

## First Regiment reinforces Soldier Skills at Super Saturday



Cadets from 1st Regiment make their way through smoke grenades during a cordon and search operation at Camp Smith during Super Saturday training March 5.

PHOTOS BY MAJ. DENIS FARARDO, H1 TACTICAL OFFICER

**By Firstie Brigid Calhoun**  
First Regiment Cadet Executive Officer

The 1st Regiment of the Corps of Cadets participated in Super Saturday March 5, which was designed to complement the military training they receive during Unit Training times and reinforce the basic Soldier skills learned during Cadet Summer Training.

First Regiment took a new approach when they conducted a split-based training scenario with each battalion engaged in concurrent training at two separate locations. While 1st Battalion trained at Camp Buckner, 2nd Battalion trained at Camp Smith.

The training scenarios were enriched by

the addition of an aerial insertion for 2nd Battalion cadets training at Camp Smith. At both locations, cadets cycled through four sites: a battalion-level cordon and search, a platoon-level raid, a squad-level force-on-force and a squad-level range.

Each site was developed by a member of 1st Regiment's operations staff. Firstie Aaron Trobee, Company D-1, designed the battalion cordon and search operation to challenge leaders at all levels. The battalion commanders were given the mission, concept of the operation and intelligence report two weeks in advance and had to create their own plan to implement on Super Saturday.

Cow Casey Weliver, Company G-1,

created the platoon raid operation. The cadets in training did not receive the mission until arriving at this site and developed a hasty plan of attack in an urban environment.

Firstie Kristen Griest, Company C-1, developed the squad force-on-force site, which, according to many cadets in 1st Regiment, was the highlight of Super Saturday because it incorporated paintball guns and equipment.

Cow Josh Matthews, Company H-1, created the squad range site, which mirrored a combat firefight by forcing the squad to take cover behind obstacles, assign sectors of fire and engage pop-up targets.

The 1st Regiment cadets were challenged physically, militarily, intellectually and emotionally at each site. Super Saturday not only tested their basic Soldier skills, but also required them to think tactically and work as a team.

The intent of the training was to create realistic situations that paralleled what the cadets will soon face in combat upon deployment. According to Yearling Susan Kiernan, Company C-1, the training accomplished that goal.

"Having OPFOR firing back at you with paintball guns adds a whole new perspective to clearing rooms and the battalion level raid gave us a more realistic idea of missions that we are likely to face than the platoon level raids we did during Cadet Field Training," Kiernan said.

Firstie Caleb Reilly, Company F-1, agreed.

"I thought that the training was the best

eight-hour training that has ever been done here," Reilly said. "I really learned a lot and liked that I was able to make choices. Also, the paintball was great because it was the first time I ever got any sort of negative feedback; (like) the pain from getting hit by the paintballs—in a tactical setting."

At the company level, cadets had been preparing for Super Saturday since January. A robust training plan consisting of Soldier First Responder skills, urban operations tactics and negotiations skills was developed and implemented at the start of the semester.

Regimental Operations Officer Firstie Travis Zahnow, Company E-1, obtained the support of Maj. Aram Donigian of the Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership for the negotiations training. Donigian held four classes for 1st Regiment to train cadets on methods for negotiating with civilians in a combat zone.

The day ended with a regiment-wide barbeque in Legion Square organized by company, battalion and regimental activities staffs.

### Editor's Note:

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The ground erupts as cadets lay down suppressive fire with the M240 machine gun for the assault on insurgents at the high visibility target site at Camp Smith.

# West Point kicks off annual AER Campaign

Story and photo by Mike Strasser  
Assistant Editor

It's not so much about the numbers and figures involved, but more about spreading the word about what the Army Emergency Relief program does for Soldiers.

At least that's the message Amy Weyhrauch wants to deliver during the 2011 AER Campaign at West Point.

"I really want people to know the good that comes out of AER and the people who are helped by it," Weyhrauch, the AER Campaign manager, said. "AER asks for contributions, but you don't always get the significance of who's being helped. So my big intent for the West Point campaign is to push this message and let people know where their money is going."

In her second year as campaign manager, Weyhrauch wants to emphasize the human element behind AER; like the Army spouse who babysits neighborhood kids in the evening but goes to college by day with an AER scholarship or the captain who's vehicle expired on Storm King Mountain and needs an emergency loan for a new transmission.

"The economy has affected everyone across the board, regardless of rank or income," Weyhrauch said. "AER is not just for the lower enlisted or low income Families. AER is the only charity designed specifically to help Army Soldiers and their Families. It helps everyone for every reason."

The Army Emergency Relief program began in 1942 to assist Soldiers in resolving their financial emergencies and help them in situations where they lack funds to meet their basic living expenses.

In addition, AER provides scholarships to spouses and children of active duty and retired Soldiers.

Col. Michael Tarsa, West Point garrison commander, addressed the community Tuesday during the AER kickoff at the Army Community Service building. The goal of this year's campaign is \$85,000, and he is confident that the leadership present at West Point can help make that happen.

"I'm continually impressed by the number of Families



From left, 1st Sgt. Anthony Bayse, Command Sgt. Maj. Powell, Col. Michael Tarsa and Amy Weyhrauch represented the West Point Garrison in the official kickoff to the Army Emergency Relief Campaign.

that AER assists," Tarsa said. "So I believe in AER. As I look across this line of noncommissioned officers here, it is all about leadership and expressing to our Soldiers, our officers, our NCOs and civilians that this one's special because it helps all of us."

The AER Campaign continues until May 15. In 2010, AER provided \$77 million in assistance to more than 66,000 Soldiers and their Families.

Additional information is available at the Army Community Service or call 938-5839.

## Commanders Referral Loan Program

In November 2005, AER established the Commanders Referral Loan Program to better arm commanders to accomplish the mission of taking care of Soldiers in their unit. This loan program broadened the scope of approval outside the AER office by giving the commander or first sergeant approving authority of up to \$1,000 for an AER loan, allowing flexibility in the implementation of the AER program.

A Soldier's lack of funds can occur due to a multitude of complex reasons. Commanders or first sergeants are in the best position to understand the Soldier's individual needs. Ensuring the request is realistic, valid and necessary, the Commanders Referral Loan Program can be used as a means of establishing a strong rapport within the chain of command, while promoting and strengthening the morale of the entire unit.

The application for the loan is a very simple process. Soldiers submit a completed AER Form 600 to their immediate commander or first sergeant. The Soldiers and their commander or first sergeant should discuss the

financial situation to determine the best course of action. If a Commanders Referral Loan will be used, the commander or first sergeant will complete items 10 a-f on the AER Form 600. The Soldier can then call the West Point AER office to set up an appointment.

If you have any questions, contact the West Point AER office at 938-5839.

### Good to Know

- AER Office will need to confirm a Soldier's eligibility to ensure they are not on the restricted list;

- A Soldier can only receive two Commanders Referral Loans per year. An existing loan must be paid off before a second assistance under the Commanders Referral category can be authorized;

- Repayment must be prior to ETS, paid off within a 12-month timeframe and can only be paid by allotment from Soldier pay;

- A Soldier's overall balance with AER cannot exceed \$2,500 at any given time due to AER approval levels;

- Assistance under the Commanders Referral category can only be as a loan, grants are not authorized.

## It's Plebe-Parent Weekend...welcome parents!

The *Pointer View* staff welcomes you to West Point for Plebe-Parent Weekend and hope your time here is enjoyable. If you don't have the final schedule with you, it's available online at [www.westpoint.edu/DComm/wppc.asp](http://www.westpoint.edu/DComm/wppc.asp).

In today's *Pointer View*, you can read about the Corps of Cadets' new brigade tactical

officer, Col. Joseph DeAntona, and his thoughts on Plebe-Parent Weekend on Page 3. For other plebe-related stories, see how some members of the Class of 2014 placed at a Model UN national competition on Page 9. On Page 10, read about a plebe study on sleep habits. Remember, you can also read stories online at [www.pointerview.com](http://www.pointerview.com).

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

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# DeAntona returns to West Point as BTO



Col. Joseph DeAntona, the Corps of Cadets' brigade tactical officer, spends some time with 1st Regiment during its Super Saturday training event.

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*Former 32nd Air and Missile Defense Command chief of staff and 11th ADA Brigade commander settles into position that didn't exist when he was a cadet in the Class of 1984*

By Mike Strasser  
Assistant Editor

Down the hall from the commandant's office on the fourth floor of Washington Hall, Col. Joseph DeAntona occupies a somewhat empty space.

After only a few weeks since he was selected as the Corps of Cadets' new brigade tactical officer, his walls are still largely bare, but the conference table contains dozens of command coins under glass—a collection of mementos from his 27 years of service which began with a three-year tour of duty in the 559th Artillery Group, Vicenza, Italy.

When Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm commenced in retaliation of Iraq's occupation of Kuwait, DeAntona was at the tip of the spear as the 11th Air Defense Artillery introduced the new Patriot Missile System to the enemy. Deployments in support of Operation Desert Fox in 1998, then Operation Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom would follow.

Graduating from West Point in 1984, DeAntona had hoped for an opportunity to return to his alma mater sometime in his career. That opportunity came in 1994 when he served a short stint as a Behavioral Sciences & Leadership instructor, teaching introductory psychology and the capstone course (PL485) for the fourth year cadets.

"I wanted to come back; I really did," DeAntona said. "I felt, and subsequently validated my thoughts, that 'the grass has got to be greener on the other side.' My instructors and my TACs when I was a cadet were true role models. And I always thought that the life they were living and the opportunities they had were something I hoped to be able to have myself. I really enjoyed my opportunity there. I guess in the big scheme of things I always hoped I would be able to come back one more time."

The job description states the BTO is directly responsible for the day-to-day command and discipline of the Corps of Cadets and oversight of the tactical officers and noncommissioned officers that make up TAC teams.

DeAntona sums it up simply as being "the day-to-day, 50-meter target kind of guy." While cadet development is paramount, DeAntona also wants to set sights on the NCOs, officers and civilians within the BTD.

"The one thing I am very cognizant of is the responsibility I have to provide a learning environment and good order and discipline for the tactical department," DeAntona said. "I have 64 captains, majors and sergeants first class who I'm responsible for developing as well, because like many people here, they're here for a short period of time and then they're going back into the operational Army. So they

don't stop developing because they're TAC officers or NCOs, and that responsibility is on me to do."

His first order of business has been to refamiliarize himself with the academy; refusing to rely on what may be considered outdated knowledge from his time as a cadet or instructor, and even as a West Point parent.

"I don't want to be influenced and I don't want to be involved with making a decision based on information that is 16 years old," DeAntona said. "I want it to be based on information that's current and available today."

This includes meeting with senior leaders—starting with the superintendent, commandant and dean—department heads (from the academic departments, Department of Physical Education and Department of Military Instruction to the Directorate of Cadet Activities and director of the Simon Center for the Professional Military Ethic) as well as athletic coaches. Meeting cadets is also a priority, like congratulating future ADA officers at Branch Night or spending some time with 1st Regiment during its Super Saturday at Camp Buckner. The Corps of Cadets, he said, will be his corps of 4,000-plus instructors as he learns from them as he leads. Leading the Corps of Cadets, with a dedicated staff of TAC officers and NCOs, is not an unfamiliar assignment, which he likens to his brigade command.

"I had a similar experience as a brigade commander, where I was the legal commander for about 5,000 Soldiers of various ranks. And I absolutely loved that experience," DeAntona said. "There is uniqueness about this population because they are all future officers, but it allows me to use some of the experiences and lessons I learned as a brigade commander. Every one of these young Americans at the end of their 47-month journey is going to be entrusted with 30-40 Soldiers which make up a platoon and be responsible for their health and welfare and their good order and discipline."

It's not without irony, that as he continues this orientation, the larger sum of his charges will soon be departing for spring leave; but not before he gets plenty of face time during Plebe-Parent Weekend. Just as Post Night and Branch Night are transformative moments for firsties, this weekend is one of those watershed events in the plebe year of a cadet class.

"Plebe-Parent Weekend is very important for the development and the identity of the Class of 2014," DeAntona said. "In general, this event really does help to define a class. The main reason is because it is the first focused opportunity for parents, friends and family members to join the cadets in being the centerpiece of the academy."

It's a heartwarming experience, DeAntona said, because the plebes have almost an entire year under their belts now and, more so than

ever before, they've taken ownership of their identities within the Corps of Cadets.

"The plebes now have been here for nine months. They are the Corps," DeAntona said. "During those previous exchanges with their parents, like at Acceptance Day, they were still trying to become part of the Corps, and now they are part of it, and the sense of ownership that permeates this class when they bring their parents in is very heartwarming."

For senior leaders, that gives them about 48 hours to create a positive and inclusive experience for the visiting parties. It'll be nothing short of a full-court press, DeAntona said.

"How can we assemble all of the things their sons and daughters do and allow them to walk in that world for a short while?" DeAntona asked. "When they leave on Sunday, we want them to have a much better appreciation for the experience their cadets are having here at West Point. It is a very synchronized effort across the military, academic and athletic dimensions to give parents a good feel of what cadets experience."

DeAntona will gauge the success of this mission if he can elicit the very emotion his own father expressed when attending Plebe-Parent Weekend in 1981. Times were tough with gas shortages forcing lines at the pumps and people feeling the effects of a slumping economy. The American hostages were released from Iran, but the public was still unsure about the Reagan White House, DeAntona said.

And then his dad, a public school teacher with no affiliation at all to the military, said to him: "You know what, son? For the first time in a long time, I feel good about being a taxpayer. When I come to this place, it makes me feel good about being a taxpayer."

"And so when these parent leave this Sunday, I want them to feel good about two things," DeAntona said. "Like my dad, I want them to feel good as taxpayers, because this West Point experience is the result of a generous taxpaying nation. But I also want them to walk away feeling very comfortable and confident with the education and experience that their child is receiving here. That's all I want."

Getting to experience these pivotal moments with West Point cadets is a personal matter for DeAntona, who wants to see them all succeed—from Reception Day to graduation.

With the Class of 2011, it's about seeing the efforts of the former BTO, Col. Mark McKearn, through to the end.

"I want every member of the Class of 2011 to walk across that stage on May 21. It's personal for me," DeAntona said. "I am absolutely focused on keeping the firsties focused until that day in Michie Stadium when their names are read and they receive their diplomas."

# Town Hall informs community on upgrades, renovations

By Mike Strasser  
Assistant Editor

Continuing the effort to sustain a seamless dialogue with the community, key leaders of the West Point Garrison formed a panel Tuesday night to open the Town Hall meeting to any issues. Representatives from Balfour Beatty Communities, Directorate of Public Works, the Directorate of Emergency Services and Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security—to name a few—answered questions from community members submitted from e-mails and phone calls.

“Each of these professionals seated to my left and right is a professional committed to the quality of life here at West Point,” West Point Garrison Commander Col. Michael Tarsa said. “And if you’re here at West Point, then you’re committed to the U.S. Military Academy and our overall purpose and mission statement of developing leaders of character.”

Community members asked about damaged street lighting, heavy traffic flow on Wilson Road, Christmas light removal and the potential for establishing a dog park. One resident of the New Brick housing area addressed a shortage of parking in the area.

The garrison leadership addressed the audience at the West Point Club Grand Ballroom and viewers watching on the command channel with a variety of updates. Richard Wagner, RCI project manager, said the main delay with housing renovations—replacing the architect—has been resolved, and the renovation schedule is being revamped.

Matt Talaber, DPW, talked about some of the more visible construction projects around post, to include the U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School outside Washington Gate.

“If you come through Washington Gate you’ll get a great perspective of that (BRAC) project,” Talaber said. “On any given day there are up to 300 construction workers trying to make that project happen. We will complete that in January 2012, but Phase I will be complete this summer and we’ll move cadet candidates in there this summer.”

Other ongoing projects include the conversion of the old library in Bldg. 757, which will become a Science Center by November.

“After that we’ll swing right into Phase II, which is Bartlett Hall,” Talaber said. “So we’ll vacate that and begin renovating that as well.”

Bartlett Hall renovations include new science labs and classrooms. The replacement of the east stands at Michie Stadium, expected to be completed in September, is the last renovation project scheduled there. After the benches are removed, the area will be resurfaced and appropriate fire suppression will be added, Talaber said.

The West Point Post Exchange will benefit from a multi-million dollar upgrade, which includes new polished floors, lighting upgrades and improved aisle design. This is no ordinary PX upgrade, according to Jonathan Bright, PX manager.

West Point was among the first stores selected for the AAFES new branding image concept. The customer service department will move to the front of the store, and a Taco Bell will be added to the food court and the Burger King will receive an upgrade. The upgrade should be complete by late November and a re-grand opening will be scheduled.

In light of the shooting incident in Tuscon, Ariz., Charles Peddy, DPTMS director, briefed the audience on active shooter guidance. When an event occurs spontaneously, allowing little time to react with appropriate measures, people need to depend on training and advance planning, Peddy said. If an office doesn’t have a plan in place, the DPTMS can assist.

Tony Brown, FMWR director, addressed an AFAP issue about establishing an instructional swim program and a youth swim team. With competing demands on Crandall Pool, Brown said a committee will work with the appropriate departments to find a resolution to this issue.

“We do think we’ll be able to get a foot in the door with a youth developmental swim team as a precursor to a full-blown competitive team very shortly,” Brown said.

Tarsa and Command Sgt. Maj. Jose Powell reinforced the message of civic responsibility at West Point, to include supporting the all-volunteer Community Mayor Program, policing areas for trash and promoting a clean and professional image throughout post.

“...it is a privilege to live, work and play at West Point,” Powell said. “It is the oldest garrison in the U.S. Army. It is incumbent on each and every one of us to maintain it to the pristine conditions we are accustomed to.”

## Housing Draw planned for field, company grade officers

Submitted by Balfour Beatty Communities

The annual Summer Assignment Process Housing Draw for officers is currently being planned by the Housing Partnership. Housing availability is always a major concern for both incoming officers and current residents who hope to make an intra-post move.

The Field Grade Draw takes place June 1 and the Company

Grade Draw is June 2. Both will be at Randall Hall at the south end of Michie Stadium.

The availability of on-post housing for officers below the grade of colonel looks very good this year. Last year, housing was at a low point due to the new construction in Stony Lonesome.

This year, the construction will be nearly complete by the time of the draw and, therefore, availability is very good.

The new Stony Lonesome I housing neighborhood receives 53 new field grade homes from early spring through late summer, so the Housing Partnership is confident that homes will be available for all inbound Field Grade and Company Grade Officers assigned to West Point.

If you know someone who is inbound with concerns about housing availability, have them call the Community Management Office at 845-446-6407.

## Gates named recipient of 2011 Sylvanus Thayer Award

West Point Association of Graduates

The West Point Association of Graduates recently announced that Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates is the recipient of the Sylvanus Thayer Award for 2011.

“The Association of Graduates is honored that Secretary Gates will be forever associated with West Point through the Thayer Award,” Chairman of the Association Jodie Glone said. “He is a truly great American, who has spent his life in the service of our national security.”

The award will be presented at West Point later this year during ceremonies hosted by Lt. Gen. David H. Huntoon Jr., U.S. Military Academy superintendent.

“West Point is excited about the Association of Graduates’ selection of Dr. Robert M. Gates as the 53rd recipient of this prestigious award,” Huntoon said. “Secretary Gates’ extraordinary life of selfless service to our nation is an exemplar of West Point’s motto Duty, Honor, Country. The academy

looks forward to hosting him in the company of the United States Corps of Cadets, our alumni and guests.”

Gates has served eight presidents in his career of public service. Previously, he served as president of Texas A&M University and as director of the Central Intelligence Agency. In total, Gates has served 27 years as an intelligence professional, including nine years at the National Security Council, serving four presidents of both political parties.

Gates’ awards include the National Security Medal, the Presidential Citizens Medal, the National Intelligence Distinguished Service Medal and the CIA’s highest award, the Distinguished Intelligence Medal. He is a native of Kansas and holds degrees from the College of William and Mary, Indiana University and Georgetown University.

West Point’s Sylvanus Thayer Award has been presented annually since 1958. The award honors an outstanding citizen of the U.S. whose service and accomplishments

in the national interest exemplify personal devotion to West Point’s ideals.

The award is named in honor of the

acknowledged “Father of the Military Academy,” Col. Sylvanus Thayer, superintendent from 1817 to 1833.

# IBM scientist introduces WATSON technology to cadets

Story and photo by Kathy Eastwood  
Staff Writer

Dr. Eric Brown, an IBM research scientist from the T.J. Watson Research Center in Hawthorne, N.Y., briefed cadets and community members March 3 about the WATSON supercomputer that recently beat all-time “Jeopardy” champion Ken Jennings and Brad Rutter in a three-game match.

“IBM has a history of innovation,” Brown said. “We started with tabulating machines and then progressed to punch cards and in the 1970s built the first commercially viable business computer with the System 360. In the 1990s, we built Deep Blue, the supercomputer that beat chess grandmaster Garry Kasparov in 1997.”

Brown said the idea for a computer to win “Jeopardy” began in 2004 when Charles Little, then the vice president of software research, went to dinner with clients.

“While having dinner, Little noticed that everyone moved to the bar to watch television at about 7 p.m.,” he said. “Everyone was watching ‘Jeopardy’ with Ken Jennings on his way to his historic winning streak. It was at that moment when Little wondered if IBM could build a computer to beat ‘Jeopardy.’ It would be an interesting and great way to demonstrate technology that deals with human language and can push us to build computers to interact with humans in a more natural way.”

Humans have a hard enough time communicating with each other, so to build a system that understands human language sounds like a gargantuan task.

“Human language is ambiguous, grounded in human cognition and there are infinite numbers of ways to express the same thing,” Brown said. “There are five dimensions in the challenges of building a computer that understands human language.”

The best way is to build the computer to drive and measure the automatic question and answering technology along the five key challenging dimensions of a Broad open domain, high precision in analyzing and determining the best answer, need for confidence that the answer is correct, analyzing complex language and need for high speed (to ring the buzzer within three seconds.)

The technology invented to deal with this is Deep QA. This allows WATSON to generate and score many hypotheses that use thousands of natural language processing, information retrieval, machine learning and reasoning algorithms to gather, evaluate, weigh and balance different types of evidence (or data) to deliver the answer with the best support it can find.

WATSON has stored and analyzed the equivalent of one million books including encyclopedias, dictionaries, news articles and plays. By training, WATSON evaluates the best documents to answer a “Jeopardy” question.

“The technology can be applied to medicine for diagnostic assistance and evidence-based collaborative medicine,” Brown said. “It can be used for help centers and tech call centers and government to improve information sharing and education.”



Dr. Eric Brown, IBM research scientist, talks to the West Point community March 3 about WATSON, the supercomputer that beat Ken Jennings and Brad Rutter in a three-game match on “Jeopardy.” Brown described some of the challenges IBM faced in building a computer that could understand and evaluate human language.

# From Afghanistan, combat officers share lessons learned with firsties

By Mike Strasser  
Assistant Editor

Thousands of miles away, a group of Army officers spoke loud and clear to a group of soon-to-be lieutenants Feb. 28 at West Point.

From Bagram Airfield in Afghanistan, six combat veterans shared lessons learned and practical advice through a video teleconference, led by Maj. Gen. John F. Campbell, commanding general of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) and commander of NATO coalition forces in eastern Afghanistan.

Campbell read an e-mail from a Soldier wounded in combat who, despite having lost both legs, wanted nothing more than to credit his training, his gear and the 101st for saving his life. It's a good example, Campbell said, of the kind of Soldier these future officers will be leading and for whom they'll make life and death decisions.

The Class of 1979 graduate offered his personal top ten list, starting with living the Army values and emphasizing integrity and personal courage (see side bar). The list included maintaining rock-solid physical fitness ("You can't lead where you can't go") and practicing lifelong learning.

"You always have to make a commitment to continue learning and seek out opportunities," Campbell said. "Get focused on those things you're not going to master at West Point. Get to specialty schools. Be well-read on counterinsurgency. Afghanistan is the fight now and we'll be here for awhile. Be culturally aware of this country."

He also stated advice repeated by all the officers present: Trust your NCOs and invest in the relationship with your platoon sergeant.

Firstie Andrew Wheeler took this message to heart.

"It's valuable because NCOs have experience that cannot be matched by any amount of schooling," Wheeler said. "We must consult with them and learn from them if we want to be able to make effective command decisions."

Echoing the message Defense Secretary Robert Gates delivered Feb. 25 to the Corps of Cadets, Campbell said it was important for young officers to be able to adjust and improvise to any challenge and share lessons learned.

"No one can be trained and educated to have all the right answers," Campbell said.

Capt. John McLean is a Class of

2004 graduate who branched aviation. Since then he has had two years experience as a platoon leader, served as a staff officer conducting operations and assisting in developing tactical plans in Iraq. He has served the last 18 months as a line company commander in both Afghanistan and Iraq.

"The challenge you have is that you're pretty much guaranteed to show up and take charge of an entire platoon of combat vets," McLean said. "There'll be a few new privates in your formations, but you'll be overwhelmed by the experience standing in front of you. Don't take this lightly and don't take it as a challenge to your authority. You will step in and be in charge. Rely on that experience and use it to grow."

During stressful operations and heavy conflict, Soldiers will rely on their training.

"They'll do what they were trained to do, so it's on you to ensure that training is conducted to standard," McLean said.

Knowing their zeal to lead troops after graduation, the officers told cadets not to discredit staff assignments and recognize the value of gaining different experience.

Capt. Chris Tanner, Class of 2006, was a rifle platoon leader in Iraq and will soon assume company command. Tanner has been working on division staff as a liaison officer for Task Force Currahee.

"Staff (assignments) are a great opportunity to see the battlefield from two or three levels above, and you really realize what you don't know," Tanner said. "On staff, you see a whole lot going on that you need to understand how it works."

Firstie Lauren Looper said the VTC was a good reminder of the responsibility they'll soon possess after becoming commissioned officers.

"I enjoyed getting to listen to officers whose sole focus right now is Afghanistan because they bring a different perspective," the future engineer officer said. "(It was useful) because we had a wide array of young officers who are in a fight that we will eventually be joining."

As a future infantry officer assigned to Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, Wheeler appreciated the real-time insight into the challenges and complexities the officers face in Afghanistan.

"...but the conditions are dynamic on the ground so hearing it from officers who are currently there has an added



Maj. Gen. John F. Campbell U.S. ARMY PHOTO

value," Wheeler said.

The video teleconference was provided to more than 500 cadets enrolled in MX400, West Point's Capstone Course for Officership, the Simon Center for the Professional Military Ethic. The course provides all firsties a rigorous, interdisciplinary experience to complete initial development of their personal and professional identity and their self concept of officership as a leader of character. The course interweaves three broad, interrelated themes—battle command, military professionalism and military leadership. This is a fundamental graduation requirement so they can best fulfill the trust placed in them in commanding and leading Soldiers in combat.

Lt. Col. Michael Turner, MX400 course director, said the program focuses on three learning philosophies: learning from others' experiences, learning from personal experiences and learning through self-study.

"The VTC utilizes that first philosophy where cadets benefit from the experiences of leaders currently in the fight and learn what is expected of junior leaders," Turner said.

The course also prepares cadets for officership through tactical decision games and a platoon leader challenge using resources from the Center for Company Level Leaders.

Turner, a Class of 1987 graduate, said the firsties will attend a Battle Command Conference, April 19-20, to personally interact with more than 125 recent combat veteran officers and NCOs as a culminating event in their development as future officers.

"It's that last big event before graduation where the firsties can engage directly with individuals who are doing what (the graduating cadets) are about to be doing, and learn from their experiences," Turner said.

## Top Ten

*During the video teleconference, Maj. Gen. John F. Campbell offered the Class of 2011 a top ten list of advice as they approach their commissioning:*

1.) Live the Army Values. "You have to be honest, direct and truthful even if it means delivering bad news, admitting you aren't prepared or revealing a deficiency in yourself, your unit or flanking unit. You will immediately fail if you don't establish that basis of trust. Your integrity, as you know, is non-negotiable."

2.) Be forward looking. "The whole point of leadership is to figure out where you want to go from where you are now. While you may know where you want to go, your Soldiers are looking for that direction and you have to actively communicate that. It's about communication; it's about having a vision."

3.) Physically fit. "Absolute rock-solid physical fitness is the simple foundation that all Soldiers, as you go and meet them, will get their first impression (of you) and that can make or break you. That confidence that you set on that first day is being physically fit. You can't lead where you can't go."

4.) Positive Attitude. "You must lead your Soldiers when facing challenging problems; you have to be creative, innovative and positive. If you're a whiner or a complainer, that's not leadership. You have to attack a problem and accomplish a mission under extremely hard circumstances."

5.) Technical/tactical confidence. "I expect that you know the basics and you have to improve on those. You always have to make a commitment to continue to learn and seek out opportunities. Get focused on those things you aren't going to master at West Point; weapons, Own the Night, optics, fire support... get to specialty schools, seek opportunities and be well-read on counterinsurgency. Afghanistan is the fight now and we'll be here for awhile. Be culturally aware of this country."

6.) Trust your NCOs. "Invest in the relationship with your platoon sergeant. This investment will determine the environment of your first real command experience. Your ability to invest time and effort and get to know your noncommissioned officers and build that solid relationship will set you on a course for success or failure if you choose to go another way or go it on your own. Another thing... when you go to your platoons, many of your Soldiers may have two, three, four or five combat tours but you're the platoon leader, you're in charge."

7.) Lead by example. "Develop your subordinates and build a team; nobody wants to be on a losing team. Keep a sense of balance in your life, show that you care. They want to be inspired, they want you to provide them direction and meaning."

8.) Treat people with dignity and respect.

9.) Take charge. "Recognize a problem exists, take steps to solve it. Show initiative. Don't wait for somebody to tell you to do it. Make an effort."

10.) Have a presence. "It's more than just looking good, fit and having all your gear to SOP standards. You must be present where your unit is, on the weekends with their Families, check out their barracks; visit a hospital."

# Army astronaut discusses space, physics

Story and photo by Kathy Eastwood  
Staff Writer

Space and astronauts have fascinated the nation since military jet fighter pilots began training as America's first astronauts in the 1960s. As the U.S. entered the space race, the likes of Gordon Cooper, John Glenn, Alan Shepard and Virgil Grissom became national heroes who tested the capabilities of humans in space with the Mercury Project.

Flash forward 50-plus years and look at what has been accomplished. American astronauts were the first to plant footsteps on the moon, NASA has sent rockets to Jupiter, landed a rover on Mars to explore the landscape and, with international cooperation, built and developed an orbital research facility known as the International Space Station.

Col. Timothy J. Creamer, Army astronaut, flight engineer and former assistant professor in the West Point Physics Department (1992-95) spoke with cadets March 3 in Robinson Auditorium about what it was like living for more than five months aboard the ISS.

"Our time was allocated to two and one-half hours of exercise per day," Creamer said. "The crew divided the rest of the time to



Col. Timothy Creamer, a former West Point instructor, shared his career as an Army astronaut with cadets.

maintenance, research, helping with experiments and observations—plopping down by the window to take photos."

Creamer said exercise and staying healthy is important because after spending time in zero gravity, a certain amount of bone mass is lost, mimicking osteoporosis.

"After completion of the flight, there's intensive rehabilitation needed," Creamer said. "We (on the ISS) are trying to find out how we can solve this problem, which will have implications in the medical field."

Research aboard the ISS has resulted in scientific innovations on earth.

"The clothing that fire fighters wear and cell phones have been some of the innovations first discovered on earlier flights," Creamer said. "Other innovations have been high tech running shoes, heart pumps and smoke detectors."

Creamer said fire and cancer cells in zero-gravity react differently

than on earth.

"A flame on earth tends to be cylindrical or cone shaped, like a flame on a candle," he said. "In zero-gravity, the flame is spherical. Learning the direct process by which these things occur, we may learn how to perfectly interrupt the growth of cancer cells. As cancer cells grow in space, the cells get to the size and weight that distort their own formation—they crush themselves."

Creamer flew to the ISS aboard the SoyuzTMA-17 space capsule in Kazakhstan, Russia on Dec. 21, 2009, and returned June 2.

Creamer is also the first astronaut to send tweets from the ISS through a personal Web connection. Other tweets from space were actually sent by astronauts via e-mail to the ground support personnel who posted them to their Twitter account.

(Editor's Note: To learn more about Army astronauts, visit the Soldiers Magazine article at [www.army.mil/-news/2011/02/01/50860-army-astronauts-take-flight/](http://www.army.mil/-news/2011/02/01/50860-army-astronauts-take-flight/).)

## Model UN Team earns Best Small Delegation at Nationals

By the West Point Model UN Team

The West Point Model United Nations Team recently traveled to Boston to represent Tunisia at Harvard's National Model United Nations Conference.

The cadets engaged in fruitful debate and diplomacy with 3,000 colleagues from more than 150 universities in more than 35 countries.

For the third consecutive year, and the fifth time in seven years, the Army team brought home the coveted distinction of Best Small Delegation at the national championship stage. In 2009 and 2010, the cadets won while representing Kenya and Niger, respectively.

This strong performance was particularly notable in the General Assembly committees, which each had more than 300 students competing.

The following cadets were recognized for their significant work and for carrying on the proud winning tradition of West

Point Model UN:

### Best Delegate (First Place)

- Woo Do (2011, D-4) and Chris Oblak (2011, G-1) representing Tunisia in the Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee.

### Outstanding Delegate (Second Place):

- Alex Thew (2011, A-4) and Liz Constantino (2012, A-4) representing Tunisia in the Legal Committee.

The following cadets also participated this weekend and were integral to the team's success:

- George LeMeur (2011, H-3) representing Nikolai Andreyev in the Committee for State Security, KGB.

- Andrew Swick (2011, C-2) and Ross Boston (2013, B-1) representing Tunisia in the Disarmament and International Security Committee.

- Warren Geary (2014, D-4) and Brandon Moore (2014, E-3) representing Tunisia in the Special Political and Decolonization Committee.

- Mike Kerper (2012, E-1) representing Tunisia in the World Trade Organization.

- Will Dickson (2013, E-4) representing Tunisia in the Historical General Assembly.

As the Corps of Cadets readies for Spring Leave this week, the Model UN Team travels to Singapore to compete in the World Championships.

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# Legacy lives on at 11th annual Class Ring Melt ceremony

*Melting of 29 West Point graduates' rings for Class of 2012 commemorates bond between alumni, cadets*

**By Nadia King**  
WPAOG Director of Class Support

The West Point Association of Graduates held the 11th Annual Ring Melt Monday at the Pease & Curren Refinery in Warwick, R.I.

Every West Point class since the Bicentennial Class of 2002 has been able to “Grip Hands” with those graduates from the past whose donated rings were included in the Ring Memorial Program.

The gold melted from the donated rings and gold from the previous 10 melts will be incorporated into the gold used to forge the Class of 2012 rings.

Twenty-nine class rings from graduates from the Classes of 1896 to 1964 were donated to the program this year, which brings the program total to 220 donated rings. The donations include the rings of two four-star generals—Gens. Robert Shoemaker and Lew Allen, both Class of 1946; a ring honoring a Medal of Honor

recipient, 1st Lt. Frank Reasoner, Class of 1962; the oldest ring to date from Col. Percy Meyers Kessler, Class of 1896; and seven rings from the Class of 1962 commemorating their 50-year affiliation with the Class of 2012.

The Class of 2012 had six members participate in the ceremony—Cadets Sulev Sepp, class president; Haley Johnson, class historian; Chase Cappel, class treasurer; Joshua Orr, information systems officer; Isaac Dudley, ring/crest chairperson; and Mary Collins.

Traveling with the cadets were the Brigade Tactical Officer, Col. Joseph DeAntona, Class of 1984, whose daughter is a member of the Class of 2012; Lt. Col. Michail Huerter (Class of 1990), 2012 Class Advisor; Maj. Mike Rodick, Class of 2012 officer-in-charge; Maryellen Picciuto (Class of 1986), WPAOG senior director of alumni support and Nadia King (Class of 1991), WPAOG director of class support.



**Cadet Sulev Sepp, class president, holds the ingot and shakes hands with the smelter from Pease & Curren at the 11th annual Ring Melt Monday.**

PHOTO BY COW HALEY JOHNSON

# Plebes conduct research on own sleep habits

By Col. John Graham  
Associate Dean for Academic Research

In the typical university psychology course, undergraduates are in the receive mode. In classrooms built to hold 200 students, an instructor lectures and the students take notes. Periodic exams help determine how much information a student retains.

West Point psychology classes are dramatically different. Eighteen students study information in the text nightly and the next day they apply what they learned to hypothetical leadership problems generated by their combat-experienced instructors. While this method of learning sounds intense and daunting, it is not new—it's known as the Thayer Method, which was brought to the academy in 1802 by Superintendent Sylvanus Thayer.

What is new are the projects and research. "Every freshman cadet will participate in and complete a research project before moving on to their sophomore year," General Psychology Course Director Col. Diane Ryan said. "We consider research projects essential to the development of a creative problem-solver who can lead on today's battlefield."

Secretary of Defense Robert Gates and Gen. Martin Dempsey, Training and Doctrine Commander, have told West Point leadership that the Army needs leaders who are adaptive, can understand new environments and can generate new approaches. Research is all about questioning the validity of information and testing new ideas.

For freshmen, the projects do require some tailoring.

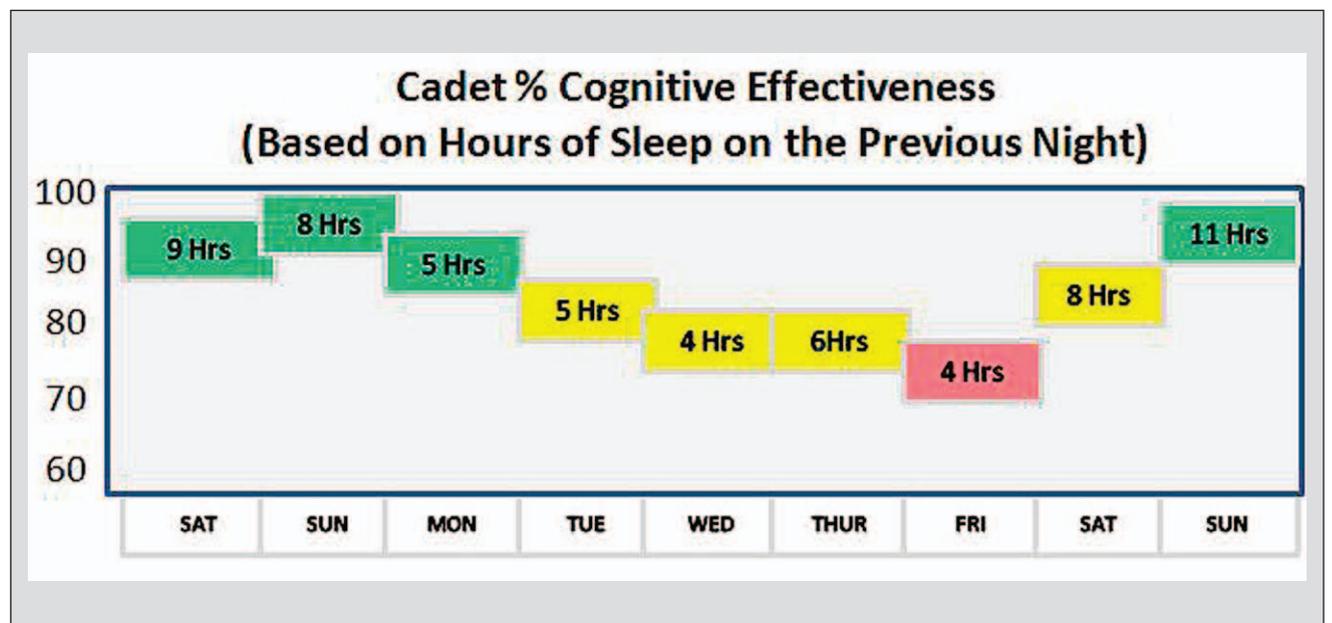
"We developed the Self-Referent Sleep Study because the cadets have access to the data, already have some preconceived notions and the results and learning are critical to leading a platoon during a highly stressful deployment," psychology instructor Maj. Dan Hall said. "The cadets track both the amount of sleep they get over a 10-day period and how that sleep schedule potentially impacts their performance (e.g., learning and retention of academic material).

"They use the knowledge they've gained on the effects of sleep to design an 'ideal' rest schedule, which they then implement into their daily routine for the remainder of the semester. They write a detailed report on how increased sleep helped enhance their overall academic, physical and military performances," Hall continued.

The cadets are given access to sleep data analysis software called the Fatigue Avoidance Scheduling Tool. Users simply input the amount of sleep received on a daily basis and the software provides them with predicted cognitive capability percentages that are correlated with blood alcohol content equivalencies.

"Prior to beginning this project, I knew that I didn't get enough sleep. It wasn't until after analyzing the resulting FAST data that I realized the full ramifications of my lack of sleep," Plebe Jacob Cook said.

"This was a very cool project," Cook said. "During the work week I typically slept around four hours a night. I knew that I was more tired and often had trouble focusing. One



The graphic represents a typical cadet sleep pattern derived from the Fatigue Avoidance Scheduling Tool software. Note that the previous night's sleep has a major impact on the next day's cognitive abilities. By Friday, this cadet is operating just below 75 percent effectiveness. It is also worth noting that trying to 'catch up on sleep' takes multiple nights.

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reason for my lack of sleep is time management. Another reason for my lack of restful sleep is that the conditions in which I was sleeping are still unfamiliar. I am on top of a bunk bed for the first time, and sometimes wonder if I might fall off in my sleep. I also think a lot about the next day's issues when I get in bed so when I did finally get to sleep, I did not sleep well.

"My solution was to increase my caffeine intake to counteract my fatigue. On the surface, I felt more alert after drinking caffeinated beverages," Cook continued. "This dependence on a substance, though, is not something I'd like to continue on a regular basis. The most shocking thing I learned was that I was operating at around 75 percent for most of my work week and on two notable occasions dropped below 60 percent effectiveness. The first was due to an extreme case of me only getting 1.5 hours of sleep because of stress and a combination of other factors, and the second was the result of 3-4 days of restless sleep combined with not enough sleep. On the weekends, I tried to make up for lost sleep, but it seems as if this strategy is less effective than I had anticipated."

"The projects compare themselves to prior research on cadets conducted by the Naval Post Graduate School," Assistant Dean for Academic Assessment Dr. Tim Judd said. "That research found that many cadets were significantly sleep deprived. Interestingly, they also found that the most successful cadets were 'early birds.' Early birds go to sleep before 10 p.m. but wake up much earlier than the rest of the Corps to study and do homework. The least successful cadets tended to be night owls. Night owls wait until late in

the evening to do their work."

Lt. Col. Carl Ohlson, Director of the Center of Enhanced Performance, likes the content of this self-study. "We work with cadets seeking to improve themselves and develop their own potential," Ohlson said. "When the cadets have data about their sleep habits, they can better form a plan to manage themselves and their work."

"Ultimately, these cadets are studying a complex environment and themselves, generating hypothesis and testing outcomes," Ryan said. "These are the skills that will develop into the adaptive leaders of the future."

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March is Women's History Month



# Cadets destroy a home... to help a deserving veteran

By Col. Irving Smith  
Special to the Pointer View

On March 2, several sociology majors and a faculty member spent an afternoon working for the good of others on a Habitat for Humanity project in Westchester County.

For this particular project, the cadets were not building houses but tearing one down. The cadets tore up floor boards, knocked down walls and ripped out sinks and other salvageable items that will be used to rebuild a veteran's house on a future project.

Firsties Avi Bakshani, Jennifer Smith and Nicole Hilaire, along with Dr. Bruce Keith, associate dean for Academic Affairs, worked for several hours on this community service project sponsored by West Point's Chapter of Alpha Kappa Delta, the international sociological honor society.

"The privilege and opportunity to participate in the betterment of our community is what this is all about," Bakshani, one of the co-presidents of AKD, said.

Hilaire said she was excited to help others, but was also happy that she had the opportunity to learn some new skills, including the use of several tools she had never used before and learning how many items can be recycled in building homes.

Founded in 1920, Alpha Kappa Delta is the International Sociology Honor Society. It has two main goals: to recognize and promote excellence in scholarship in the field of sociology and to use sociological knowledge and research to serve others.

For more information about the next AKD project or how to volunteer, contact Bakshani at [avi.bakshani@usma.edu](mailto:avi.bakshani@usma.edu).

## Grant Hall is online

*Menu items now available for online purchasing*

By Tommy Gilligan  
West Point Public Affairs Office

Grant Hall recently added the ability for their customers to order food online from the comfort of one's office or barracks room or from any government issued computer.

Presently, the online service allows customers to order the same options that are seen on the two kiosks available at the entrance of Grant Hall.

"We started with a soft opening, just doing small advertising in Grant Hall for the cadets and people that come in on a regular basis to see," Jeff Roszkowski, business manager of the Cadet Restaurant Branch, said. "We have continued to increase our visibility in the cadet mess hall and through e-mail to all people on the USCC e-mail distribution list."

The intent is for customers to eventually be able to order everything that Grant Hall

offers online, Roszkowski said.

"Right now we are in our third phase of the technology upgraded system here," Roszkowski said. "When the upgrade is completed, you can order pasta, burgers and sandwiches."

Customers will receive an order number upon checking out and will also receive an approximate time when the order will be ready to be picked up.

However, large orders such as catering events will still go through the same process that is currently in place, but adding this to the online ordering system is an option the Grant Hall staff is exploring as a future possibility.

"We will also be offering a self checkout system for credit/debit card users once all the technology has been completely upgraded," Roszkowski said.

To place an order online for Grant Hall, visit [www.granthalltogo.com](http://www.granthalltogo.com).

# FMWR Blurbs

## CYSS Poetry Slam

See students perform a poem, a song or a spoken word piece of their choice at the CYSS Poetry Slam from 7-9 p.m. Friday at the West Point Youth Center.

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

For more information, call 938-3727.

## Shamrock 5K

The Shamrock 5K race kicks off at 8 a.m. Saturday. Pre-register at the FMWR Fitness Center now or the day of the race.

Awards will be given for best dressed and most green attendees.

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

For more information, call 938-6490.

## 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. Saturday 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.

## Morgan Farm Kennels reservations

Give your pets the Spring Break they deserve at Morgan Farm Kennels from Saturday-March 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.

## 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. 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.

## 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.

## Employment Readiness workshops

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

- 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## Youth spring sports coaches wanted

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

## West Point 5K/10K

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

Log on to [active.com](http://active.com), keyword West Point, to receive pre-registration discounts.

For more information, call 938-6497.

## 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.

## 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.

## NEW INFO

### Victor Constant Ski Slope is closed for the season

All seasonal rental equipment must be

returned by April 15. All Seasonal Lockers must be cleaned out by April 15.

Failure to do so will result in late fee charges.

The rental building and locker room will remain open from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

## Spring Break Mini Olympics

The Spring Break Mini Olympics will be held from 3-6 p.m. March 14-18 at the Youth Center. Youth in grades 6-12 who are registered with CYSS are eligible.

For more information, call 938-3727.

## Attention Fittest Loser participants

Weigh outs started Monday and end March 25 for those who participated in the Fittest Loser Competition. You must sign-up for a time to weigh out between the hours of 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday at the FMWR Fitness Center.

Everyone must weigh out before March 25 to be eligible for the competition. Points end Friday.

For more information, call 938-6490.

## Family Spaghetti Night

Enjoy an all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner from 5-8 p.m. March 24 during Family Spaghetti Night.

Enjoy fine Italian dining in the West Point Club's Pierce Dining Room. Children five and younger eat free.

To make a reservation, call 938-5120.

## Ballroom Dancing

Come ballroom dance the afternoon away from noon-4 p.m. March 27 in the West Point Club's Grand Ballroom.

Enjoy a spring lunch buffet and cash bar with entertainment by Carmelo Liardi.

This event is by prepaid reservations only and must be reserved by March 21.

To make a reservation, call 938-5120.

## CYSS Parent's Night Out

Parents, take a break from your children. It's Parent's Night Out April 1. Drop off your children at the Stony CDC at 6 p.m. and pick them up by 11 p.m.

Reservations should be made no later than March 23.

For more information, call 938-3921.

## Life EDGE! Claymation

Life EDGE! Claymation classes for grades 1-5 will be offered on Tuesdays from March 22-April 12 at the Lee CDC.

CYSS membership is required. Register at CYSS Parent Central, Lee CDC at 938-4458. Classes are limited and there is a fee.

## Friday Night Dinners are back

Dinners at the West Point Club on Friday evenings will resume from 5:30-9 p.m. starting Friday.

For more information, call 938-5120.

# What's Happening

## 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 today.

For more information, e-mail [jjcwestpoint@yahoo.com](mailto:jjcwestpoint@yahoo.com) or call 446-5959.

## 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:

- Saturday—8 a.m.-4 p.m.;
- Sunday—1-9 p.m.;
- Monday-March 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.

## 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.

## 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](http://www.bbcommunitiesfoundation.org).

Application deadline is April 15.

## 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](http://www.fvap.gov) and [www.challenge.gov](http://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.

## Leadership opportunities await through 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](mailto:tanya.jones@usma.edu).

## 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.

## NEW INFO

### Mayor's annual Community Prayer Breakfast

The annual Highland Falls Community Prayer Breakfast will be held 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday at Nicole's. The guest speaker is Col. Thomas M. Durham, U.S. Military Academy Chaplain.

The breakfast, while working to bring the community

together, will serve as a local fundraiser for Hospice of Orange-Sullivan counties.

Hospice representatives will attend the breakfast.

For more information, call 446-3400.

## Volkssport Club fun, fitness and friendship

Join the Volkssport Club when it gathers Saturday to walk in the village of Cold Spring.

All walkers are invited to a pre-walk breakfast at 10 a.m. at the registration and start point at the Foundry Restaurant, 55 Main St., Cold Spring.

Walk registration is at 11:15 a.m. There are 5K and 10K trails on village sidewalks and into Nelsonville.

This walk qualifies for AVA special programs: Firehouses, Historic Churches, Honoring Law Enforcement and Veteran's Memorials. The walk is free.

For more information, call 446-4709.

## Enrollment for Center for Enhanced Performance Reading Course

Enrollment for the next session for the CEP RS102 Reading Efficiency Course is now open. The course begins March 23 and is open to all cadets, staff, faculty and employees at West Point on a space available basis.

Classes are offered during B, C, E, F, G, J, K and L hours of the cadet class schedule.

All classes take place in the reading lab located in the basement of Jefferson Hall.

The course syllabus and listings of all class dates will be sent when registration is confirmed.

To enroll in the course or for more information, contact Kathy Eagan, RS102 course director, at [yk8716@usma.edu](mailto:yk8716@usma.edu) or call 938-3421.

## Purim Holiday

A Purim Holiday party will be held at 4 p.m. March 20 at the West Point Jewish Chapel, 750 Merritt Road. The party will include a traditional ritual reading of the Scroll of Esther, followed by a festive meal and music.

The Jewish Chapel is closed March 18. Services are cancelled due to spring break and an away-Sabbath retreat opportunity to Monsey, N.Y.

For those interested in the retreat, call Chaplain Shmuel Felzenberg at 938-2710 or 910-273-0767 for information and reservations.

## Women's History Month observations

The Equal Opportunity Office and the William E. Simon Center for the Professional Military Ethic will host the Women's History Month observance luncheon at 11:30 a.m. March 29 at the West Point Club Grand Ballroom.

There will also be a Women's History Month Run at 5:40 a.m. March 29 starting in Central Area next to George Washington Statue. The West Point community is welcome.

To register for the run, contact Sgt. 1st Class Timothy Morgan at 938-8456 or Sgt. 1st Class Dwayne Key at 938-2581.

## Texas A&M Muster

West Point and local area Aggies will remember Aggies who have died in the year since the last Aggie Muster from 6-8:30 p.m. April 21 at the BOSS Pavilion.

Aggies come together to recall their college days, victories and defeats upon the drill field and classroom.

Go to <http://muster.tamu.edu> for the event that is held in Texas.

For more information, call Amanda Hill at 938-5149.



## Black and Gold volunteers

Army Community Service celebrated the Black and Gold Volunteer Award and Volunteer of the Month ceremony March 3 at ACS, Bldg. 622. Deputy Garrison Commander Wilfred Plumley stands with honorees (from left to right) Kellyn Wilson, Stephanie Chapman, Renee Callahan, Sarah Crawford, Liz Hanlon, Debra Stafford, David Barnard, Janine Sangster and Spc. Nick DeLeonardo. The Volunteer of the Month is Stafford for her work at Keller Army Community Hospital and the American Red Cross. ANTHONY F. BATTISTA/DPTMS VID

## Keller Corner

### AMEDD Commissioned Officer opportunities

Is being an Army physician assistant, nurse, physician, dentist, veterinarian, optometrist or clinical or counseling psychologist part of your goals? Would you like to find out how the Army can help you accomplish this? Are you a leader? Do you want to be able to guide your subordinates in these career options?

If so, then come to the 2011 AMEDD Combined Briefings from 9-11 a.m. or 2-4 p.m. April 6 in Thayer Hall Room 341. For more information, contact Capt. Brett Allmond at [brett.allmond@amedd.army.mil](mailto:brett.allmond@amedd.army.mil).

### Have you heard of ECHO?

Active duty Family members who are homebound or

have serious medical or mental disabilities are entitled to supplemental TRICARE coverage under the Extended Care Health Option. Special education, assistive services and training on assistive technology devices are just a few of the benefits offered through ECHO.

Enrollment in the Exceptional Family Member Program is required.

For more information, visit the TRICARE ECHO website page at [www.tricare.mil/echo/default.cfm](http://www.tricare.mil/echo/default.cfm), or contact Health Net Federal Services at 877-874-2273.

**Let us know how we are doing...** Don't forget to fill out the Army Provider Level Satisfaction Survey when you receive it in the mail. We value your opinion.

## NOW SHOWING

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

**Friday—True Grit, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**  
**Saturday—Yogi Bear, PG, 7 p.m.**

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

## Command Channel 8/23

**March 10-17**

(Broadcast times)

**Army Newswatch**

Thursday, Friday and Monday through  
 March 17

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

**AFAP Outbrief**

Thursday 4 and 7:30 p.m.

Friday 9 a.m., noon and 7:30 p.m.

## Life Works at Balfour Beatty Communities

- **Leprechaun Green Treasure Hunt:** Join BBC at 126 Washington Road at 10 a.m. March 17 for the Leprechaun Green Treasure Hunt. Don't forget to wear your green attire.

Try your Irish luck and see if your magic key opens the Irish treasure chest.

There will be mid-morning green treats available in celebration of St. Patrick's Day.

### 2011 Nighttime Intramural Volleyball sign-ups

The 2011 Nighttime Unit Intramural Volleyball sign-ups continue through Friday. All games will be played at Arvin Gym's second floor courts. Games are from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Mondays. Teams can register with James McGuinness at 938-3066.

### Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

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

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

See SUDOKU SOLUTION, Page 2  
 Difficulty: Medium



## Father and Daughter Dance

The Father-Daughter Dance was held March 5 at the Lee Child Development Center with more than 180 fathers and daughters attending the event. The idea behind the event is every father needs to connect with his daughter, and every daughter needs a positive example of how a young lady should be treated with respect. Dads and girls spent much of the evening dancing together.

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## Judo Championships at West Point Saturday

Submitted by West Point Judo Team

The West Point Judo Team will defend its national title Saturday when it hosts the 50th National Collegiate Judo Association's Championship tournament at Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center.

After upsetting perennial powerhouse San Jose State at last year's championships, the West Point Judo Team could potentially face the toughest field of competitors ever assembled for a National Collegiate Championship.

"We expect San Jose State to show up in full force and ready for a big fight," West Point Judo Head Coach Lt. Col. Hector Morales said.

His comments reflected San Jose State's shock and new found resolve after last year's stunning upset in which West Point took the men's team title after San Jose State held it for an unprecedented 48 consecutive years.

The field of rivals is expected to include entries from nearly 30 colleges from across the country, including all three service academies.

The Air Force Academy has a young program, but will look to challenge for the Novice team title.

"Their program has developed at an incredible pace," Morales said.

The Novice divisions are typically dominated by Iowa State University and Texas A&M, but it is very possible to see some big upsets this year.

West Point's efforts will be led by returning national champions senior Nick Hochertz and juniors Kyle Schlauch and Heather Purkey, but they will need several newer players to step up to match their more experienced San Jose counterparts.

The team remains young with only one black belt on the roster (Hochertz) and, yet, they remain competitive for the national championship again this year.

"It always amazes me how quickly these cadets can pick up technique. Their dedication and tenacity is what I love about this team," Emilio Claudio, volunteer assistant coach and last year's Coach Mike Krzyzewski *Teaching Character Through Sport* award winner, said.

Adding to the excitement is the tournament's new found recognition this year as a USA Judo "E Level" event, indicating that the winners of this tournament will be considered for the U.S. Olympic roster.

Additionally, the 2011 collegiate champions in each category will qualify to represent the United States at the 2011 World University Games in China, the most prestigious judo event in the world for student athletes.

Novice divisions begin fighting at 9 a.m. with the opening ceremonies starting at noon for the advanced divisions. The finals are slated to begin at 3 p.m. and will include an explanation of judo rules and referee signals.

Closing ceremonies should occur directly following the finals at about 4 p.m.

# Army Lacrosse upsets fifth-ranked Cornell 11-9

By Tracy Nelson  
Army Athletic Communications

Junior midfielder Devin Lynch tallied a career-high four goals and senior goalkeeper Tom Palesky posted 17 saves in keying Army to an 11-9 win over fifth-ranked Cornell in the Black Knights home opener March 5 at Michie Stadium. Army's first win over a nationally-ranked opponent this season also marked Cornell's first loss of the year.

The upset marked Army's (2-2) first win over Cornell (2-1) since 2005, and it avenged a 14-5 loss to the Big Red in the second round of the 2010 NCAA Tournament. The victory was head coach Joe Alberici's first victory over the Ivy League power.

"It was a great effort today. Our coaching staff, players and myself, we have ultimate respect for Cornell as a program," Alberici said. "That's what makes this one so gratifying. We had to go out there and really earn it. Devin Lynch was definitely a catalyst for us today. Our midfield dodging has been a point of emphasis this year and to see him get to the net as many times as he did was good."

A back-and-forth contest throughout much of the first half, the teams entered the locker room tied at 6-6. Cornell junior attackman Rob Pannell opened the second half scoring and completed his hat trick by giving the Big Red a 7-6 lead just 1:01 into the third quarter.

Army owned the remainder of the third quarter, stringing together five-straight goals and holding Cornell scoreless over the final 13:39. Sophomore attackman Garrett Thul scored back-to-back to get the run going with his second coming on a turnaround shot to the back of the net at the 6:30 mark to give the

Black Knights an 8-7 edge.

The Black Knights went a man-up around the six-minute mark of the third and senior attackman Jeremy Boltus took advantage as he snared a pass from sophomore midfielder Pat Brennan and struck close-range with 5:36 on the clock.

The Black Knights were not done yet, as Lynch tallied his third and fourth goals of the afternoon, both unassisted. Lynch's first came on the run with 3:25 left and the second when he got his own rebound off a missed shot and buried the ball past Cornell goalkeeper A.J. Fiori with 57 seconds remaining in the third. Army held an 11-7 lead heading into the final 15 minutes.

"We came into this game with a lot of respect for Cornell and wanted to get this one for the seniors," Lynch said. "We respect their program. They come out with a lot of energy just like us. We practiced hard this week and really focused for this one. We were just running and gunning and letting it go."

Cornell held Army scoreless for the rest of the game, but could not dig out of the four-goal hole over the final 15 minutes. Cody Bremner's goal at the 7:22 mark of the fourth quarter ended a 21:21 scoreless drought for the Big Red and pulled them within three goals (11-8).

Taylor Matt scored a man-up goal at the 4:41 mark, but Army's defense would surrender no more as the Black Knights held on for the victory.

"This is a game we really wanted," Palesky said. "We've lost to Cornell too many times, so it was good to finally pull through for the senior class. They have some really good shooters and we really respect that. Our defense stepped up and played great today."



Junior midfielder Devin Lynch scored a career-high four goals to help lead Army to an 11-9 upset victory over fifth-ranked Cornell March 5.



Senior goalkeeper Tom Palesky made 17 saves to help Army upset Cornell 11-9 March 5 at Michie Stadium.

PHOTOS BY TOMMY GILLIGAN/WEST POINT PAO

## Sports calendar *March 10-24*

### Corps

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

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

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

SUNDAY—LACROSSE VS. WAGNER, MICHE STADIUM, NOON.

MARCH 22—BASEBALL VS. QUINNIPIAC, DOUBLEDAY FIELD, 3 P.M.

MARCH 22—LACROSSE VS. LEHIGH, MICHE STADIUM, 7 P.M.

MARCH 23—SOFTBALL VS. RUTGERS (DH), ARMY SOFTBALL COMPLEX, 4 P.M.

### Club

SATURDAY—JUDO, NCJA JUDO CHAMPIONSHIPS, ARVIN CADET PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER, 8 A.M.

# Houghton breaks academy record with 89th win



By Pamela Flenke  
Army Athletic Communications

On the same day she was recognized as the Patriot League Player of the Month, senior Annie Houghton broke the academy record for career singles wins in the women's tennis team's 6-1 win over visiting Quinnipiac March 4 at Lichtenberg Tennis Center.

Houghton recorded her 89th career singles victory to pass Annie Collier (USMA '03) who earned 88 during her career in the Black & Gold.

The Sewickley, Pa., native defeated the Bobcats' Rachel Cantor 6-2, 5-2 (retired) at No. 1 singles for her team-best eighth win this spring. On the season, the senior stands at 15-6.

Houghton also added to her career doubles tally, teaming with classmate Jessica Ahn at No. 1 to defeat Cantor and Adrienne Markison, 8-2. She now has 80 career doubles wins, which ranks sixth all-time on the academy ledger. She is five wins shy of tying Collier at fifth, who won 85 while at West Point. The Houghton-Ahn duo leads the Black Knights with a 7-1 mark this season.

Ahn also prevailed on the singles side, defeating Markison 7-5, 6-4 for her sixth win of the spring.

Pairing for the second time this season, freshmen Margaret Iliev and Della Taylor defeated Quinnipiac's Lisanne Steinert and Lavinia Cristescu, 8-1, at the No. 3 doubles. Iliev and Taylor improved to 2-0 as a team in their first year at West Point.

Iliev and Taylor also found success in singles play, winning at Nos. 5 and 4, respectively. Iliev defeated Steinert 6-3, 6-3 for her fourth win of the spring, while Taylor topped Sarah Viebrock 6-3, 6-2 for her third consecutive victory and 12th overall. Freshman Emily Stein also earned a point for the Black Knights, defeating Cristescu 6-1, 6-1 at No. 6 singles.

Army improved to 11-2 on the season while Quinnipiac dropped to 1-4.

Senior Anne Houghton recorded her 89th career singles victory March 4 versus Quinnipiac to break the academy record set by Annie Collier (USMA '03).

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# Webber shatters school vault record with a 16.1 mark

By Mady Salvani  
Army Athletic Communications

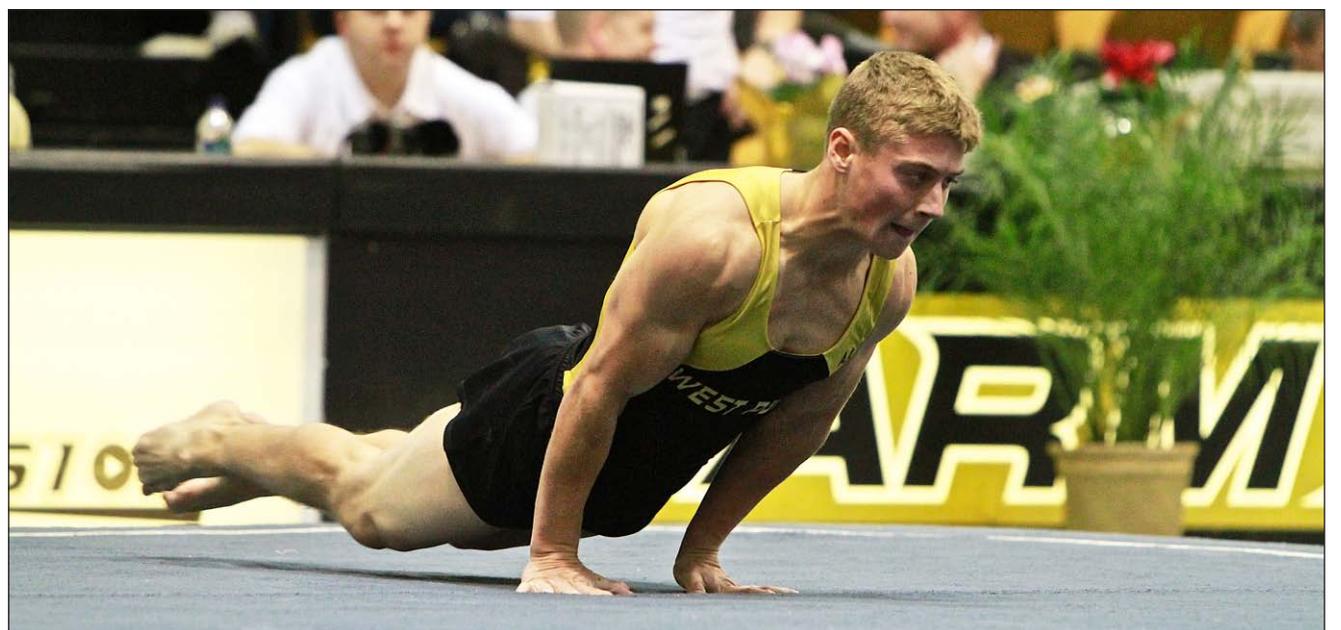
Sophomore Kip Webber broke his school vault record and set three career marks in leading the Army gymnastics team to a season-high score, but it wasn't enough as host Springfield also set a season best, defeating the Black Knights 335.1-331.8 Sunday in Springfield, Mass.

Webber shattered his school vault mark with a 16.1, taking first-place honors, along with breaking career marks on still rings (15.1) and the all-around (84.1), while equaling his personal best on floor exercise (14.9) in finishing runner-up in all three.

Sophomore Garrek Hojan-Clark captured his third straight pommel horse meet since returning to competition following a preseason injury. The school record-holder in that event, Hojan-Clark bettered his previous season high with a 14.5, which is just shy of his career mark of 14.9.

Junior Brandon Long, who was injured during his first two years on the team, rounded out Army's three winners with a personal-best 14.2 on parallel bars. Sophomore Nicholas Fettinger equaled his career-high 14.0 in tying for runner-up honors on parallel bars, and junior Chase Brown took third on floor exercise (14.6) and tied his career-mark on vault (15.4) in rounding out the Black Knights' top performances.

The meet came down to the final event, high bar, with the No. 16 ranked Pride outpointing the No. 14 Black Knights 53.6-50.6 in avenging a 330.9-327.5 loss in January.



Sophomore Kip Webber broke his school record in the vault with a 16.1 mark. He also broke career marks in still rings (15.1) and the all-around (84.1) Sunday in Springfield, Mass.

TOMMY GILLIGAN/WEST POINT PAO

"The team is 10 to 12 points better than we were last year," Army head coach Doug Van Everen said. "There are still some areas we have come up short on, and we will continue to work on them as we prepare for our conference championships."

"Kip (Webber) had an excellent competition capped with an incredible vault. Garrek (Hojan-Clark) finished almost a point ahead of everyone on pommel horse, and Brandon (Long) did a great routine on parallel bars," Van Everen added.

# Hockey season ends with a 6-3 defeat to AIC

By Ryan Yanoshak  
Army Athletic Communications

Six different players scored goals as American International College defeated Army 6-3 March 5 in a first round Atlantic Hockey Association playoff game at Tate Rink.

AIC, the No. 6 seed in the East, scored early in the first and second periods and then added three third-period goals to improve to 8-22-1 and advance to the quarterfinal round.

Army scored two power play goals, but saw its season end with an 11-20-4 mark.

AIC will travel to regular-season champion RIT next weekend for a best-of-three series.

Junior forward Mark Dube scored two power play goals for Army while junior defenseman Marcel Alvarez picked up a pair of assists. Junior forward Danny Colvin also scored for Army with sophomore forward Mike Santee and junior forward Mike Hull also registering assists.

AIC goalie Ben Meisner was stellar in net for the Yellow Jackets, making 12 saves in each period to win his seventh game of the season.

Senior goaltender Jay Clark made six saves in the first period, eight in the second and six in the final period.

Army beat AIC three times during the regular season and held a 39-26 advantage in shots on goal, but was unable to solve Meisner.

AIC wasted little time jumping out to a 1-0 lead as Tom Mele scored less than two minutes into the contest.

Dube knotted the game at 1-1 with his 12th goal of the season. With an AIC player off for hooking, Alvarez fired a shot wide. Dube collected the puck off the boards and tied the game 13 seconds into the power play as Alvarez posted his 18th assist of the season.

Army took a 2-1 lead four minutes later when Colvin poked in his ninth goal of the season. Colvin brought the puck up ice, dished



Junior forward Danny Colvin scored his ninth goal of the season to give Army a 2-1 lead in the first period, but American International College fought back and won 6-3 to end Army's season March 5 at Tate Rink. PHOTOS BY ERIC S. BARTELT/PV

it to Santee on the right wing and then went to the front of the net. Santee sent a great pass in front of the net and Colvin didn't miss. It marked Santee's sixth assist this season.

AIC tied the game midway through the first period when Jon Puskar scored with Army players serving penalties for roughing and cross checking 13 minutes into the stanza.

The Yellow Jackets also scored early in the second period and took a 3-2 lead. Greg Vatrano netted his second goal of the season 1:36 into the stanza to put AIC on top for the second time.

Army tied the game eight minutes into the final period as Dube picked up his

second power play tally off of assists from Alvarez and Hull. It was Dube's 13th goal this season, the 21st assist for Hull and the 19th for Alvarez.

AIC again answered. Meisner made a host

of big saves and Adam Pleskach and Blake Peake scored goals to extend the Yellow Jackets' advantage to 5-3.

Army pulled Clark and Neilsson Arcibal added an empty net tally to close the scoring.



Sophomore forward Mike Santee takes a shot toward the net during Army's 6-3 loss to AIC. Santee recorded an assist during the game.



Junior forwards Mark Dube (right) and Mike Hull celebrate Dube's third period goal during Army's 6-3 loss to AIC March 5 at Tate Rink. The loss eliminated Army from playoff contention in the Atlantic Hockey Association's first playoff round.

# Anthony, Garcias take fourth BBO titles

By Eric S. Bartelt  
Managing Editor

The 55th annual West Point Brigade Boxing Open finished with a bang March 3 at Crest Hall as D-1 Company junior Andre Shinda's thunderous punch to F-3 Company Morgan Cole's head knocked him completely out for the heavyweight title victory. However, Shinda's blow didn't overshadow the exploits of three other boxers whose winning performances earned them four consecutive title bout victories at the BBO.

Seniors Danilo Garcia, Johnny Garcia and Terrell Anthony completed an undefeated boxing career in the brigades when all of them achieved their fourth title. Anthony took home the Most Outstanding Boxer award of the BBO tournament, which was his second as he earned his first as a freshman.

Anthony, representing Company D-4, defeated E-1 Company sophomore Emmanuel Osei in a three-round 139-pound bout that featured much back-and-forth action. Anthony caught Osei with a couple of punches in the first two rounds that stunned his opponent, but Osei came out thriving in the third. Anthony defended Osei's onslaught late in the round with many strategically placed body shots to come away with the victory.

The win was Anthony's second over Osei in the BBO final, but the triumph wasn't any easier than last year.

"(Osei's) definitely improved a lot," Anthony said. "I kept things a little different this time as I came more to the body, but he's been working (hard). I couldn't break him. I couldn't break his body tonight.

"He definitely has the skills and I expect

him to take over my weight class next year once I leave," Anthony added.

With a fourth brigade title under his belt, Anthony now looks forward to grabbing his third individual national title as the regionals and national championships arrive over the next month.

"I'm going to try to keep up my momentum and my motivation because I may want to do this after I graduate," Anthony said. "I feel like if I can push myself harder I can become great and can be the best, and, at that point, I don't think anyone can beat me."

Company D-4's Johnny Garcia took the 132-pound title after defeating D-2 Company's Langston Clarke. The bout featured fast and furious action where both boxers started and finished strong with Garcia taking a close decision. Garcia came away a little bloodied from the fight and with much respect for Clarke.

"(Clarke) is probably one of the toughest guys I've ever fought," Garcia said. "He doesn't want to stop. He's always coming forward. I gave him all that I could give and, in all honesty, if we were to send him to nationals, I know that he would come back with a belt for our team."

Garcia said he was pushed to the limit in the ring by Clarke and was happy to win a "good, tough fight."

Winning four straight brigade titles was not only an achievement Garcia saw for himself, but for everyone who helped him along the way.

"It's been a long journey and I'm completely satisfied with coming out on top all four years," Garcia said. "But I owe it all to my teammates, my coaches, the training and the discipline because everything that helped



Company D-4 senior Johnny Garcia defeated D-2 Company's Langston Clarke to win the 132-pound title at the West Point Brigade Boxing Open March 3.

me manifested itself tonight. This is almost like winning the nationals for me because these are the toughest guys right here (my teammates)—(these) are the toughest guys I have ever fought, period."

Company C-3's Danilo Garcia controlled his match with Company F-2's sophomore Floren Herrera at 125 pounds. Every time Herrera tried to gain control of the bout, Garcia countered with many combinations to the head and body that stunted Herrera's progress. In the end, the three-time national champion and, now, four-time BBO champion, used his experience to overwhelm his opposition.

In the upcoming weeks, Army Boxing will be going for its fourth consecutive team national title and the biggest reason for those previous wins is the group of seniors, which also includes Steven Henao-Escobar, who have won individual national titles to help the overall team accomplishment.

"It's amazing (to fight with these guys). We all came in as freshmen and every year we've been at regionals and nationals together," team co-captain Anthony said. "It's good to have them with me because they're my motivation. Every time before we go into a fight, I hug each of them and wish them good luck. We fight for our team, we fight for each other."

Garcia said he believes the team is in the midst of a dynasty

and has a chance to win as many as seven in a row with the underclassmen they currently have.

"It's not going to be our last year (this year) to win. I expect these guys to go ahead and carry the title for five, six and seven years, especially guys who I fought like Langston Clarke and Emmanuel Osei," Garcia said. "These guys need to take leadership of the team because they are the next expected leaders and that's my biggest thing, my biggest project this year, is not so much to focus on myself, but to shift the focus onto them. I'm ready to place the mantle on their shoulders because I know they can take it."

The results of the remaining six BBO bouts of the 10 fought were a victory by Company B-4's Ceon Harris over B-3's Jeramias Ortiz at 119 pounds. At 147 pounds, A-1's Henao-Escobar got his second BBO title as he defeated Company A-2 sophomore Zach Hildebrandt. In the next two bouts, first-time BBO winners Company C-4's junior Nicholas Trofimoff beat Company F-4 senior Luis Clasby at 156 pounds and Company B-1 junior Zoar Morales bloodied Company G-2 freshman Shawn Gray to a win at 165 pounds.

Company A-2 junior Ryan Johnson earned his second consecutive BBO title by dominating his bout over Company G-1 freshman Joshua Quintana where the fight was called at the end of the second round. In the second to last match before the heavyweight knockout, Company G-3 sophomore Mikus Igaunis redeemed himself after losing the BBO title match last year to win his first after flooring B-4's Brian Sullivan in the second round and then cruising the rest of the way for the victory.



Company D-4 senior Terrell Anthony won his fourth West Point Brigade Boxing Open title with his victory over Company E-1's Emmanuel Osei. Anthony also received the Most Outstanding Boxer award, which was his second after earning his first as a freshman.

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