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Up, Up and Away

Class of 2011 Cadet Morgan Wood (in the air) tries the Extreme Air, or Vertical Wind Tunnel, April 23 at the SpringFest event in Central Area. Cadets enjoyed food, flying, games and riding the Segway® Personal Transporters during the event hosted by the Directorate of Cadet Activities. Paul Higham (left) and John Talins, representing the company which owns the system, hold on to cadets, who had to wear protective clothing, ear and eye protection to participate. Class of 2014 Cadets Gaelan Hanlon and Carolyn Grigsby await their turns in the background.

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Celebrating Month of the Military Child, raising strong children

Commentary by Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch
IMCOM Commander

The Army first observed the Month of the Military Child in 1986, to honor the youngest members of the Army community. As we celebrate it again this month, 25 years later, and in the 10th year of ongoing conflict, recognition of the sacrifices and strength of our military children is more vital than ever.

The lives of military children have always had their challenges, foremost among them being frequent relocations. Every time Families move, children have to make new friends, get used to new schools and find new clubs and teams to join. A lot of military children take these changes in stride and some even thrive on them, but it is hard—kids have to rebuild their world every time and find their place in it.

Now, in this time of persistent conflict, the challenges are compounded—they are more serious and affect more Families. About 1.8 million children have a parent currently serving in the military. Since 2001, an estimated 900,000 children have had one or both parents deploy multiple times.

Our children are dealing with long and repeated separations from their parents. They are dealing with the happy, but disruptive, time when their parents come home and the Family has to regain normalcy. Sometimes they have to deal with the worst thing children can imagine, the death of a parent. In the face of all this, for all of their contributions and sacrifices, our children need and deserve our best efforts.

From the highest levels of leadership on down, the Army is committed to providing Families with a quality of life that is commensurate with their service and sacrifice.

For our children, it includes a commitment to ensure excellence in schools, child care and youth services—to ensure they have the support and care they need to develop into strong, resilient, well-rounded young adults.

Army Child, Youth and School Services is central to delivering on these promises. CYSS

currently serves almost 300,000 children ages 6 weeks to 18 years old in on- and off-post programs around the world.

Through its Child Development Centers, School Age Care and Middle School and Teen Centers, CYSS provides healthy and enriching environments that help children grow mentally, physically, socially and emotionally.

For school age children and teens in particular, the CYSS programs provide a whole world of topics to explore, including fitness, health, arts, science and technology, leadership, citizenship, life skills and careers.

In addition, CYSS runs a robust sports program, with more than 112,000 children participating in team and individual sports and sports clinics. Specific information about West Point CYSS activities and events can be found at the FMWR site—www.westpointmwr.com under the CYSS tab.

To meet the greater need for services, CYSS has made tremendous efforts to increase access and offerings, both on- and off-post. On installations in the states and overseas, CYSS has constructed 150 new child care and 24 new youth centers since 2007. They have also introduced innovative programs such as Neighborhood Activity Homes, which provide places for older kids outside of traditional facilities to hang out.

Off post, CYSS has partnered with a number of local providers and national organizations to serve Families who live in areas far from an installation or in high-impact areas where the need exceeds the capacity on the installation. CYSS extends 16 hours of free care per month to the Families of deployed Soldiers, Wounded Warriors and Fallen Soldiers, a total of more than 1.08 million hours in fiscal year 2010.

The focus on increasing access does two things for our Families. When parents can take advantage of CYSS, it decreases stress on the Family. Parents know that when they are deployed, when they are working, when they are at medical appointments—their children are in a safe place. They can focus on what

they need to do, knowing that their children are well cared for. Also, these programs provide our children with much needed support. They are in a caring environment with adults and peers who understand what they are experiencing, and they have the chance to pursue a wide range of interests and build on their strengths.

In addition to providing quality out-of-school programs, CYSS is also focusing on supporting military children in school. Military children attend, on average, nine different schools before they graduate high school. The transition between schools can be rough when there are incompatible requirements to enroll, to join extracurricular activities or to graduate. It can be tough for students to settle in, when school personnel do not understand the issues—the stress of being the new kid yet again, the fear of separation, the disappointment that Mom or Dad are missing another game or recital.

School liaison officers are located at every garrison to help Families with these and other school-related issues. They play an important role in helping students make a smooth transition and succeed at their new school, by working with Families and school districts to meet needs and requirements on both sides. Jodi Cabrera is the West Point school liaison and can be reached at 938-8899.

I can point to any number of other ways Army CYSS is doing a phenomenal job of supporting our children. In addition to daily child care and afterschool care, which meet the highest national standards, CYSS provides special events and camps, both on post and far from any post. There's **Tutor.com**, where students can get online tutoring, anytime and anywhere. There are the Military Family Life Consultants, who provide counseling to kids in school, and the Child Behavioral Consultants, who work with children in the afterschool programs, when they are having difficulties with their parent's deployment.

Army CYSS strives to provide a comprehensive range of services for Families to help grow strong and resilient

children. However, this is only possible with the support of a number of dedicated, longstanding partners, including universities, nonprofit organizations and local and state governments. They conduct research on the needs of military children, draft policies and legislation in support of military Families, develop curricula we use in our programs, provide training for educators, counselors and others who work with military kids and provide services to military children who do not live near an installation. We must continue to reach out to them and communicate how they can help our children, because we cannot do it without them.

Month of the Military Child is an important observance, and a lot of fun. Installations worldwide are holding hundreds of fairs, parades, carnivals and other events throughout the month. I encourage you to get out in your community and join in honoring and celebrating our children.

The West Point MOMC Festival is 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday at the Victor Constant Ski Lodge. Advanced tickets are on sale now at the Stony CDC, Bldg. 1207.

The Army does not confine its commitment to children to one month a year—we owe our children more than that. They do not sign up for the challenges military life brings, and yet they are right in there with us, making sacrifices everyday and showing a lot of bravery.

It's our job to do the best by them that we can, providing the care, support and opportunities they need to thrive in the face of challenges. Our children are our future: when they are strong, we are strong.

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Mine Torne Road will be closed from 1 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday for military training.

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Residents request: Keep to the main roads

Commentary by the Residential Communities Initiative Office

As everyone should know, traffic is a fairly big issue at West Point—with all the current construction and the lack of parking, many of us take shortcuts to get where we are going or to park reasonably close to our final destinations.

However, as discussed during the March Town Hall Meeting, traffic in some of the housing areas has become a major concern.

Residents requested that Garrison Commander Col. Mike Tarsa take action to restrict traffic in the housing areas to residents, guests and those providing services to residents.

“I am asking all members of the West Point community to help us out with this situation,” Tarsa said. “The roads in our housing areas are intended primarily for residents and guests to return to their homes and should not be used as shortcuts. If you do not reside or have reason to travel into a neighborhood, we would ask that you stay on the main roads, please.”

There are two key areas where “misuse” seems to be most prevalent.

On the northern part of post, from Buckner Hill between the Five Star Inn and the Post Chapel up Merritt Road or Biddle Loop to along the creek on Sladen Place and



At the corner of Sladen Place and Merritt Road, especially as children are going to and from school, there is a high volume of pedestrian traffic to go along with vehicular traffic. What the residents of West Point housing and the garrison commander would like is to restrict traffic to those who live in the residential areas and their guests and those providing services to the residents. It's a matter of keeping to the main roads and not looking for shortcuts through these areas.

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over to the school.

For the southern area of post, it is Wilson Road to Kingsley Hill and/or Smith Place.

All these roads are narrow, have on-street

parking and a large residential population.

Speed limits are 15 miles per hour in all the housing areas, so it's recommended not to speed through those areas for safety concerns.

“Help minimize traffic through residential areas and keep our neighborhoods safe,” Tarsa said. “Your extra couple of minutes will be appreciated by all.”

Sexual assault support for the West Point community

Commentary by the West Point Diversity Office

The West Point community just obtained a new resource for members affected by sexual assault—the Department of Defense Safe Helpline. This is a groundbreaking crisis support service for members of the DOD community affected by sexual assault.

The Safe Helpline provides live, confidential, one-on-one advice and referrals worldwide, 24-hours-a-day, 7-days-a-week.

Users can click, call or text to access Safe Helpline services:

CLICK: Logging on to www.SafeHelpline.org allows users to receive live, one-on-one confidential help with a trained professional through a secure instant-messaging format. The website also provides vital information about recovering from and reporting sexual assault.

CALL: Calling the telephone hotline (877-995-5247) allows users to speak with trained Safe Helpline staff for personalized advice and support. Safe Helpline staff can also transfer callers to installation Sexual Assault Response Coordinators/On-call SAPR Victim Advocates, civilian rape crisis centers or the Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

TEXT: Texting their location to 55-247 (inside the U.S.) or 202-470-5546 (outside

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

the U.S.) allows users to receive automated contact information for the SARC at their installation or base.

The department believes that these additional confidential avenues of seeking help will be a valuable resource for victims of sexual assault because they can seek resources and crisis support anonymously, which could lead to victims reporting the sexual assault and obtaining needed care.

Safe Helpline is owned by DOD and is operated by the non-profit Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network, the nation's largest anti-sexual violence organization.

With Safe Helpline services, your information will remain confidential. RAINN will not request or share your name or any other personally identifying information with your chain of command.

Visiting the www.SafeHelpline.org and placing the West Point zip code in the 'Find Help Near Your Installation/Base' search box (10996) results in the West Point Installation SARC 24/7 phone number—914-382-8041.

Other West Point 24/7 confidential resources include: the U.S. Corps of Cadets SARC

at 845-401-3476, the West Point Diversity Officer at 845-590-1249 and the West Point Duty Chaplain at 845-401-8171.

Our primary concern is victim safety, followed by the integrity of the sexual assault response process if the victim chooses advocacy, counseling and/or reporting an incident to authorities.

Additionally, the Mental Health Association of Orange County provides West Point with expertise on New York state laws relating to sexual assault and, as an alternate, a confidential resource for victim and survivor advocacy for cadets, Soldiers or adult Family members.

The MHAOC also provides support groups for adult survivors of child sexual abuse and/or sexual assault as an adult.

The Installation and USCC SARCs are members of the OC Sexual Assault Response Team.

For more information about these services, contact the Installation SARC at 845-938-3369 or 914-382-8041.

What to do if you have been sexually assaulted:

- Go to a safe location away from the perpetrator;
- Preserve all evidence of the assault;
- Do not bathe, wash your hands, brush your teeth, eat or smoke;
- If you use the bathroom, save your urine for testing at the hospital;
- Do not eat, drink or take any type of medication;
- Do not disturb or clean up the crime scene;
- Write down all the details you can recall about the attack and the attacker;
- Report the assault to military law enforcement or local police immediately.

Local police can be reached by calling 911 in most areas inside the U.S.

West Point team reclaims Cyber Defense title

Story and photo by Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor

West Point cadets tested their cyber defense skills against veteran hackers from the National Security Agency and emerged victorious.

The three-day 2011 Cyber Defense Exercise concluded April 22 giving the U.S. Military Academy its sixth win since the competition began in 2001. Thirty-eight Class of 2011 cadets participated in the exercise, along with two faculty advisors and numerous support personnel. The senior cadets built the network, managed it and performed the day-to-day operations.

The exercise was established by West Point with collaboration and support from the NSA and Department of Defense to teach students how to protect and defend the nation's information systems. All five service academies participated, as well as the Naval Postgraduate School, the Air Force Institute of Technology and the Royal Military College of Canada.

"It's entirely a defensive operation on our part," Class of 2011 Cadet Hunter Hutcheson, the team's public affairs representative, said. "So we're learning how to defend the network. West Point has one of the most robust cyber educational programs of all the service academies. Cadets routinely are sent to NSA to practice these skills during summer training."

Some Class of 2012 cadets participated in the latter stages to perform forensic analysis of the exercise.

"They'll figure out which machines were compromised by the NSA and create a detailed analysis of the tools used against us as a sort of lessons learned," Hutcheson said. "So next year when they enter the competition, they'll have more experience of what they can expect from NSA."

The cadets could not monitor the systems between 10 p.m. and 9 a.m. each day, as that was when their NSA opponents would launch their offensive. The mornings would often find the West Point team on damage control duty from the overnight attacks. This was accomplished by ensuring the services were functioning properly and activity coming into the network from the NSA Red Team was stopped and any threats mitigated as they occurred.

The exercise involved long-hour shifts for the cadets, always on the defensive against NSA. Ample amounts of caffeinated beverages and high-calorie snacks were consumed to offset the periods of inactivity and fueled them when they needed to respond fast.

"It's definitely a high-stress exercise," Hutcheson said. "There are periods of boredom throughout the day, but leading up to the exercise there were numerous times cadets worked late nights and sometimes until early into the morning. Throughout the exercise there are also periods of intense activity. Waiting for an opponent to attack can be a nerve-wracking experience."

The cadets worked in teams, performing various functions like monitoring software and email/chat services. Class of 2011 Cadet



West Point has claimed six Cyber Defense Exercise wins, including a trifecta from 2007-09. Last year, the U.S. Naval Academy earned the title.

John Rollinson led the network security monitoring team.

"Basically I'm logging and analyzing all the traffic flowing across our network for things that don't fit the standard usage," Rollinson said.

Hutcheson said this USMA team, in the way they've prepared for and executed the exercise, may be one of the best in several years. Rollinson was confident the team could beat the other academies.

"We have cadets on our team who are very knowledgeable about what they're doing," Rollinson said. "We have (Cadet) James McColl, who's a mastermind on the computers; we have (Cadet) Robert Frost, who's very good at understanding exploits, and (Cadet) Duncan Michel does a great job of managing and distributing who's looking where on the system."

Traditionally, the NSA team will conclude

the exercise by launching an onslaught upon the teams; basically, unleashing a devastating attack for which there is no preparation.

"Our job is to make sure our network is as secure as possible and the services are all up and running so when that attack happens we have monitoring tools running and all cadets at their stations," Hutcheson said. "Of course, we fully expect this attack, but we didn't talk about it. We talk about winning."

To call this a game would be farthest from the truth for this team.

"With the growing importance of cyber defense in the Department of Defense and the private industry, we realize this is no game," Hutcheson said. "This is real. We're calling it a demonstration of Army excellence and this is our opportunity to show the NSA and the other academies that we're prepared and we're developing graduates fully capable of operating in this environment."



Tribute to fallen West Point graduates

The inaugural half-marathon event with 550 cadets and about 30 staff and faculty members was completed in a downpour April 23. The event is the Corps' living memorial to the 81 graduates who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in the Global War on Terror. The course started at Washington Hall, proceeded up Washington Road to Washington Gate and then onto Route 218 before the return trip to Washington Hall.

KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

West Point Phi Kappa Phi supports local Habitat project

By West Point Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi

Members of the West Point Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society supported the Newburgh Chapter for Habitat for Humanity April 2 in an effort to reach out to communities surrounding West Point.

"We wanted to do something of greater significance and service to the Newburgh community," Class of 2011 Cadet Sam Yoo, Phi Kappa Phi cadet vice president, said. "The work we did here falls right in line with it."

According to Brady Quinn, senior site coordinator, the Newburgh Habitat for Humanity was founded in 1999 by Bill Murphy, Dave Wager and Al Favata.

They were three retirees who grew up in Newburgh and had volunteered for many years at Habitat in Middletown. They saw a real need for affordable housing in Newburgh so they started an affiliate there.

Since 1999, Newburgh Habitat has completed 43 homes for needy families.

Families are selected based on need, willingness to partner with Habitat in the construction of homes and income level.

"We rely tremendously on volunteers to help with all facets of construction and renovation," Quinn said. "We could never be able to do what we do without the generous support of these local 'good Samaritans.' We really appreciate the cadets coming out today to lend a hand on these three homes."

The cadets felt that the personal time they gave up on a Saturday morning was well spent for a worthy cause.

"It was nice to get out and do something for the community, especially since we were able to meet the future owner and see whose life we were directly impacting," Class of 2011 Cadet Nate Pendleton said. "Too often we spend our days in our rooms lost in our own little worlds, so it was refreshing to go get lost in some manual labor ... I'm definitely interested in doing this work again."

For their part, the West Point chapter officers joined the cadets for the day and had similar feelings about the work.

Professor Mark Welton, Department of Law and Phi Kappa Phi West Point Chapter President, commented that it was a highlight of the semester for him.

"Newburgh needs a helping hand. I was totally impressed with the amount of people who come out here every weekend without much notice or fanfare," Welton said. "I had no idea how much work Habitat is accomplishing."

Service academies present math projects during annual conference

By Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

The 21st annual Service Academy Student Math Conference was held April 15 at the Haig Room in Jefferson Hall where cadets from West Point, the U.S. Naval, Air Force and Coast Guard Academies presented their senior math projects. The conference is held every year; however, this was the first time in 10 years the conference had been held at West Point.

The senior projects presented included those from 57 cadet and midshipmen math majors presenting 39 different projects ranging from theoretical to applied math. The math projects included extending the capital asset pricing model used in determining expected returns of risky assets, saber metrics or the study of baseball statistics, trading algorithms and celestial dynamics.

"I've seen some great presentations with Navy and West Point cadets," Hillary Fletcher, Ph.D., assistant professor in the Department of Mathematical Sciences, said. "So many of the projects are applied to the everyday world and this shows how math can be used outside (of the classroom)."

Cadets presented their projects individually, in pairs or in fours. First Class Coast Guard Cadets Katie Gilligan, Margaret Kratz, Sean March and Andrew Sheehy presented their project on small boat depot scheduling for the Fifth Coast Guard District in Portsmouth, Va., which has responsibility for the Mid-Atlantic area.

The project used the results from a previous study to determine the optimal number of small boats needed to

provide sufficient operational coverage in the district. Values were determined by figuring out the number of hours over or under the operational hour capacity for each type of boat, small, medium response boats and motor life boats from each station. The values determined were used to calculate the average time between maintenance periods for each boat type from each station.

"This conference is the most attended by West Point cadets," Brian MacDonald, D/Math assistant professor, said. "They don't work for a grade, but it is their senior project they present to their advisors (and their peers)."

Class of 2011 Cadet Vinh Khang Do's project investigated the possibilities of extending the Capital Asset Pricing Model, which is a frequently used method for predicting expected returns of risky assets.

Do's project investigated the possibilities of extending CAPM by researching the effectiveness of the quick ratio, which is a conservative measurement of a firm's most liquid assets and the firm's ability to meet its short-term expenses, as an additional variable in predicting the expected return of assets.

Do's research used historical data from the Standard and Poor's 100 from 2005-2010 and tested the dual factor model (a firm's measurement of liquid assets and its ability to meet short-term expenses) against the CAPM.

Do's results showed that his new model slightly improved the expected return, but the improvement was not significant enough to make a difference.

"These research projects presented at SASMC allow cadets to use their critical thinking skills," Fletcher said.

NEXT WEEK:

Read all about the 2011 Projects Day in next week's *Pointer View* May 5. The event is scheduled for today as more than 250 academic projects from West Point cadets and other colleges will be presented.

Third Reg proves most recycle-conscious within Corps

Story and photo by Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor

In support of the Corps of Cadets' effort in the national Recyclemania Tournament, Third Regiment proved to be the dominant recycling force at West Point.

On April 19, Class of 2012 Cadet Devin Redding, the USCC Recyclemania cadet-in-

charge, and Class of 2011 Cadet Jon Hendricks, the brigade's energy and environmental officer, presented the awards at Washington Hall.

Third Regiment led the USCC in collecting the most cans and bottles and earned all three incentive awards for their efforts. A-3 topped the Corps by collecting more than 11,000 recyclables and received \$1,000 for its company funds; C-3 placed

second and received \$500; and H-3 earned \$250. The Corps of Cadets was recycling all materials, to include paper and cardboard, but only the cans and bottles were part of the Directorate of Cadet Activities' contest to benefit company activities funds.

"If it wasn't for these companies' hard work, dedication and enthusiasm, West Point could not have done so well," Redding said.

USMA placed 27th out of more than 360 schools participating in the Per Capita Classic division, recording 28.86 cumulative pounds of recyclables per person. Per person, the academy collected 11.06 pounds of paper to place 16th in that division, and ranked 70th in the bottles and cans division collecting 1.80 pounds per person. The academy also ranked 7th in the corrugated cardboard division, recording 16.01 pounds per person.

The eight-week competition was established by the College and University Recycling Council, in coordination with Keep

America Beautiful and the Environmental Protection Agency's WasteWise program.

"We're really proud about everything the Corps has done to help get Recyclemania into West Point," Col. Joseph DeAntona, brigade tactical officer, said. "Third Regiment did an outstanding job. The Class of 2011 really helped us to get this moving, and my challenge now is for the Classes of 2012, '13 and '14 to take it to the next level and let's get the other regiments to challenge the 3rd Regiment next year."

This was the first year West Point participated in the annual tournament, and Redding said it will be an ongoing effort for the Corps beyond the tournament.

"I just want to encourage everyone to keep recycling from now until graduation, and look out for more information about drop-off points for electronics, appliances and other kinds of recyclables," Redding said.



Col. Joseph DeAntona, brigade tactical officer, presented Class of 2011 Cadets Andrew Williams and Matthew Bolian, representing A-3, with a check for \$1,000. The company collected the most recyclable material during the U.S. Military Academy's participation in the 2011 Recyclemania Tournament.



All 32 companies from the Corps of Cadets sponsored teams to walk the Relay for Life through Highland Falls April 23. The event at Roe Park also included a variety of games for cadets to participate in while they supported a worthy cause.

COURTESY PHOTO

Corps supports Relay for Life

Staff Reports

Despite less than hospitable weather, more than 450 cadets participated April 23 in the annual Relay for Life in Highland Falls. With all 32 Corps of Cadet companies sponsoring teams, collectively they raised more than \$50,000 on behalf of the American Cancer Society.

Braving a chilly spring day, the cadets volunteered their time to walk from Buffalo Soldier Field to the relay site at Roe Park.

A three-on-three basketball tournament and a kickball tournament were also scheduled throughout the day's event.

This is the third year cadets have organized a Relay for Life event with Class of 2012 Cadets Nate Freeland and Catherine Ball and Class of 2011 Cadet Justin Turner organizing and planning this year's relay.

Company B-4 raised the most (\$7,625) while Army Women's Swimming and Diving collected \$5,645 to place second among the teams.

Battle Command Conference links cadets with combat leaders

(Right) Maj. Gen. Vincent Brooks, commanding general of the 1st Infantry Division, was the keynote speaker April 20 during the 14th Battle Command Conference at Eisenhower Hall. As a West Point Class of 1980 graduate and first African-American first captain at the academy, Brooks spoke to a group of 1,000-plus graduating West Point and ROTC cadets about the leadership roles they are about to embark upon. The leadership lessons Brooks presented to the cadets were summed up with three L's: Lead, Listen and Learn. The three-day conference gathered more than 100 recent combat veteran officers and noncommissioned officers throughout the Army to impart first-hand knowledge and experience to the future commissioned officers. The mentors participated in leader-to-leader sessions, designed to inspire

high-energy dialogue based upon real-life vignettes. The conference also included company seminars, regimental panels and scheduled military panels on topics such as "Marriage and Families in the Military" and "A Unit Leader's Perspective of Dealing with Casualties." (Below) First Lt. Chris Farmer spoke with West Point and ROTC cadets about his experience as a newly-commissioned officer assigned to the 3rd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, leading Soldiers who had trained and deployed prior to his arrival with the unit. The Leader-to-Leader sessions allowed cadets to interact with active duty and retired officers and noncommissioned officers. Cadets rotated every 20 minutes during three rounds of talks with different mentors about their careers and leadership roles.

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Survivor Outreach Services: Fulfilling the Army Family Covenant

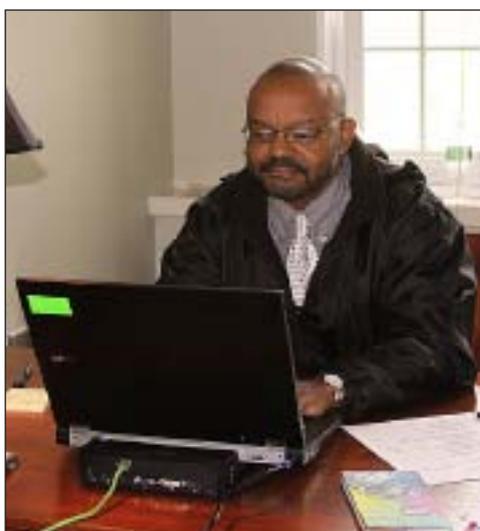
Story and photo by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

In keeping with the Army Family Covenant, a new Army program called the Survivor Outreach Services began a joint effort in 2008 with the collaboration of the Installation Management Command; Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation; Casualty and Mortuary Affairs Operation; the Army National Guard and the Army Reserve.

The program provides support and services to active, reserve and Army National Guard surviving Families of fallen Soldiers.

Retired Maj. Sandy McLean from Fort Benning, Ga., is the new SOS coordinator for West Point.

"When I heard of this position being offered, I thought this would be right up my alley because I've been working with survivors for most of my career," McLean said. "It's a tremendous shock for someone who loses somebody. Usually the first thing a survivor must deal with is loneliness. It gets easier to deal with as time goes on, but



Sandy McLean is the new Survivor Outreach Services coordinator at West Point Army Community Service. McClain retired as a chaplain in March at Fort Benning, Ga., after 23 years of service.

you can't change it.

"One of the major challenges is for them to put one foot in front of the other. So if

there is something we can do to lighten their load, we should do it."

McLean's experience as an Army chaplain allows him to have an idea what he wants to do for the community.

"I want to make sure the community knows that we are here and everyone and anyone (who is a survivor) should contact us," McLean said. "I want to educate the community on what survivors go through.

"One day you're here, and the next day the whole perspective changes. We send our sons and daughters into the military hoping they will come back. Sometimes they don't," he added.

One way to get the word out about the SOS program is by planning a meet and greet event with surviving Families here in the community, which McLean is arranging for early June.

McLean said the West Point program is relatively small because there are only five surviving Families currently involved in the program.

"This may change once people find out about (our program)," he said. "We contacted about 52 Families, but only five wanted to avail themselves to the program."

There are SOS coordinators in the area at Camp Smith in Peekskill and Fort Hamilton, Brooklyn.

"There are a lot of people (reaching out to survivors) in this area," he said.

The reasons for survivors not opening themselves up to the SOS program are often complex.

"Some may not want to have anything more to do with the military," he said. "Or maybe they have been survivors for a long time (and feel they can handle things on their own)."

The point McLean wants to get across is that SOS is here if and when survivors want to take advantage of their services. It doesn't matter how the Soldier died or how long it has been since, as there is no time limit on the availability of services.

As Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch, IMCOM commander, said in a commentary in the March 24 issue of the *Pointer View*, "It's important for survivors to know that the support is there, they are not alone and are part of the Army Family for as long as they want to be."

For more information on SOS services, call Sandy McLean at 938-0233.



Easter Egg Hunt

Abigail Colonna, 10, goes after an egg at the Easter Egg Hunt following the West Point Club's Sunday Easter Brunch. Children had plenty of eggs and treats to collect, but they had to search for three golden eggs to earn a special Easter gift. Abigail was one of the lucky few who received a gardening set; others gifts included a sports ball set and a fishing set.

KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

FMWR Blurbs

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. Saturday.

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

For more information, call 938-3921.

Softball Tournament forming

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

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

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

Army 10-Miler registration

Priority registration (10,000 participants) opens Sunday 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.

CYSS Hired! workshops

The Child, Youth and School Services 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.

Cinco de Mayo celebration

Come celebrate Cinco de Mayo from 5-11 p.m. May 5 at the Benny Haven Bar and Lounge in the West Point Club.

Enjoy Salsa music, Mexican flair and a specialty bar menu.

For more information, call 938-5120.

Military Spouse Appreciation Day celebrations

- Join ACS for a Military Spouse Appreciation Cruise on the Superintendent's Boat from 4:30-7 p.m. May 5.

Tickets are available through ACS.

For more information, call 938-0232.

- Take a free stained glass class from 5:30-7 p.m. May 5 at West Point Arts & Crafts. For more information, call 938-4812.

- Enjoy lunch at the West Point Club while military spouses receive half off from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. May 6.

For more information, call 938-5120.

- Get a relaxing massage with a Wellness Springs special discount for military spouses May 6 at the FMWR Fitness Center during regular business hours.

For more information, call 938-6490.

- Stop by the West Point Auto Shop for a free computer diagnostic from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. May 6. For more information, call 938-2074.

- Don't forget to pick up your free flower at the Stony CDC May 6.

Cake Pop classes

There is a new rage in desserts—sweets on a stick. There is a lunch hour cake pops class from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. May 6 at the Arts & Crafts Shop.

Learn the basic techniques for creating and decorating elegant cake pops.

A Family member cake pops class takes place from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. May 14.

There is a minimal charge for these classes. To register, call 938-4812.

USAG Golf Scramble

A garrison golf scramble begins at 1 p.m. May 6. This is a 4-person scramble tournament and is open to all garrison Soldiers and employees.

Three team members must work for the garrison. The fourth team member is open to anyone.

Registration is ongoing now through 12:45 p.m. May 6. Green fees are not included in the registration fee.

For more information, call 938-2435.

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.

Mother's Day Brunch

The traditional Mother's Day Brunch will be held May 8. Two seatings are available at 9-11 a.m. in the Pierce Dining Room and noon-2 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom.

There is a special discount for spouses of deployed Soldiers. Children 5 and under eat free.

Reservations are required by calling 938-5120.

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.

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.

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.

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.

NEW INFO

2011 Army Arts and Crafts contest

The 2011 Army Arts and Crafts contest opens Sunday and runs through June 11.

Submit your best fine art work in any of 11 available categories. Contest details are available at the West Point Craft Shop, Bldg. 648 or by calling 938-4812.

Men's Clinic at the West Point Golf Course

An all-level men's golf clinic takes place from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesday through May 6.

Get ready for the golf season with the

new men's clinic. The cost includes clubs, if needed. For more information, call 938-2435.

Les Mills Bodypump launch

The Les Mills Bodypump launch takes place at 8 a.m. May 7 at the FMWR Fitness Center. Prizes will be awarded.

Sign up at the front desk.

For more information, call 938-6490.

CYSS Parents Night Out

Don't miss another opportunity for Child, Youth and School Services' Parents Night Out May 13.

Drop off your children at the Stony Child Development Center from 6-11 p.m. and go enjoy some time for yourself. Reservations must be made no later than May 9.

For more information, Call 938-3921.

Army Emergency Relief Campaign

The 2011 Army Emergency Relief Campaign continues through May 15.

With three weeks left in the campaign, contributions are at \$46,000, so only \$39,000 more is needed to reach the goal of \$85,000.

For more information, call 938-5839.

Cake decorating class

The introductory cake decorating class is scheduled from 5:30-8 p.m. May 19 at the West Point Arts & Crafts Shop.

Learn the basics of cake decorating, including recipes, tools and the Rosette Technique.

This class is free, but the following must be provided by the participant: six-inch round cake, two cups of white icing and a cake decorating practice board.

To register, call 938-4812.

EDGE! Spring Programs

- Kids Cooking "May is a Wrap!"—Children in grades 1-5 learn to make a variety of wraps from 3:30-5 p.m. each Tuesday through May 24. Class size is limited.

- Claymation Technology—Clay tech is a fun, hands-on introduction to animation. Classes are for children in grades 1-5 from 3:30-5 p.m. each Tuesday through May 24.

- "The Wacky World of Science"—Children in grades 1-5 will make colorful flowers from crystals, work with the five senses, floating, sinking and writing with invisible ink. Classes take place from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Wednesdays through May 25.

- Gymnastics—Learn basic gymnastics (floor/tumbling and balance beam skills). Classes are offered to children in grades 1-5 from 3:30-5 p.m. Mondays through May 23.

- Gift Projects for Kids—Children in grades 1-5 will make a jewelry/treasure box for Mom, paint a wooden tray for Dad, paint their own ceramic beads and design a ceramic bracelet or necklace. Art classes are held from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Fridays through May 27.

There is a nominal fee for EDGE! classes. Enroll at Lee Area CDC or call 938-4458.

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.

There will be no motorcycle courses Friday-Sunday and May 6-10. The only class remaining is for military staff and faculty May 13-17.

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

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

Balfour Beatty Scholarship deadline

The scholarship deadline for the Balfour Beatty Scholarship program for children of military members is extended to Saturday.

Applications are open to all high school and undergraduate residents residing in Balfour Beatty Communities housing across the country, including West Point.

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

West Point Military Retiree Appreciation Day

The 37th annual Military Retiree Appreciation Day activities will be held from 7 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday at Eisenhower Hall, with everyone moving to the reviewing stands on the Plain for the Cadet Drill Team performance, Cadet Review and Cadet Sports Parachute Club Performance.

For more information, visit www.usma.edu/garrison/sites/services/retiree.html or call Gail Reynolds, Retirement Services Officer, at 938-4217.

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. Sunday 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.

For more information, call 938-3136.

"Restrepo" showing

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

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

West Point PWOC Grand Finale

The West Point Protestant Women of the Chapel invites the community to its "Grand Finale." The PWOC will induct a new executive board and pray for the PWOC ladies who are moving. The event is at 9 a.m. Wednesday at the Post Chapel.

There will be food, fellowship and a special treat.

For more information, call Christie Whittle or 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 and a mini-Black Knights Alley.

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month observance

The Equal Opportunities Office and the Simon Center for the Professional Military Ethic is hosting this year's Asian

Pacific American Heritage Month from 4-6:30 p.m. May 6 at Trophy Point. Come and enjoy Asian music, dance and food samplings. For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Timothy Morgan at 938-8456 or Master Sgt. Dwayne Key at 938-2581.

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.

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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Do you love to knit or crochet, or enjoy teaching others how to knit or crochet?

The Post Chapel 12:30 p.m. service is doing a Prayer Shawl Ministry, which provides shawls to those who have lost loved ones, who are experiencing distress or overcoming a medical illness.

For more information, call Revita Page at 446-0820 or getreal44@hotmail.com.

NEW INFO

West Point Schools Back-to-School supply kits

As the end of this school year approaches, planning for the fall is already under way.

For the first time, in conjunction with AAFES Post Exchange, the West Point Schools Parent Teacher Organization is working to establish a Back-to-School Supply Kit Program.

The intent is to have supply kits available for purchase for the 2011-12 school year. This program equips students with the supplies their teachers have requested for each student to bring to school.

This program will save time by making back-to-school

less hectic and more enjoyable for both students and parents.

More information about ordering Back-to-School supply kits will be published soon, or contact the West Point Schools directly.

National Purple Heart Hall of Honor workshop

As part of New York Heritage Weekend, The National Purple Heart Hall of Honor in New Windsor will hold a workshop from 1-4 p.m. May 14 to help individuals find the ways and means to research their family's military history and then preserve those memories once the information is found.

Michelle Phillips, paper conservator from NYSOPRHP Resource Center, will talk about how to care for your paper collection and Christopher Zarr, education specialist for the National Archives, will teach you how to find your ancestor's records.

By the end of the workshop, you will have a good idea of what to look for in your search, where to go to find the information and how to keep your family history preserved for years to come.

In addition, Purple Heart recipients interested in sharing their story and history with the Hall can record a short part of their story in its video studio from 1-4 p.m. by making a reservation in advance.

To reserve time, call 561-1765.

West Point Band concert

The West Point Band will present its annual Armed Forces Day Concert at Eisenhower Hall Theatre at 3 p.m. May 15.

Celebrate this patriotic day with the Concert Band as it performs an array of American music from "God Bless America," featuring singer Master Sgt. MaryKay Messenger, to Glenn Miller's "In the Mood."

Get free tickets at the West Point Visitors Center, WHUD Radio, WPDH Radio, Eisenhower Hall Box Office, National Purple Heart Hall of Honor, Hotel Thayer, the FMWR Ticket Office and the West Point Band Building, Egner Hall (Bldg. 685).

Download tickets online at www.westpointband.com.

For large groups, call (845) 938-2445.

Learn more about the West Point Band online at www.westpointband.com and become a fan on Facebook and YouTube.

Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

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	9		3			7		1

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: Easy

DPW NOTES

Storm and sanitary sewer line replacement: Replacement of selected storm and sanitary sewer lines in the Central Post area will begin Monday on Williams Road. This phase is scheduled for completion prior to graduation (May 21).

During this phase, the area on the west side of Williams Road from the Cullum overpass to approximately 20 yards past the Power Plant (Bldg. 604) will be blocked—temporarily eliminating 12 CPA parking spaces.

Entrance to the Power Plant parking area will be maintained. This will require the closure of the two access roads from Williams Road to Bldg. 752 (Mahan Hall) for the duration of this work as well.

Deliveries using those two access roads will be rerouted to another entrance—contact the Mahan Hall Building Commandant.

For more information, call the project manager, Tom Ptak, at 938-5393.

Fire hydrant flushing: The DPW Operations and Maintenance Division will be flushing fire hydrants on post from Monday through May 13.

The flushing of the hydrants is a method used to clear sediment build-up from the main water lines. This is usually done on a six-month cycle.

All hydrants on post will be flushed during the designated two-week period, pending water line emergencies and weather conditions.

For the convenience of community members, hydrant flushing will not occur during the hours of 6-8 a.m. and 4-6 p.m.

Community members in the vicinity of a hydrant being flushed will encounter large amounts of water in nearby streets and curb areas.

During flushing, high velocities in the water mains may create discolored water in the faucets.

This water will not be suitable for washing clothes because staining will result.

Although the water is considered safe, it is not recommended for drinking or cooking due to the discoloration.

Some quarters/buildings may experience low water pressure and faucet aerators could clog from the sediment.

Both the low water pressure and discoloration will clear up in about two hours.

All community members are urged to run the water prior to use for consumption or laundry during the flushing process in their vicinity.

For more information, call Greg Jones, Water/Wastewater Treatment Branch chief, at 938-2109.

Keller Corner

Tobacco Cessation Program

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

National Prescription Take Back Day

Medications not needed anymore? How do I dispose of them? What is the safest way?

There will be a National Prescription Take Back Day from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday at the PX Lobby, so you can drop them into a box with no questions asked. Remove any personal identification labels.

There is drug information available, if desired.

DEERS

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

Reenlisting, commissioning, separating, retiring or

PCSing all require changes to DEERS, and those are just your professional changes.

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

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

Call 911

If you need emergency care, go to the nearest hospital emergency room or call 911 for an ambulance

This simple rule applies to emergencies on and off West Point.

Families PCSing overseas

If you are on active duty and moving overseas with your Family members, it is important that you contact the Exceptional Family Member Program immediately.

The EFMP office must screen all Family members accompanying active duty members on an overseas assignments.

Call 938-6881 for details and appointments. Delays in screening may contribute to delay in Family members traveling with sponsors.



Using your smartphone, this QR code will take you directly to West Point's FMWR page so you can learn more about what kind of fun West Point has to offer.

NOW SHOWING

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

Friday—Rango, PG, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday—Justin Bieber: Never Say Never, G, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday—Red Riding Hood, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.

May 6—The Adjustment Bureau, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

THE THEATER SCHEDULE ALSO CAN BE FOUND AT

WWW.AAFES.COM.

Command Channel 8/23

April 28-May 5

(Broadcast times)

Army Newswatch

Today, Friday and Monday through May 5

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

5th annual Mike Krzyzewski Excellence in Teaching Character Through Sport awards ceremony (live)

Friday

12:40 p.m.

SHARP

The members of the Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention program are Lt. Col. Kay Emerson, Shelley Ariosto (Garrison), Dan Toohy (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.

Life Works at Balfour Beatty Communities

• **Cinco de Mayo Day celebration:** Come experience some Mexican culture with BBC May 5. We will have Mexican foods, fun, Cinco de Mayo goodies, piñatas and a great craft for the children.

The fun starts at 3 p.m. at 126 Washington Road.

Call Jodi Gellman at 446-6407 by close of business Monday, so BBC does not run out of supplies.

• **"Thank a Military Spouse" writing competition:** Do you know a military spouse who has gone above and beyond the call of duty? Does he or she have a story that's waiting to be told? This is your chance to tell it.

BBC is sponsoring this competition in honor of Military Spouse Appreciation Month. The award is an hour long Swedish massage from Wellness Springs at the FMWR Fitness Center.

Submit your story before May 20 at 132 Bartlett Loop or email it to jgellman@bcgrp.com.

Women's Tennis defeats Navy, wins seventh straight PL title

By Pamela Flenke
Army Athletic Communications

Army Women's Tennis won its seventh consecutive Patriot League Championship and 12th overall title Sunday by topping Navy, 4-0, at the Naval Academy's Brigade Sports Complex in Annapolis, Md.

With the win, the Black Knights earned the conference's automatic bid to the NCAA Championship, advancing to the national stage for the 11th time in program history.

Playing against each other for the first time in program history, No. 1 Army (23-7) and second-seeded Navy (22-10) battled in doubles play to begin the day. The Black Knights mirrored their finish from the day before as No. 1 doubles finished first followed by No. 3.

At No. 1 doubles, senior Anne Houghton and freshman Jamila Paul improved to 6-0 as a duo by defeating Dye Das and Amanda Griffin, 8-3.

The win was Houghton's 88th of her career, ranking fourth all-time in Army's record book. She is one doubles win shy of Kristin Beehler (USMA 2010 graduate), who ranks third with 89 doubles wins.

Once again the freshman duo of Margaret Iliev and Carly Riney clinched the doubles point. The pair defeated Erin Snook and Brittney Boucher, 8-5, to improve to 5-1 this spring.

The win came just in time, as the No. 2 doubles match was being tightly contested and ended in a 7-5 score, favoring Army sophomore Erin Colton and senior Annie Hang.

Ahead 1-0, Army's fate was decided again by the singles matches at Nos. 1, 5 and 6, as it was in the semifinals against No. 5 Colgate.

Freshman Della Taylor won in the most convincing way on the afternoon, topping Erin Snook, 6-3, 6-1. It was Taylor's 18th win of the year.

Houghton followed with a win at No. 1 singles, defeating Amanda Griffin, 7-5, 6-4. Extending Army's lead to 3-0, the Sewickley, Pa., native earned her program-best 98th singles win of her career.

With three of the final four matches extended into the third set, freshman Emily Stein stepped up for the Black Knights.

Stein won the first set at No. 6 singles against Brittney Boucher, 6-1, before Boucher rebounded with a 6-3 win in the second set.

Stein regained the edge, winning the third set in convincing fashion, 6-1, to clinch the title for Army.

Army's Houghton was named the John "Pat" Rooney Tournament MVP after winning both doubles and singles matches at No. 1.

For the first time in program history, Army held every Patriot League opponent scoreless. The Black Knights



Senior Anne Houghton was named the John "Pat" Rooney Tournament MVP after winning both singles and doubles at No. 1 versus Colgate and Navy, respectively. Houghton improved her career marks by winning her 88th doubles match and 98th singles match against Navy Sunday, which helped Army win its seventh straight Patriot League Championship.

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played five regular-season matches (Lafayette, Holy Cross, Bucknell, Colgate and Lehigh) to 7-0 wins and two conference tournament matches (Colgate and Navy) to 4-0 sweeps.

The Black Knights earned the conference's automatic NCAA Championship berth and will learn their opponent Tuesday.

The 64-team tournament selection show is scheduled for 5 p.m., streamed live via NCAA.com. The Black Knights lost to No. 7 UCLA, 4-0, in the first round of the NCAA Championships last season.

CLUB RESULTS

Men's Rugby: Men's Rugby First XV hosted Penn State University April 23 at the Anderson Rugby Complex in a must win match. Senior Uiki Leatigaga was the standout rucker of the day, scoring five tries (25 points total) in the 50-26 victory over PSU.

Other Army try scorers were sophomore Will Holder, who also had six conversions and a penalty kick (20 points) and sophomore Marshall Moten with a try.

The Second XV defeated PSU 48-22. Try scorers from that match were sophomore Chris Beck with two tries, freshman George Levy with two tries and sophomore Karl Crist, senior Logan Goldstein and freshman Drake Fleming with one each.

The remainder of the points came from the boot of sophomore Kyle Ulises with five conversions and a penalty kick. Army hosts Navy 5 p.m. Saturday at the Anderson Rugby Complex.

Sports calendar *April 28-May 6*

Corps

FRIDAY AND SUNDAY—LACROSSE, PATRIOT LEAGUE TOURNAMENT AT BUCKNELL, LEWISBURG, PA., TBA (TELEVISION: CBS COLLEGE SPORTS.)

SATURDAY—SOFTBALL VS. BUCKNELL (DH), ARMY SOFTBALL COMPLEX, 1 P.M.

SUNDAY—SOFTBALL VS. BUCKNELL (DH), ARMY SOFTBALL COMPLEX, 1 P.M.

WEDNESDAY—SOFTBALL VS. TEMPLE (DH),

ARMY SOFTBALL COMPLEX, 3:30 P.M.

WEDNESDAY—BASEBALL VS. NEW YORK TECH, DOUBLEDAY FIELD, 3:30 P.M.

MAY 6—LACROSSE VS. JOHNS HOPKINS, MICHIE STADIUM, 7 P.M. (TELEVISION: CBS COLLEGE SPORTS.)

Club

SATURDAY—MEN'S RUGBY VS. [NAVY](#), ANDERSON RUGBY COMPLEX, 5 P.M.

Houghton Memorial resounding success for CWT

Story and photo by
Class of 2012 Cadet Aaron Pool
Combat Weapons Team PAO

The 4th annual Houghton Memorial 2-Gun match was held April 22-23 at West Point. The match is held in honor of Capt. Andrew Houghton (USMA 2001 graduate), who died of wounds from an RPG attack on July 10, 2004, in Iraq.

Houghton was a member of the Combat Weapons Team while at the academy and the team is proud to organize this marksmanship competition in his honor.

This year, the match was held over two days, with 140 registered shooters. The match consisted of seven challenging courses of fire, which involved both rifle and pistol shooting.

Shooting the match at an Army post does have its advantages. Several stages involved shooting more unusual weapons, such as a UMP-45 sub-machine gun and a M249 SAW. The added weapons were well received; several of the competitors were seen grinning from ear-to-ear after shooting the machine guns.

Always working to provide a better experience for the shooters, this year the competition included an optional night shoot for those who wanted to try shooting steel targets with night vision goggles and infrared lasers on their weapons.

The shoot included a short class on how to use night vision and some range time with

an abundance of steel targets to shoot at. Not only was this a great experience for many of the shooters, but also proved to be a great venue for the average American to see what tools today's Soldiers use.

The Houghton 2-Gun match has had tremendous success over the past few years due in large part to the generosity of match sponsors.

This year, the New York State Rifle and Pistol Association was the title sponsor and the prize table was valued at more than \$20,000. The highlight was the giveaways of five weapons donated by various manufacturers.

"This probably goes down as the best match I've ever shot from a fun standpoint," David Deleo, one of the non-club shooters, said. "I will definitely be back next year."

The Combat Weapons Team is led by an impressive coaching staff of both military and civilian members. Coaches Craig Jackson, Joe Seuk, Gary Salman, Denis Berte and retired Lt. Col. Bob Chamberlain all contributed tremendously.

Seuk was the match director, and officer-in-charge Maj. Ben Thirey led the military staff that included Capt. Chris Kliever and Sgt. 1st Class Sean McCracken in coordinating all the intricate details necessary to run the match at West Point.

As for the memorial's namesake, Houghton is remembered through a foundation established by his parents to honor his memory and sacrifice. The foundation



Class of 2012 Cadet Eric Gallagher and Class of 2011 Cadet Phil Hayward score a shooter who engages steel targets from 375 yards away April 22 at one of the West Point ranges.

is committed to supporting a number of organizations which exemplify the ideals he was committed to during his life.

To learn more about Houghton and the Houghton Foundation, visit www.andyhoughton.org.



Army Women's Lacrosse sinks Coast Guard 17-4

Freshman Stasia Rogacki takes a shot and scores to give Army a 9-0 lead in the first half versus the Coast Guard Academy April 23 at Daly Field. Army Women's Lacrosse defeated the Coast Guard 17-4 during a rain-soaked game.

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Spotlighting ... Alex Holland

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It was a two-week segment in the tennis career of Alex Holland that he will not soon forget. The first week, Army faced Navy April 9 to continue its undefeated regular season record and the match, deadlocked at 3-3, was in the hands of the sophomore from Spartanburg, S.C.

After losing the first set 6-2, Holland fought back in his No. 5 singles match against Navy's Nick Gutsche to win 6-3 and 6-4 in the final two sets to give the Black Knights a 4-3 match win over the Midshipmen. The next week at the Patriot League Championships, the Black Knights disposed of Bucknell and Lehigh 4-2 each to earn their first Patriot League title since 2006.

However, along the journey to the title, Holland was put in position again to be the difference maker, and versus Lehigh's Ryan Krueger, he came away with the winning match once again with a 6-3, 7-5 match victory April 17 to put Army over the top.

Not many people get the chance to have one chance of a lifetime opportunity to remember fondly on a great athletic accomplishment, but Holland was able to do it two weekends in a row during the spring of 2011.

Holland sat down with the *Pointer View* to talk about his golden moments, what lies ahead with the NCAAs and the team's chances to continue its success beyond this season.

PV: With a few days to let it all sink in, thoughts about winning the Patriot League Championship and how special that experience was for you and the team?

AH: "It was an unbelievable feeling. We got to the finals last year and lost to Navy and that was a pretty big heartbreaker for us, especially since we beat them in the regular season. So to go into the tournament with an undefeated record in the Patriot League (6-0) and to win when we're supposed to is a lot of relief, but also happiness because the hard work we put in paid off."

PV: Did losing against Navy in the final last year prepare the team well for this year's finals experience, in terms of unfinished business?

AH: "Half of our team's lineup is freshmen, so for those of us on the team last year, we definitely didn't want that let down again. That was a long van ride home after the loss to Navy last year. We tried to let the younger guys know this is our job, this is what we've got to do and we want to win this. We tried to convey that to them and I think they got the point because we didn't want to go

home losers."

PV: Two weekends in a row, the "Star" match versus Navy and then the PL final against Lehigh, you were the deciding match ... Describe the feeling of winning both of those matches knowing you put the team over the top?

AH: "It definitely felt great. I've been putting in a lot of work this year. Two of my teammates (Tripp Johnson and Gary Kushnirovich) and I have most afternoons off, so we've been putting in a lot of extra (workout) time. It felt more like a reward than anything else because I got out of it what I put into it and I definitely put in a lot this year."

PV: In your Army Tennis biography, it says your career highlight was beating Navy at Annapolis in 2010, but after the past three weeks ... what do you now consider your career highlight?

AH: "Definitely clinching the win against Navy at home this year (is my highlight). Last year, beating Navy at Navy I didn't win my doubles match, but it still felt unbelievable because everything at West Point is "Go Army, Beat Navy," so even though I didn't have a win to contribute to that, I was part of the team and we won and it felt great. This year, I actually had a hand in it, a pretty big hand in it, so it felt great this year. Also, my dad and brother came up to see it and we had a lot of Army Tennis fans out there (to see us) and that was definitely fun."

PV: You mentioned putting in the extra time this year. How much do you feel you've improved since last year especially behind the scenes during practice?

AH: "I've definitely improved a ton since last year. Staying healthy has always been a problem for me, especially my shoulder and shin splints, so when my teammates and I started working out a lot, tennis specific workouts at Kimsey (Athletic Center), it definitely helped me stay healthy. I'm not having shoulder problems this year. I got orthotics for my shoes and now I don't have shin splints. Nothing is really bothering me like last year."

PV: You've teamed with Gary Kushnirovich at No. 2 doubles for most of the spring ... talk about what he brings to the court that meshes well with your game and, ultimately, leads to court success?

AH: "Gary's a big hitter. He can hit a lot harder than I can. I'm going to pick my spots for my serves and we're going to try to get him to be active because our goals when we play is not to have the server hit a volley when he is coming in, so I think with my serve I'm trying to place it really well so he can get a volley and come in. Then, with his serve, I tell him to hit it really hard and I'm pretty active



Sophomore Alex Holland celebrates after he defeated Navy's Nick Gutsche in three sets April 9 to lead the Black Knights over the Midshipmen 4-3. A week later, Holland's was the deciding match again as his win over Lehigh's Ryan Krueger helped Army to a 4-2 match victory over the Mountain Hawks and the Black Knights' first Patriot League title since 2006.

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at the net. I think I have pretty good volleys, so with his big serve and my volleys, we hold really easily on his serve. If he's moving well and I'm moving well, we usually get a pretty good hold on my serve as well.

"Another one of our strong suits is our returns. We both step in pretty far on returns and I think that's intimidating for our opponents when both guys are returning inside the baseline and I don't know many doubles teams that do that."

PV: The No. 1 singles guy, Asika Isoh, is a freshman. Talk about his play this year?

AH: "He's definitely a great player. He's done a phenomenal job because he's been the spearhead of the team at No. 1 and, as a freshman, that's a big role to fill. He's only going to get better and we look forward to watching him grow as a player."

PV: This was Army Men's Tennis' first championship since 2006, and with the team being relatively young and only losing one guy, what are your thoughts of continuing this success just like the women, who've won seven in a row?

AH: "I think it's definitely something to build off of because we are a young team, so next year when we come back we're going to have five out of the six guys who were part of a Patriot League title. Whatever recruits we do bring in, I think just having a winning attitude does wonders for a team."

"I think we learned a lot as a team with what works and what doesn't, so coming back next year we don't have to do all this trial and error that we did this year in terms of practice, practice schedules, workout schedules, what we do in practice ... we changed a lot of that this year from last year, so I think next year is going to be even better."

PV: With the NCAA Tournament around the corner, how is the team preparing for it, what do you expect from this experience and what does it all mean to you?

AH: "During the (Patriot League) tournament, we saw some things we needed to work on. That's the beauty of tennis, you always have something to improve on and we're definitely going to take a look at those things going into the NCAA Tournament."

"I think since none of us have been there, none of us really know what to expect. I'm pretty sure we're going to draw a number one seed, but we want to make Army look good out there. I'm not sure winning is in our future this year, but once we get there and see what the NCAAs is like, in the future the goal will be to win a match."

"To be able to say we're going there, I wouldn't say our goal is complete because I want to go the next two years after this year. However, it's a great sense of accomplishment and the best I've had in my tennis career so far."