-Miler registration

Priority registration (10,000 participants) opens May 1 for U.S. servicemembers and runners who have run at least seven Army 10-Miler races.

Open registration (20,000 participants) opens May 15. Installations can register teams and secure pre-paid entries during both sessions.

Complete information at **www.armytenmiler.com**.

Kids' Fishing Derby

Bring your child out to Round Pond from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. May 7 for the annual Kids' Fishing Derby.

Learn the essentials of the sport of fishing and have fun.

West Point 5K/10K

Registration for the West Point 5K/10K race May 14 has begun.

Log on to **active.com**, keyword West Point, to receive pre-registration discounts.

For more information, call 938-6497.

Fit EDGE! Volleyball

Fit EDGE! Volleyball consists of six classes and is open to youth in grades 6-12. The free classes take place at the Lee Area CDC.

Classes will be taught by teen Kayla Martin and CYSS Program Assistant Amanda Slater on Mondays starting Monday through May 16.

To enroll, go to CYSS Parent Central or call 938-4458.

Evening childcare at the Lee CDC

As a result of a solved AFAP issue, the Lee Area CDC is providing evening child care for ages 12 months and up.

Hours are 6-8 p.m. Monday-Thursday. This will run initially on a 90-day trial period through May.

There will be a small hourly fee for each child. Early registration is encouraged.

For more information, call 938-4458/0941.

Youth spring sports coaches wanted

Anyone interested in coaching any spring youth sport should contact the FMWR Youth Sports office at 938-3550/8896.

West Point Volunteer Opportunities

Do you want to get involved at West Point? The perfect volunteer opportunity is waiting for you.

To find out more, including how to be added to our email list, go to **westpointmwr.com** and click on the Army Community Service tab for Army Volunteer Corps or call 938-3655.

NEW INFO

Administrative Professionals Appreciation Day Luncheon

Treat your administrative professional to lunch with a carving station, pasta station and buffet line at the West Point Club from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. April 27. Pre-paid reservations are required by April 22.

The last day to cancel reservations is April 22 to receive a full refund.

For reservations, call 938-5120.

West Point Auto Shop

The West Point Auto Shop is now offering headlight cover restoration for vehicles.

Improve nighttime driving visibility by up to 70 percent. State-of-the-art alignment service using the Hunter Hawkeye alignment system is also available.

For pricing information and to make an appointment, call 938-2074.

Life EDGE! Intro to Cooking

April is "Fun with Finger Foods" Month. Create fun finger foods in the new state-of-the-art demo kitchen at Lee Area CDC from 3:30-5 p.m. for children in grades 1-3 Tuesdays and children in grades 4-5 Thursdays.

Learn kitchen safety, tools, cleanliness, the importance of reading the recipe thoroughly before getting started, etiquette, proper table setting, food garnishing and nutrition in these classes.

Enroll at CYSS Parent Central or call 938-4458.

CYSS Hired! workshops

The Child, Youth and School Age Hired! workshops will run from 3:30-5:30 p.m. May 5 and June 2.

The workshops are free for teens in grades 6-12 at Youth Services Bldg. 500.

Teens need to be registered at Parent Central to be eligible for the Hired! Program.

For more information, call Marion DeClemente at 938-8889.

Hired! workshops are a prerequisite to the Hired! program.

Army Emergency Relief Campaign

The 2011 Army Emergency Relief Campaign continues through May 15.

To date, contributions are at $36,000, so only $49,000 more is needed to reach the goal of $85,000.

For more information, call 938-5839.

What's Happening

Motorcycle Basic Rider Course schedule

The Motorcycle Basic Rider Course is a 14-15 hour program providing classroom and actual motorcycle operator training in a controlled, off-street environment.

Bikes and helmets are available for use if you can't provide your own.

The course is available to military, cadet, active duty and reserve personnel only.

Cadets
- 5:30-10:30 p.m., Friday-Sunday;
- 5:30-10:30 p.m., April 29-May 1;
- 5:30-10:30 p.m., May 13-15.

Military staff and faculty
- 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Today-Friday;
- 8 a.m.-5 p.m., May 2-3;
- 8 a.m.-5 p.m., May 9-10;
- 8 a.m.-5 p.m., May 16-17.

Questions may be directed to the Safety Officer or instructor listed on the website when signing up.

Additional Motorcycle Safety courses are planned and will be available through October.

The website is **http://airs.lmi.org/default.aspx**.

West Point Scholastic Book Fair

The West Point Scholastic Book Fair is open from 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. today and 8 a.m.-noon Friday at the elementary school multipurpose room.

For more information or to volunteer, call Jessica Long at 254-833-2288 or email her at *long_Rayn@yahoo.com*.

BBC Scholarship applications

Balfour Beatty Communities Foundation is accepting academic scholarship applications for the 2011-12 academic year to reward high school and undergraduate students of military members residing in Family housing in need of financial assistance.

Family housing residents at West Point with high school and undergraduate students are encouraged to apply for the BBCF scholarships.

Applications, details and requirements can be found at **www.bbcommunitiesfoundation.org**.

Application deadline is Friday.

Passover Seder Observance

Passover commemorates the biblical Israelite Exodus from ancient Egypt 3,323 years ago. It is an eight-day religious Holy Day celebration, beginning this year at sundown Monday and concluding at nightfall April 26.

On each of the two nights of Passover, the West Point Jewish Chapel is hosting its annual Passover Seder Meal Observances starting at 7:30 p.m. Monday and 8 p.m. Tuesday.

RSVP if planning to attend.

For more information, call the Jewish Chapel staff at 938-2710 or Rabbi Shmuel Felzenberg at 910-273-0767.

Living Last Supper drama

The Living Last Supper is a dramatic presentation of the last supper based on DaVinci's painting. The performance is 7:30 p.m. April 21 at the Cadet Chapel.

For more information, call Maj. Julie Rowan at 938-4246.

Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences Castle Lecture

The Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science is hosting a Castle Lecture featuring Duy-Loan T. Le as the guest speaker. This event, focusing on "Leadership in the World of High Tech," is from 7:30-8:40 p.m. April 21 in Robinson Auditorium of Thayer Hall.

Le is the first woman to be elected to the rank of Texas Instruments Senior Fellow. Le holds many recognitions, including the 2007 Women of Vision Award, the Top 15 Women in Business by PINK Magazine and the Forte Foundation, the Women in Technology International Hall of Fame, plus she holds 24 patents.

The lecture is open to the West Point community. The uniform for this event is Class-A (military), White Over Gray (cadets) or Class-A equivalent (civilians).

Easter Sunrise Service

The Easter Sunrise Service is 6:30 a.m. April 24 at the West Point Club Ballroom. Come and enjoy dynamic speaking, fellowship, breakfast and music.

The 12:30 p.m. Protestant Service of the Post Chapel will not meet at its regular time and place. Instead, the protestants will celebrate Easter with the entire post at the Easter Sunrise Service.

DUSA hiring

The Daughters of the U.S. Army gift shop is hiring for a part-time assistant manager. Weekends are a must.

Resumés are being accepted until April 25. Interviews will be conducted during the first week of May.

For details, call Ginger Hopkins, DUSA President, at 845-567-3643. Send resumé and cover letter to DUSA President, P.O. Box 78, West Point, NY 10996.

Song of Solomon Couples Ministry Bible Study

The Post Chapel 12:30 p.m. service hosts a marriage bible study for married couples from 5-6 p.m. the third Sunday of the month.

The book of study is "Marriage by the Book." This course is designed for couples at any stage. Come learn what the Bible has to say about marriage.

Day care is provided.

For more information, call Dynamic Marriage facilitators, Billy and Revita Page, at 446-0820 or *getreal44@hotmail.com*.

Contract Childcare Providers needed

The West Point Post Chapel needs childcare providers. These are paid contract positions and applicants must pass a background check and receive training to be certified. Immediate positions are available.

For more details on how to apply, call the West Point Post Chapel Office at 938-2003.

Community Recreational Swim Program

The Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation hosts a community recreational swim program at the Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center's Crandall Pool.

Call Thane Kelley at 938-8249 for more information.

Community recreational swim hours are:
- Monday-Friday—noon-1:30 p.m.;
- Monday, Wednesday and Friday—6:30-9:30 pm., however, Monday and Wednesday evening swim hours are suspended through April to support Cadet Company Athletic swimming;
- Saturday—11:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m.;
- Sunday—1-6 p.m.;
- Holidays (when the Corps of Cadets are on leave) noon-1:30 p.m.

Volunteers needed

Volunteers are sought for Club Beyond. Join the parent support team. There are many ways to help the ministry flourish.

For more information, call Stephanie Zuck at 706-987-3907 or email *stef.zuck@hotmail.com*.

NEW INFO

DUSA Easter Egg Hunt

The West Point Chapter of the Daughters of the United States Army and Balfour Beatty Communities are sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt for the children of the West Point community at 2 p.m. April 23 at Trophy Point.

The egg hunt is for children 10 years old and younger.

Bring your own basket. Children must have an adult with them.

Days of Remembrance Luncheon

The Equal Opportunity Office and the William E. Simon Center for the Professional Military Ethic host this year's Days of Remembrance Observance Luncheon at 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. April 27 at the West Point Club Grand Ballroom.

Guest speaker is Victoria Barrett, the award winning film director, producer and president of Shenandoah Films.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Dwayne Key at 938-2581 or Maj. Elizabeth Mason at 938-7082.

Keepers of the Peace Native American Powwow

The National Redhawk Native American Arts Council presents the Keepers of the Peace Native American Powwow at 1 p.m. May 1 at the Trophy Point Amphitheater.

The event is free of charge and open to the community. The event includes Native American dance, drumming and singing. Bring a blanket or chair to sit on the grass. There will be no alcohol or pets allowed.

For more information, call 938-3136.

"Restrepo" showing

The film showing of "Restrepo" has been rescheduled for 7:30 p.m. May 3 at Robinson Auditorium in Thayer Hall.

The original show date was cancelled due to a snowstorm.

For more information, call Maj. Sam Cook at 938-5086.

West Point Protestant Women of the Chapel Grand Finale

The West Point Protestant Women of the Chapel will induct the new PWOC executive board, distribute the cookbook and pray for the PWOC ladies who are moving at 9 a.m. May 4 at the Post Chapel.

There will be food, fellowship and a special treat.

For more information, call Carmen Huggins at 926-1965.

Army Athletic Rummage Sale

There will be an Army Athletic Rummage Sale from 11 a.m.-7:30 p.m. May 6 at Michie Stadium, Gate 1.

Game jerseys, new and used T-shirts, sweatshirts and sweatpants will be available. Mills Road will close at 2 p.m. for the Army-John Hopkins Lacrosse Game.

Army Education Center

John Jay College's Master of Public Administration Program at West Point is now accepting new students for the summer session. Applications are due May 17.

For more information, call 446-5959 or email *jjcwestpoint@yahoo.com*.

West Point Band
Since 1817

Young Artists Concert

April 16, 2011 • 3:00 p.m.
Eisenhower Hall Ballroom
Featuring Local High School Soloists
Rachel Perfecto and Kevin Quill

Master Sgt. Eberle & Sgt. 1st Class Parrette
The Intimate Concerto
April 17, 2011 • 3:00 p.m.
Egner Hall
655 Hardee Place, West Point
Hear the music of: W.A. Mozart, Antonio Vivaldi, and Franz Danzi
This marks Sgt. 1st Class Parrette's final appearance on the band's chamber music series.

ALL CONCERTS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

www.westpointband.com
(845) 938-2617

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.

See SUDOKU SOLUTION, Page 2

Difficulty: Medium

Directorate of Emergency Services

Sobriety Checkpoint

Friday and Saturday

NOW SHOWING

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

Friday—Unknown, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday—Big Mommas: Like Father, Like Son, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday—The Adjustment Bureau, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.
April 22—Rango, PG, 7:30 p.m.
April 23—Mars Needs Moms, PG, 7:30 p.m.
April 29—Rango, PG, 7:30 p.m.
April 30—Justin Bieber: Never Say Never, G, 7:30 p.m.
April 30—Red Riding Hood, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.

THE THEATER SCHEDULE ALSO CAN BE FOUND AT **WWW.AAFES.COM.**

SHARP

The members of the Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention program are Lt. Col. Kay Emerson, Shelley Ariosto (Garrison), Dan Toohey (Victim Advocate), Maj. Missy Rosol (USCC), Lt. Col. Kim Kawamoto (ODIA) and Bernadette Ortland (Dean). Community members can email Emerson at *Kay.Emerson@usma.edu* for advice or to offer any recommendations on the program here. Cadets also can call the sexual assault support helpline at 845-591-7215. West Point Soldiers and civilians needing assistance can call 938-3369.

Command Channel 8/23

April 14-21

(Broadcast times)
Army Newswatch
Today, Friday and Monday through April 21
8:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Keller Corner

Childbirth preparation

A four-week series of classes for childbirth preparation is upcoming. Classes are now held each month at the KACH 2nd floor classroom.

The next series will be held from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, April 26 and May 3 and 10.

Call OBU at 938-3210 to register.

Beneficiaries enrolled in TRICARE Prime are guaranteed Prime Access Standards:

• Emergency Care—if you need emergency care, go to the nearest emergency room;

• Acute/Urgent Primary Care—Seen within 24 hours (earaches, high fever, etc.);

• Routine Primary Care—Seen within 7 days (colds, allergies, check-ups);

• Wellness Care—Seen within 28 days (Well Child, pap, mammo, etc.);

• Specialty Care—Seen within 28 days (ortho, podiatry, PT, etc.).

KACH referral assistance

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

LifeWorks

at Balfour Beatty Communities

• **National Stress Awareness Day:** Join BBC at 10 a.m. today at 132 Bartlett Loop. Bring a friend or make a new one and get fit while doing it. Walk with our community for exercise and fun. Call Jodi Gellman at 446-6407 to register.

The first 10 participants to register will receive water bottles and pedometers.

• **Bowling:** Join BBC from noon-1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the West Point Bowling Center for two games of bowling, pizza and soda for grades 9-12.

Following the games, we will have a teen focus group to discuss further LifeWorks events for this age group.

Call Jodi Gellman at 446-6407 to register your teen for this event.

Boxing earns four individual titles while winning it all

Submitted by the West Point Boxing Team

The West Point Boxing Team posed for a team photo after being named National Collegiate Boxing Association's Team National Champion for the fourth straight year.

PHOTOS BY TOMMY GILLIGAN/PAO

The West Point Boxing Team started the 2011 boxing season full of confidence, with seven returning finalists from the 2010 National Championships, and all signs pointed to another championship. However, due to injuries and various other circumstances, the team went from seven returning finalists to just three.

The coaches and boxers worked through the major setbacks, continued to be positive and trained like champions in preparation for the 2011 National Collegiate Boxing Association Championships.

In the end, it all paid off, as the West Point boxers earned their fourth consecutive national championship by winning on their own turf April 7-9 at Eisenhower Hall.

The coaches felt the team they assembled would do well at the regionals, but the boxers surpassed all expectations by setting a new team record of nine gold and three silver medals. The team went into the national championships with a desire to win like never before.

The U.S. Naval and Air Force academies restructured their teams to take down West Point, but to no avail.

"We started this journey together, so let's finish it, together," senior and team co-captain Steven Henao-Escobar, told his teammates.

Senior and team co-captain Terrell Anthony could be heard during the dark hours of the morning cheering on his teammates, "Let's go fellas, we will not be denied. This is our house, this is our championship and no one will take what's ours."

However, roadblocks lay ahead as the first day of the tournament opened with West Point losing two matches.

Feeling as if the boxers were looking too far ahead, assistant head coach Master Sgt. Jeffery Mays told each boxer, "There's no tomorrow without today. Fight hard and fight for now."

West Point Boxing went into the second day of the tournament with 10 boxers, while Navy also had 10 and Air Force had eight.

West Point quickly started to distance itself in the standings after the second day of boxing.

The team racked up 38 points with nine boxers reaching the finals, Air Force had 24 points and five boxers make the championship bouts, while Navy pulled 23 points and put five boxers into the final.

Freshman Ethan Isaacson started off the night for West Point. The fight was stopped in the second round with Isaacson taking the loss. Next up was three-time defending National champion, senior Danilo Garcia. Garcia lost on a 3-2 split decision.

Sophomore Langston Clarke fought a tough UNLV opponent, who was a finalist at the national championships in 2010. Clarke lost on a decision.

Anthony was the first win of the night for West Point, earning his third individual national title.

Needing only one more win to clinch the championship, Henao-Escobar secured the victory for West Point's fourth national title.

With four more fights left, the coaches and boxers—not knowing that they had already clinched the title—still felt confident they would win the remaining fights.

Junior Ryan Johnson fought the returning national champion from Navy and beat him on a 4-1 decision.

In the next bout, sophomore Jonathan Maddux fought a valiant fight against a tough Navy opponent, but lost on a decision.

Sophomore Mikus Igaunis convincingly beat his Air Force opponent for Army's fourth individual title of the evening. Junior Andre Shinda, who just started boxing this year, lost to the returning heavyweight champion from UNLV.

"This team has had to deal with so much adversity and hardship, but through it all they persevered," Army head boxing coach Ray Barone said. "I'm extremely proud of each and every one of them. This is a true testament that hard work does pay off."

Senior Terrell Anthony lands a overhand right on U.S. Air Force Academy's Dan Starr during the third round of their national title fight.

Maj. Denis Fajardo, boxing team officer-in-charge, presents senior Terrell Anthony with the Most Outstanding Boxer Award for the nationals.

Holland leads men's tennis to win over Navy

Sophomore Alex Holland won his singles match in three sets (2-6, 6-3, 6-4) to earn Army a 4-3 "Star" win over Navy April 9 at Malek Tennis Courts. It was the second straight year Army defeated Navy to take the "Star." The Black Knights earned the Patriot League regular season title with the win and finished with an undefeated record in PL play for the first time since 2001.

MADY SALVANI/ARMY ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS

By Pamela Flenke
Army Athletic Communications

Army men's tennis defeated rival Navy, 4-3, April 9 at Malek Tennis Courts for the second straight season to clinch the 2011 Patriot League regular-season title and the tournament's top seed. Sophomore Alex Holland sealed the win for the Black Knights with his victory at No. 5 singles.

The win marks the first time Army has won back-to-back "Star" matches since 2004-2005. Navy maintains the all-time lead, however, 56-32.

The Black Knights (11-10, 6-0 PL) pulled ahead 1-0 after winning the doubles point. Army's freshmen duo of Henry Jang-Milsten and Asika Isoh defeated Marcus Rebersak and Jeremy New, 8-3, at the No. 3 slot for the pair's team-best seventh win of the spring.

Holland teamed with classmate Gary Kushnirovic to seal the doubles point, defeating Mike Eisenberg and Nick Gutsche, 8-5, at No. 2.

The Midshipmen (16-10, 3-2 PL) evened the score at 1-1 after New swept Van Velzer, 6-2, 6-0, at No. 3 singles.

Kushnirovic put the lead back in Army's hands after knocking off Rebersak, 6-3, 6-4, at the No. 2 spot. The sophomore improved to 7-1 on the season and is riding a five-match win streak. Once again Navy would answer back as Owen Bullard would battle back after losing the first set to defeat Isoh, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, at No. 1 singles.

With the score tied 2-2, the lone senior on Army's roster, Tripp Johnson, did his part to bring home the "Star" by defeating Hewyard Drayton, 6-2, 7-6 (7-2), at the No. 4 spot. The win was Johnson's 10th in the past 11 matches, improving his record this spring to 13-9.

The Midshipmen knotted the score at 3-3 when Nick Birger defeated Jang-Milsten, 6-4, 7-6 (8-6) at No. 6 singles.

The match came down to the No. 5 singles showdown which pitted Holland against Navy's Nick Gutsche. Holland entered the match winning seven of his last nine singles contests, having never faced a Midshipman in singles play.

Gutsche prevailed in the first set, 6-2, before Holland answered in the second, 6-3. With both teams gathered around the court and spectators leaning on every railing, Holland fell behind 2-1 in the third set.

The Black Knights suddenly caught momentum as the Spartanburg, S.C., native dubbed "Big Country" by his teammates, soared back to go ahead 4-2. The pair exchanged games three more times before Gutsche's final shot sailed past the end line to conclude the third set in favor of Holland, 6-4.

"Army-Navy is probably the biggest match of the regular season, by far," Holland said. "Winning against Navy just feels unbelievable, especially to clinch it like that. I was pretty nervous. I didn't play well the first set, and then I started working my way into the match in the second set, starting attacking better.

"Then I got down in the third, but it didn't bother me because I knew I was playing really good tennis," he added. "In my mind, it was just a matter of time before I would really take over."

The Black Knights concluded Patriot League regular-season play with a perfect 6-0 record, marking the first time since 2001 Army went without dropping a conference match. With the regular-season title, Army clinches the No. 1 seed in next weekend's Patriot League Championship at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa., for the second straight year and 10th time overall.

"Navy is a great win and I'm sure we'll see them again," Army head coach Jim Poling said. "We still have some things to work on which I noticed today, but we're really happy with this win. I'm proud of our guys."

Women's tennis continues PL domination

By Pamela Flenke
Army Athletic Communications

Army women's tennis completed its weekend sweep Sunday, defeating Colgate 7-0 in Hamilton, N.Y., and knocking off Long Island University at West Point's Lichtenberg Tennis Center, 6-1. The Black Knights went 3-0 on the weekend, including a 7-0 blanking of Bucknell April 9, to improve to 20-7 and 4-0 in the Patriot League.

The Raiders fall to 4-13 overall and 1-4 in Patriot League contests, while the Blackbirds drop to 3-9.

Army's 7-0 sweep at Colgate was the fourth shutout of a Patriot League opponent this season and extended the Black Knights' winning streak in conference matches to 47, dating back to the 2002 season.

Highlights of the day's play included senior Anne Houghton earning her 85th career doubles victory to move into a tie for fifth place all-time in the Army record book with Annie Collier (Class of 2003). Houghton also earned her 21st singles win of the season with a 6-3, 7-5 decision over Colgate's Stephanie Bender.

Against LIU, sophomore Larraine Saavedra improved her spring season mark to an impressive 8-1, defeating Linn Sjogren, 6-0, 6-3 at No. 4 singles.

Senior Jurelle Mendoza also continued her hot streak, topping Aleksadra Pavolic, 6-2, 7-6 (2) at No. 2 singles for her sixth win in her last seven matches.

The Black Knights play their final regular-season match at 3 p.m. today when conference foe Lehigh comes to West Point.

Sports calendar *April 14-27*

Corps

TODAY—WOMEN'S TENNIS VS. LEHIGH, LICHTENBERG TENNIS CENTER OR MALEK COURTS, 3 P.M.

SATURDAY—TRACK AND FIELD, WEST POINT OPEN, SHEA STADIUM, ALL DAY.

WEDNESDAY—BASEBALL VS. YALE, DOUBLEDAY FIELD, 3:30 P.M.

APRIL 26—SOFTBALL VS. MARIST (DH), ARMY SOFTBALL COMPLEX, 5 P.M.

APRIL 27—BASEBALL VS. MARIST, WPDH HUDSON VALLEY BASEBALL CLASSIC AT DUTCHESS STADIUM, 7:09 P.M.

Club

SUNDAY—SKEET AND TRAP VS. ULC, RANGE 10, 10 A.M.

APRIL 23—SAILING, ARMY SPRING OPEN, SOUTH DOCK, 9 A.M.

APRIL 23—WOMEN'S LACROSSE VS. AIR FORCE (11 A.M.) AND COAST GUARD (3 P.M.), DALY FIELD.

APRIL 23—MEN'S RUGBY VS. PENN STATE, ANDERSON RUGBY COMPLEX, 1 P.M.

Army captures eighth straight "Star" with walk-off win

Senior shortstop Clint Moore hit a three-run home run during Army's 6-5 extra-innings victory over Navy Sunday at Doubleday Field.

Photos by Eric S. Bartelt/PV

Junior pitcher Logan Lee started off the weekend strong for Army by allowing only three hits while throwing six shutout innings in a 3-0 win in the first game versus Navy April 9.

By Christian Anderson
Army Athletic Communications

Junior catcher J.T. Watkins delivered a game-winning RBI single in the bottom of the 10th inning as the Army baseball team walked off with a 6-5 victory over Navy and gained a split of the teams' Patriot League doubleheader Sunday at Doubleday Field.

Navy forced a winner-take-all fourth game by holding on for a 3-2 win in Sunday's opener. The nightcap victory locked up Army's eighth consecutive series "Star" thanks to the Black Knights' 3-0 victory in the first game of the weekend set April 9. Army has now won 15 of its last 19 games versus Navy and 26 of 33 dating back to 2004.

"I thought our guys really battled and showed a lot of heart in the late innings of both ballgames today," Army head coach Joe Sottolano said. "In order to win a championship, you need that non-stop passion and desire to win, and, hopefully, we can take that away from this weekend.

"Navy played well throughout the four games, and I give them a lot of credit," Sottolano added. "It was one of the best Army-Navy weekends that I've been a part of, in terms of the entire series, and a lot of credit goes out to both ball clubs."

Army (12-16, 6-2 PL) remains in first place in the Patriot League standings following Sunday's split. Navy (20-13-1, 5-3 PL) and Lafayette (11-17, 5-3 PL) are tied for second place following the first two weekends of conference action.

Senior first baseman Joey Henshaw started Army's game-winning rally as he singled up the middle with one out. Junior right fielder Cody Murtle then singled to put runners on first and second for Watkins, who drove a single through the left side of the infield to score Henshaw with the winning run.

"I knew going up (to the plate) that I was going to swing if he threw me a strike," Watkins said of his game-winning hit. "I got the pitch I needed on the inner third and up a little bit. He threw me a breaking ball and luckily it got through the infield and Joey was able to score. There's no better feeling than a walk-off win in baseball. It was a complete team effort today. Everybody contributed to the win, which is always great to see."

Army jumped out to a 4-0 lead in third inning of the nightcap as the Black Knights sent nine men to the plate and scored four runs.

Junior second baseman Zach Price began the uprising as he drew a walk to lead off the inning. Price took second base when an errant pickoff throw sailed past the Navy first baseman, and he advanced to third on senior left fielder Ben Koenigsfeld's sharp single to center field.

Senior shortstop Clint Moore then strode to the plate and blasted a three-run home run over the fence in left field to stake Army to a 3-0 advantage.

"The beginning of that at-bat is kind of a blur, but all I remember is getting that hanging curveball with two strikes," Moore said. "I was able to stay inside of it and backspin it out of here. There was a pretty tough wind blowing in today, but fortunately I was able to put it out. It was a very good feeling."

Henshaw followed with a single, stole second and scored on Watkins' RBI single to extend the Black Knights' lead to 4-0.

Sottolano was pleased with the performance of Moore throughout both games of Sunday's doubleheader.

"Clint came back and had a great day today after struggling at the plate yesterday," Sottolano said. "He bounced back with several big knocks for us, and that speaks to his mental toughness, his character and his desire. I'm very proud of him."

Navy began to chip away at Army's lead in the sixth inning as the Midshipmen pushed across three runs to make it 4-3. The Midshipmen then took their first lead of the nightcap in the top of the eighth inning as Greg Dupell launched a two-run homer down the right field line.

Army came back to tie the score in the bottom of the eighth inning as the Black Knights pieced together a two-out rally. Sophomore center fielder Clayton Mosley was hit by a pitch with two outs and the speedy outfielder came all the way around with the game-tying run on senior third baseman Steve May's RBI double.

"I hit some balls hard throughout the day, but nothing really fell for me," May said. "It was very nice to have one fall in when the game was on the line for us. I got a fastball up and fouled it off. I just stayed calm, and luckily he gave me another one. The pitch was a little outside, but it was up, so I just took it to right field and it worked out."

Neither team scored in the ninth inning, sending the game to extra innings as daylight started to fade and temperatures began to dip.

Koenigsfeld (1-0) retired Navy in order in the top of the 10th inning, setting the stage for Watkins' dramatics in the bottom of the frame.

Koenigsfeld, Henshaw, Watkins and senior designated hitter Shaun Wixted each collected two hits apiece in the nightcap as Army outhit Navy, 12-8.

"To win four straight stars is awesome," Moore, who combined to go 3-for-8 with four RBI in Sunday's twinbill, said. "We've won eight straight stars overall, and that kind of gives you chills just thinking about it. I think it goes to show that our program never quits. It was huge to come back and win that second game in the extra innings."