



(Above) The West Point Women's Marathon Team fielded four runners at the 22nd annual Bataan Memorial Death March in White Sands, N.M., March 27. (Right) The West Point team led by Firstie Kyle Volle (pictured far left) earned first place in the ROTC Military Heavy Division. More than 6,300 people participated in this year's march from all across the country and from 12 other countries to honor and remember the sacrifices Soldiers made during the Bataan Death March nearly 70 years ago. West Point cadets had the chance to meet with some survivors of the Philippines conflict.

Cadets run in honor of Bataan survivors

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The light had not begun to break over the mountain range that surrounds White Sands Missile Range, N.M., as thousands of people representing all 50 states and 12 countries made their way into the staging area March 27 for the 22nd annual Bataan Memorial Death March.

Among the more than 6,300 runners who came to support the survivors and those whom lost their lives during those horrific three years were four teams from West Point, three men's teams and one women's team.

Heeding the words of West Point Superintendent Lt. Gen. David H. Huntoon Jr., had shared with the team a few days earlier, the cadets set out to represent the academy as ambassadors and to learn from the 15 survivors in attendance.

"(The Superintendent) came out to one of our practices last week and said the reason why we are there is to see and meet the Bataan Death March survivors and to learn from their experiences," Firstie Kyle Cobb said. "Knowing what these survivors went through, we can do anything."

The sounds of bagpipes rang through the air as the survivors greeted racers ready to take on the course, which "Runner's World" magazine dubbed in 2009 as the most challenging marathon in America.

"I am so tickled that so many people came here and are interested with what we went through," Harold A. Bergower,

a Bataan Death March survivor, said. "What people have to understand is that the atrocities the Japanese put us through in the POW camps were awful—when I die and (if I) go to hell, it will be a luxury compared to what I went through."

The racers began pushing their way through the flat lands of the course, battling constant wind gusts of 30 mph and more, which sent sand flying through the air at a blinding speed.

The course terrain also presented a challenge for runners, as it continuously changed from hardtop and gravel to deep sand. Yet, the bigger challenge was the altitude, with portions of the course reaching well over 4,000 feet above sea level.

"The course really challenged us all. We were all really hurting at different points," Firstie Jake Chaput said.

With 35-pound ruck sacks on their backs, the cadets pushed through the trails. The three men's teams were all within striking distance of each other. Meanwhile, the women's team consistently pushed through adversity on the course.

By the midpoint in the race, other teams competing in the Military Heavy Division and ROTC Heavy Division began to slow down or fall out. At every check point, there was a survivor and hoards of volunteers cheering the racers on.

"Having the survivors and other veterans there throughout the course and at the finish line was extremely humbling," Chaput said.

As they made their final descent down the trails, the

teams had one more major obstacle—a large, soft sandpit.

"The course was extremely hard, but what we went through today was only a taste of what they went through in the camps," Cobb said. "The pictures of those guys completely emaciated carrying their friends so they did not get shot was completely amazing."

When the teams made the final push down the blacktop to the finish line, crowds lined both sides to cheer them on. The West Point Men's A Team pushed through the pack to take third in the Men's Military Heavy Division, only 10 minutes behind the Special Warfare Command Team and five minutes behind the Rangers All-Stars.

Just as impressive was the West Point Men's B Team that finished fourth in the same division. The third men's team, led by Firstie Kyle Volle, took first place in the ROTC Military Heavy Division.

While the women's team time wasn't as fast, they made a strong finish.

There are two categories, for both civilian and military divisions, known as "light" and "heavy." In the light category, runners may wear standard distance-running apparel. Marchers in the heavy division must carry a minimum of 35 pounds in rucksacks or backpacks; military entrants in the heavy category must wear their Army Combat Uniform or other service equivalent uniform.

For details about the Bataan Death March, race history and results, visit www.bataanmarch.com.

West Point begins Remedial Investigation Project

By Jeff Sanborn
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The U.S. Army Garrison–West Point and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, are beginning a remedial investigation of 10 sites located in and around West Point under the Army's Military Munitions Response Program.

The 10 sites comprise 510 acres of land within the installation boundary of West Point that were predominantly associated with former artillery ranges used by cadets for training from the mid-1800s to the mid-1900s.

Weston Solutions, Inc. was contracted by USACE-Baltimore District to perform these activities.

The RI will determine if any hazards related to munitions exist at these sites. Hazards may include unexploded ordnance, discarded military munitions, or soil contamination related to metals and explosives released from the munitions.

Weston will complete the work at each site, including geophysical surveys to locate metal objects in the ground. Any metal objects will be investigated to determine if they are related to munitions and/or if they present an explosive safety hazard.

If munitions items are found, the soil will be sampled to determine if any contamination exists. In addition, the munitions will be disposed of in accordance with Department of Defense procedures.

Information collected during the RI will be used to determine whether further action is required at each site. The work will be completed in two phases. The first phase is currently scheduled to be completed from March-May and the second phase from June-August.

Upon completion of the work, a report will summarize what was completed and present the results. It will be available for the West Point community to review as part of West Point's Administrative Record at USMA Library, West Point Community Library, Highland Falls Public Library and Alice Curtis Desmond & Hamilton Fish Library.

Communicating project information to the West Point community is a crucial part of this project. To date, community members have been interviewed to determine their interest in this project. This information will direct future project activities.

If you are interested in getting more information about this project, contact Jeff Sanborn, West Point Directorate of Public Works, at 938-5041.



This highly sensitive metal detector is the type of equipment that will be used around West Point to detect subsurface metallic material as part of the Army's Military Munitions Response Program activities during the coming months to determine if any hazards related to munitions exist at any of the 10 sites identified around post.

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FOLLOW THE THREE R's

Because of its many years of use as a premier training facility for the U.S. military, it is possible that old and abandoned munitions may be found in the vicinity of West Point. If anyone finds suspicious items, they should follow the Three R's of the Army's safety program—Recognize, Retreat and Report. No one should ever pick up, touch, or handle a suspected munitions item.

An item should be left where it was found and immediately reported to the Military Police Desk at 938-3333, who will ensure the item is safely removed.

Boxing seeks fourth straight title

By Rich Storey
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The West Point Boxing Team hosts the National Collegiate Boxing Championships April 7-9 at Eisenhower Hall.

The team is training hard to successfully defend its team title that it has won the last three years.

West Point faces many strong college teams such as Penn State, Reno, Maryland, Air Force and Navy.

"Modern collegiate boxing began in 1976," head coach Ray Barone said. "The Collegiate Boxing philosophy and rules seek to provide a boxing outlet for student-athletes with little or no experience. The National Collegiate Boxing Association limits boxers to no more than five bouts after their 16th birthday.

"Each spring a National Championship Belt is awarded to the best individual boxer in each of 12 weight divisions and a National Championship Trophy to the best overall team," Barone added. "We have been fortunate to win the team championship the last three years in a row. If our team

continues to stay focused and each boxer takes care of his lane, then hopefully good things are in store this year as well."

It should be noted that at the recent Eastern Regional Championships—out of 12 weight classes—Army won nine gold medals, three silver medals and the most outstanding boxer.

It was the first time that West Point boxers won first or second place in each weight division. All 12 now qualify for the National Tournament.

"Our team motto reflects our attitude and core values: 'never quit,' 'be relentless,' and to 'stay hungry,'" Barone said. "As defending champions, it would be easy to be complacent. But as champions, we become the team everyone wants to beat.

"I invite everyone to come out April 7, 8 and 9 to support West Point Boxing," Barone added.

National Collegiate Boxing Championships tickets are available at the Ike Hall box office. Quarterfinal bouts take place from noon-3 p.m. and 4 p.m.-7 p.m. April 7.

Semifinals are at the same times April 8, while the finals will be fought at 7 p.m. April 9.

Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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(Above) Smoke and noise added to the stress of the live fire lane at Fourth Regiment's Super Saturday March 26. (Left) Entering the friendly village of Al Aswan, a platoon sets up perimeter security while keeping the distractions of the locals at a minimum as the platoon leader speaks with the village chief. The daylong field exercise tested the regiment's Soldier skills in a series of warrior tasks and battle drills throughout a nine-kilometer course.

Fourth Regiment goes the distance at Super Saturday

Story and photos by Mike Strasser
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The mind can become complacent during a long patrol with nothing but the occasional sniffle from the frigid air or the crunch of boot against gravel to break the silence.

It wanders off, thinking about the chaos and confusion rationed out just minutes ago during the stress fire exercise.

The body knows the drill, however: heads moving on a swivel for any sight of insurgent activity, keeping proper intervals among squads and, when needed, replenishing fluids.

But then the platoon is ambushed, both the mind and body immediately respond as they were trained to do. This is Super Saturday at West Point.

The Fourth Regiment conducted the annual training exercise March 26 on a sprawling nine-kilometer course that took cadet platoons through a fatigue-driven hike over hills and streams and through the forests of Camp Buckner and

Camp Natural Bridge. Mission success was based on the completion of five objectives, and tasks tested platoon performances in Soldier First Responder, land navigation, room-clearing and marksmanship training while moving tactically and plotting new grid coordinates as they completed each task. As a whole Super Saturday refreshed many essential military skills, including compass proficiency, map reading, shooting, diagnosing casualties, reporting nine-line medevacs and calling for fire.

At one objective site, two teams were required to assemble three weapons within a five-minute, 30-second timeframe. Weapon assembly is perhaps the most basic of tasks Soldiers are taught, but Super Saturday added stress factors into the scenarios. The role-players created distractions for the teams, shouting for them to finish quickly while attempting to remove sensitive items from their ruck sack.

"They're not our allies, but they're not necessarily the enemy either," Firstie David Rylander, site observer, said. "So it becomes a matter of give-and-take for the platoon leaders

to see how much assistance they're going to provide. From what I've seen, most platoons are doing pretty well. They've just come in after contact (with the enemy) and the drama here adds to their stress."

All four regiments in the Corps of Cadets engage in Super Saturday, which serves as refresher training for what they experience during the summer and eventually as an officer in the U.S. Army. This particular Super Saturday was modeled after the Hyde Challenge from Cadet Basic Training.

"It is easy to get cynical about military training during the academic year. Many cadets are focused on their individual school work and forget about the work that they put into the summer training," Firstie Brittany Fraser, 4th Regiment commander, said. "Super Saturday is a reminder to many of why we are here and how important it is to stay up to date on the skills they've learned during summer training. The loss of a 2009 grad, and former G-4 Guppie, 1st Lt. Daren Hidalgo, in February, was a hard reminder of the big shoes that we will need to fill one day."

Field Training Exercise

Story and photo by Mike Strasser
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More than 150 cadets in 20 squads from 2nd Battalion, 2nd Regiment were sent to the back side of the Ski Slope March 21 and 23 to conduct a field training exercise.

"The intent is to give squad leaders a chance to lead their squads through a training scenario that will test skills vital to their own summer training," Firstie Joe Dokken, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Regiment commander, said.

Even before the exercise began, squad leaders inspected their charges by conducting pre-combat checks. When every cadet measured up to standard, they began the long, cold march from Central Area to the training site.

"The squad leader also has to ensure the land navigation point is plotted right, so they won't get lost," Firstie Wayne Martin, G-2, is the 2nd Bn., 2nd Reg. S-3 officer, said. "They have to make sure they've rehearsed the battle drill with their squad. The team leaders have to know how to move their teams on the battlefield, so they

also get some leadership training here."

Martin also said the FTX provides an opportunity to strength unit cohesion and esprit de corps.

The exercise tested squads' skills in Soldier First Responder, communication training and patrolling. The West Point Paintball Team added the element of live fire into the event, as squads had to react to the paint rounds sent downrange and return fire on the opposition force.

"We're really fortunate to have the Paintball Team helping us out," Dokken said. "They've done an incredible job out here. We presented them a concept of what we wanted, and they did a great job delivering."

For the firsties providing control and support functions, it was a test of their own ability to plan, execute, adapt and react to a field training operation where site changes and inclement weather presented challenges. Martin said the FTX is annual training for the battalion. Though not as intense as the Super Saturday event, it is a good preamble before summer training.

"This is like a warm-up for the summer, helping the cadets go through the motions in advance," Martin said.



Squads competed for the fastest time from Central Area to the training site behind the Ski Slope. The fastest time (30 minutes) was recorded by E-3, led by Cow Patrick Fay. The approximate distance to the site was 2.5 kilometers but the steep inclines were sure to add some additional distance.

Combat Weapons Team keeps shooting over spring leave



By Firstie T. J. Snukis
 Combat Weapons Team Cadet-in-Charge

The Combat Weapons Team attended the Mid-South Institute of Self-Defense Shooting during spring leave. The CWT managed to put nearly 55,000 collective rounds downrange while partaking in a combat rifle and pistol course.

The round count was enough to make the experience memorable, but, coupled with the extensive range facilities on site and the pro-level instructors of the Mid-South Institute, it provided an applicable week of training.

The CWT began the week on some of Mid-South's smaller ranges, working on standard pistol skills and reinforcing the fundamentals that make average shooters great. All team members were constantly pushed to the limits of their shooting capabilities on the numerous pistol ranges that Mid-South offered.

While the pistol facilities are large by themselves, shooting reactive steel targets provided a much better experience than shooting paper targets.

The instructors pushed rapid engagements of multiple targets as part of timed events. There was quite a bit of competition among the team members as each person tried to outshoot all others and obtain the fastest time.

Competition was an important staple to the training

regimen and made the experience that much more enjoyable.

The week continued its intensity with the beginning of the rifle portion of the course. Taking advantage of the 30 full-size ranges located at Mid-South, the instructors put the CWT through three rigorous days of rifle courses.

With names like the "Punisher," several courses of fire required four to six loaded magazines to complete. This forced every single shooter to maximum shooting ability. Shooting combat scenarios under stressful conditions like this was an excellent opportunity and only served to further increase the skill set of each team member present.

Later in the week, the events were conducted in teams of two to four people and required a good deal of communication between teams while engaging targets downrange.

The Combat Weapons Team is preparing to host the 4th annual Houghton Memorial 2-Gun Challenge April 23-24, which honors a former CWT member and West Point Class of 2001 graduate who was awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Star posthumously.

Capt. Andrew Houghton deployed with the 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment and, as a platoon leader, carried out more than 400 combat missions.

The event consisted of seven challenging stages using rifle and pistol on six different ranges in the West Point training area.

Firsties Andrew Beck and Philip Hayward take advantage of the numerous courses of fire at the Mid-South Institute of Self-Defense Shooting.

COMBAT WEAPONS TEAM PHOTO

Domestic Affairs Forum studies state politics in Boston

By Firstie Charles Nadd
 Domestic Affairs Forum
 Club President

Seventeen cadets and two officers from the Department of Social Sciences' Domestic Affairs Forum club took a trip to Boston March 2-4 to see Massachusetts state government in action.

As part of the club's yearlong study on the unique challenges faced by each level of government in a time of increasing financial burden, this experience helped the cadets better understand how state-level leaders interact with public and private organizations to serve their state within these constraints.

The trip began with a breakfast in Cambridge hosted by the Harvard Kennedy School of Government's Armed Forces Club, a group of military veterans currently pursuing advanced degrees or serving as fellows at the Ivy League institution.

It gave the cadets an opportunity to learn

about various career paths that become available both in and out of the Army after the initial commitment is through.

The group visited the headquarters of the Boston Globe, one of the region's two major daily newspapers, for an in-depth discussion with the publication's editor, Martin Baron, and four leading columnists on issues facing Massachusetts state government and the dramatic changes in the print news industry in recent years.

Following a luncheon with Baron and the Globe's staff, the Forum went to the John Adams Courthouse downtown, the seat of the Massachusetts Supreme Court, to learn about the state-level judicial system directly from an appellate judge.

At the Massachusetts headquarters of Sen. Scott Brown, cadets met with his in-state chief-of-staff, Jerry McDermott, and other key members of the staff. They also had the opportunity to ask the senator about his work directly through a live video teleconference.

The next day, the Domestic Affairs Forum received a briefing from the state comptroller's office on efforts to build a more fiscally responsible system of governance in Massachusetts, a presentation that Firstie James Myers called "extremely enlightening."

This meeting provided a fascinating contrast to the meeting cadets attended last November with the New York City comptroller.

Next on the itinerary was an in-depth conversation with the state's Commissioner of Primary and Secondary Education, Mitchell Chester, who detailed the challenges and opportunities faced in a

state that places significant emphasis on the public education system.

The trip closed with a conference with a consortium of leaders of the Federal Bureau of Investigations office in Boston on the realities of counter-terrorism operations in the northeast United States.

Both domestic and international threats were discussed in this look at what it takes to maintain security in the region.

The Domestic Affairs Forum's trip to Boston provided a great opportunity for the cadets to see how the elements that make up and interact with state government studied in American Politics classes actually operate on a day-to-day basis.

Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention

The members of the Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention program are Maj. Maria Burger (USMA/USCC), Shelley Ariosto (Garrison), Dan Toohey (Victim Advocate), Lt. Col. Kim Kawamoto (ODIA) and Bernadette Orland (Dean). Community members can e-mail Burger at Maria.Burger@usma.edu for advice or to offer any recommendations on the program here.

Cadets also can call the sexual assault support helpline at 591-7215. West Point Soldiers and civilians needing assistance can call 938-3369.

Maneuver Tactics Club trains in Austria

By Cow Michael Kohne
Maneuver Tactics Club PAO

During spring break, 19 cadets and three officers from the West Point Maneuver Tactics Club visited the Theresian Military Academy in Wiener Neustadt, Austria. The club members spent their first day orienting themselves to the historical background of the area.

“The area around the Austrian academy was beautiful, and there was history around every corner,” Cow Ignacio Suarez said in

reaction to the picturesque mountains on the horizon and historical buildings that have seen countless wars and cultures come and go.

The cadets organized in a reduced platoon of two squads, led by Firsties Matthew Thimble and Michael Duffy. Cows led the squads, and yearlings and plebes filled out the balance of the platoon, mimicking an average platoon at West Point.

Maj. Stephen Banks, club officer-in-charge, noted that the variety of situations and organizations the cadets were put into added a variable of unpredictability that

unintentionally enhanced the training.

Training consisted of two days of scenario-based, peace-stability operations exposing the club to situations and perspectives that are not encountered in normal cadet training. Acting as a part of a notional international coalition to keep the peace in a hypothetically unstable region, two cadets were placed in each Austrian squad.

Cadets became gunners for the MG 74 (an Austrian machine gun), crew members on anti-tank teams and otherwise aided the completion of the training missions.

The most surprising aspect of the training was the different expectations in the tactical environment. Conditioned to always be ready for contact, cadets found it surprising when they were told to reverse sling weapons while on patrol.

“They’re training for peacekeeping missions, which is substantially different than the missions we train for,” Yearling Matthew Berman, a team leader for the club’s second squad, said. “We always train for kinetic operations and that tends to make us forget that there are other tasks we might be asked to do.”

West Point cadet training commonly covers squads reacting to contact, while training with the Austrians included setting up food distribution points, interacting with the media and inspecting weapons in accordance with United Nations treaties.

A third training day included a morning of firing Austrian assault rifles, pistols and sniper rifles in assorted situations and ranges. Cadets engaged targets at 200 meters with assault

and sniper rifles, and then moved to another range where they practiced transitioning from assault rifles to pistols to engage multiple targets at close range.

The Austrian range cadre said they found it hard to believe that cadets practiced marksmanship infrequently because of the overall proficiency of everyone on the trip with not only the assault rifles, but with the pistols and sniper rifles.

After the morning on the range, the club went to a local military base, home to the 35th Panzer Grenadier (mechanized infantry) Battalion, and received a demonstration by one of its platoons.

They ran through three iterations of an assault on a destroyed complex of buildings. For most of the cadets, this was their first time operating with Infantry Fighting Vehicles, which added an entirely new dimension to the battlefield.

By the end of the day, the cadets had learned a great deal about mechanized infantry tactics and got to know some of the Austrian soldiers who had facilitated the great training.

As the Americans left the base, most of the cadets were wearing Panzer Grenadier patches, and the Panzer Grenadiers were wearing West Point patches—souvenirs of international cooperation.

Following a farewell ceremony, the cadets toured the Austrian capital of Vienna and explored the city’s vast wealth of culture and history, including St. Stephen’s Cathedral and a tour of the parliamentary building of the Austrian government.



Nearly 20 cadets traveled to the Theresian Military Academy in Austria during spring leave to experience some scenario-based, peace-stability operations training. While there, the cadets trained on Austrian weapons, visited a local military base and operated an Infantry Fighting Vehicle. The experience broadened their knowledge of mechanized infantry tactics.

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Parachute Team jumps, trains with French Foreign Legion

By Yearling Lisa Kim
West Point Parachute Team

For the first time in 38 years, the American flag was raised during morning reveille alongside the French colors at Camp Raffalli just outside the coastal town of Calvi on the Mediterranean island of Corsica. The 2nd Régiment Etranger de Parachutistes, an elite airborne regiment of the French Foreign Legion, hosted the West Point Parachute Team March 11-20.

The objective was two-fold—to conduct joint free fall training and to provide an intercultural exchange between the WPPT and the soldiers of the 2nd REP.

A C-130 from VMGR-452—a Marine Aerial Refueler Squadron out of Stewart Airport in Newburgh—not only transported the team across the Atlantic, but was also the platform for all airborne operations during the week. Training was very intense and productive, a testament to the professionalism and enthusiasm of the aircrew.

“This definitely ranks in the top three things I’ve done,” loadmaster Gunnery Sgt. Philip Baldrige said. “The training was great for us, good for (the cadets). We got 704 (jumpers out) this week and in my past 17 years leading up to this I’d only sent out 1,100 jumpers.”

The cadets used the freefall time to practice the events they compete in for collegiate nationals. This included 4-way and 6-way relative work where groups execute numerous formations in a horizontal position, as well as vertical relative work where teams fly in either a sit position or a head-down position.

“This trip was unlike any other training my classmates and I have had thus far on the team in that we tried everything from four to 15 ways during the day. Plus, we got to immerse ourselves in a completely new and different culture on the ground,” Yearling Christian Beckler said.

Cadets and legionnaires often jumped together in joint teams. The soldiers from the 2nd REP are trained in high-altitude, low-opening infiltration techniques and do not often get an opportunity to hone their freefall skills. Similarly, cadets were afforded an opportunity to teach relative work techniques to their hosts.



Cow Pam Baker exits the C-130 to train in vertical relative work skydiving.

PHOTO BY COL. KEVIN HUGGINS

The result was a productive professional development experience for all parties.

“In the four years since I have been on the jump team, we have traveled all over the U.S., but never abroad. The training with the French Foreign Legion was incredible, both for the sport and our professional development,” Firstie Christina West said.

The joint jumps turned out to be a high point for the week for many cadets.

“Jumping with the French Foreign Legion has been a privilege. It’s something I’ll tell my grandchildren about,” Cow Nick Luis said.

An important training tool for incoming members of the WPPT are tandem jumps, which allow them to experience and practice free fall techniques while safely attached to an experienced tandem master. WPPT coaches used this week to exercise their skills by taking select members of the 2nd REP on tandem jumps.

When not executing jump operations, cadets were able to learn firsthand about the rich and proud history of the French Foreign Legion and about the unique Corsica culture. The team got an intimate view into the day-to-day lives of the legionnaires.

“We come from a lot of different backgrounds. One of the guys from my class came from living on the street to knocking on the (Foreign Legion’s) door. You get people from high (social) classes and low,” Cpl. Mike Jones, an American who joined the legion three years ago after previously serving in the U.S. Navy, said.

Probably the best way the team was able to bond with the hosts was on the fields of friendly strife. Activities such as an hour-long run on a high ridge overlooking the bay, soccer and American football provided the needed ice-breaking.

Cadets also learned about the unique Corsican culture by exploring the nearby towns. Rich in history and beauty, the island was the birthplace of both Christopher Columbus and Napoleon Bonaparte. Usually a tourist destination, the island was quiet due to the off season.

“The island has everything you need: beaches, mountains, hiking, skydiving, good food, good people. You can’t beat it,” Yearling Ben Garlick said.

Such a complex undertaking did not occur without the help of many people. Col. Brice Houdet, the French military attaché in Washington D.C., and a former commander of the French 2nd Foreign Legion Parachute Regiment, first proposed the idea of the WPPT training in Calvi. He was also instrumental in guiding the proposal process through the French government.

In addition, a detachment from the Airborne Mobile Training Team, based out of Quantico, Va., assisted the team during the week.

They performed a drop zone survey, which was required prior to airborne operations. Additionally, they provided tandem jumps as well as shooting video during training jumps, enabling the coaches to provide feedback to cadets.

“(It was) phenomenal training,” Marine Gunnery Sgt. Shane Denna said, “a great pleasure training with the West Point cadets and the French.”

As the week drew to a close, the WPPT exchanged memorabilia with the legionnaires (including pins, unit patches and berets), took their last looks at the splendid snow-capped mountains to the east and the deep blue Mediterranean to the west and hoped that the novelty of this week would soon grow into an ever-appreciated annual event.



Edward Dacey, librarian, introduces the story of President Ulysses S. Grant as a cadet during a special exhibit in the Haig Room.

From Cadet Grant to President Grant

Story and photo by Dr. Elizabeth Samet
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On March 8-9, plebes enrolled in the Department of English and Philosophy’s core literature course, EN102, visited the “The Literary Biography of Ulysses S. Grant” exhibit in the Haig Room of the Jefferson Library. This exhibit showcased material from the Library’s Special Collection and Archives Division as well as artifacts from the West Point Museum.

The displays provided insight into Grant’s cadet days, his experience in the Mexican and Civil Wars, his postwar military service and presidency, and finally his death and legacy.

The plebes were able to see everything from a watercolor Grant painted as a cadet to the field glasses he used at the Battle of the Wilderness. Most important, they were

introduced to “Grant’s Personal Memoirs, a book finished in the closing months of Grant’s life while he was trying to rescue his family from bankruptcy and suffering from the inoperable cancer that would kill him in 1885. The book is considered a masterpiece of style and a deeply insightful account of the Civil War and remains his most important legacy.

Designed by Maj. Damon Durall, EN102 executive officer, this exhibit was made possible by the efforts of Suzanne Christoff and the staff of the Special Collections and Archives Division and by David Reel and the staff of the West Point Museum. It was also enriched by the participation of faculty members, including Col. Matthew Moten, Col. Ty Seidule, Maj. Paul Belmont and Maj. Joseph Scott, from the Department of History, and by Sherman Fleek, the West Point historian.

Supervisor's course takes a comprehensive look at safety

By Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

The workplace can be fraught with dangers. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics 2009 report on occupational injuries and illnesses, there was a significant decrease in the number of cases reported in the private sector for construction and extraction workers, production workers, and transportation and material moving workers.

However, there were significant increases in incidents for light or delivery service truck drivers, landscapers and groundskeepers, restaurant cooks and registered nurses. Protective service occupations had the highest proportion of injury and illness cases in each of the government sectors.

Minimizing or eliminating workplace accidents and injuries is the goal of most employers. Fewer accidents and injuries increases productivity due to fewer days off for employees to recover and helps keep down the cost of health insurance premiums.

The West Point Safety Office began teaching safety to supervisors March 14 with instructors from the National Safety Council teaching the supervisor's course.

"This is a new safety course that trains supervisors in what safety risks to look for," Dave Rasmussen, from the Directorate of Logistics, said. "The course is a comprehensive look at safety. There is a lot of hazardous work going on at West Point behind the scenes with the electrical and woodworking shops, (for example) and supervisors need to know how to protect the workers along with being aware of legal and moral issues related to employee safety."

Rasmussen said he was aware of safety issues and preventive safety measures concerning cadets and the military, but was unaware about safety issues concerning civilian employees.

"A supervisor is responsible for all of his or her employees, including contractors and government employees," he said. "It's up to us, as supervisors, to ensure the contractors are following Occupational Safety and Health Administration



Most people think of construction sites when it comes to safety and risk management, but it's an issue that affects office workers, stadium employees and cadets as well.

TOMMY GILLIGAN/PAO

and the National Safety Council regulations."

Supervisors are also responsible for volunteers such as those who work at Michie Stadium cooking or setting up for events, where burns and lifting injuries may result.

The West Point Safety Office has planned courses for civilian employees for 2011-12. Classes for civilians include back/lifting safety, accident avoidance, electrical safety and forklift safety.

"This course was just for supervisors, but there will be ongoing courses for civilians," Keith Katz, garrison safety

manager, said. "There are a few online safety courses that civilians are required to take; the OSHA employee safety class, Corporate Risk Management and the Army Accident Avoidance course. We are teaching the class as well for those employees without computer access."

For those with internet access, visit <https://safety.army.mil> and click on distance learning on the left side. To find the most recent training schedule at West Point to include newly added courses, visit http://www-internal.usma.army.mil/safety/safety_training.htm.

The civilian safety courses not only teach employees what to watch for regarding risks, but also how to use safety equipment.

"Respiratory equipment is equipment specific to the risk," Katz said. "Some are for different types of dust or particles. Not all eye rinses are used for chemicals."

Part of safety training is teaching employees the correct way to use safety equipment as well as the proper way to work with machines and equipment employee's use. Katz said slipping and falling accidents were the injuries seen most often at West Point until recently.

"Now we are seeing injuries related to moving computers and office equipment in the form of back injuries and sprains," he said.

The safety office recently instituted a safety store where employees can buy protective clothing and other safety products. The safety store is funded by the Garrison and employees can use their CAC cards.

"We used to see a lot of cuts on left fingers with cooks," Katz said. "Most people are right-handed and cut with their right hand and hold food with their left. We provided all the cooks with a Kevlar glove to protect the hand from cuts. Since we did that, the incidents of cuts have disappeared."

The safety store includes first aid kits, burn kits, personal protective equipment, goggles, earplugs and automatic external defibrillators and batteries. Any collateral duty safety officer who is appointed on orders or supervisory personnel can obtain equipment and supplies from the safety store. A CAC card and a signed DA Form 1687 is all that is needed.

Designer drugs deemed illegal, prohibited under Army-wide policy

By C. Todd Lopez
Army News Service

There's no more wiggle room for Soldiers who want to use marijuana substitutes like "Spice" or K2.

New rules by both the Army and the U.S. Drug

Enforcement Agency make at least one thing clear to Soldiers—Spice will burn you.

In February, Secretary of the Army John McHugh issued a memorandum that establishes an Army-wide policy prohibiting the use and possession of synthetic cannabis and other substitutes for delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol—also called

THC, the primary psychoactive constituent of marijuana. On March 1, the DEA also made Spice illegal nationwide for at least a year.

The product Spice, and other products that use that name generically, are sold in packets and appear as a shredded green herb—similar to marijuana. The product is a delivery system for synthetic cannabinoids and, when smoked, gives users an effect similar to that of smoking marijuana.

"Synthetic cannabis and THC substitutes are so closely related in action to THC as to make it obvious that synthetic cannabis and THC substitutes will have the same potential for abuse as THC," wrote McHugh in his memo. "It is, therefore, reasonable to assume that synthetic cannabis and THC substitutes have substantial capabilities of creating hazards to the mission of the Army, the health of the user and to the safety of the Army community."

In regards to Spice and other similar synthetic marijuana products, Soldiers from all components of the Army are prohibited from "using, possessing, manufacturing, selling, distributing, importing into or exporting from the United States, or introducing into any installation, vessel, vehicle, or aircraft used by or under the control of the Army."

The DEA also took action on synthetic marijuana products by temporarily placing five synthetic cannabinoids into Schedule I of the Controlled Substances Act—right alongside PCP, Ecstasy and real marijuana.

West Point cadets, faculty prove science is fun

Story and photo by Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor

There's no formula or equation which proves science is fun. However, a group of West Point cadets and instructors went to

Sacred Heart of Jesus School in Highland Falls March 24 to show students there it's true.

Transforming classrooms into hands-on workshops were representatives from Civil and Mechanical Engineering, Physics,

Chemistry and Life Science, among others.

Cadets from the American Chemical Society club participated along with members of

Gamma Sigma Epsilon (National Chemistry Honor Society at West Point), like Firstie Woo Do, GSE president and ACS vice president.

"Gamma Sigma Epsilon has been participating in this fair as well as other community outreach events for some time now," Do said. "The best part for me is watching how the kids react to the various experiments."

This was his second time visiting the science fair, which always reminds him of his love for science.

"I think that's one of the reasons why we as cadets enjoy doing this so much. These outreach events take us out of the classroom and allow us to engage with fun-loving, curious kids who will (hopefully) look back on the good time they had in their youth with their first exposure to science," Do said.

Students traveled throughout the school getting hair-raising exposure to static electricity in one room, riding a hovercraft in another and operating high-tech robotics, courtesy of cadets and officers from the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science.

"The significance of this type of community outreach is to, hopefully, inspire younger students into science and technology," Maj. Christopher Lowrance, EECS instructor, said. "We let them operate the robots, teach them how it works and then explain how engineering makes it happen."

SECOND LOOK

Science Fair photos and video are available at www.flickr.westpoint_pao

All eyes were on Firstie Michael Swayze every time he produced a fireball through a glass tube. Not to be outdone, other demonstrators captured the crowds' attention with multi-

colored flames, liquid nitrogen-soaked balloons and giant bursts of foam (elephant's toothpaste).

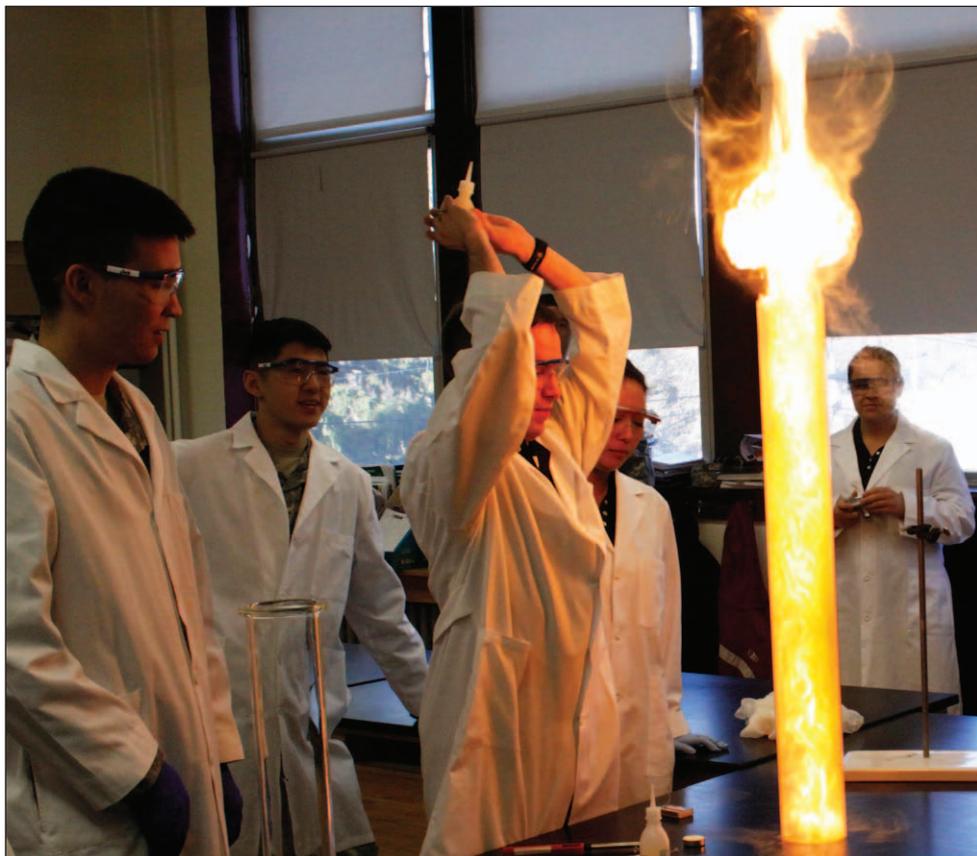
"The more excited they get, the more excited I get, and then they get even more excited," Swayze, ACS president and GSE vice president, said. "It's an absolutely amazing cycle. At the end of the day, you can feel how much energy they pulled out of you, but it's still a very rewarding feeling. My favorite part is having the kids actually, even if in the slightest way, understand that this is not 'magic' and that they can get excited about science."

West Point is no stranger to community outreach, from both within the gates and beyond. Participation in the annual science fair is near and dear to the hearts of many cadets and instructors as a way to promote the national Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics initiative.

"We have also participated in the Tri-County science fair, chemistry demonstrations at Pine Tree Elementary School and an online judging of science projects," Do said.

So being no strangers to the subject of science, can these cadets actually prove science is fun?

"There are plenty of equations that prove it ... but what makes it fun is a dash of excitement, a touch of motivation and a lot of curiosity," Swayze said.



Firstie Michael Swayze provides an explosive demonstration to students and Families at Sacred Heart of Jesus School March 24 during a science fair.

Snapshot on

Sandhurst Training

Many months of physical and mental capital have been invested in preparation for the annual Sandhurst Competition, as cadet teams have logged countless hours of training. Competition begins April 15. See next week's *Pointer View* for a story on cadet team training.

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FMWR Blurbs

Bull Pond lottery

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

For more information, call 938-2503.

Fit EDGE! Volleyball

Fit EDGE! Volleyball consists of six classes and is open to youth in grades 6-12. The free classes take place at the Lee Area CDC. Classes will be taught by teen Kayla Martin and CYSS Program Assistant Amanda Slater on Mondays starting Monday through May 16.

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

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 starting Wednesday through May 11.

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

For more information, call 938-5120.

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.

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.

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. Patrons must attend both dates of training.

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

To register, call 938-2503.

Personal Finance Profession training for military spouses

The FINRA Investor Education

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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.

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.

NEW INFO

SAS Nights

Come join the fun at the Lee Area CDC for School Age Services nights. On Friday, the theme will be April Fools' Science Night and April 15 the theme will be West Point Idol.

These events are open to students in grades 1-5 and the cost is minimal.

For reservations, call 938-0941.

April Fools' 5K

The April Fools' 5K kicks off at 8 a.m. Saturday. Pre-register at the FMWR Fitness Center the week before or the day of the race at 7 a.m.

Awards will be given for best mismatched costume, the wackiest costume and best joke. Cost of entry is one FMWR Fitness Center Group Fitness Coupon. Cadets can run for free, but must register for the race.

For more information, call 938-6490.

Walk in observance of Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Join ACS anytime between 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday to walk a mile in observance of Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

The start and finish are at Thayer Statue.

For more information, call 938-3369.

No Housework Day Family Dinner

Take a day off from housework and come for a Family dinner from 5-7 p.m. April 7 at the West Point Club.

Choose a Family-style dinner for four, six or eight. Choice from Salisbury Steak with mushroom gravy, baked chicken or barbeque chicken.

Dinners include mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetables, biscuits and a pitcher of ice tea. All for a great price.

For more information, call 938-5120.

Earth Day Open House

FMWR and Balfour Beatty Communities are hosting an Earth Day Open House at the West Point Recycling Center from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. April 8.

There will be plenty of activities for the kids and free hotdogs, popcorn and drinks.

For more information, call 938-8229.

BOSS Earth Day Hudson River Clean Up

Join BOSS for an Earth Day Hudson River Clean Up from 2-5 p.m. April 21 at North Dock.

A picnic will follow the clean up at the North Dock picnic area.

For more information, call 938-6497.

Army 10-Miler registration

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

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

Complete information at www.armytenmiler.com.

West Point Volunteer Opportunities

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

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

CYSS Seminar for Parents in Goshen

CYSS has another in an ongoing series of seminars for parents of teens on April 12 entitled "What were they thinking?"

The seminar takes place at the Dispute Resolution Center in Goshen. Transportation is provided, leaving from Lee Area CDC at 5:45 p.m.

For more information, call 938-3921.

All You Can Eat Lunch Buffet

Come have an All you Can Eat lunch from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the West Point Club.

For more information, call 938-5120.

What's Happening

Veterinarian price increase for FAVN-OIE testing

Effective Friday, 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., Friday-Sunday;
- 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., Monday-Tuesday;
- 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. Sunday 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

NEW INFO

Book Signing

George B. Kirsch will be signing his book "Baseball in Blue and Gray: The National Pastime during the Civil War," from 2-3:30 p.m. today at the West Point Bookstore, Thayer Hall, 4th Floor.

Volkssport Club of West Point

The Volkssport Club of West Point will have a group walk with registration at 10:15 a.m. Sunday at the West Point Visitors Center. Walkers will drive to the start point at Riverlight Park in Cornwall.

The trail, rated No. 3 (hills) is on paved sidewalks and streets in Cornwall and Cornwall-on-Hudson. The walk also qualifies for AVA special programs: Firehouses, historic churches, law enforcement, museums, veterans' memorials and waterfalls. All walkers are invited to a pre-walk breakfast at Park Restaurant, Main Street, Highland Falls at 9 a.m.

For more information, call 446-4709 or go to the website at www.ava.org/clubs/westpoint.

5K Road Race/Walk for Autism

The Autism Move-A-Thon of Orange County will sponsor a 5K Road Race/Walk for Autism at 8:30 a.m. Sunday at Thomas Bull Memorial Park, Boat House in Montgometry.

Go to www.raceforum.com/autism5k for more information and to register, or call 845-342-2400, ext. 253.

Contract Childcare Providers needed

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

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

Community Recreational Swim Program

The Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation is hosting a community recreational swim program at the Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center's Crandall Pool. Contact Thane Kelley at 938-8249 for more information.

Community recreational swim hours are:

- Monday-Friday—noon-1:30 p.m.;
- Monday, Wednesday and Friday—6:30-9:30 pm.,

however, Monday and Wednesday evening swim hours are suspended through April to support Cadet Company Athletic swimming;

- Saturday—11:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m.;
- Sunday—1-6 p.m.;
- Holidays (when the Corps of Cadets are on leave) noon-1:30 p.m.

DUSA hiring

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

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

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



The Breakfast Club

Michael Wright (left) and Anthony Morse make breakfast pie at the Edge! Cooking Course March 10 at the Lee Child Development Center. The group also made strawberry soup. Many of the Edge! classes support interest in such things as various sports, cartoon art and photography.

KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

NOW SHOWING

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

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

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

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

April 8—Justin Bieber: Never Say Never, G, 7:30 p.m.

April 9—Gnomeo & Juliet, G, 7:30 p.m.

THE THEATER SCHEDULE ALSO CAN BE FOUND AT

WWW.AAFES.COM.

Command Channel 8/23

March 31-April 7

(Broadcast times)

Army Newswatch

Today, Friday and Monday through April 7

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



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Keller Corner

AMEDD Commissioned Officer opportunities

Is being an Army physician's assistant, nurse, physician, dentist, veterinarian, optometrist or clinical or counseling psychologist one 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. Wednesday in Thayer Hall Room 341.

For more information, contact Capt. Brett Allmond at brett.allmond@amedd.army.mil.

Tobacco Cessation Program

Do you want to stop using tobacco? If you need help or

information, contact Trish Titus, KACH Family Practice Clinic RN, at 938-3244.

Childbirth Preparation

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

The next series will be held from 6-8 p.m. April 19, 26 and May 3, 10. Call OBU at 938-3210 to register.

Suicide is everyone's business

To find a Behavioral Health provider, call:

- North Region: 877-747-9579;
- West Region: 866-651-4970;
- South Region: 877-298-3514.

24-hour crisis/suicide assistance line, call:

- North Region: 800-273-Talk (8255);
- West Region: 866-284-3743;
- South Region: 904-254-2313.
- VA and National suicide prevention life line: 800-273-8255.
- Military One Source suicide prevention life line: 800-342-9647.

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.

Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

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

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

See SUDOKU SOLUTION, Page 2 Difficulty: Medium

Army Softball takes two from Yale, now 12-8

By Mady Salvani
Army Athletic Communications

Junior Shawna Bleyl pitched a two-hit shutout in a 12-0 five-inning victory over Yale in the first game, and freshman Haley Pypes went the distance on a five-hitter in a 6-1 nightcap decision in Army's sweep of the Bulldogs in its home debut March 26 at the Army Softball Complex. Freshman shortstop April Ortenzo played a key role in both games going 3-for-6 with two runs scored and seven runs batted in.

The Black Knights stretched their win streak to four straight while improving to 12-8. The sweep was Army's first over Yale since the series opener in 1980 when the Black Knights played at the Division III level, while stretching their series win streak to three straight.

Ortenzo went 2-for-2 with four runs batted in and scored once, and junior catcher Rachael Duval was 2-for-3 with three RBI and two runs scored in the first game as Army collected eight hits off three Yale pitchers along with a season-high 12 runs.

After Army left bases loaded in the bottom of the first inning, Ortenzo keyed a three-run second by driving in the first two runs with a one-out single down the left field line, with sophomore second baseman Alex Reynolds fielder's choice delivering the third run. The Black Knights exploded for six runs on four hits, to include three RBI doubles, along with three walks, off two pitchers in batting around in the third inning.

Senior designated player Angela Deger's RBI double to left center field knocked out starter Jackie Manzer (0-3), and she scored



Junior catcher Rachael Duval gets a force out at the plate during a bases loaded situation. Duval was also crucial at the plate going 2-for-3 with three runs batted in to help Army defeat Yale 12-0 in the first game. Army swept Yale for the first time since 1980 after the team won the second game 6-1.

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on Duval's one-out double off reliever Alex Lucas. Lucas then issued three straight walks with Ortenzo picking up the RBI when Duval crossed the plate. Reynolds' RBI fielder's choice drove in the fourth run and

she was one of two runs delivered by junior first baseman Alexis AuBuchon's double to close out the scoring as Army pulled out to an insurmountable 9-0 lead.

The Black Knights tacked on three runs in the fourth inning keyed by Duval's two-run homer and Ortenzo's run-scoring single for a 12-0 lead that would force the game to be called on the mercy rule in the fifth inning.

Bleyl moved to 5-4 following her fifth straight win and second shutout of the season along with sharing another. The right-hander worked her way out of jams with runners in scoring position in three innings en route to leaving seven stranded on the bases. After leaving a pair runners on base following a groundout in the first inning, Bleyl loaded the bases with one out on an error and back-to-back walks in the top of the second. The junior hurler got out unscathed on a force at home plate along with a caught stealing.

With two outs in the top of the fifth, Bleyl issued back-to-back walks, but a foul ball popup denied the Bulldogs from scoring.

In the nightcap, Pypes, who scattered four hits along with striking out four and issuing four walks, worked her way out of bases-loaded jams in the fourth and fifth innings after being touched for her lone run that tied the game 1-1 in the top of the second inning. With bases loaded on a fielder's choice, a walk and single in fourth inning, the freshman nipped that threat on a strikeout.

With no outs and bases loaded on a walk, an error and a hit in the fifth inning, Pypes retired the side on a strikeout looking followed by back-to-back fly outs to left field en route to retiring five straight batters and nine of the final 11 she faced.

Army used the long ball in snapping a 1-1 game with Ortenzo's three-run home run in the bottom of the second putting the Black Knights ahead 4-1.

Pypes helped her own cause with a two-run homer in the third in helping stake herself to a comfortable 6-1 advantage. Reynolds' RBI single knocked in the first run of the game in the opening stanza.

Loser Chelsey Dunham touched for eight hits and six runs, did not allow Army to score over the final three frames, but the damage was already done.

After retiring the side in the bottom of the fourth inning, Dunham denied Army with runners on the corners on a groundout in the fifth, then after being touched for a leadoff double by Deger in the bottom of the sixth, she got out of the jam on a groundout and double play.

Freshman right fielder Meghan McGowan went 3-for-5 with two runs scored in the twinbill as Army collected 16 hits. Both of Deger's hits in the two games were doubles, with Ortenzo smacking her first collegiate homer in the nightcap and Pypes collecting her team-high third round tripper.



Junior first baseman Alexis AuBuchon knocked a two-run double to put Army ahead 9-0 in game one to lift the Black Knights to a 12-0 win.

Track and field has successful home opener at Shea Open

By Pamela Flenke
Army Athletic Communications

Despite 30-degree temperatures and chilly winds, Army track and field opened its home outdoor schedule at Shea Stadium March 25-26, hosting 18 teams at the Dick Shea Open in the first of two meets at West Point this spring. No team scores were kept for the event.

Junior Barrett LeHardy won the season's first running of the 3,000-meter steeplechase, beating the second-place finisher by nearly 10 seconds.

Sophomore Kevin Russell narrowly missed a first-place finish at 1,500 meters, coming in second with a time of 4:08.09.

Senior Tonya Stallard continued her strong year in the hurdles, winning the 100-meter hurdles in 15.26 seconds.

The Black Knight women's sweep of the hurdles continued into the 400-meter hurdles as senior Carissa Hauck crossed the line first in 1:08.00. Sophomore Kaitlyn Love finished third in the event with a time of 1:09.80.

Competing in his second meet of the outdoor season, senior Domonick Sylve won his second 110-meter hurdles title with a time of 14.18 seconds, while sophomore Kyler Martin followed in second at 14.98 seconds.

Sylve also came away with the 100-meter dash title, winning the event with a finish of 11.20 seconds.

Senior Chris Wagner won the 800 meters as one of only three competitors in a field of 36 to finish under the two-minute mark, finishing in 1:56.66.

Running in the first 5,000 meters of the season, freshman Liz O'Donnell won the event with a time of 18:12.27. Junior Mike Mitchell took the title on the men's side, finishing in 15:07.23. Sophomore Dan Nix followed Mitchell in second place with a mark of 15:11.03.

Junior Grady Davis represented the Black Knights in the throwing events by winning the discus with a distance of 47.50 meters, matching the IC4A-qualifying standard.

Senior Alfred McDaniel also made an IC4A mark in field events, qualifying in the long jump with a second-place distance of 7.25 meters. Junior Tom Wagner continued the IC4A trend in the jumping events by qualifying in the triple jump with a first-place mark of 14.80 meters. Sophomore McKenzie Majchrzak improved upon her high jump mark from a week ago by eclipsing the bar at 1.68 meters to win the Dick Shea title. Wagner won the event on the men's side, reaching a height of 1.99 meters.



Junior Christine Johnson participated in the women's Heptathlon and finished second overall with 3850 points and first with a 1.55-meter high jump.

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Junior Michael Bliss finished in seventh place with a score of 5064 points in the men's decathlon at the Dick Shea Open March 25-26.

Sports calendar *April 1-10*

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SATURDAY—BASEBALL VS. HOLY CROSS (DH), DOUBLEDAY FIELD, NOON.

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

SUNDAY—BASEBALL VS. HOLY CROSS (DH), DOUBLEDAY FIELD, 1 P.M.

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

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

APRIL 9—BASEBALL VS. NAVY (DH), DOUBLEDAY FIELD, NOON.

APRIL 9—LACROSSE VS. BUCKNELL, MICHIE STADIUM, NOON.

APRIL 9—MEN'S TENNIS VS. NAVY, LICHTENBERG TENNIS CENTER (OR) MALEK COURTS, 1 P.M.

APRIL 10—BASEBALL VS. NAVY (DH), DOUBLEDAY FIELD, 1 P.M.

APRIL 10—WOMEN'S TENNIS VS. LONG ISLAND, LICHTENBERG TENNIS CENTER (OR) MALEK COURTS, 2 P.M.

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SATURDAY—WOMEN'S LACROSSE VS. SYRACUSE AND ITHACA, DALY FIELD, 10 A.M. AND 2 P.M.

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

SATURDAY—MEN'S TEAM HANDBALL VS. NYC, BOSTON AND DC, ARVIN GYM, NOON.

Women's Team Handball plays tough, honors Walker

By Firstie Audrey Moton
West Point Women's Team Handball

The West Point Women's Team Handball 1st Lt. Laura Walker Memorial Invitational is held every spring to commemorate and honor the 2003 U.S. Military Academy graduate who was killed in action Aug. 18, 2005 in Delak, Afghanistan.

The tournament not only celebrates Walker's accomplishments, but also reminds everyone of the selfless sacrifices she and other Americans have made for this country. Walker was an exemplary officer who enjoyed leading Soldiers and will always be remembered as a strong person mentally, physically and spiritually.

While a cadet at West Point, Walker was team captain of the Women's Handball Team, leading the squad to a national collegiate championship. Walker also played for the United States Junior Women's Handball Team in the Pan-American Games.

This year's three-day tournament brought together nine teams from March 25-27. The teams that participated were Alberta, Boston Freeze, Colorado's Dynamo, the D.C. Diplomats, Ocean New Jersey, New York City Team Handball Club, the North Carolina Tarheels and the West Point Black and Gold Teams. These teams competed in the memory of Walker. The New York City Team Handball Club took first place overall, but the two West Point teams qualified for College and Club Nationals with this tournament.

The top scorers from the West Point Black Team were seniors Abigail Bandi with 15 points, Morghan McAleney with 13 points and Audrey Moton with 12 points. The West Point Gold Team top scorers were freshmen Amy Scheumann with 8 points and Holly Schlotterbeck with 6 points.

On Sunday, the West Point Women's Handball Team hosted a brunch for all nine teams at the Cadet Mess Hall. Col. Diane Ryan spoke on behalf of Walker's Family and gave a candid depiction of how influential Laura had been to so many people. Following the memorial for Walker, the



Senior Morghan McAleney scored the second most points (13) for the West Point Black Team throughout the three-day 1st Lt. Laura Walker Memorial Invitational March 25-27. McAleney scored seven goals against New York City during a 19-15 loss March 26.

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cadets gave each team a walking tour of West Point to provide insight into cadet lives and future commitments, and the life of Laura Walker. The tours were well-received by all teams and they were all very eager to ask questions.

The next competition for both West Point Women's

Handball Teams will be College Nationals, which will take place at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo. The teams are excited to test their hard work and dedication so they can bring the national title back to West Point.



Senior goaltender Maria Kong makes a save on a New York City Team Handball Club player.



Freshman Amy Scheumann led all West Point Gold Team scorers with eight points during the 1st Lt. Laura Walker Memorial Invitational.