



Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates is greeted by Cadet First Captain Marc Beaudoin on the steps of Washington Hall prior to lunch formation Feb. 25. Gates addressed the entire Corps of Cadets in Eisenhower Hall after lunch.

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Gates challenges cadets to change Army culture

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates told cadets at the U.S. Military Academy Feb. 25 that they must continue changing the culture of the Army to ensure the service can handle the challenges facing America.

This was the last opportunity for the secretary to speak to the Corps of Cadets. He announced he will step down as secretary later this year.

Gates spoke about the future of conflict and the implications for the Army. He talked about institutionalizing the diverse capabilities the service will need. Finally, he threw out some ideas for how the service can recruit and retain the leaders needed in the 21st century.

"When you receive your commission and walk off these parade fields for the last

time, you will join an Army that, more than any other part of America's military, is an institution transformed by war," Gates told the cadets gathered in Eisenhower Hall.

He said the changes have been wrenching, but the service used the experiences to learn and adapt.

They "allowed us to pull Iraq back from the brink of chaos in 2007 and, over the past year, to roll back the Taliban from their strongholds in Afghanistan," he said.

The experience must be learned and incorporated into the service's "DNA and institutional memory," the secretary said.

All this leads to the challenge of how the Army will structure itself, and train and equip for the diverse range of missions it will face in the future.

"There has been an overwhelming tendency of our defense bureaucracy to focus on preparing for future high-end conflicts,

priorities often based, ironically, on what transpired in the last century, as opposed to the messy fights in Iraq and Afghanistan," Gates said. "But without succumbing to what I once called 'next-war-itis,' I do think it's important to think about what the Army will look like and must be able to do after large U.S. combat units are substantially drawn down in Afghanistan, and what that means for young leaders entering the force."

The United States has not done a good job over the years in forecasting where the next conflict will be, Gates said, but the country can build the capabilities to deal with a range of crises.

"We can't know with absolute certainty what the future of warfare will hold, but we do know it will be exceedingly complex, unpredictable, and, as they say in the staff colleges, 'unstructured,'" he said.

Gates listed a few of the challenges

facing the country that will continue after U.S. involvement in Iraq and Afghanistan winds down. The challenges include terrorism and terrorists in search of weapons of mass destruction, Iran, North Korea, military modernization programs in Russia and China, failed and failing states, revolution in the Middle East, cyber threats, piracy, nuclear proliferation, natural and man-made disasters and more.

There is a need for heavy armor and firepower, but there also is a need for counterinsurgency and humanitarian assistance, the secretary said.

"Looking ahead, though, in the competition for tight defense dollars within and between the services," Gates said, "the Army also must confront the reality that the most plausible, high-end scenarios for the U.S. military are primarily naval and air

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engagements, whether in Asia, the Persian Gulf or elsewhere.”

The strategic rationale for swift-moving Army or Marine expeditionary forces and airborne infantry or special operations is self-evident, he said, given the likelihood of counter-terrorism, rapid reaction, disaster response or stability or security force assistance missions.

“In my opinion, any future defense secretary who advises the president to again send a big American land army into Asia or into the Middle East or Africa should ‘have his head examined,’ as (Army) Gen. (Douglas) MacArthur so delicately put it,” he said.

Enemies will seek to attack the United States where they believe America is weakest. The Army will not repeat the mistakes of the past, where irregular warfare doctrine was shunted aside after the Vietnam War, the secretary said.

Gates said the odds of repeating another Afghanistan or Iraq—invading, pacifying and administering a large third world country—may be low. But in what Army Chief of Staff Gen. George W. Casey Jr. has called “an era of persistent conflict,” those unconventional capabilities still will be needed at various levels and in various locales, he said.

A second challenge facing the service, Gates said, is whether and how the Army can adapt its practices and culture to these strategic realities.

“From the beginning of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, our Soldiers and junior- and mid-level leaders downrange have been adjusting and improvising to the complex and evolving challenges on the ground, in many cases using the Internet, especially tools of social media, to share tactical lessons learned in real time with their colleagues at the front or preparing to deploy back in the United States,” he said.

It has taken time for the Pentagon to respond, but leaders are pushing the envelope. Gates pointed to the way the Army developed

doctrine to advise and assist brigades now deployed to Iraq.

Planners devised the strategy in months rather than years and continue tweaking it as experience accumulates.

But people are the basis for American military excellence, and the question becomes how does the service prepare, train and retain officers “with the necessary multifaceted experience to take on a broad range of missions and roles,” Gates said, that involve “many doctrines in play, often simultaneously.”

The secretary told the cadets to look for opportunities that in the past were considered off the beaten path, if not a career dead end. He said the Army needs to encourage leaders in these pursuits.

“Such opportunities might include further study at graduate school, teaching at this or another first-rate university, spending time at a think tank, being a congressional fellow, working in a different government agency or becoming a foreign area specialist,” he said. “It is incumbent on the Army to promote, in every sense of the word, these choices and experiences for its next generation of leaders; the junior- and mid-grade officers in Army ranks who represent the most battle-tested group in its history.”

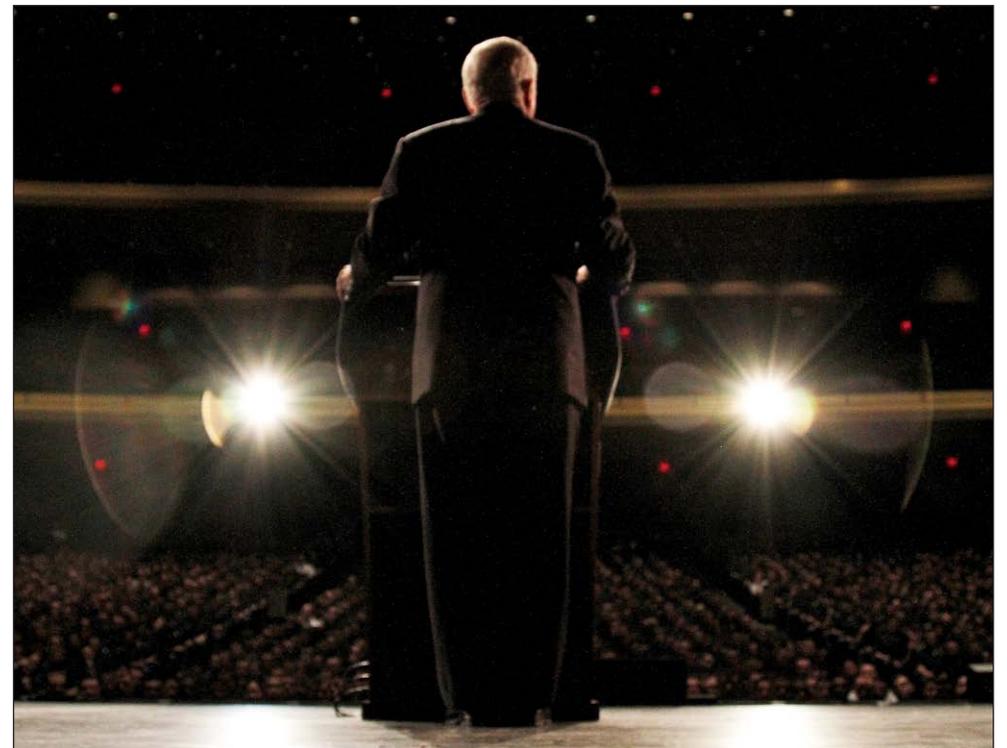
Today’s cadets will join a force that has been decisively engaged for nearly a decade, Gates said.

“While it is resilient, it is also stressed and tired,” he said.

The repeated deployments, Gates said, mean that young officers have “little opportunity to do more than catch their breath” and then get ready for the next deployment. And waiting for these officers is the bureaucratic, garrison mindset at their home stations.

“In theater, junior leaders are given extraordinary opportunities to be innovative, take risks and be responsible and recognized for the consequences,” Gates said.

In garrison, the opposite is often true.



Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates addressed the entire Corps of Cadets in Eisenhower Hall Feb. 25.

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“Men and women in the prime of their professional lives, who may have been responsible for the lives of scores or hundreds of troops, or millions of dollars in assistance, or engaging or reconciling warring tribes, may find themselves in a cube all day reformatting Powerpoint slides, preparing quarterly training briefs or assigned an ever expanding array of clerical duties,” he said. “The consequences of this terrify me.”

Gates said for all the challenges that lie ahead for the cadets, they made the right choice in joining the Long Gray Line.

“Beyond the hardship, heartbreak and sacrifice, and they are real, there is another side to military service,” he said. “You have an extraordinary opportunity—not just for the lives of your Soldiers, but for missions and decisions that may change the course of

history.”

Gates said that today’s cadets will be challenged to take risks and expand what they thought they were capable of doing.

“And you will be doing all this at an age when many of your peers are reading spreadsheets and making photocopies. Each of you, with your talents, your intelligence, your record of accomplishments, could have chosen something easier or safer and, of course, better paid,” Gates told the cadets. “But you took on the mantle of duty, honor and country. You passed down the Long Gray Line of men and women who have walked these halls and strode these grounds before you, more than 80 of whom have fallen in battle since 9/11. For that, you have the profound gratitude and eternal admiration of the American people.”

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Repeal of DADT to bring training to Soldiers

By Sameria Amerson-Zavala
Army News Service

WASHINGTON—With the pending repeal of “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell,” the Army is preparing a tiered training program for Soldiers worldwide.

Secretary of the Army John McHugh and Army Chief of Staff Gen. George W. Casey Jr. sent a message Feb. 22 to the force about preparations to repeal the law.

“We are confident that you are up to the task, and that we can implement this change in policy by relying on the leadership, professionalism, discipline and respect for each other that have characterized our service for the past 235 years and remain at the core of the United States Army,” Casey and McHugh said in the message.

Training for the force will be broken into three tiers. Tier one targets special staff and key individuals like chaplains, lawyers and inspectors general.

Tier two focuses on commanders and supervisors. Tier three will train the rest of the force and is scheduled to begin in early March.

“It is important to emphasize that the current policies remain in effect” for now, McHugh and Casey pointed out in the message. They said the DADT policy will stay in place until 60 days after the president, Secretary of Defense and the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff certify that the repeal can be implemented “consistent with the standards of military readiness and effectiveness, unit cohesion, and military recruiting and retention.”

They added that the repeal date will be widely publicized once it is decided.

Attached to the message was a list compiled by G-1 of the “Top 10 things” Soldiers need to know about the repeal of DADT:

1. Accessions & Separations Policies: Upon repeal, we will no longer separate

Soldiers solely on the basis of legal homosexual acts, a statement that a Soldier is homosexual or bisexual, or marriage to a person of the same sex. Statements about sexual orientation or lawful acts of homosexual conduct will not be a bar to military service or admission to any accession program. Sexual orientation will continue to be a personal and private matter.

2. Standards of Conduct Apply Equally to Everyone: All Soldiers will be held to the same standard of conduct. All members are responsible for upholding and maintaining high standards of the U.S. military at all times and in all places.

3. Personal Privacy: Commanders may not establish practices that physically segregate Soldiers according to sexual orientation. Commanders do have the discretion to alter billeting assignments to accommodate privacy concerns of individuals on a case-by-case basis where it is in the interest of maintaining morale, good order and discipline, and is consistent with performance of the mission.

4. Moral and Religious Concerns: There will be no changes regarding any Soldier’s free exercise of religious beliefs nor are there any changes to policies concerning the Chaplain Corps and its duties. The Chaplain Corps’ First Amendment freedoms and its duty to care for all will not change. Soldiers will continue to respect and serve with others who may hold different views and beliefs.

5. Benefits: There will be no changes to eligibility standards for military benefits and services. The Defense of Marriage Act prohibits the Federal Government from recognizing any same-sex marriage, so same sex partners do not qualify as dependents for many military benefits and services.

A same-sex partner should be treated the same as an unrelated third party (e.g., girlfriend, boyfriend). All Soldiers will continue to have various benefits for which they may designate any beneficiary regardless

of relationship.

6. Equal Opportunity: Sexual orientation will not be placed alongside race, color, religion, sex and national origin as a class under the Military Equal Opportunity Program and therefore will not be dealt with through the MEO complaint process.

All Soldiers, regardless of sexual orientation, are entitled to an environment free from personal, social or institutional barriers that prevent Soldiers from rising to the highest level of responsibility possible. Harassment or abuse of any kind, including that based on sexual orientation, is unacceptable and will be dealt with through command or inspector general channels.

7. Duty Assignments: There are no changes to assignment policy. All Soldiers will continue to be eligible for world-wide

assignment without consideration of sexual orientation.

Soldiers assigned to duty, or otherwise serving, in countries in which homosexual conduct is prohibited will abide by the guidance provided to them by their local commanders.

8. Medical Policy: There are no changes to existing medical policies.

9. Release and Service Commitments: There will be no new policy to allow for release from service commitments for Soldiers opposed to repeal of DADT or to serving with gay or lesbian Soldiers.

10. Collection and Retention of Sexual Orientation Data: Sexual orientation is a personal and private matter. Commanders will not request, collect, or maintain information about the sexual orientation of Soldiers.

Nadd: “Recyclemania” encourages more waste

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

After reading the article about the Corps of Cadets’ participation in the “Recyclemania” tournament in the Feb. 17 edition of the *Pointer View*, I feel obliged to share a concern that I believe was missing from the coverage of this exciting new program on post.

While “Recyclemania” does a good job of addressing the need to recycle whatever waste we do produce on post, it does nothing to encourage responsible consumption and the larger goal of reducing waste.

In fact, “Recyclemania” specifically encourages more waste to be produced given the incentives that the tournament provides to participants.

Unfortunately, this has never (been) and will never be the answer to creating a more sustainable community, nation or world.

While recycling is an important part of ensuring that we maintain an environment worthy to hand down to future generations,

it is through the reduction of waste-producing enterprises that we will be able to truly hand our children a world better than the one we found.

While reusable cups and bags in Grant Hall, complete digitization of office spaces to eliminate paper use and daily reuse of water bottles are all great examples of how we can work to achieve this goal, they are all structurally discouraged by the “Recyclemania” program because they do not produce waste that can be measured, recycled and rewarded.

Though the “Recyclemania” program has the right intentions and does do a certain amount of good within the context of reusing materials that would otherwise go to waste, it ignores—indeed, runs contrary to—the larger goal of becoming a more sustainable society that takes simple, smart actions to reduce waste in the first place.

Thank you,
Firstie Charles Nadd

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In Memoriam

First Lt. Daren M. Hidalgo, 24, was killed in action Feb. 20 in the Afghanistan province of Kandahar when insurgents attacked his unit using an improvised explosive device.

He was assigned to 3rd Squadron, 2nd Cavalry Regiment, Vilseck, Germany.

Hidalgo attended Kettle Moraine Middle and High Schools and was a member of the school band and wrestled there.

He graduated from Pennsylvania's Dallastown Area High School in 2005 where he was a championship wrestler, National Honor Society member and a trumpeter in the school marching band.

Hidalgo was accepted to the U.S. Military Academy where he served as G-4 Company Commander during his senior year. He graduated near the top of the Class of 2009.

He completed numerous courses to include Ranger School. Earning the coveted Ranger Tab was one of the many proud moments of his career.

Hidalgo's greatest talent was his ability to maintain a positive attitude and inspire each of his Soldiers to be great.

He earned the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster posthumously.

Hidalgo was known for his winning smile and engaging personality; a jokester and prankster always looking to cheer up people around him.

His strength of character and empathy endeared him to all who met him. He will be sadly missed by his parents Jorge and Andrea; siblings Jared (Jenny) Hidalgo, Miles (Caroline) Hidalgo, Carmen (Mike) Spellman; nephews Wade and Carson; and his niece Lexie. His extended family and many friends will miss him also.

Visitation is scheduled 6-9 p.m. today at William F. Hogan Funeral Home, 135 Main St., Highland Falls.

Funeral Services will be held 10 a.m. Friday at Most Holy Trinity Chapel, West Point. Graveside services will be held 1:30 p.m., Monday, at West Point Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Daren M. Hidalgo Memorial Fund, to be used for future scholarships and support of wounded Soldiers.

Donations can be made at any US Bank in the country.

Mailing address is: US Bank 2040 W. Silvernail Road Pewaukee, Wisconsin 53072.



First Lt. Daren Hidalgo

An untold story worth telling

GREY EMINENCE

By Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor/Copy

When Maj. Ed Cox was a captain, only a few years after graduating from West Point, he began reading the biographies of great Army leaders.

In the books of Gen. George Patton, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, George C. Marshall, the name Fox Conner would grab the young officer's attention. It seemed Conner was only an anecdotal figure in the lives of greater men, yet one who had tremendous impact in U.S. military history.

"I kept looking for his biography because I wanted to learn more about his life but couldn't find it," Cox said. "It didn't exist. That made me mad, and I thought somebody should write his book and if nobody was going to do it then I would."

It was nearly a decade ago when Cox made this declaration to his wife while stationed at Fort Hood, Texas, and it would not be an easy endeavor. After all, this would be the definitive story of a fellow West Point graduate, albeit a century between class years. Conner helped shape the careers of Patton and Eisenhower and had all but removed himself from historical reference.

"Conner actually had his aide burn all of his papers and journals," Cox said. "I think for some reason he didn't want a book to be written about him."

So in a sort of reverential defiance to the unheralded general, Cox culled enough research to publish the biography called "Grey Eminence: Fox Conner and the Art of Mentorship." The assistant professor of American Politics, Public Policy and Strategy in the Department of Social Sciences is not only proud to have penned the first book on Conner, but to clarify some discrepancies about the master strategist's career.

"It's frequently mentioned that he didn't rank high enough at West Point to be commissioned a cavalry officer, and so he became an artilleryman," Cox said. But researching his class I found no one had branched cavalry because at the time the Army had a greater need for artillery officers. It's these little inaccuracies I wanted to make right."

Cox said Conner's story is about mentorship which contains a valuable study on officership that senior leaders can benefit from reading. But it's the first chapter that may inspire current and future West Point cadets.

"I decided that part of my motivation was for this to be for cadets because at the heart of it, Conner was just an average cadet," Cox said. "He ranked in the middle of his class and was in trouble more often than not, and had no intention of being that lifelong learner—that professional—that we teach cadets here to be. When he became a lieutenant he worked for some leaders who motivated and inspired him, and he passed that on to his protégés."

Cox said plenty of books on mentorship exist, but Conner's life story reveals a unique style of mentorship.

"One of the things I strived to bring out in this book is his personal connection to his protégés," Cox said. "There was never a 'one size fits all' approach to leader development. He really took into account the individual's personality, strengths and weaknesses to tailor how he would develop each of them. But then you also see the personal attachment that they had for him, and he had for them, which I think a lot of good can be



done if people realize that aspect of mentorship."

The title, "Grey Eminence" is not a reference to the Long Gray Line, Cox pointed out, but was the moniker given to Cardinal de Richelieu's deputy who served greatly behind-the-scenes for the bishop during diplomatic negotiations.

"If you had to sum up Fox Conner's life, I would describe him as a career officer who cared enough about his profession to pass on that love to his protégés," Cox said.

Marshall once recommended Conner to publish his experience on Gen. John J. Pershing's staff during World War I. Conner considered it, but declined to author the book.

"All of the intrigue and in-fighting that happened behind closed doors was going to come out," Cox said. "That caused Conner to reflect and he ultimately decided not to write the book, and I think, in part, that's why he didn't write an autobiography."

His wife, Bug, however wrote her own memoir, which proved to be a great resource for Cox.

"That book was the closest I could find to telling Conner's story," Cox said. "It's really a story about her life with the general, and so all the important details to a military historian were still missing."

This all-important book was available in "the library of last resort," Cox said, referring to the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C.

"I had to demonstrate to them that I had exhausted all other possible avenues, that the book didn't exist anywhere else," Cox said. "There was nowhere else I could get the book. When I made that case, they lent me the book."

The lack of reference material allowed Cox to tell Conner's biography with a rich narrative to captivate readers. Cox vividly recreates the first meeting between Conner and Patton, both junior officers at the time, during a chance meeting on a train headed to Fort Riley, Kan. The opening passage reveals a burgeoning friendship and the first of many lessons about Conner who "transformed lectures into conversations of equals."

"Just about every officer I know is also a student of military history, and so I read a lot of these biographies and have admired the way these writers can make history come alive," Cox said. "I didn't want this to be a 600-page book that sits on the shelf and no one reads. It's small enough to read on a plane ride and pass along to a friend."



Maj. Ed Cox discusses his book during a recent book signing at the Thayer Hall Book Store. MIKE STRASSER/PV

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(Left) Class of 2011 cadets rehearse a physical training dance for the 100th Night show at Eisenhower Hall. The show's title, "The West Point Story...Story" is actually a play within a play where scenes depict cadets searching for a mythical 100th Night script. (Above) Class of 2011 Cadets Joe LeSage, Adam Bishop and Margaret Lough search Trophy Point on stage for the elusive script.

Class of 2011 celebrates 100th Night

Story and photos by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

With less than 100 days before graduation, the Class of 2011 celebrated a firstie tradition Feb. 25-26 with the "100th Night" performance at Eisenhower Hall. In this 115th installment, the show, titled "The West Point Story...Story," presented a play within a play.

"The show is about the script for the 100th Night show not obtaining approval from the brigade tactical officer," Firstie Joe LeSage, one of the actors, said. "The cadets then go searching for a mythical script supposedly hidden somewhere around West Point, going through different journeys to find it."

Enhanced by lighting effects and stage props, the cadet cast engage in a frantic search for the script while also rehearsing what little of the original script was approved. Scenes exaggerated for comedic effect show the anxiety of producing this annual show and the traditional poking fun at their past four years as a cadet.

"The script goes through several people for approval," Firstie Cory Hankemeier, director, said. "It goes first to the (Brigade Tactical Officer), and then to the regimental tactical officer and on up to the commandant, superintendent and a committee. The committee includes representatives from the Simon Center for the Professional Military Ethic and the Cadet Honor and Respect Committees. We go through a complete dress rehearsal with the approval committee in attendance.

"During the approval process, they look for content and ask questions regarding what our intent was," he added.

Hankemeier said he enjoys the theatre and is a veteran of the 100th Night show experience.

"I did high school theatre and worked on 100th Night shows for the last three years," he said. "I worked backstage with my first 100th Night show and worked with different directors and got a lot of experience from them."

The idea to write a play within a play came from the writers' auditions.

"We sent e-mails out for auditions and ended up with five writers, some with experience and some without," Hankemeier said. "We put the play within a play idea out

there and it just caught on."

Hankemeier said he had plenty of help with this production from a lot of people.

"Underclassmen worked on the show along with Master Sgt. Scott Arcangel, piano and musical director of the West Point Band's Jazz Knights, who arranged the music," he said.

Eisenhower Hall Theatre and Directorate of Cadet Activities staff including Bill Montgomery, sound system operator; Sandy Bohle, theatre lighting specialist; and Duane Rutter, theatre specialist, lent their expertise to the production.

West Point issues addressed at AFAP outbrief



Andrew Diaz-Recurt, Marlena McGrath and Clayton Vermeesch represented the Youth Group at the AFAP outbrief Feb. 24 at the West Point Club. Diaz-Recurt, an avid skateboarder, spoke on the issue of getting a skateboard park at West Point.

Story and photo by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

The Army Family Action Plan, created in 1983, is celebrating 28 years of action on issues of concern submitted to the Army leadership by Army Families, Soldiers, reserves, National Guard, retirees' and civilians.

The West Point 2011 AFAP outbriefing was held Feb. 24 at the West Point Club and addressed the community regarding quality of life issues that are important on post.

Community member formed work groups reviewed issues and gave recommendations for a wide variety of topics such as the need for detailed information on what Basic Allowance for Housing covers and on-site childcare service for the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Fitness Center for after duty hours or weekends.

Patron parking for Keller Army Community Hospital was another issue addressed and the youth group chimed in with concerns about permanent change of station moves during a child's junior year, when preparing for college is important, and the need for a skateboard park.

Force Support group spokesperson Robert McLoughlin, system administrator for the Department of English and Philosophy, addressed one of the issues in housing.

"The main thing we looked at was accountability and transparency," McLoughlin said. "This is needed to deal with any misconception with privatization of housing. One of the problems is the lack of detailed information on what the BAH covers for on post residents."

The Force Support group recommended a detailed monthly statement to explain what the BAH covers for each specific set of quarters and comparing rent, utilities and amenities to fair market value in the local area.

Family Support Group spokesperson Heather Chadwick, spoke about the need for a year round instructional swim program.

"Currently we have three two-week sessions at Delafield Pond, but no program where you can learn to swim," Chadwick said. "We have three indoor pools at the gym and we could create a year round indoor instructional and competitive swim program for all ages and skill levels."

The briefing covered some successes and challenges facing West Point. Strengths included free childcare for Families of deployed Soldiers, a great ski slope, shuttle buses and Family Readiness Groups. Some of the challenging issues are lack of jobs for teens and spouses, inequality of housing with lower enlisted getting the lesser quality housing while officer and higher enlisted receive nicer housing and the limited hours of operation of the movie theater.

Former FBI hostage negotiator lectures during visit

By Firstie Taylor Durling
West Point Negotiation Project

On Feb. 10, the West Point Negotiation Project had the honor of hosting Gary Noesner, former director of the FBI Crisis Negotiation Unit and author of the book "Stalling for Time: My Life as an FBI Hostage Negotiator."

During his visit, Noesner captivated audiences during two different lectures, conducted a book signing for cadets, faculty and civilians, and interacted with cadets via one-on-one interviews.

Noesner began his academy visit by speaking to a small group of cadets at the West Point Negotiation Project brown bag luncheon. Beginning with a story of his time as a hostage negotiator, Noesner shocked his listeners by admitting that in one particular negotiation, " (His) job was to remain calm and convince (the criminal) that we (members of the FBI) were actually going to let him escape until the snipers could

take him out."

Noesner's anecdote peaked the interest of the 80 cadets in the room. For the rest of the time, he wove personal experience and negotiating theory into a fast-paced and energetic lecture focused on the tenets of crisis negotiating, chiefly the establishment of trust and de-escalation of emotions through active listening and rapport-building. The luncheon was a highlight reel of the longer and more in-depth version he was to give later that evening.

After attending the Henry O. Flipper dinner commemorating the first African-American graduate from West Point, more than 200 cadets, officers and military policemen listened to Noesner's second speech of the day.

This lecture focused on lessons learned from a career of high-stakes negotiations, the results of which were often of life and death significance.

Firstie Carissa Hauk, an MG 390: Negotiation for Leaders student and future military policewoman, thought Noesner's

message was particularly relevant, calling it "a nice insight into the near future."

Cow Andrew Edwards, a prior-service medic and fellow MG 390 student, thought Noesner was very "down to earth, offering real-world insight into negotiating in hairy situations."

Edwards enjoyed hearing from someone who could understand the intense pressure of high-stakes situations and felt like he could easily relate Noesner's advice to the kind of situations he will likely face in theater. Noesner complimented the West Point Negotiation Project for the progress it has made in spearheading the effort at enhancing small unit leader capability in negotiation and conflict management.

He is particularly excited about the WPNP since, as a father of a Navy SEAL, he appreciates the difficult and challenging environment that officers and Soldiers are engaged in. He sees negotiation skills as an invaluable 'tool in the kit bag' for military personnel.

Girl Scouts get global awareness during World Thinking Day

By Maj. John Ringquist
Special to the Pointer View

As most local residents were digging out from the latest snow Feb. 21, Girl Scouts from West Point and Highland Falls gathered at the Buffalo Soldier Pavilion for their annual World Thinking Day celebration, an international event held worldwide by members of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.

"It's a pleasure celebrating World Thinking Day 2011 as a cohesive group—both Highland Falls and West Point Girl Scouts," Brenda Gallardo, from the Highland Falls and Fort Montgomery Service Unit, said. "The event promotes the sisterhood of the Girl Scout community through the education and consideration of varied worldwide communities."

The Scouts presented information about their chosen countries, using costumes, crafts, games, videos and indigenous foods.

"The event represented 12 countries and all the participants, girls and adults, had a wonderful and tasty time while traveling to all the corners of the world," Gallardo said.

Each Girl Scout in attendance received a "passport" that was stamped at each country's table as they learned about that area and about the lives of girls their age who live there.

"It was great for my daughter. She talked about it all the way home in the car and this morning she showed me her passport and described everything she learned about each country," Dr. Jeanne Williamson, a local chiropractor and Girl Scout mother, commented.

This year's theme for World Thinking Day 2011 was "empowering girls will change our world." Girl Scouts from Daisy to Senior (ages 5-16) were in attendance.

"It's great to see girls of all ages working together to really dive into their countries and learn so much," Keri Schwartzkopf, a Girl Scout volunteer attending her first World Thinking Day event, said.

Upon completion, each Scout earned her World Thinking Day patch.

Many Scouts also completed requirements for the completion of additional badges and awards.

The members of West Point's Troop 186 also earned the Five Regions Challenge Award from Canada's Girl Guides.

"Even though it was a lot of work over the last few months, we never thought it would be so easy, not like work at all," Cadette Girl Scout Lydia Ringquist, from West Point, said.

World Thinking Day 2011 was a huge success with more than 100 Girl Scouts in attendance, according to Patti Ashley, event coordinator.

"Thinking Day has grown every year. The girls, the countries, and community support have been amazing. This is truly becoming a West Point tradition, one we hope will stretch far into the future," Ashley said.

For more information about Girl Scouts at West Point, visit the website www.westpointgirlscouts.com.

Polar Fest smashes attendance record

Seventh annual winter event features ice-carving, snowboard racing, pancake-eating and more

Story and photos by Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor/Copy

The West Point community turned out in record numbers Feb. 26 during the 2011 Polar Fest at Victor Constant Ski Slope.

The seventh annual event was a major draw with more than 830 enjoying the slopes, the food and live entertainment. The first year attracted about 250 people, with attendance reaching 700 in 2010. Marybeth McMemon said the event has always been a crowd-pleaser because of the range of activities.

"The West Point Ski Slope is just a great place to hang anyway, but what is great is that this event opens it up to people who don't ski and snowboard. There is something in it for everyone," the FMWR event coordinator said. "We call it FMWR's response to cabin fever...come out and play."

With the Big Air Competition, tubing on the Bunny Slope, NASTAR ski and snowboard races and live music by the Brian Tice Band, there was no shortage of entertainment anywhere. Forgoing the typical trophy or plaque, competition winners this year were awarded specially-made Polar Fest dog tags.

Sgt. 1st Class Andre Rush, the senior enlisted aide to the U.S. Military Academy superintendent, has delighted audiences with his ice-carving skills for the past four years at Polar Fest. Wielding an electric saw and chisel, Rush transformed giant blocks of ice into various works of art. A captive audience of children crowded the Army-trained culinarian who offered them pieces of ice and plastic chisels so they could join in the fun.

"There may be lots of snow all around to play with, but give them a piece of ice, and that's fun," Rush said. "I love kids, and I have

a lot of fun every year entertaining them."

Courtney Chidgey, a special events coordinator, understands the fascination people have with the ice carvings.

"Because it's a live demonstration you can actually see the block of ice starting out and the way he chisels and carves and works the chain saw to create an amazing marlin or unicorn," Chidgey said.

Tony Pezzano proved most capable of devouring a tall stack of pancakes the fastest during the first-ever Lumberjack pancake-eating contest and won a snowboard. Last year's spicy pizza-eating contest was a huge spectacle for the crowds and a gastronomical challenge for a brave few.

"I love the eating competition," McMemon said. "Last year was the first year we tried it and I think now it's become one of the bigger 'WOW' factors of our event. It's great all around because the winners get some pretty neat stuff and the spectators get a kick out of watching these 10 crazy people stuff themselves."

Thirteen-year old Tommy Beirne earned a pair of skis for his second-place finish and Chris O'Keefe earned the consolation prize of syrup and pancake mix for placing third.

"It's pretty stomach-upsetting coming in third," O'Keefe joked. "I've never competed in anything like this before. It was for the skis. Not for the children, but for those skis. Do you think he'll let me buy them from him?"

O'Keefe took his loss in stride and even shared his training plan for the event.

"I ate a couple of pulled pork sandwiches before hand, drank a couple of Powerades and took three breaths of fresh air. That's it," he said.

Polar Fest is not exclusive to the West Point community, and many come from out of



Sgt. 1st Class Andre Rush, senior enlisted aide to the superintendent, entertained the crowds at Polar Fest with his ice-carving skills. This is his fourth appearance at Polar Fest.

town to participate in the fun. Members of the Coast Guard docked their icebreaker at South Dock to partake in some weekend skiing.

The eight-member crew from Bayonne, N.J., are often in the vicinity, breaking up sheets of ice along the Hudson River in their 140-foot vessel.

"We've docked up here three or four times this winter, and we always come up to the slopes to ski," said Seaman Gregory Casavant of the 96th Coast Guard Cutter Morro Bay.

They saw flyers for Polar Fest and planned ahead of time to attend as a morale booster for the crew.

Food Service Specialist 2 Matthew Hanson isn't much of a skier, but as the new cook on board this was one of his first opportunities off the boat he didn't want to miss.

"I came here and tried it, fell the whole way down, but I had a good time," Hanson.

Their executive officer didn't fare too well with the pancakes, but had their support.

"He didn't do too well, but he did his best and that's all we could ask," Casavant said.

While Polar Fest may be the most-attended event FMWR hosts every year, one that rivals it is soon approaching. The annual West Point 5K/10K race and Youth Fun Run is scheduled for May 14 at Buffalo Soldier Field. Registration is currently being accepted.

For details, call 938-8185.



Cade King and Elisa Ohlson team up to make a s'more during the 2011 Polar Fest at Victor Constant Ski Slope Feb. 26.



More photos on FLICKR

Do you miss Polar Fest already or missed it entirely? Take a look the photo album on our Flickr page at www.flickr.com/photos/west_point/.

Youth wrestlers impress at Rondout Tourney

Story and photo by Donnie LaGrange
Special to the Pointer View

Six members of the West Point Youth Sports Wrestling Team competed at Ulster County Community College Feb. 20 and racked up an impressive 16-4 record.

More than 130 wrestlers from eight clubs competed, ranging from ages 8-12 and from 40-125 pounds. It was a proud showing for a young group from West Point who had never wrestled in competition before.

Luke Bennett led the team with a 5-0 record, while J.P. Ross, Graesen Redding, and Landon Redding all finished undefeated. Thor Swanson finished 2-1 after losing an 8-5 heartbreaker in his final match and John LaGrange, the only 4-year-old to wrestle, lost his three tough-fought matches by a combined 9 points.

Luke and Landon came out on top of two of the most exciting matches of the day. In Luke's first match, he was tied 5-5 at the end of the third period, leading to a "sudden death" overtime period against a tough competitor from New Paltz. He battled hard for a takedown in the extra frame to win

7-5. In Landon's third match, he secured the victory with a takedown in the final 10 seconds to emerge the 9-7 victor.

J.P. lead the team with 3 pins, all in the first period. Graesen was second on the team with one pin. Landon earned the squad's only technical fall, winning his second match 18-2.

Results by wrestler:

- John LaGrange (age 4, 40 lbs): 6-13 L; 6-10 L; 8-6 Default L;
- Luke Bennett (6, 43): 7-5 W, 11-1 W, 10-4 W, 10-2 W, 12-4 W;
- Landon Redding (5, 46): 7-2 W, 18-2 W, 9-7 W;
- J.P. Ross (6, 50): Pin 1st, Pin 1st, Pin 1st;
- Thor Swanson (6, 53): 11-3 W, 11-2 W, 5-8 L;
- Graesen Redding (7, 59): 5-0 W, Pin 2nd, 8-3 W;

The youth wrestlers are coached by Donnie LaGrange, Devon Callahan and Steve Kreh. The no-cost event was hosted by volunteers from the Rondout Wrestling Club, coached by Rich Parette. Ulster County Community College graciously allowed the youth wrestlers to use their Senate Gymnasium.



Striking fierce wrestling poses are (from left) J.P. Ross, John LaGrange, Graesen Redding, Luke Bennett, Thor Swanson and Landon Redding.

Scouts receive Eagle rank at Cullum Hall ceremony

Story and photo by Col. Grant Jacoby
West Point Troop 23 Committee Chairman

West Point Troop 23 awarded the rank of Eagle to Marshall Robert and Peter Seidule Feb. 13 in Cullum Hall. Troop 23, led by Scout Master Dave Rasmussen, held a Court of Honor in which scouts from all ranks below Eagle were awarded merit badges and rank advancements by the Troop Secretary Elaine McConnell.

The ceremony then transitioned to a double Eagle Court of Honor, a rare and prestigious event, led by Troop Committee Chairman Col. Grant Jacoby and Eagle Project Advisor Command Sgt. Maj. Cal Christensen.

During the Eagle segment of the ceremony, both Eagle Scouts were recognized for their outstanding achievements. Christensen noted that Robert and Seidule, both 18 years old, have participated together in scouting since 2005. They paired up for nearly every hike, camping trip and high adventure event they attended.

"Marshall and I were always together in scouting. We're best friends," Peter said.

Best of friends, Robert and Seidule gave closing remarks thanking members of the community for helping them in scouting and with their Eagle projects. Marshall gave special thanks to Christensen for his help in scouting throughout the years.

"Mr. Christensen was always there, encouraging me along the entire trail to Eagle," Marshall said.

Seidule expressed similar sentiments, also giving special thanks to Trish Willis for her support during his Eagle project.

Robert is the son of Col. and Mrs. Leon Robert. His Eagle project entailed the daunting task of cleaning hundreds of headstones in the West Point cemetery that had accumulated years of dirt and mildew. After hours of volunteers scrubbing, the stones were restored to their original condition. A senior at O'Neill High School, he plans to study engineering and is still deciding on a college to attend.

Peter is the son of Col. and Mrs. Ty Seidule. His Eagle project was multifaceted as he assisted a stonemason in building a rock wall, established a drainage system, planted trees and then mulched the walled area to beautify the Patriot Garden in Fort Montgomery. Also a senior at O'Neill



Best of friends, Marshall Robert and Peter Seidule earned the rank of Eagle Scout during a ceremony Feb. 13 at Cullum Hall.

High School, he received an ROTC scholarship to attend the University of Texas in the fall.



Michie makes list

Dennis Dodd, senior writer for CBS Sports online recently listed Michie Stadium among the Top 25 college football venues. He commented: "Maybe the most inspirational setting in the country on a college football Saturday."

The No. 18 ranking put Michie Stadium ahead of No. 22 Air Force.

The list is available at: www.cbssports.com/collegefootball/story/14733939/dodd-top-25-college-football-stadiums.

TOMMY GILLIGAN/PV

FMWR Blurbs

CYSS Father and Daughter Dance

The CYSS Father and Daughter Dance is scheduled from 6-9 p.m. Saturday at the Lee Child Development Center.

Girls ages 4-18 are eligible.

Light refreshments will be served.

Dress attire for the event—girl's Sunday best and father's military blues or suit.

There is a small fee for this event and payments can be taken at the door.

For reservations and more information, call 938-3921.

Art EDGE! "Create Like the Masters"

Draw and paint self-portraits on tiles, paint like Jackson Pollock on tiles and draw and paint on paper like Henri Matisse.

Classes are from 3-4:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 23 and 30 at the Youth Center (Bldg. 500, Washington Road).

Enroll at CYSS Parent Central or call 938-4458. Classes are free, but limited, so enroll early.

Art classes are taught by Genevieve Cerasoli, who is a trained, local artist from Middletown.

She has a degree from the Parsons School of Design and had a graphic design and hand lettering business for more than 20 years.

Employment Readiness workshops

Spring ahead into your career with ACS' Employment Readiness Program March workshops:

- Resumé Writing Workshop, 10-11:30 a.m. March 10;

- Ten Steps to a Federal Career, 1:30-3 p.m. March 29;

- How to Conduct an Effective Job Search, 10-11 a.m. March 31.

All workshops take place at ACS, Bldg. 622. To sign up for a class, call 938-5658.

CYSS Poetry Slam

Perform a poem, a song or a spoken word piece of your choice at the CYSS Poetry Slam from 7-9 p.m. March 11 at the West Point Youth Center.

Anyone interested in performing must sign up before Feb. 25.

This event is available to students in grades 6-12.

For more information, call 938-3727.

West Point Family Support Group's Hearts Apart Support Group

The West Point Family Support Group's Hearts Apart Support Group, presented by the

ACS' Mobilization and Deployment Program, will be held from 5:30-7:30 p.m. March 12 at the Lee Area Child Development Center (140 Buckner Loop).

This group meeting is for the Families of deployed and geographically separated Soldiers. Dinner and special activities will be provided for the entire Family.

For more information or to register, call 938-5654.

Shamrock 5K

The Shamrock 5K race kicks off at 8 a.m. March 12.

Pre-register at the FMWR Fitness Center the week before or the day of the race.

Awards will be given for best dressed and most green.

Cost of entry is one FMWR Fitness Center Group Fitness coupon.

For more information, call 938-6490.

Morgan Farm Kennels reservations

Give your pets the Spring Break they deserve at Morgan Farm Kennels from March 12-19 while you're away.

Morgan Farm offers affordable kenneling services close to home.

For more information and to make a reservation, call 938-3926.

St. Patrick's Day celebrations

Come to the West Point Club from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. March 17 for a traditional corned beef and cabbage lunch or that evening from 4-9 p.m., celebrate St. Patrick's Day at the Club's Benny Haven Lounge and, if dressed in green, you will receive a free appetizer.

For more information, call 938-5120.

Spring youth sports registration

Spring youth sports registration, including Travel Soccer, continues for military Families and starts Monday for civilian Families.

The registration period ends March 18 for everyone. Space is limited and waitlists may be formed at any time.

Parents are encouraged to register early.

For more information, call 938-8896/3550.

(Updated) Evening childcare at the Lee CDC

As a result of a solved AFAP issue, the Lee Area CDC will be 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, and space is limited to a maximum of 14 children.

Early registration is encouraged.

For more information, call 938-8528.

Life EDGE! Indoor "First Tee" Golf

"First Tee" Golf returns, but this time it's indoors at the Lee CDC, Wednesdays or Thursdays through April 7, for ages 6-18.

There is no fee. Learn target skills such as golf safety, etiquette, grip, posture, ball position, full swing, chipping, pitching and putting.

CYSS membership is required.

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

Classes are limited, so enroll early.

Youth spring sports coaches wanted

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

Life EDGE! Intro to Cooking

March is Breakfast Month. Whip up delightful breakfasts with Life EDGE! Intro to Cooking in the new state-of-the-art demo kitchen at Lee Area CDC, for children in grades 1-5, from 3:30-5 p.m. on Thursdays in March.

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 four classes.

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

Art EDGE! Painting Techniques

Art EDGE! Painting Techniques class is offered to children in grades 1-5. Children will learn to paint in watercolor, acrylic and tempera on paper and wood from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Fridays in March at the Lee CDC.

CYSS membership is required, and children can be enrolled at CYSS Parent Central by calling 938-4458.

Space is limited, so hurry to enroll.

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 from April 4-May 16.

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

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.

NEW INFO

2011 Army Emergency Relief Campaign Kickoff

Everyone is invited to attend the 2011 Army Emergency Relief Campaign Kickoff from 4-4:30 p.m. Tuesday.

The event takes place at Army Community Service, Bldg. 622. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information, call 938-5839.

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.

All new at West Point Auto

West Point Auto is now offering headlight cover restoration for your vehicle.

Improve your nighttime driving visibility by up to 70 percent. They now offer state-of-the-art alignment service using the Hunter Hawkeye alignment system.

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

Life EDGE! "Science is Creepy!" for Children

Children in grades 1-5 will make creepy science projects such as slime/Oobleck, lava lamps, egg drop and magnet fun.

Sessions are held from 3:30-4:30 p.m. on Wednesdays March 23-April 13 at the Lee Area CDC. EDGE! Science classes are taught by Jen Tague. CYSS membership is required to participate.

Enroll at Lee Area CDC, 140 Buckner Loop, or call 938-4458.

There is a minimal fee for the classes.

What's Happening

Girl Scout Cookie Time

The West Point Girl Scouts are conducting their cookie sales from house to house until Friday during the hours of 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Sales are not allowed in government buildings or in the cadet area. There will be a booth area set up at the Commissary/Exchange areas beginning in March.

The Scouts are also participating in Operation Cookie Drop, which delivers donated cookies to troops overseas.

For more information, contact Debra Stafford at staffordcrew@earthlink.net.

National Purple Heart Hall of Honor event

The National Purple Heart Hall of Honor will present a viewing of "Chosin," a documentary about the epic struggle that took place more than 60 years ago at 2 p.m. Saturday.

In the winter of 1950, 15,000 U.S. troops were surrounded and trapped by 120,000 Chinese soldiers in the frozen mountains of North Korea. Refusing to surrender, the men fought 78 miles to freedom and saved the lives of 98,000 civilian refugees.

For more information, call Pete Bedrossian at 845-564-1765 ext. 28.

Army Education Center

John Jay College's Master of Public Administration Program is now accepting applications for the spring II session at the Army Education Center until March 10.

For more information, e-mail jjcwestpoint@yahoo.com or call 446-5959.

DUSA Scholarships

The West Point Chapter of the Society of Daughters of the United States Army high school scholarship applications are available at the James I. O'Neill guidance office.

The deadline is March 22. Eligibility requirements are noted in the application cover letter.

For more information, call Ginger Hopkins, West Point Chapter president, at 567-3643.

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 April 15.

Sunday Mornings at Thayer Hall

Join the classes offered by the Protestant Sunday morning teachers from 9-10 a.m. Classes cover the following subjects: "The Character of God," a discussion on William P. Young's book; "The Shack," an in-depth study of the book of Revelations; and "Tracing the Footsteps of Christ," an interactive discussion of Jesus' life as read in the Gospels.

Cadets lead classes for grades pre-K through high school. Cadet-specific classes on discipleship and the book of Ephesians are offered. Nursery staff is provided.

Park on Thayer Roof, walk down to the third floor and grab some fruit, donuts, orange juice or coffee.

For more information, contact Eric Bryan at eric.bryan@usma.edu or call 938-3412/4369.

Federal Voting Assistance Program poster contest

The Federal Voting Assistance Program's voting poster and slogan contests are now open for entries. All U.S. citizens are eligible. The FVAP poster contest seeks artwork illustrating what it means to be an American voter anywhere in the world.

In the past, the focus has been on getting out to vote. This year, officials want to focus on the process of voting and the different options available for absentee voters. These slogan and poster contests are held every other year.

The winner for each contest and a guest will receive a trip to Washington, D.C., with authorized travel expenses.

Details are available at www.fvap.gov and www.challenge.gov. All entries must be received by April 8.

Servicemembers assigned to USMA, contact Sgt. 1st Class Michael Burich at 938-8450.

All other personnel associated with West Point, contact Gene Hickman at 938-3722.

West Point AOG Gift Shop inventory reduction sale

Take advantage of reduced prices on ladies watches, prints, crystal frames and other great gift ideas at the West Point Association of Graduates Gift Shop inventory reduction sale.

Visit the website, www.westpointgiftstore.com, to view the deal of the week, featured items, new arrivals and best sellers.

Leadership opportunities awaits for EEO Office

Would you like to be in a position where one person can still make a difference? If so, you could be one of West Point's newest Special Emphasis Program Managers.

Nominations for the following positions are open to all pay plans.

All West Point federal civil service employees are eligible to apply.

There are six SEPM primary and alternate collateral duty positions that need to be filled—Black Employment Program, Federal Woman's Program, Hispanic Employment Program, Individuals with Disabilities Program, Asian American/Pacific Islander Employment Program and American Indian/Alaskan Native Employment Program.

Potential nominees must have the support of their first line supervisor to devote the essential time required to fill the position.

Duties include working with management officials, employees, community outreach activities and establishing communication at multiple levels. Successful SEPMS should have organizational skills and strong communication skills, both written and oral.

Application packages will be forwarded via e-mail to each organization on West Point for distribution by today.

Contact Tonya Jones, Special Emphasis Manager, for information at 938-8193 or e-mail her at tanya.jones@usma.edu.

NEW INFO

Man vs. Machine Briefing

Dr. Eric Brown of IBM Research and one of the WATSON team leaders is visiting West Point and briefing cadets and faculty on the recent Man vs. Machine match on the television show "Jeopardy."

The game was won by the WATSON supercomputer.

Brown is speaking at 12:55 pm. today at Thayer Hall, room 144. The event is open to the West Point community.

Spring Break Schedule for Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center

The Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center will have shorter hours during the cadets' spring break. The hours are:

- March 12—8 a.m.-4 p.m.;
- March 13—1-9 p.m.;
- March 14-19—8 a.m.-4 p.m.;
- March 20—1-9 p.m.;

On March 21, ACPDC returns to regular hours from 5:30 a.m.-10 p.m.

Arbor Day Tree Planting Ceremony

The annual Arbor Day Tree Planting Ceremony at the Child Development Center (Bldg. 1207) takes place at 3 p.m. April 13. The community is invited to participate.

Rain date is April 14.

Science Olympiad

The U.S. Military Academy is hosting the New York State High School Science Olympiad from 4-6 p.m. March 18 and 7 a.m.-6 p.m. March 19.

The competition helps support Science, Technology, Engineering and Math outreach programs at West Point.

It takes place at various locations including the Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center, Daly Field and Clinton Field.

An awards ceremony will take place from 3-8 p.m. March 19 at Robinson Auditorium.

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Life Works
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- **Dr. Seuss Birthday celebration:** Balfour Beatty Communities will celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday with the West Point Women's Club Moms and Tots from 9:30-11 a.m. Friday at the Lee Child Development Center. Children can follow tales by Dr. Seuss. There will also be crafts and a cake. To register for the event, e-mail usmamomsandtots@hotmail.com. This event is open to all West Point residents and not just members of the WPWC Moms and Tots Club.
- **Girl Scout Cookie Week:** Stop by 132 Bartlett Loop Monday as the BBC Management office will serve Girl Scout cookies in celebration of Girl Scout Cookie Week.
- **Mardi Gras celebration:** Stop by 132 Bartlett Loop from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Tuesday to pick up a Mardi Gras craft, beads and masks to celebrate the day. A Mardi Gras King Cake will be served with a plastic baby hidden in the cake. The person who gets the baby is supposed to have good luck for a year.
- **Home Depot Workshop for Kids:** BBC is offering a battery organizer wood project sponsored by Monroe Home Depot. Children ages 3-12 can get involved with this project. The event is scheduled for 1-3 p.m. March 15, and BBC will supply all the materials. To register, contact Jodi Gellman at 446-6407 before Tuesday.

NOW SHOWING
 in the movie theater at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752.
Friday—The Dilemma, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday—The Green Hornet, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday—True Grit, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.
 THE THEATER SCHEDULE ALSO CAN BE FOUND AT
WWW.AAFES.COM.

Command Channel 8/23
March 3-10
 (Broadcast times)
Army Newswatch
Thursday, Friday and Monday through March 10
 8:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.
The Point
Thursday, Friday and Monday through March 10
 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.
Community Town Hall meeting
 Tuesday, 6 p.m.

Keller Corner

Childbirth Preparation

A four-week childbirth preparation series is scheduled each month from 6-8 p.m. at the 2nd floor KACH classroom. The current series has three classes remaining on Tuesday, March 15 and 22. Call OBU at 938-3210 to register.

Patient Safety Awareness Week is March 6-11

How involved, informed or invested are you in patient safety? Commit to safe healthcare by being aware of possible hazards.

- Are you involved?
 Protect yourself from spreading infections
- Cover your cough;
 - Wash your hands often.
- Manage your medicines
- Keep a current list of your medications, including over-the-counter and herbal medications, and review it with your doctor;
 - Learn the medications and why you are taking them.
- Are you Informed?
 Understand your discharge instructions
- Know what you need to do before and after you leave a healthcare visit.
- Question early, question often
- Ask your healthcare team questions when you do not understand something;
 - Don't be afraid to ask questions.

Are you Invested?

Know your diagnosis (condition)

- Understand what it means for you and your Family;
 - Know the potential complications and who to call if you need help.
- Follow-up care
- Know who your primary care provider is. If you do not have one, ask your healthcare team to help you find one;
 - Schedule and attend follow-up visits with your doctor;
 - Let your healthcare providers know if you have been in the hospital and make sure they have all important medical records;
 - Educate yourself at the follow-up visit about what you need to do and why your need to do it.
- Following these tips can help keep you out of the hospital. Being committed to your health care is key to staying healthy.

Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

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

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		1		2		5		
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TOWN HALL MEETING
 The U.S. Army Garrison-West Point is holding a Community Town Hall meeting from 6-7:30 p.m. March 8 at the West Point Club Grand Ballroom. If a community member wants to call in, the number is 446-5504. The meeting will be broadcast on Channel 8/23.

Hockey rolls past Sacred Heart on Senior Night

By Ryan Yanoshak
Army Athletic Communications

Senior forwards Joey Ammon, Cody Omilusik and senior defenseman Pat Copeland, playing in their final regular season home game, collected points and classmate goaltender Jay Clark made 31 saves as Army posted a 4-1 victory over Sacred Heart Feb. 25 in an Atlantic Hockey Association contest in front of 2,405 fans at Tate Rink.

Army honored the six members of its senior class prior to the game and then scored twice in the second period and twice in the final period while racking up a season-high 54 shots on goal.

Ammon, Omilusik and sophomores Cheyne Rocha and Andy Starczewski scored goals for Army, which won its third straight and improved to 11-18-4 overall and 10-12-4 in league contests.

With Connecticut's win over American International College, Army will now compete in the play-in round Saturday against AIC. The game will be at 7:05 p.m. at Tate Rink.

Junior defenseman Marcel Alvarez and junior forward Mark Dube picked up a pair of assists while Copeland, junior defenseman Bret Larson and junior forward Danny Colvin also registered assists for the Black Knights.

Clark made 13 saves in the first period and nine in each of the second and third periods to win his seventh game this season.



Sophomore forward Andy Starczewski and senior forward Drew Pierson watch senior Joey Ammon's goal during Army's 4-1 victory over Sacred Heart on Senior Night Feb. 25 at Tate Rink. PHOTO BY PAUL RADER

"Obviously every year, this is a special night," Army hockey head coach Brian Riley said. "This is a special group of seniors and before the game we talked about making it a special night. I thought the team did a great job of playing hard for the seniors and the seniors did a great job of competing."

Despite a total of 22 shots on goal, neither team was able to break through during the first period. Sacred Heart had 13 shots on net while Army had nine and a power play opportunity, but the game was scoreless after the first 20 minutes. Army dominated the second period, holding a 23-9 advantage in shots on goal and was rewarded with two scores.

Less than three minutes into the second, Ammon tipped in a Copeland shot for a 1-0 lead. Larson started the play, moved the puck to Copeland who shot from just inside the blue line. Ammon was in front of the net and picked up his second goal of the season.

Rocha picked up his second goal of the season late in the period. Dube chipped the puck past a defender in the

back of the ice to Colvin who skated in and shot on net. Rocha collected the rebound and fired in the goal with just 3.5 seconds remaining in the period. It was Dube's third assist this season and extended his scoring streak to three games. Colvin collected his 21st assist of the season and now has a point in three straight games.

Sacred Heart cut the deficit in half four minutes into the final period when Chad Filteau scored his third goal of the season.

Army responded with two power play goals to close the scoring. Alvarez moved the puck to Colvin who fed Starczewski midway through the period. It was Starczewski's seventh goal of the season and Colvin's eighth multiple-point game this season.

Omilusik closed the scoring with seven minutes left, netting his team-leading 18th tally this year. Dube passed to Alvarez who blasted in a shot. Omilusik deposited the rebound in the back of the net.

Rifle earns Bronze at GARC Championships

By Mady Salvani
Army Athletic Communications

Freshman Richard Calvin fired a 589 to lead Army's air rifle team to third-place honors in that discipline during the final day Feb. 27 of the Great America Rifle Conference Championships as the Black Knights earned the team bronze by scoring a two-day total of 4644. Army also earned third-place honors in smallbore (2311) the first day.

Calvin recorded a personal best (589) in the open relay for the sixth highest score in the team scoring to rank among the top eight to qualify for the individual finals. The Murfreesboro, Tenn., native went on to fire the highest score of 103.8 in the shoot-off to jump two places into fourth place with a score of 692.8.

Joining Calvin on Army's air rifle team that combined for a 2333 were junior Kelly Buck (582), senior John Manzano (581) and freshman Michael Matthews (581). Manzano, the team captain, equaled his career mark set against Ole Miss in the fall.

No. 1 West Virginia captured the air rifle title with a 2367 followed by No. 4 Kentucky (2350), Army, Nebraska (2330), Ole Miss (2326), Memphis (2314) and North Carolina State

(2261).

Buck, who finished sixth in the individual finals in smallbore after posting a third-place showing in the open relay, took 10th in the combined scoring with an 1166 as five Black Knights placed in the top 25. Manzano was 15th (1159), Calvin finished 19th (1154), Matthews 20th (1154) and William Mengon 25th (1152.)

The Mountaineers defended their team title with a combined smallbore and air rifle score of 4704 as they outpointed nearest rival and No. 4 Kentucky by 32 points (4672). Army's third-place finish is its highest since capturing the GARC title in 2008 and its 4644 mark is the second highest of the season. Host Ole Miss was fourth (4625), followed by Memphis (4610), Nebraska (46591) and NC State (4504). The Black Knights finished fifth in the combined team scoring the past two years.

"I was very pleased with the overall results," head coach Maj. Ron Wigger said. "My goal was to finish in the top three, and I think this young team did an outstanding job. It was a high pressure match, and the team responded very well. It bodes well for the upcoming NCAA Championships."

Army returns to action for the NCAA Championships March 11-12, hosted by Columbus State.

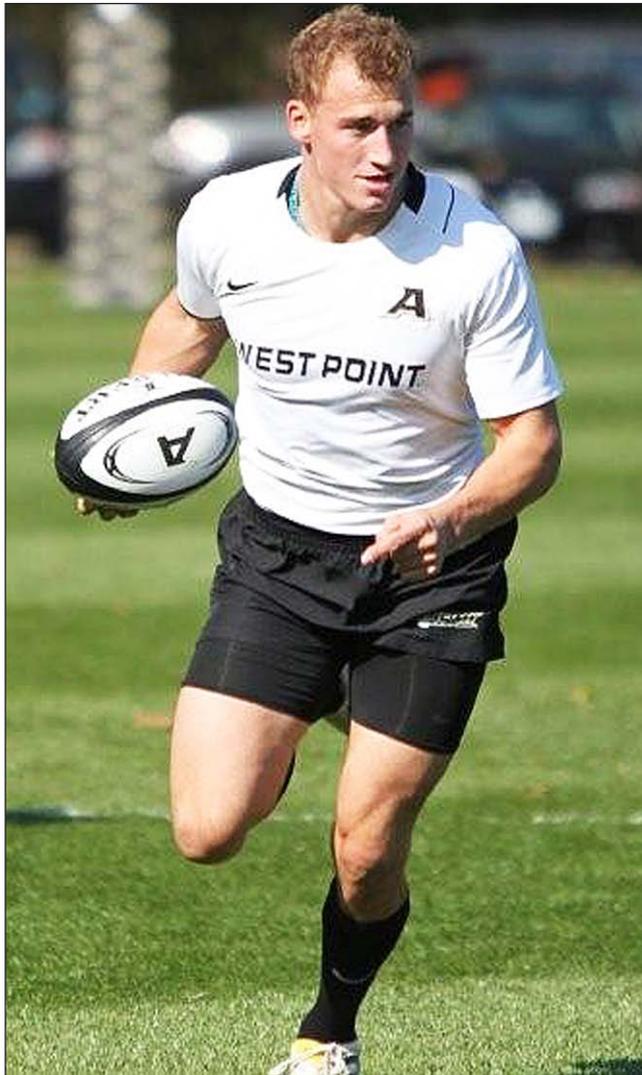


Coiffard knocks down a three, but not Bucknell

Army senior guard Jessie Coiffard makes a three-point basket, three of her team-high 13 points, Feb. 26 at Christl Arena during a Patriot League women's basketball game. Bucknell defeated Army 44-40 during Army's Senior Day. Army is now 13-15 on the season with a 7-7 Patriot League record.

ERIC S. BARTELT/PV

Men's Rugby spring schedule starts Saturday



Senior vice captain Dave Geib takes the field with his teammates at 1 p.m. Saturday versus Rutgers.

Story and photo submitted by Army Rugby

Army Rugby takes the field at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Anderson Rugby Complex against Rutgers University to kick off the new College Premier League.

USA Rugby, the national governing body, is taking the top 32 teams from across the country of 499 men's college programs and split them geographically into four separate conferences—Pacific, West, South and East—to create a new championship.

The CPL stands at the top of college rugby with Division I, II, III and IV, with each having their own championship.

Attempting to bring a national focus on the rugby competitive season, USA Rugby, along with television partners ESPN and NBC, are attempting to market rugby to the American sporting landscape during the spring.

NBC has signed on to do a live broadcast of the Rugby World Cup from New Zealand this fall for the first time in the U.S. market. NBC will also bring live college rugby in the seven's version of the game June 4-5 when Army faces Navy in pool play in Philadelphia's PPL park—the Major League Soccer Facility.

With rugby back in the Olympics in 2016, the International Rugby Board expects the USA to lead the growth over the next 10 years similar to soccer's growth in the early '90s.

"The energy around the game has picked up since the Olympic Committee's decision to add rugby for the 2016 games in Brazil," Army Director of Rugby and Men's Head Coach Rich Pohlidal said. "It will be the only 'full contact' field sport in the Olympics and the seven-on-seven format will ensure non-stop action."

Pohlidal added that rugby in the U.S. is seeing multiple crossover football athletes who now have opportunities for Olympic gold in rugby—the parent sport of American football.

"Critical to developing these crossover athletes is continued rugby exposure during their time in college—thus the spring season focus," Pohlidal said.

Multiple schools to include BYU, Cal, Stanford and the

University of Arizona have athletes who compete in both sports, many of whom have played rugby in high school and are continuing their development.

With Army finishing third in the country last year behind Cal and BYU, the team is looking forward to the new schedule and the challenge that the CPL will bring.

"We graduated 23 players last year, which was one of the largest classes we have had since 2007, so we are young and inexperienced in some positions, but we will make that up with athleticism, solid skills and some experienced decision-makers like seniors Kallen Ryan, Dave Geib and Andrew Hansche," Pohlidal said.

However, the leadership doesn't stop there as junior Kyle Palmer, whose overtime penalty kick put Army into the final four last year, will be leading from the fullback position assisted by classmates Trevor Mitchell at scrum-half, Austin Laetsch at openside flanker and Lee Namy at blindside flanker.

With injuries keeping seniors Ben Leatigaga and Justin Turner out of action for the first match, junior TJ Espe will be starting at inside center after proving he can control the midfield on the attack and defensively this past fall during the pre-season scrimmages.

Supporting the efforts of the upperclassmen, sophomore Will Holder, a USA National Team U-20 player, gets the start at outside center while sophomores Luke Frazier and Wells Lange will anchor the forwards as locks with sophomore Chris Beck on the wing and sophomore Marshall Moten coming on as an impact reserve.

Army Rugby's upcoming schedule

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT
Saturday	1 p.m.	Rutgers
March 26	1 p.m.	at Kutztown
April 2	1 p.m.	Dartmouth
April 9	6 p.m.	at Delaware
April 16	1 p.m.	at Ohio State
April 23	1 p.m.	Penn State
April 30	5 p.m.	Navy

MEN'S ARMY RUGBY FACTS

- West Point Rugby, established in 1961, remains one of the most successful athletic programs in the history of the U.S. Military Academy. Since 2004, under head coach and director of rugby Rich Pohlidal and assistant coach Justin Hundley, the team has won every Northeast Championship, appeared in every National Championship playoff and has made two Final Four appearances. Army has a 7-3 record against Navy and 5-3 record against Air Force. The team has produced 23 All-Americans since 2004.
- In the 2009-10 season, the Army Black Knights held a .770 winning percentage with 932 points for and 244 against. The team won its 19th Northeast RFU Championship and made West Point's 9th appearance in the USA Rugby National Collegiate Championship Final Four.

Brigade Boxing Open

When: 6:30 p.m. tonight.
 Where: Crest Hall in Eisenhower Hall.
 Who's involved: Members of the West Point Boxing team.
 Who can attend: The West Point community.

Sports calendar *March 3-13*

Corps

FRIDAY—MEN'S TENNIS VS. NJIT, LICHTENBERG TENNIS CENTER, 3 P.M.

FRIDAY—WOMEN'S TENNIS VS. QUINNIPIAC, LICHTENBERG TENNIS CENTER, 6 P.M.

SATURDAY—WOMEN'S TENNIS VS. NJIT, LICHTENBERG TENNIS CENTER, 11 A.M.

SATURDAY—LACROSSE VS. CORNELL, MICHIE STADIUM, NOON.

SATURDAY—WOMEN'S TENNIS VS. PROVIDENCE, LICHTENBERG TENNIS CENTER, NOON.

MARCH 12—WOMEN'S TENNIS VS. HUNTER COLLEGE, LICHTENBERG TENNIS CENTER, 10 A.M.

MARCH 12—GYMNASTICS VS. WILLIAM & MARY, GROSS OLYMPIC CENTER, 2 P.M.

MARCH 13—WOMEN'S TENNIS VS. NORTHERN IOWA, LICHTENBERG TENNIS CENTER, 10 A.M.

MARCH 13—LACROSSE VS. WAGNER, MICHIE STADIUM, NOON.

Club

FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY—MEN'S HANDBALL, WEST POINT INVITATIONAL 12-TEAM TOURNAMENT, ARVIN CADET PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER, 4 P.M. (FRI.), NOON (SAT.) AND 1 P.M. (SUN.)

SATURDAY—WATER POLO, CAPT. JOHN HALLETT MEMORIAL WATER POLO TOURNAMENT, ARVIN CPDC, NOON.

SATURDAY—MEN'S RUGBY VS. RUTGERS, ANDERSON RUGBY COMPLEX, 1 P.M.

MARCH 12—JUDO, NCJA JUDO CHAMPIONSHIPS, ARVIN CPDC, 8 A.M.

Q&A

Spotlighting Nate Hedgecock

Men's Basketball

Story and photos by Tommy Gilligan
Assistant Editor/Photo

Senior Nate Hedgecock of El Paso, Texas, takes the description of a student-athlete to the next level. Hedgecock, who was recently named to the Capital One Academic All-American men's basketball second team, became the first Army athlete to earn the Patriot League Scholar Athlete of the Year since the league's inception in 1991.

Hedgecock carries a 4.0 grade point average while serving as the deputy brigade commander of the Corps of Cadets, the second highest rank a cadet can hold.

The Mechanical Engineering major's tireless work ethic earned him the class standing that allowed him to branch Aviation, which less than 10 percent of the corps has the ability to do so.

Hedgecock sat down with the *Pointer View* to talk about his most recent accolade and his time at West Point.

PV: Why did you choose to come to West Point in the first place?

NH: I did not ever consider West Point until I got a call from the coaching staff. I wanted to go to a school that offered an engineering program and everything really seemed to fit best when I came here on my visit.

I hope in the future, while in the Army, it'll

provide me with many opportunities. (Those opportunities) more than likely would not have happened if I did not come here.

PV: Was one of your goals to become an Academic All-American and what does it mean to you to gain this type of recognition?

NH: I don't think I ever woke up one morning and thought to myself that I wanted to be an Academic All-American, because I did not think it was something that was achievable.

I think it was just an outcome from working hard at everything I do here at the academy, from basketball to the classroom to the military aspect. It means a lot to me for all the people who (worked with) me, from my Family to all my coaches.

PV: How do you balance your day as the deputy brigade commander, an athlete and a student?

NH: I think it really comes down to time management. I mean, it is crucial for any cadet, but with as much as we travel on the basketball team, it becomes even more crucial.

Like after last night's game, I was on the bus reading for my Military Art class and there are many weekends that I stay in on Saturday nights just to make sure I am up to speed and getting ready for my classes for the next week.

PV: What is your typical day like while

you are in season?

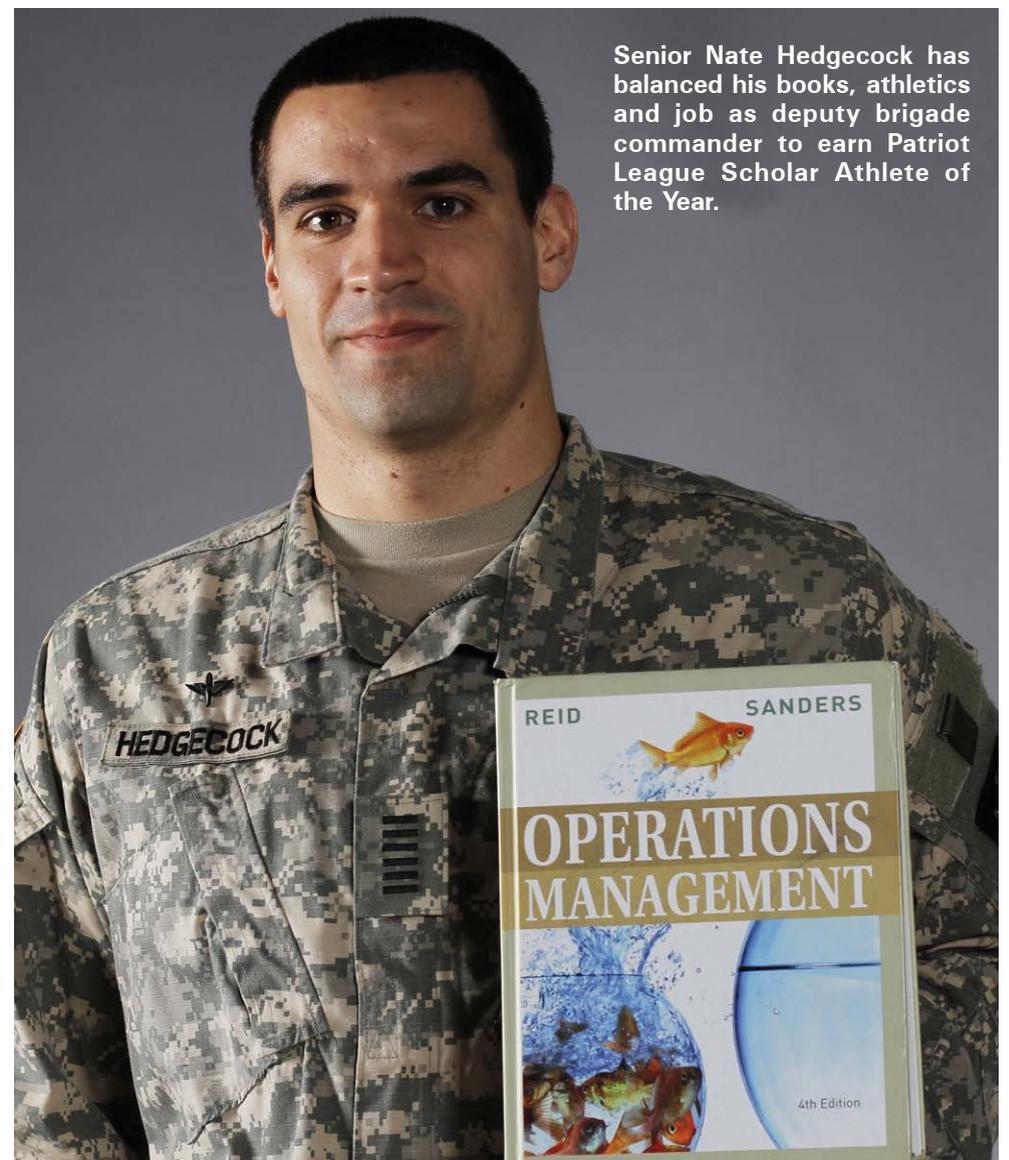
NH: It all depends on if I got to finish my studies from the night before because I give myself a cut off time of 11:30 (p.m.).

So if I did not finish what I had to do the night before I get up an hour earlier than I normally would for school so that I finish up my studies. On (any particular) day, I am in the classroom either working on my Capstone project or in another class until we break for lunch. Then I may watch film on the previous game or and upcoming opponent. I return to class at 1:55 p.m. until I go up the hill for practice until 7 p.m., then I am right back

down the hill studying for the rest of the night.

PV: Why was Aviation the career field that you wanted and how has the hard work that you have done here for the past four years prepared you for school at Fort Rucker?

NH: All my instructors who are pilots are so fired up about what they do and it was the type of culture that I wanted to be a part of. When I get to school I have to start all over again by proving myself. What type of bird (aircraft) and where I post is all based on your position in class. The more I apply myself, the better opportunity I have to achieve my goals of the platform and duty station that I want.



Senior Nate Hedgecock has balanced his books, athletics and job as deputy brigade commander to earn Patriot League Scholar Athlete of the Year.