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Judo makes history, takes championships

Senior Josiah McCoy (right) proved a fierce competitor and placed second in the Advanced Men's 100kg division as the West Point Judo Team made history March 12 by winning the men's and women's advanced and novice team national championships—a first in collegiate judo history. This year's tournament had 137 competitors representing 33 different colleges and universities, and West Point was able to rise to the occasion with 23 out of 29 cadets placing with a medal. See more on the judo championships on page 20.

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Outreach Services: Supporting survivors and honoring Soldiers

Commentary by Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch
IMCOM Commander

I commanded the 3rd Infantry Division out of Fort Stewart, Ga., as part of the surge in Iraq in 2007-08. During that time, 153 Soldiers died in combat, in a place on the battlefield where I put them. I pray for those Soldiers and their Families every day. Their loss is something I have to live with. For any leader, the loss of a Soldier hits hard. But the loss that survivors experience is magnitudes deeper and wider, because they have lost not just a Soldier, but a friend, a son or daughter, a husband or wife, a father or mother.

When I visit installations, I meet with those who have lost loved ones on active duty. I make sure to talk with survivors for two reasons. One is that now, as the commander of Installation Management Command, I need to know how we are doing with one of our newest programs, Survivor Outreach Services. The other reason is that survivors need to know that the Army recognizes and honors their Soldier's service and sacrifice.

The best, most meaningful thing we can do to honor our Fallen Soldiers is to support and care for those they left behind. Survivor Outreach Services was established in April 2008 to do just that, in a more comprehensive manner than ever before.

The Army is fortunate to have a leader like Chief of Staff Gen. George W. Casey, Jr., who had the vision and compassion to propel the effort to support survivors beyond casualty assistance alone. Casualty assistance officers work with Families during a very difficult time, a heart-rending time, when Families are notified of their Soldier's death and have to make funeral arrangements and decisions about entitlements and benefits.

But grief is very personal—it cannot be standardized or resolved in a set time period. With the help of a panel of survivors selected

by Casey, SOS was developed to provide longer-term, expanded support and care, taking up where casualty assistance ends.

SOS offers support through benefits coordinators, who help survivors understand and apply for local, state and federal benefits; financial counselors, who assist through investment and estate planning education; and support coordinators, who facilitate support groups, provide life skills education and connect survivors with counseling resources.

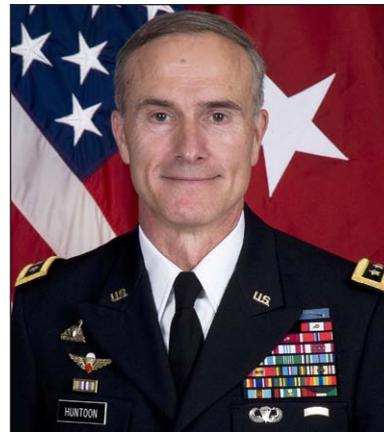
More than 200 SOS personnel are now working on installations throughout the United States and overseas, to include National Guard and Reserve locations. The three components work and train together very closely on this One Army program, to provide SOS services closest to where survivors live.

It does not matter how a Soldier died, and there is no time limit on SOS services. SOS coordinators extend a hand as survivors are working with casualty assistance officers in the first few months after a Soldier's death, but survivors do not have to accept assistance right then or ever. They can decide to return months or years later. The important thing is for survivors to know that the support is there. They are not alone—they are part of the Army Family for as long as they want to be.

There are also no exclusions in the definition of survivor. For the SOS program, a survivor is anyone—immediate Family, extended Family, a friend, a fellow warrior—who feels the loss of a Soldier. Every survivor is not entitled to the same benefits under law or regulations, but SOS coordinators will work with any survivor to access counseling and other resources. Our partnerships with local and national support organizations make this more expanded, inclusive approach possible.

SOS staff members have made tremendous progress in a short time, receiving more than

AER: "Helping the Army take care of its own"



Dear Members of the West Point Community:

The West Point community is coordinating the Army Emergency Relief Campaign from March 1-May 15. The campaign provides active duty Soldiers, retirees and cadets an opportunity to help their fellow Soldiers. Your contributions make it possible for AER to meet a variety of needs to include financial emergency aid, children and spouse scholarships, grants to Wounded Warriors and benefits for eligible surviving Family members.

Established during World War II to assist with the financial emergencies of Soldiers, AER is the only charitable organization solely dedicated to serving the members of the U.S. Army. Throughout the years, AER has evolved its program, taking great pride in the professional manner and level of integrity it maintains to achieve its goal—"helping the Army take care of its own."

Funds are made available through loans and grants that directly impact the well-being and morale of Soldiers, retirees, cadets and Family members.

Please take time to consider contributing to this campaign; it continues to maintain the highest standards of charitable service for the "Total Army Family."

The Supt

Lt. Gen. David H. Huntoon, Jr.
Superintendent

(Editor's Note: As of March 18—after only two weeks—more than \$7,300 in donations has been received.)

24,000 cases from Casualty and Mortuary Affairs and continually reaching out to survivors, both those who have suffered a loss recently and those whose loss pre-dates the program.

As the program becomes established, SOS continues to refine and enhance services as more survivors provide feedback on their challenges and needs. For example, this past year, when it became clear that survivors who do not have ID cards were having difficulty getting onto post to use services, SOS developed a survivor vehicle decal program to ease access and provide special recognition. The decals are currently being distributed through SOS offices.

More information on SOS services and survivor resources is available on Army

OneSource (www.myarmyonesource.com), the SOS Facebook page and garrison SOS webpages. There are also links to partner organizations whose support is so critical to connecting with and providing for survivors.

The loss of a Soldier is not a topic people want to talk about, but it is a reality of military life. We do what we can to prevent losses.

In the end, though, despite our best efforts, we cannot prevent every loss. That is why Survivor Outreach Services is so crucial.

To honor the fallen Soldier's service and sacrifice for our nation, we can do one last thing—offer support for the loved ones the Soldier left behind.

(Editor's note: The West Point SOS Program manager at ACS can be contacted at 938-4621.)

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Survey looks into Army as a Profession of Arms

Yearlong campaign seeks to assess state of the Army

By Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor

A survey was released Monday to thousands in the Army community asking them to take an introspective look at the service as a profession.

Two-hundred thousand Soldiers, officers, warrant officers and civilians are receiving an e-mail from the Army Chief of Staff to participate in the Profession of Arms survey.

The survey is part of the yearlong Professional of Arms campaign, which Training and Doctrine Command launched in January with TRADOC commander Gen. Martin E. Dempsey leading the effort on behalf of the Army. The campaign was mandated by the Secretary of the Army and the Chief of Staff of the Army to assess the state of the Army and take a critical look at how the last nine years of war have impacted the Profession of Arms.

A broad community of practice was designated to create the anonymous study, comprising subject matter experts from several institutions including the Army War College and the Army Civilian University. The survey is essentially a diagnostic focusing on six attributes of the Profession of Arms which will be assessed at individual, unit and institutional levels.

The survey is available at <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/page/651660>.

Self-assessment is nothing new in the Army and is required of every profession, according to Col. Sean Hannah, director of the Center for the Army Profession and Ethic, the lead agency under TRADOC's Combined Arms Center for this campaign. Since Gen. William Westmoreland initiated a study in the early '70s, nearly every decade since has seen reviews conducted on the state of the Army.

"One of the main indicators of a healthy profession is internal assessment and also self-regulation," Hannah said. "It's necessary because we as a profession need to better define what makes us a profession and then reinforce those mechanisms that make us a profession. This is not in reaction to any problems; a

lot of what we're doing is actually proactive. If you talk to senior leaders, yes, there are indicators out there. Some are weak signals and some are fairly strong signals that we need to take a good, hard look at ourselves as a profession. It is a tribute to our profession that while at war we are willing to reflect and be introspective on the status of our profession."

The campaign focuses on three fundamental questions:

- What does it mean for the Army to be a profession of arms?
- What does it mean to be a professional Soldier?
- After nine years of war, how are we as individual professionals and as a profession meeting these aspirations?

Also, each quarter during the campaign two questions will be posed to foster dialogue among different populations of the Army. The discussion has been vibrant, intense and gathering plenty of feedback in these early months of the campaign, Hannah said.

"This campaign, so far, is very successful. There are people all over the Army engaging in this," Hannah said. "I get e-mails every day from units and organizations. There are all kinds of major professional development sessions going on with thousands of Soldiers participating. We get reports rolling in from units in the field and the commands and organizations are doing what was asked of them to further this dialogue."

Hannah said the Profession of Arms campaign is probably the most far-reaching and in-depth assessment the Army has ever launched in its history.

"It can't be understated that this is an Army-wide effort," Hannah said. "This is something being done in a unique way because we have mobilized the entire Army. The Secretary of the Army and the Chief of Staff of the Army don't sign too many Terms of Reference during their tenure, so you know this is a major Army engagement and these are things they want us to focus on."

Even Westmoreland's internal review after the Vietnam War didn't analyze the entire Army population, said Mike Toler, CAPE Concepts & Plans Division.

"The study he commissioned addressed only the Officer Corps," Toler said. "But when you read the recommendations from the Westmoreland study and see how it impacted the Army over the next two, almost three decades for changes that we made to cope with the things identified through that, there were significant improvements made to the Officer Corps as a result."

He anticipates even greater changes resulting from an all-inclusive study. Toler, a 31-year retired Army officer, has been writing, thinking and living the Army Profession his entire adult life, and even before.

"I'm from an Army Air Corps/Air Force Family, so as a military brat I've literally spent my whole life with the service," Toler said. "I feel honored to have the opportunity to be part of what is one of the most historic efforts of our great Army to examine itself. This is the first time in our entire history that we are attempting to do a holistic review of the state of the Army and the people who compose it, in regards to the Army as a profession."

The POA campaign can conceptually be defined by two components, Maj. Pete Jennings, CAPE research director, said.

"First we're trying to get our fingers on the pulse of the Army and assess the state of the profession by compiling its perceived strengths and weaknesses across the total Army," Jennings said. "After this assessment period, which includes many activities over the course of the year, there will be further dialogue activities to gather feedback from the force."

Ongoing campaign efforts have included dozens of TRADOC teams traveling throughout the country to conduct focus groups at Army installations.

Five major Army populations, or cohorts, are being targeted by subject matter experts of the same cohort: commissioned officers, warrant officers, noncommissioned officers, Soldiers and DA civilians.

"The intent isn't just to conduct an assessment, produce a report and hand it to generals," Jennings said. "The guidance is to get the whole force energized and talking about this, and also to share what they're talking about."

Online blogs, professional development forums and social



Gen. Martin E. Dempsey

On the Campaign

"The overall objective of the campaign is for Soldiers and leaders to refine their understanding of what it means to be professionals—expert members of the Profession of Arms—after (more than) nine years of war and to recommit to a culture of service and the responsibilities and behaviors of our profession as articulated in the Army ethic."

— Information culled from the Center for the Army Profession and Ethic website www.cape.army.mil

Frequently Asked Questions

• What does the Profession of Arms mean?

The Army is an American Profession of Arms, a vocation comprised of experts certified in the ethical application of land combat power, serving under civilian authority, entrusted to defend the Constitution and the rights and interests of the American people.

• How does someone participate in this campaign?

As a Professional Soldier, Family member or DA civilian, everyone is encouraged to take the time to read the Profession of Arms pamphlet and White Paper, watch the videos on the profession, available on the Profession of Arms Campaign website and provide feedback by taking surveys, providing candid comments in the many blogs and forums provided and, if possible, attending events and provide comments in person.

• What does it consist of?

First, CAPE conducts dialogue across the entire Army in OPD, NCPD and CPD sessions about the strengths and weaknesses of the profession and feed that input to TRADOC and the Campaign.

Second, there will be a Community of Practice consisting of key experts in the Profession of Arms to oversee the review of archived research and history, centrally manage the execution of surveys to the Total Army and manage focus groups and forums.

The results of this will provide an interim report due in June leading to further discussion and a final report due in December.

media sites are just some of the venues available to participate in the dialogue.

CAPE has established dedicated public (www.cape.army.mil) and AKO (<https://www.us.army.mil/suite/page/611545>) websites which are updated with videos, campaign resources and links to internal blogs.

The professional bulletin "Army Sustainment" recently published a POA article asking readers to submit articles pertaining to the fundamental questions the campaign proposed.

"What we have found as we rolled this out is that it's not a hard sell," Hannah said. "Most of the people who consider themselves professionals are pretty engaged in this. There's no mandatory briefing packet here dictating that every Soldier in the Army has one hour on the profession of arms ... we've purposely not done that. We want professionals having discussions amongst themselves about what makes them a profession, talking about their strengths and weaknesses and what can make them stronger."

Cadets promote Ukrainian military chaplaincy program

By Maj. Jacob Cox
Ukraine Trip OIC and EECS Instructor

Cadets from the West Point Baptist Student Union committed their time and talents toward promoting Ukraine's military chaplaincy program during spring leave.

Through a joint venture with BSU, the International Mission Board and the Center for Military Chaplaincy Ukrainian Catholic Church, a West Point team spent a week visiting the L'viv Army Institute of National University, L'viv's military high school and the L'viv Greek-Catholic Seminary of the Holy Spirit.

The team included Cows Brad Hitchens and Christopher Jarrett, Yearling Michael Noronha and Firstie Richard Hood, along with BSU Director Dwain Gregory and Maj. Jacob and Laura Cox (Trip OIC and spouse).

As the team toured the various facilities, they were given opportunities to participate in ongoing training such as weapon familiarization, physical fitness, military strategy and marksmanship.

Additionally, each of these institutions treated them to uniquely Ukrainian dishes and entertainment.

"We were treated far better than we expected and certainly better than our station deserved," Jarrett said.

West Point cadets were afforded the opportunity to address Ukrainian cadets and students through open forum discussions and share their testimonies and reasons why they believe chaplains are important to the

military. During these forums, the participants were most interested in the daily lives of the cadets and how Christian Soldiers balance their Christian values with their military obligations.

One unexpected bonus at the L'viv Army Institute of National University was the advice cadets received from other Americans working with the academy's faculty that is centered on maintaining cultural awareness and clear communication with foreign counterparts.

One example involved a case where an American teacher instructed Ukrainian soldiers to "clear fields of fire," which is a military term for clearing sectors of terrain of brush so that soldiers can better target approaching enemy. When interpreted, however, Ukrainian cadets immediately laughed as they didn't see how they would go about "clearing flaming fields." Cadets were then encouraged to give instructions in their simplest form to avoid such misinterpretations.

During their evenings, cadets assisted Randy and Helen Greer, IMB missionaries, with providing conversational English classes to L'viv locals. As these classes progressed, attendees quickly warmed up to the West Point team and friendships developed. Furthermore, cadets gained a greater understanding of the Ukrainian culture and its people through these conversations.

The Baptist Student Union meets for Bible Study from 7-8:30 p.m. every Tuesday at Mahan Hall, and is open to anyone interested in attending.



Cow Christopher Jarrett is interviewed during the West Point Baptist Student Union trip to the Ukraine during spring leave.

MAJ. JACOB COX/EECS



Children's Workshop

(Pictured from left) The Callahan Family—Emry, Renee (mother), Bray and Brenna—make battery organizers, small shelves from a kit that can hold anything small. Home Depot offers the children's workshop on the first Saturday of every month at all its locations.

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'The play's the thing...'

Workshop bring the bard's work to West Point



Story and photo by Marc Napolitano
Department of English and Philosophy

The Department of English and Philosophy hosted actors and actresses from the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival March 2-3 to conduct a workshop for cadets currently enrolled in the core literature course, EN102.

This course-wide event was meant to “set the stage” for a unit on Shakespeare’s plays, although the basic format of these performance-based workshops showed the cadets that the study of Shakespeare need not be confined to silent reading nor to literary classrooms or library carrels.

Instead, cadets were given an opportunity to approach Shakespeare’s plays as dynamic, living texts rife with opportunities for physicality, vocal projection and, most fundamentally, play. In fact, throughout the two-day workshop, “play” (in every sense of the word) was very much the thing.

The Hudson Valley workshops revolved around several creative theatrical activities in which students directly engaged Shakespeare’s words in an active, energetic and fundamentally playful fashion.

The acting workshops began subtly, with deceptively simple games and icebreakers that facilitated improvisation, vocal projection and physical movement, thus helping the students cast aside the innumerable inhibitions instilled in them by the rigidity of their lifestyles and opening them up to the chance for “play.”

As one of the Hudson Valley performers pointed out, the entire workshop was based partially around the students getting in touch with their “inner kindergartner”—a true indication of the importance of playfulness to the art of playacting. Of course, this juvenile merriment was tempered

by a sophisticated scrutiny of Shakespeare’s poetry and prose, as the workshop evolved into a complex (yet always lively) study of key lines and moments from Shakespeare’s dramas.

In one of the most unique and entertaining activities, students were assigned lines from Shakespeare’s plays and asked to create a picturesque tableau that symbolically captured the spirit of the text through physicality and posture. This necessitated that the plebes verbally translate the lines so as to discover their meaning and then, physically translate the same lines to depict this meaning visually. Thus, intellectual engagement and physical playfulness were brought together, initiating a more tangible connection with the Shakespearean text.

These theatrical games allowed the plebes to tap into their inner performer. George Plank, West Point’s Stage Services manager, noted in a separate workshop, performance is a central component of life at West Point whether the cadets are aware of it or not.

The cadets play countless roles over the course of their time at the academy, and there are even distinct costumes associated with these roles; indeed, West Point culture reinforces the overall power of theatricality and performance in life.

The workshops simultaneously promoted adaptability and improvisation as vital qualities for the aspiring actor to cultivate, and these qualities are just as vital to aspiring army officers, particularly as the Army itself evolves before them.

West Point graduates will need to continue to tap into their performative powers, their theatrical creativity and their improvisational adaptability throughout their military careers. If they are looking for inspiration in this regard, there is no better source than Shakespeare.

A two-day workshop from the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival allowed West Point cadets an opportunity to improvise the famous bard’s works on stage. Cadets enrolled in the core literature course learned the sophistication of Shakespeare’s poetry and prose while enjoying activities which challenged them to remove their inhibitions and capture the actors in themselves.

Ready West Point: Keeping radiologically disaster prepared

Submitted by Directorate of Plans, Training,
Mobilization and Security

Disasters are indiscriminate. The unfolding catastrophe in Japan, made worse by a damaged nuclear facility, offers a vivid reminder that a natural or man-made disaster can strike anytime, anywhere and anyone. Education and preparedness are keys to mitigating risks, reducing uncertainty and enhancing safety.

Japan is arguably the world leader in emergency readiness. To whatever extent of the death toll and destruction that transpires, it would have been much worse if not for Japan's hard-earned culture of planning and preparedness.

West Point leaders and emergency management officials understand the importance of having similar plans and capabilities in place, should the unforeseeable occur here.

There have been two major reactor accidents in the history of civil nuclear power—Three Mile Island and Chernobyl. One was contained without harm to anyone, and the other involved an intense fire without provision for containment. These are the only major accidents to have occurred in some 14,000 cumulative reactor-years of commercial operation in 32 countries.

Nuclear power plants operate in 31 states in the U.S. and produce about 20 percent of the nation's power. Nearly three million people live within the 10-mile Emergency Planning Zone of an operating nuclear power plant, including West Point, which is situated between seven and nine miles from the Indian Point Energy Center in Buchanan, Westchester County.

Although the construction and operation of nuclear power plants are closely monitored and regulated by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, incidents at these plants are possible—and planned for.

If an accident at IPEC were to result in the potential or actual release of radiation, warning sirens in the area would be activated. Commercial and West Point media sources would broadcast Emergency Alert System messages to advise the community of protective measures.

Depending upon the scope and scale of the emergency, protective actions may include “shelter-in-place” or “evacuation” advisories.

As radioactive materials rapidly decay and dissipate with distance, the most likely scenario for West Point personnel would be to take shelter rather than trying to evacuate.

If instructed to shelter-in-place, the following steps will keep members of the West Point community safe during the emergency:

1. **Shelter.** Go inside your home or the nearest building; choose an inside room with as few windows or doors as possible;

2. **Shut.** Shut and lock all windows and doors to create a better seal; turn off heating or cooling ventilation systems. If at home, make sure the fireplace damper and all ventilation fans are closed;

3. **Listen.** Local officials are the best source of information. If in an office, monitor the computer, television and phones; if at home, listen to the radio or television until told it is safe to leave the shelter or to evacuate.

The red-tabbed section of the West Point 2010-11 Guide and Directory (pgs. 12-15) provides helpful information on emergency response measures.

The “Ready West Point” webpage—on the left-side menu bar at <http://www.usma.edu/> serves as a “one-stop source” of



Disneyland performance

The U.S. Military Academy Drill Team traveled to Anaheim, Calif., to its national competition at the Southern California Invitational Drill Meet from March 2-6. While in Anaheim, the team performed at Disneyland in front of a large crowd of visitors and cast members. After the performance, members were able to spend the rest of the afternoon in Disneyland and interact with park guests. At SCIDM, the team placed second in both Exhibition and Regulation drill and finished third overall.

COURTESY PHOTO

Boxing Team wins regional title

By Maj. Denis Fajardo
West Point Boxing OIC

The West Point Boxing Team competed in the 2011 Eastern Regional Championships March 18-20 at Penn State University.

Out of 12 weight classes, the team won nine gold medals, three silver medals and the Most Outstanding Boxer for the tournament. Seven of those wins were by knockout.

The team has struggled with injuries and other circumstances that caused the team to lose five finalists from last year's National Team.

The coaches and team pushed through all their adversity, and the hard work and perseverance paid off at Regionals.

The West Point boxers dominated the Eastern Regional tournament with their “Never Quit” attitude.

Plebe Ethan Isaacson won gold at 112 pounds. Sophomore Ceon Harris won gold at 119 pounds as he faced a tough opponent from Penn State and won on a unanimous decision.

Senior Danilo Garcia won silver at 125 pounds. Sophomore Langston Clarke won silver at 132 pounds after stopping his first opponent in the first round. Clarke lost on a 3-2 decision in the championship match.

Co-team captain senior Terrell Anthony won gold at 139 pounds by stopping both opponents in the first round.

Co-team captain senior Steven Heno-Escobar won gold

at 147 pounds by simply outboxing both of his opponents.

Junior Nicholas Trofimoff won gold at 156 pounds and was voted the Most Outstanding Boxer for the tournament.

Trofimoff faced two tough opponents during the tournament and his “Never Quit” attitude carried him to victory.

Junior Zoar Morales won silver at 165 pounds. Morales lost to the defending eastern regional champion on a 4-1 decision.

Co-team captain junior Ryan Johnson won gold at 175 pounds by stopping his opponent in the first round. Sophomore Jonathan Maddux won gold at 185 pounds.

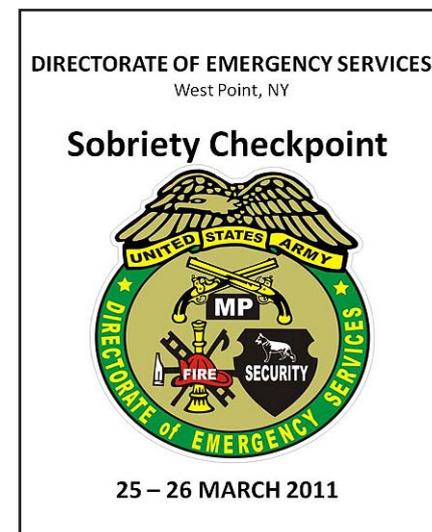
Maddux had a hand injury, but beat his opponent convincingly while boxing with only one hand.

Sophomore Mikus Igaunis won gold by stopping his opponent in the first round.

Junior Andre Shinda won gold by stopping both opponents that he faced in the first round.

This is the best the team has ever done at the regional tournament.

All 12 scholar-athletes from West Point qualified for the National Championship tournament held at Eisenhower Hall April 9.



emergency preparedness information and includes a shelter-in-place pamphlet.

Organizations should prepare and rehearse a radiological emergency response plan, and every household should create and practice a Family disaster plan and assemble and maintain a disaster supplies kit.

Readiness, through education and preparation, is the best defense. Are You Radiologically Ready?

West Point teens strive for excellence

Athletes are also achieving high grades in school as they prepare for next challenge

Story and photo by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

Four exceptional high school girls and daughters of military parents not only achieve A's in their classes, but also excel in their individual sport.

From James I. O'Neill High School, freshman Alex Hartke, sophomore Darby Germain and junior Megan Clark, and junior Olivia Jebb from Cornwall Central High School, have the distinction of achieving recognition in the sports they've worked hard to perfect.

Megan is fourth in the country and state champion in pole vaulting; Olivia won Section 9 and state titles for the triple jump; Alex placed first in gymnastics at the Section 9 trials and Darby placed second in the Section 9 trials in gymnastics. All are hoping for—and being pursued with—scholarships to some of the best colleges around, including West Point.

“(My) mom got me involved in sports,” Megan said. “Soccer didn’t work out too well, but I did like track and field. I love pole vaulting because you’re really in competition with yourself. If you are tied for first place, the bar goes up (and keeps going up as long as someone jumps over it.)”

Megan not only enjoys her sport, but she makes sure her grades are solid. She is a member of the National Honor Society at O'Neill High School.

“I have received offers from the Duke University coach for track and field and I’m looking at Virginia Tech and I am being recruited by West Point,” she said. “I’m considering (West Point).”

Megan has a brother who is a West Point cadet, as do Alex and Olivia.

“It’s shocking that Megan found a sport she has a talent for,” Col. Ron Clark, Simon Center for the Professional Military Ethic director, and Megan’s dad, said. “We struggled trying to find just the right sport for her. But we encouraged her in whatever she tried. I can remember running around behind her with umbrellas because it always seemed to rain every time she had a meet.”

Clark said getting A's is his daughter's primary focus in school.

“It gives you more options of being able to apply their talents,” he said. “Her job is school. There’s my kindergarten speech. School is your job.”

Gymnastics seemed to come naturally to Alex.

“(My) mom put me in acrobatics (as a child),” Alex said. “I’m not sure what I like best in gymnastics, it depends on the day.”

Alex said she enjoys competing and practicing.

“I enjoy the state meets the best because I know a lot more people there,” she said. “I like to practice and work on becoming more consistent, to clean up my routines and to learn to trust myself more.”



From left, Megan Clark, Alex Hartke, Darby Germain and Olivia Jebb are not only straight A students, but also exceptional athletes. Megan is fourth in the country in the pole vault; Olivia won the state and Section 9 in the triple jump; Alex placed first in Section 9 gymnastics and Darby placed second. Each teen places academics before athletics and are looking into colleges.

Alex is also hoping for a scholarship—maybe to Cornell.

“It’s a lot to balance,” Lisa Hartke, Alex’s mom, said. “You have to be committed, you can’t do other things and work and being good in gymnastics. The frustrating thing with this sport is that one day everything is fine and on another day, someone has broken something. In our house and in all of our houses, academics come first. There are a lot of issues to deal with.”

Darby became interested in gymnastics simply because two of her friends were involved in it—and it looked like fun.

“I think I like the bars the best,” Darby said. “But like Alex said, it depends on the day.”

Darby enjoys competition and is also hoping for a scholarship to a school with a good gymnastics program and like the others, practices to help her improve.

“I like to polish all my routines,” she said. “As far as colleges, I’m still looking, but Brown is on my list.”

“Darby’s the oldest of four so a lot of things revolve around Darby’s gymnastics and school,” Kate Germain, Darby’s mom, said.

Germain said juggling schedules becomes a fine balance among academics, sports and Family.

“Darby wanted to go to the gym so bad last night, but when she got into the car she said she couldn’t go to the gym to practice because she had this paper and this test and that test,” Germain said. “So I think this is a good example

of how academics had to come first over gym, even though they practice to improve or fix something they messed up on or to get a little bit better on.”

Olivia got into track and field on a field trip even though volleyball is another sport she excels at. She was all-state and an outstanding player in high school.

“I like the state meets the best, because of all the adrenaline,” Olivia said. “Right now I’m also hoping for a scholarship and looking at William and Mary, Harvard and West Point.”

Although Olivia’s sport is track and field now, she wouldn’t mind being recruited for volleyball.

“Olivia started out in several different sports and we finally went to one or two based on her passion,” Col. Cindy Jebb, Acting Department Head of Social Science, said. “I think that what we really support is the fact that she loves both volleyball and track, and I think they are complimentary.”

“There is that balance with academics, but she’s very driven,” Jebb said. “Olivia’s choice was to go after the triple jump rather than the long jump in the Nationals, because of academics. That was her choice.”

Of course the girls are now focusing on their academics, sports and college prospects, but off on the horizon somewhere is that glint of hope they all expressed—making it to the Olympics.

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West Point Band hosts Young People's Concert



(Left) On March 9, the West Point Band's Concert Band and the Quintette 7 presented the annual Young People's Concert. Lt. Gen. David H. Huntoon Jr., U.S. Military Academy superintendent, gave welcoming remarks explaining to students the important role of music in the military. This educational event taught basic music fundamentals and how music impacts emotion and perceptions to 1,300 10-to-12-year-old students from local schools. (Below) Lt. Col. Jim Keene, band director, talks to a group of students about their musical experience before the concert began.



PHOTOS BY STAFF SGT. CHRISTINE CLARK/USMA BAND



Parents, Family members and guests arrived early on the apron, despite the chilly weather, to get the best vantage point to cheer, photograph and videotape their cadets from the Class of 2014 during the Plebe-Parent Weekend parade March 12.

MIKE

Plebe-Parent Weekend Revisited



Immediately following the parade, the cadets rush out of formation to continue the activities of Plebe-Parent Weekend, including lunch at the Cadet Mess, briefings from tactical officers, tours around West Point, a recital at the Cadet Chapel and a hop at Ike Hall.

MIKE STRASSER/PV



This was the first visit back for Jim Posey (above right) and his wife Dianna since Acceptance Day. It's also the first time they got to see their daughter Elizabeth (left) compete on the championship West Point Judo Team. They witnessed the team defend their national title and beamed as their plebe received medals for her effort.

"Our daughter has, I think, become more at ease here and feels she belongs to the Corps of Cadets," Jim said. "She's found her stride and there's a big difference in her confidence level as she's developed camaraderie with fellow cadets." Her parents were surprised with her choice of judo, since she competed in soccer and cross country in high school.

"But I think its great, and I've seen how it develops the whole person," he said.

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The Benny Haven's Band, an ensemble from the West Point band, had the Class of 2014 cadets and their Families and guests dancing throughout the night during the Plebe-Parent Hop. STAFF SGT. CHRISTINE CLARK/USMA BAND



West Point Middle School student wins contest

Cameron Daddis (center) is the winner of the Orange County Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Poster Contest. Pictured, from left, are Lacy Heter and Krista Warner, prevention educators for the Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Council of Orange County, who awarded Cameron \$200 for her winning poster, which will be professionally framed and appear at the West Point library and other locations in the area. There will also be a formal award ceremony at the Paramount Theater in Middletown April 8.

KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

War Game Weekend comes to West Point Museum

By the West Point Museum

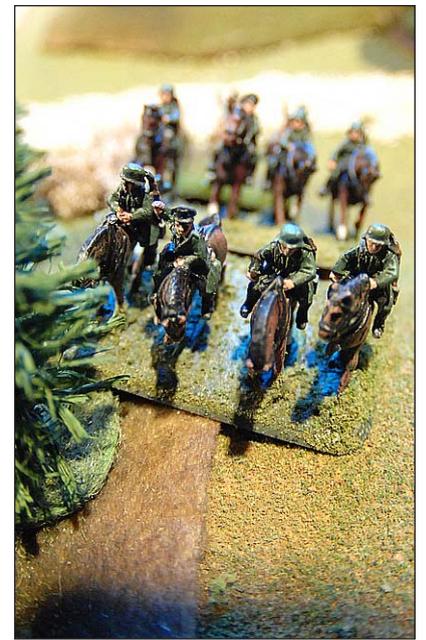
The West Point Museum will host a wargaming event featuring historic war games from the Revolutionary War, World War II and Cold War March 26-27.

Games will include a running of "Flames of War" World War II scenario and demonstrations of the hand painting of miniatures, provided courtesy of The Dragon's Den in Poughkeepsie. Scheduled are several versions of the popular WWII strategy board game "Axis and Allies" as well as Revolutionary War and Napoleonic Wars miniatures in which visitors can participate.

These are popular games that replicate some of the strategic decisions and dilemmas of conflicts represented by Museum exhibits. The games allow hobbyists of various ages and skill levels to experience strategic and tactical problems and solve them in their own, unique way.

The games will be available during regular museum hours, 10:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m., and will be located in the Lucas Military Heritage Center.

For more information, call 938-3590 or visit the West Point Museum on Facebook.



Wargaming comes to the West Point Museum March 26-27.

MIKE STRASSER/PV



The Saturday Pottery Class at the West Point Craft Shop was originally designed as a children's activity, but soon became something for entire Families to enjoy. Pictured above, the Thibeault Family, (from left) Jacob, Joshua, Jason and Jennifer, decorate ceramic plates during a recent session. Amanda Melley (left), who attended the class with her sister, aunt and uncle, paints a plate. To find out when the next class is scheduled, call 938-4812 for details.

Pottery classes become Family-centered at West Point

Story and photos by Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor

Her name is Genevieve Cerasoli, but you can call her Gen. Many in the West Point community know her name and have become fans of the pottery classes she offers at the Craft Shop.

Nestled behind the Post Office and next to the West Point Auto Shop, the Craft Shop offers quiet respite from the daily grind, and several Families have made it a regular outing to get creative together.

On one Saturday afternoon in early March, Cerasoli greeted her regulars and welcomed newcomers as they selected plates and bowls, cups, mugs or tiles to design with stencils and stamps. Some of the children, well-versed in

the procedure of ordering paints and selecting stencils, went right to work.

"I'm here to encourage them in what they're doing and tell them it's OK to take chances," Cerasoli said. "There aren't any rules imposed on them, and they really feel comfortable to go for it."

As fun as it is for kids, there's only so long a toddler can stay amused by damp sponges and paint. Jennifer Thibeault raced to make some final touches on a ceramic plate before taking Jason, 3, and Jacob, 5 ½, over to play with a beanbag game. Her husband, Joshua, remained focused on his own project, even after they left the shop.

"This is our fourth week here, every other Saturday," Jennifer said. "The kids really look forward to it, and we like

to make this a Family activity. My husband enjoys it more than he'll admit."

By the end of the day, some participants were already decided on what they'll design next class.

"It's fun to see what they come up with every class," Cerasoli said. "You'll see some people get really detailed and the results are really beautiful. The thing I think is great about this is any age can do this."

Adult classes are scheduled every other Thursday, from 5:30-7:30 p.m.; the children's classes are held every other Saturday from 10 a.m.-noon. Though originally intended solely for children's activities, the Saturday course has evolved more into a Family affair. Cerasoli started classes in December with modest attendance, but enough word-of-mouth publicity has made it a successful venture for West Point FWMR. Cerasoli also volunteers her skills with an after-school program and has recently introduced students to a self-portrait class.

Registration forms are available at www.westpointmwr.com, or call 938-4812 for details.



Pottery instructor Genevieve Cerasoli is considering an Army-themed pottery class for adults.

Ultimate team continues to make strides

By Firstie Ivan Cho
West Point Ultimate

The West Point Ultimate team competed March 5-6 at the Woodside Invitational in Carrollton, Va., and the cadets played Navy for the first time.

The Black Knights lost to the Midshipmen, 13-7, despite a strong first half performance with some great defensive plays from senior Jim Bailey and junior Brian Tsien.

According to coach Stephen Finn, their speed and intensity provided the motivation needed for the team to recuperate from that loss.

“The Woodside Invitational was a very rewarding experience on many levels,” Tsien said. “It allowed us to see the quality of teams we were likely to face and the kind of competition we will likely contend with during sectionals this year. Although our overall finish was a little disappointing, it has helped our team recognize the areas where substantial improvement is a necessity.”

The Black Knights played five matches: a win against George Mason (13-10), and losses to Navy (13-7), Salisbury (13-11), Wheaton (13-6) and ended with a grueling 14-13 grudge match against the home team, Woodside.



The West Point Ultimate team, formed nearly a year ago, continues to make strides in collegiate competition. They had their first opportunity March 5-6 to face Navy at the Woodside Invitational. COURTESY PHOTO

Despite the losses, the tournament allowed the team some self-assessment before the DIII Sectionals, April 16-17.

“We are playing great together and it is only a matter of time, additional practices and patience before we reach the potential that

we know we can achieve,” Tsien said. “This year we are fielding an incredibly strong team that, when given the opportunity, can make a strong push for why we should be considered the team to beat in our division.”

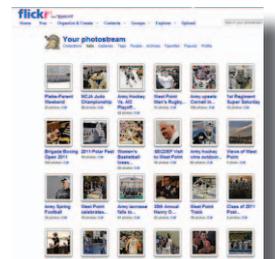


Shamrock 5K finds the Irish in everyone

More than 100 runners decked out in green to participate in the Shamrock 5K race March 12 at the FMWR Fitness Center. Prizes were awarded to attendees wearing the most green and having the best St. Patrick's Day outfit. The next FMWR run event is the West Point 5K and 10K races May 14. Registration is ongoing through www.active.com (keyword: West Point). For details, call 938-6497.

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FMWR Blurbs

Family Spaghetti Night

Enjoy an all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner from 5-8 p.m. today 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.

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. Tuesday;
- 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.

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.

There is a class from 3-4:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Youth Center (Bldg. 500, Washington Road).

Enroll at CYSS Parent Central or call 938-4458. The class is 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! 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. Thursdays in March.

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

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

Art EDGE! Painting Techniques

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

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

Space is limited, so hurry to enroll.

Fit EDGE! Volleyball

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

Martin and CYSS Program Assistant Amanda Slater on Mondays April 4-May 16.

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

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.

Life EDGE! Claymation

Life EDGE! Claymation classes for grades 1-5 will be offered on Tuesdays through 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.

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 through 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 or call 938-4458. There is a minimal fee for the classes.

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.

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 is providing evening child care for ages 12 months and up.

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

There will be a small hourly fee for each child. Space is limited to a maximum of 14 children.

Early registration is encouraged.

For more information, call 938-4458/0941.

Youth spring sports coaches wanted

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

West Point 5K/10K

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

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

For more information, call 938-6497.

All new at West Point Auto Shop

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

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

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

NEW INFO

Bull Pond lottery

The Bull Pond lottery will be held from 9-11 a.m. April 2 at the Bonneville Cabin, Round Pond Recreation Area.

For more information, call 938-2503.

Texas Hold'em

Play big and win big with the 2011 Texas Hold'em Tournament at the West Point Club's Pierce Dining Room every Wednesday from April 6-May 11.

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

For more information, call 938-5120.

2011 West Point Volunteer Recognition celebration

This year's West Point Volunteer Recognition theme is "Celebrating People in Action."

The ceremony begins at 10 a.m. April 13 at the West Point Club's Grand Ballroom. Child care will be available.

To register your child, call Parent Central at Lee Area CDC at 938-4458/0939/0940 for reservations as soon as possible, as space is limited.

If attending, RSVP by April 7 to Christina.Overstreet@usma.edu.

For more information, call 938-3655.

Hunter's Education course

The Hunter's Education course will be held from 6-10 p.m. April 15 and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. April 16 at the Bonneville Cabin, Round Pond.

The course is free and open to the

public for ages 11 and above. Bring photo identification. Patrons must attend both dates of training.

To register, call 938-2503.

Army Emergency Relief Campaign

The U.S. Army Garrison and U.S. Military Academy announced the 2011 Army Emergency Relief Campaign is ongoing through May 15.

AER helps keep Soldiers and Families stay Army Strong.

For more information, call 938-5839.

Personal Finance Profession training for military spouses

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

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

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

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

Applications are only accepted online at www.militaryfamily.org/fellowship and must be received by midnight April 15.

Art EDGE! Spring Photography for Teens

Spring Photography for middle school student teens in grades 6 and above takes place at 3:30-5 p.m. Wednesdays from April 20-May 11.

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

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

Enroll at Parent Central (Lee Area CDC) by calling 938-4458. Classes are limited.

Art EDGE! Spring Photography for Kids

Spring Photography for children in grades 1-5 takes place at 3:30-5 p.m. Tuesdays from April 19-May 10.

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

Enroll at Parent Central (Lee Area CDC) by calling 938-4458. Classes are limited.

What's Happening

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. Tuesday at the West Point Club Grand Ballroom.

There will also be a Women's History Month Run at 6 a.m. Friday 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.

Federal Voting Assistance Program poster contest

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

In the past, the focus has been on getting out to vote. This year, officials want to focus on the process of voting and the different options available for absentee voters.

These slogan and poster contests are held every other year. The winner for each contest and a guest will receive a trip to Washington, D.C., with authorized travel expenses.

Details are available at www.fvap.gov and www.challenge.gov.

All entries must be received by April 8.

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

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

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.

BBC Scholarship applications

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

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

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

Application deadline is April 15.

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 information about the event held in Texas.

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

NEW INFO

Keller Army Community Hospital 5K Fun Run

Celebrate Wellness Month by joining Keller Army Community Hospital's 5K Fun Run at 9 a.m. Saturday at the

KACH employee entrance. This is open to staff and Family members.

The Fun Run coincides with the "Move It to Lose It" promotion KACH is supporting to promote nutrition and exercise.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Glen Cassady at 938-0949.

American Red Cross Blood Program

The American Red Cross Blood Program will be conducting a blood drive from noon-7 p.m. Monday-Wednesday and noon-5 p.m. March 31 at Eisenhower Hall, 4th Floor Ballroom.

Walk-ins are always welcome. However, for convenience purposes, an appointment to donate whole blood can be made by calling Mary Mandia at 938-2583.

Aphaeresis platelet services will be available for those individuals who wish to donate platelets. Aphaeresis donors will be seen by appointment only and may call 800-933-2566 or sign up online at www.nybloodcenter.org.

Individuals who wish to register with the C.W. Bill Young/DOD Bone Marrow donor program can do so at the time of the drive.

Veterans' town hall meeting

Come to the veterans' town hall meeting from 3-5 p.m. or 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the Westchester County Center at 198 Central Ave., White Plains.

On the agenda are programs for women and OEF/OIF veterans, resources for veteran-run businesses and support for veteran caregivers.

Bring your DD-214 or resumé. There will be free parking. RSVP by Friday at 914-995-2145.

Veterinarian price increase for FAVN-OIE testing

Effective April 1, the charge for FAVN-OIE testing, which is required to take your pet to certain foreign countries, will increase by 22 percent. Results can be expected 2-3 weeks after receipt of the samples, but turn-around time in April may be as long as 30 days.

The Veterinary Clinic can draw the blood any day that a vet technician is there, and the vet does not need to be at the clinic.

For more information, call the clinic at 938-3817.

Motorcycle Basic Rider Course schedule

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

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

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

- Cadets
- 5:30-10:30 p.m., April 1-3;
 - 5:30-10:30 p.m., April 15-17;
 - 5:30-10:30 p.m., April 29-May 1;
 - 5:30-10:30 p.m., May 13-15.
- Military staff and faculty
- 8 a.m.-5 p.m., April 4-5;
 - 8 a.m.-5 p.m., April 14-15;
 - 8 a.m.-5 p.m., May 2-3;
 - 8 a.m.-5 p.m., May 9-10;
 - 8 a.m.-5 p.m., May 16-17.

Questions about the course can be directed to the Safety Officer or instructor listed on the website when signing up. Additional Motorcycle Safety courses are planned and

will be available through October.

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

Puppies Behind Bars

Join the Puppies Behind Bars training session for cadets and community members from noon-4 p.m. April 3 at Eisenhower Hall.

RSVP to Capt. Jana Fajardo at jana.fajardo@usma.edu.

Visit the website at www.puppiesbehindbars.org for more information on this organization.

Spring Yard Sale

It's that time again for the post-wide spring yard sale scheduled for 7 a.m.-4 p.m. April 9.

There will also be several sporting events at venues throughout the installation, which will result in increased traffic flow, particularly in the housing areas.

Residents and guests are reminded to remain cautious while driving in the housing areas due to the increased amount of vehicle and foot traffic.

O'Neill High School Spring Musical

O'Neill High School will perform the musical "1776" at 7 p.m. April 8, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. April 9 and 3 p.m. April 10 at the James O'Neill High School Auditorium, Highland Falls. "1776" is a musical based on the events leading up to the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

For ticket information, call Lisa LaChance at 845-857-4910. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

Living Last Supper drama

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

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

Easter Sunrise Service

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

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

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Do you love to knit or crochet? Do you enjoy teaching others how to knit or crochet? The Post Chapel 12:30 p.m. service is beginning a Prayer Shawl Ministry.

The ministry will provide shawls to those who have lost loved ones, who are experiencing distress or overcoming a medical illness.

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

Song of Solomon Married Couples Ministry Bible Study

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

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

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

Protecting our furry friends

By Spc. Staci Mañan
Veterinary Treatment Facility

Spring is just around the corner and the West Point Veterinary Treatment Facility would like to remind everyone of a few things for you and your pets.

Soon mosquitoes will be out as annoying pests and with that comes the need for heartworm prevention for your furry companions. As it warms up, fleas and ticks will be on the move again.

Ticks are the carriers of Lyme disease, which can infect humans as well as animals. To stock up on heartworm preventative for the upcoming season, your pets will need a current heartworm test to ensure they can take the medication. Flea and tick prevention can be picked up at any time.

Along with prevention, New York has a mandatory rabies vaccination law on all domestic dogs and cats. Raccoons, skunks, foxes, coyotes and bats are all wild animals who are potential carriers of rabies, so be cautious of these animals.

Please do not touch sick or injured wild animals or feral cats since they can be attacked by other animals.

As spring gets under way, these animals will be moving around more; raccoons, skunks and bats are nocturnal and shouldn't be seen out during the daylight.

If you do see any of these animals acting abnormal or out during the day, call Pestmasters at 446-1317.

Ensure that your pets are up to date on their rabies vaccine



Get your pet its mandatory rabies vaccination at the West Point Veterinary Clinic.

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and any other vaccines or medications they may need.

For appointments or any concerns, contact the West Point Veterinary Treatment Facility from 8 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. Monday-Friday at 938-3817.

NOW SHOWING

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

Friday—The Eagle, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday—The Roommate, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday—The Fighter, R, 9:30 p.m.

April 1—Just Go With It, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

April 2—I Am Number Four, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

April 2—No Strings Attached, R, 9:30 p.m.

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Keller Corner

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Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/ECS

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Rules: Fill in the empty cells with the digits 1-9 so that no

digit appears twice in the same row, column, or 3-by-3 box.

See SUDOKU SOLUTION, Page 2
Difficulty: Easy



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Bleyl throws shutout, softball goes 6-2 in Florida

By Mady Salvani
Army Athletic Communications

Junior right-hander Shawna Bleyl pitched a five-hit shutout and struck out a career-high eight batters as Army closed out competition at the Rebel Spring Games by defeating the University of Wisconsin at Green-Bay, 2-0, March 19 at the Osceola County Softball Complex in Kissimmee, Fla.

The win is the second straight for the Black Knights who moved to 10-8 overall, while closing out their trip to Florida with a 6-2 mark. Army's six wins are the most since posting that number in 2002 in a 6-4 showing, while it is the best winning percentage (.750) at the Division I level, breaking the former mark of .700 (7-3) set in 1994. The last time Army went 6-2 in Florida was in 1990—it's last year at the Division II level.

Army scored both of its runs in the bottom of the first inning on a RBI fielder's choice by freshman designated hitter Marina Northup and RBI single by junior first baseman Alexis AuBuchon to stake Bleyl to a 2-0 lead. The Black Knights collected three of their four hits off Ashley Nannemann in that inning.

Freshman left fielder Amanda Nguyen beat out an infield hit to start off the bottom of the first inning. Following a fly out to left field, sophomore second baseman Alex Reynolds stroked a single to right center field that moved Nguyen to third base. Reynolds then moved up on a wild pitch to give Army two runners in scoring position.

Green Bay's second baseman elected to throw Northup's grounder to home plate, but Nguyen beat the throw for a 1-0 lead. AuBuchon's single up the middle

delivered Reynolds for the second run. AuBuchon moved into scoring position on the throw home, but Nannemann left Northup at third and AuBuchon on second in retiring the side on a line drive to the third baseman and a strikeout looking.

Nannemann allowed Army into scoring position just twice over the remaining five innings.

Bleyl was just as effective for Army in getting out of jams with runners in scoring position en route to stranding 10 runners, but only twice did she allow a runner to reach third base.

After loading the bases with no outs on a walk, a bunt and fielder's choice sacrifice bunt in the top of the second inning, a double play by freshman shortstop April Ortenzo nipped the early part of that rally.

Following a single by Haley Andrews up the middle, junior center fielder Reanna Johnson's throw nailed Dani Peerenboom at home plate to end that threat. It was the third time in Florida that Johnson threw out a runner at home plate.

Bleyl struck out three of the five batters she faced in the third inning, the last two looking, after yielding a walk and a hit. In the fifth inning, a strikeout and pickoff at second base ended Green Bay's threat, while getting out a jam in the sixth inning on a groundout with runners at first and second base. Bleyl stranded two runners in the seventh inning in scoring position on a grounder back to the circle to preserve the shutout.

The win evens Bleyl's season mark at 4-4 and career win total to 26 to move into seventh place on Army's all-time chart, which is just one shy of the No. 6 spot.



Junior right-hander Shawna Bleyl pitched a five-hit shutout to help Army to a 2-0 win over the University of Wisconsin at Green Bay March 19 in Kissimmee, Fla. Army finished its Florida trip with a 6-2 mark, which was the team's best record in Florida since 1990 when it was competing at the Division II level. ERIC S. BARTELT/PV

Sports calendar *March 24-29*

Corps

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY—TRACK AND FIELD, DICK SHEA OPEN, SHEA STADIUM, ALL DAY.

FRIDAY—WOMEN'S TENNIS VS. SYRACUSE, LICHTENBERG TENNIS CENTER, 4 P.M.

SATURDAY—MEN'S TENNIS VS. HOLY CROSS, LICHTENBERG TENNIS CENTER, 9 A.M.

SATURDAY—WOMEN'S TENNIS VS. LAFAYETTE, AND HOLY CROSS, LICHTENBERG TENNIS CENTER, NOON.

SATURDAY—BASEBALL VS. STONY BROOK (DH), DOUBLEDAY FIELD, NOON.

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

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

SATURDAY—MEN'S TENNIS VS. LAFAYETTE, LICHTENBERG TENNIS CENTER, 4 P.M.

SUNDAY—MEN'S TENNIS VS. LEHIGH, LICHTENBERG TENNIS CENTER, 1 P.M.

SUNDAY—BASEBALL VS. STONY BROOK (DH), DOUBLEDAY FIELD, 1 P.M.

TUESDAY—BASEBALL VS. SIENA, DOUBLEDAY FIELD, 3:30 P.M.

Club

SATURDAY—WOMEN'S LACROSSE VS. FORDHAM AND NYU, DALY FIELD, 10 A.M.

SATURDAY—WOMEN'S TEAM HANDBALL, LAURA WALKER INVITATIONAL, ARVIN GYM, 8 A.M.

SUNDAY—WOMEN'S LACROSSE VS. STONY BROOK, DALY FIELD, NOON.



Army Rugby's upcoming schedule

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

Baseball defeats Northwestern to complete Florida swing

By Christian Anderson
Army Athletic Communications

Sophomore right-handed pitcher Chris Rowley pitched eight strong innings and junior second baseman Zach Price went 2-for-2 with two runs scored and two runs batted in as the Army baseball team closed out its spring break trip to Florida by defeating Northwestern, 5-2, March 19 at Henley Field in Lakeland, Fla.

Rowley (1-1) struck out a career-high seven batters en route to his first career victory. He allowed just two runs (one earned) on nine hits during his sterling performance.

"I had a great defense behind me today and I was able to get the ball down and allow (Northwestern) to hit a lot of groundballs," Rowley said. "The defense made a lot of great plays today. They did a great job.

"I remember last year we were 2-5 in Florida, so to win four out of seven and four of our last five is huge," Rowley added. "We are all excited to get back to West Point and continue playing good baseball."

Freshman pitcher Gunnar Carroll pitched the ninth inning to earn his first career save. Carroll allowed Northwestern to bring the tying run to the plate, but he retired Kyle Ruchim on a groundball to second base to end the game and seal Army's second straight victory.

The Black Knights, who won four of their final five games during their spring break trip, improve to 5-11 on the season.

Senior left fielder Ben Koenigsfeld and sophomore designated hitter Sean McIlroy both collected two hits and one RBI apiece to help spur the Black Knights at the plate.

Army got off to a fast start, scoring a pair of runs in the top of the first inning. Price walked to lead off the game and he moved to

third on Koenigsfeld's single through the right side of the infield. Senior first baseman Joey Henshaw drove home the game's first run as he hit a sacrifice fly to right field to score Price from third. Senior shortstop Clint Moore then reached on a fielder's choice, moved to third base on junior catcher J.T. Watkins' base hit and scored on McIlroy's RBI single.

Rowley, who was dealing from the outset, needed just eight pitches to retire Northwestern in the bottom of the first. The Black Knights turned a pretty 5-4-3 double play behind him to end the inning.

Northwestern (4-10) got on the scoreboard in the bottom of the second inning as the Wildcats pushed across an unearned run. With one out, Chris Kontos doubled down the left field line. He then moved to third base on an error by Henshaw and scored when Nick Linne laid down a squeeze bunt.

Army got that run back in the top of the fourth inning as McIlroy singled through the left side of the infield, advanced to second base when senior third baseman Steve May walked and scored on Price's RBI single to center field.

The Black Knights scored a pair of two-out runs in the top of the sixth to extend their advantage to 5-1. With one out, May walked and stole second base to ignite the uprising. After senior center fielder David Darnell struck out, Price hit a double to center field that scored May. Koenigsfeld followed with an RBI single through the right side of the infield as Price scampered around with Army's fifth run of the contest.

Northwestern threatened to score in the bottom of the sixth inning as the Wildcats put runners on first and second with just one out. Rowley was able to induce a pair of fly balls to centerfield, however, to retire the side.

NU put runners on first and second once



Junior second baseman Zach Price went 2-for-2 with two runs scored and two runs batted in to lead Army to a 5-2 win over Northwestern March 19 in Lakeland, Fla.

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again in the bottom of the seventh inning, but Rowley recorded consecutive strikeouts to end the threat and keep Army on top by four runs.

Northwestern trimmed its deficit to 5-2 in the bottom of the eighth inning as the Wildcats tallied one run. Ruchim doubled into the left-center field gap to lead off the inning, moved to third base on Chris Lashmet's single through the left side of the infield and scored

on Paul Snieder's sacrifice fly to right field. Rowley was able to avoid any further damage, however, as he retired the next two batters.

Ruchim went 4-for-5 with a double to pace Northwestern's 10-hit attack. Wildcat starter Dan Tyson (0-2) allowed five runs on eight hits in six innings. Ethan Bramschreiber tossed three scoreless innings of relief for NU, allowing just one hit during his stint on the mound.



Buck earns All-American honors

Army junior Kelly Buck was named a first-team All-American in smallbore by the National Rifle Association following the conclusion of the 2011 NCAA Rifle Championships March 11-12 hosted by Columbus State in Columbus, Ga.. Buck is the first Black Knight to earn All-American honors since Wesley Hess was selected to the first unit in air rifle in 2009. The Reading, Mass., native is just the second woman rifle shooter in academy history to earn first-team NRA honors in smallbore, joining Rhonda Barush who was selected in that discipline in 1985. The Army sharpshooter is one of three West Point women to earn first-team All-America honors. The last was Kim Pienkowski in air rifle in 2001, and both were tutored by present head coach Ron Wigger. Buck is coming off a strong performance in her third straight NCAA appearance. She led Army in both disciplines, finishing sixth in the relay scoring in smallbore (584) to qualify for the top eight individual finals where she placed seventh (678.6) in the shoot-off. She concluded the tournament with a 590 in air rifle, just shy of her career-high, and placed 11th. It is the second time that Buck finished among the top eight shooters in smallbore at the NCAA Championships, having placed fourth in 2009. Last year, she just missed qualifying in air rifle following a ninth-place finish in the relay scoring. Buck is the 11th Black Knight to earn All-America honors under Wigger.

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Army Judo makes collegiate judo history

By Maj. Michael Shattan
West Point Judo Team OIC

The West Point Judo Team made history March 12 by winning men's and women's advanced and novice team national championships—a first in collegiate judo history.

Competing in front of a home crowd at the Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center, the cadets fought with amazing tenacity and passion to prove that their victory in the men's division last year over perennial powerhouse San Jose State was not a fluke.

They succeeded in doing so and have established themselves as a new dominant force in collegiate judo.

This year's competition consisted of approximately 150 competitors representing 33 different colleges and universities and was noted by Chuck Jefferson, National Collegiate Judo Association president, as one of the toughest he could remember.

The stakes were higher than normal at the competition. First- and second-place finishers would earn points toward qualification for the U.S. Olympic team and all first-place finishers would be asked to represent the United States at the University World Games in China this August.

However, the West Point Judo Team rose to the occasion with 23 out of 29 cadets placing with a medal.

The men's advanced team's success was lead by the heroic efforts of senior brown belt Joshua Sandhaus, who faced down favored black belts from San Jose State and Boston College before defeating West Point sophomore John Barnes in the finals to win the 66kg men's division.

Incredible performances were also delivered by junior Sun-Won Jung and senior Josiah McCoy who placed second in the 81kg and 100kg divisions, respectively. Freshman



Senior Joshua Sandhaus (in white) defeated all competitors to place first in the Advanced Men's 66kg division March 12 at the 50th National Collegiate Judo Association's Championship tournament at Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center.

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white belt Justin Adkins worked against the odds and finished second in the over 100kg division.

Junior Art Lin rounded out the men's team point winners with a third-place finish in the 60kg division.

The combined efforts of these individuals earned West Point a team score of 15, which put them in front of San Jose State who only mustered six team points this year.

Third place was shared between Idaho

State and UC Berkeley, each of whom earned five team points.

The women's advanced team showed its dominance over its competition with first-place finishes from freshman Juliet Talavera at 48kg, sophomore Larisa Tudor at 70kg and freshman Kristen Hernandez in the over 78kg division. The women's team also benefited from second-place finishers sophomores Katherine Donohoe and Catherine Clarke-Pounder and team co-captain Danielle

Munoz.

Junior Heather Purkey and freshman Elizabeth Posey earned third-place finishes in the 63kg and 70kg divisions, adding to the team's first-place finish as well.

The women's team faced their toughest competition from Iowa State and Texas A&M which finished second and third, respectively.

Both men's and women's novice teams finished in first place to complete the team's sweep of the team national championships.

Army pistol earns a three-peat as national champs

Submitted by the Pistol Team

West Point competed for its third consecutive National Intercollegiate Pistol Championship March 15-19 at Fort Benning, Ga.

Invitations were extended to the top 10 teams and the top 30 individuals in each of the three open events—Free Pistol, Standard Pistol and Air Pistol. Seven cadets received invitations to nationals in Free Pistol and Standard Pistol while five cadets received invitations in Air Pistol.

In Free Pistol, the competitors have two hours to fire 60 precision shots from a single shot 22-caliber pistol at a target 50 meters down range where the 10 ring is less than two inches in diameter.

Junior Ben Poth shot an outstanding match and scored a 537 out of a possible 600. Junior Jake Shelton and senior Adam Schinder both shot excellent matches with scores of 511 and 510, respectively. West Point's team score was 2012, well below the 2090 score for sectionals, but finished in second place only 10 points behind Ohio State's 2022. West Point claimed the team Silver Medal and Ben Poth won the individual Bronze Medal.

The Standard Pistol Match was fired in two relays. Standard Pistol is a 60-shot match fired with semi-automatic 22-caliber pistols at targets 25 meters down range.

In the Precision Phase, each shooter has 150 seconds to fire five shots. Four five-shot strings are fired for a total of 20 shots in the

Precision Phase. In Timed Fire, each shooter has 20 seconds to fire five shots. Again, there are four strings for a total of 20 shots. This is repeated in the Rapid Fire Phase, but only 10 seconds are allowed for each string.

Sophomore Heather Deppe had West Point's high score of 547 out of a possible 600. Poth shot a 536 and Schinder shot a 524. Shelton was West Point's lone scoring team member in the second relay with a score of 514. When the final scores were announced, West Point had won the Standard Pistol event with a score of 2121. Ohio State was second with a score of 2117. Deppe won the individual Bronze Medal.

The final event, Air Pistol, was fired March 19. In Air Pistol, each competitor has one hour and 45 minutes to fire 60 record

shots, using a single shot .177 caliber air pistol, at a target 10 meters down range. The 10 ring is only 11.5 millimeters in diameter.

Going into the final event, Ohio State maintained a six-point lead over West Point. The pressure was on West Point's scoring team of Poth, Deppe, Schinder and Shelton to perform well.

In the end, Schinder fired an outstanding score of 561, Poth fired a 557, Deppe shot a 554 and Shelton fired a 552. The team score was 2224 and claimed the Gold Medal in Air Pistol. The overall national champion is determined by the highest aggregate score for the three open events. West Point claimed the Gold Medal and remained the National Intercollegiate Pistol Champion with an aggregate score of 6357.